



The Chase

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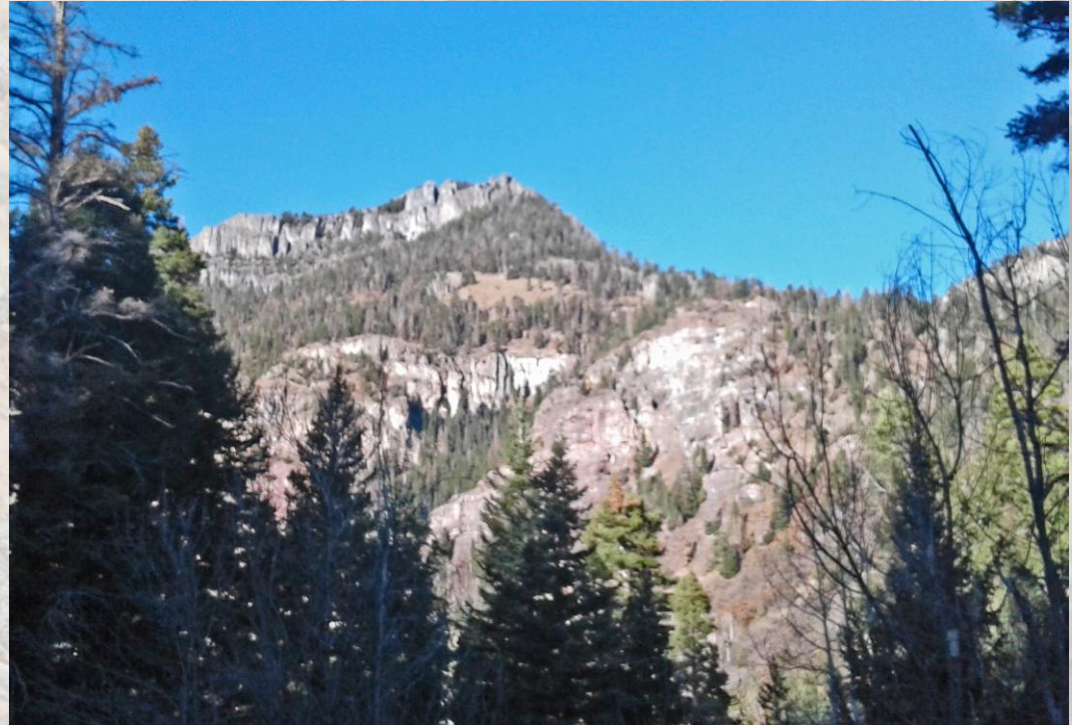
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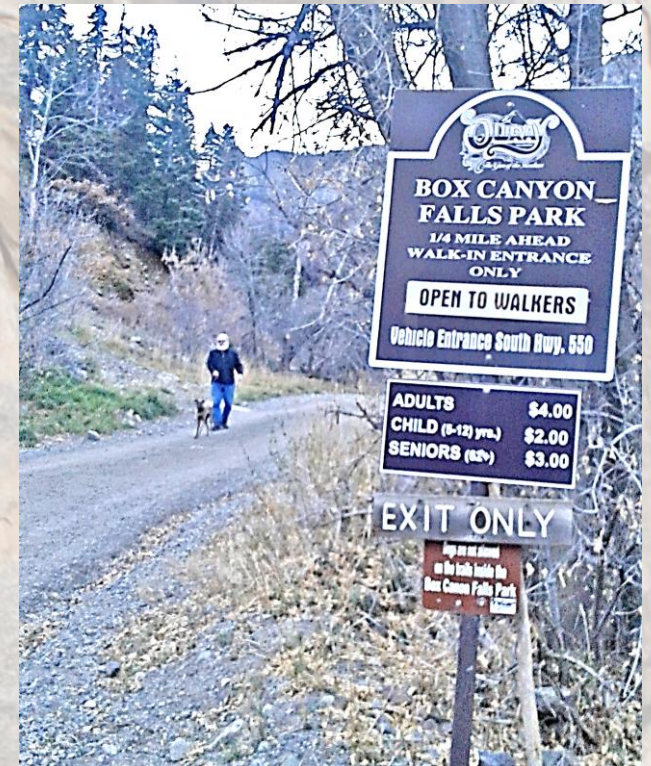
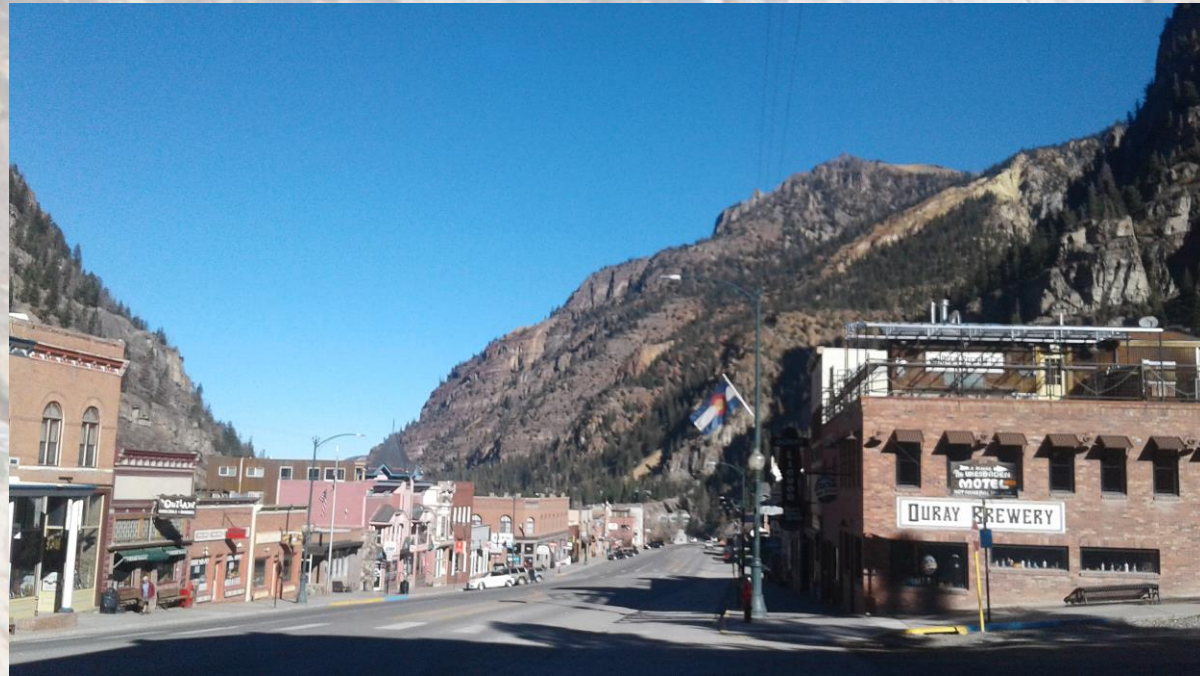


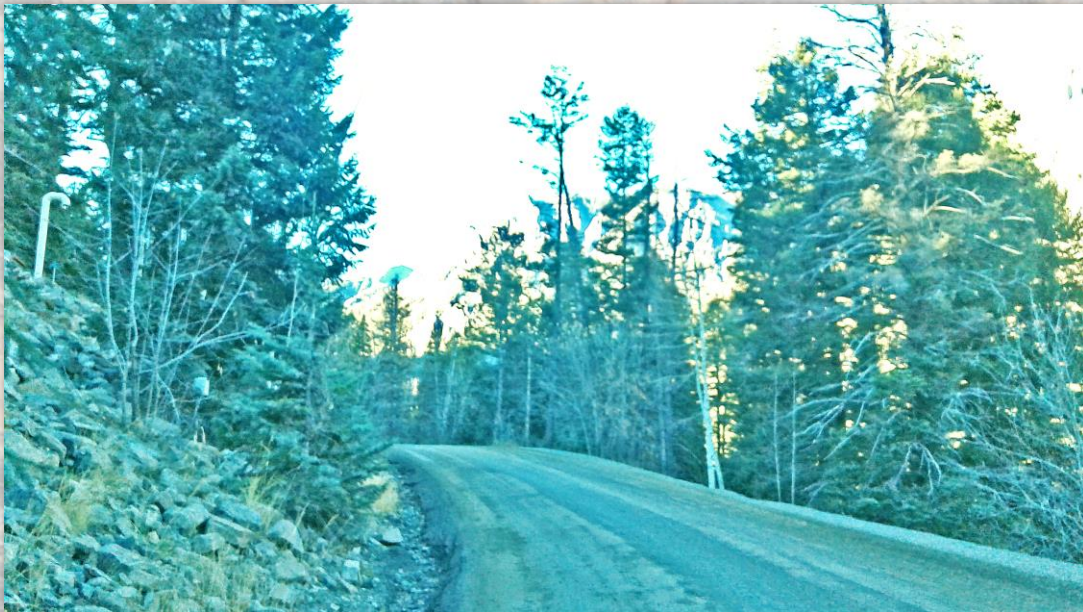


Our first chase started with a trip through Texas to Santa Fe, then Durango and on to Ouray via the Million \$ Highway. It was a last-minute trip in mid-November that barely beat the first heavy snows in Ouray by a few days.



Ouray is a very picturesque town surrounded by steep mountain passes on all sides except for the northern side. There are numerous hot springs in Ouray including Box Canyon Hot Springs at the head of Box Canyon. As you enter Ouray from Silverton, the Uncompahgre River flows through the Uncompahgre Gorge which is the location of the Ouray Ice Park.





There was a stanchion with a cable that went over the top of the Gorge and down to the river (100+ feet). A tree at the top of the Gorge above the stanchion had some hollowed – out and stony aspects. A road went up the mountain to the west and was well traveled, so might be a route to Telluride.



Looking down into the Gorge from various directions produced interesting views. The bottom of the Gorge is not practically accessible except by rope, etc. during ice-climbing season. We stopped by Billy the Kid's gravestone near Fort Sumner on the way back.



