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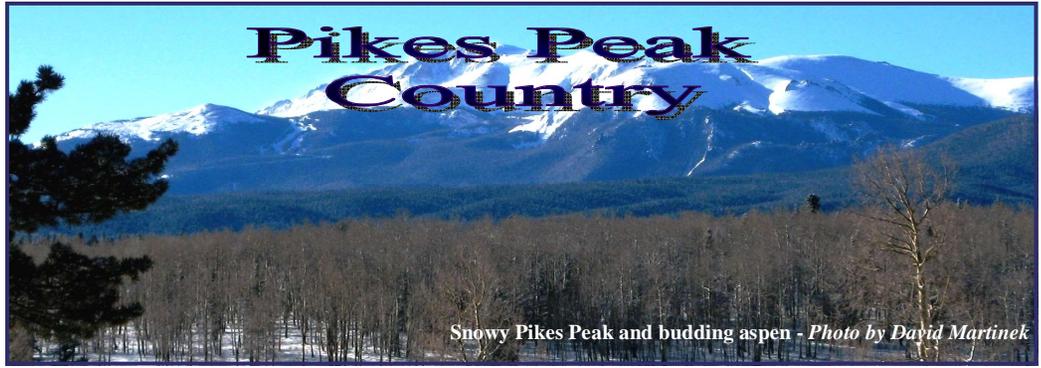
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Snowy Pikes Peak and budding aspen - Photo by David Martinek

Anthem to Ute Pass and Teller County, Colorado

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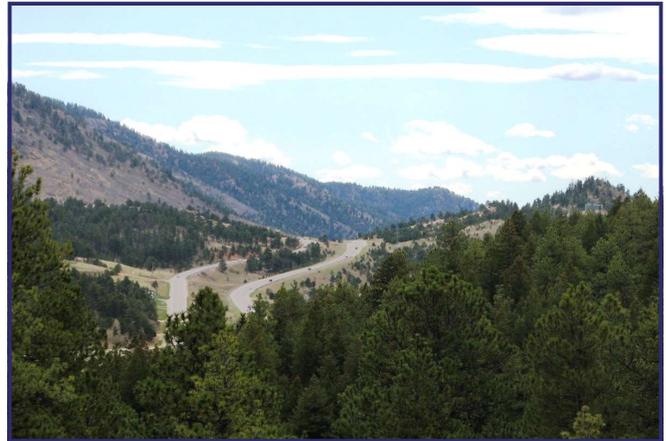
(Occasionally, something will happen here in the mountains that so inspires me that I am compelled to try to put that inspiration into words, however imperfectly. I hope my readers understand and will indulge me).

Driving west up the canyon of Ute Pass from Colorado Springs, the geologic history of the Pikes Peak region is revealed in the rocks, if you know what to look for. Sandstone and red rock striations mark the beginning of your journey up the Pass from Manitou Springs, followed by pink granite cliffs that characterizes the distinctive signature of the Pikes Peak foothills.

Along the road runs Fountain Creek, still carving the landscape with its fingernail.

Obscured by highway widening and erosion, the old "Midland" railroad grade and several tunnels can be seen on the south side of the Pass. But as you reach the broadening ridges on either side of Cascade, the view spreads out into meadows and trees exposing quaint communities of mountain culture.

Cascade, Chipita Park and Green Mountain Falls lead you to the Teller County line where the billboards stop and conservation easements begin. Starting as camping areas and tent-towns,



This view down upper Ute Pass from the Crystola shows the broadening of the canyon into the beginning of meadows and treed-dotted ridgelines.

(Photo by David Martinek)

these villages rest gently along the creek at the base of a series of canyons and waterfalls and seem to flow one-into-the-other as you proceed up the Pass towards Crystola.

Woodland Park, the largest community in the county, arches around an elbow in the highway 18 miles from the Springs. The "City Above the Clouds" is often in them, as the weather determines, and is a destination and a base camp for thousands of tourists each year who come to enjoy the peace and quiet and natural beauty that can be seen from every doorstep. Over everyone's shoulder is one of the most wondrous views of Pikes Peak imaginable.

Each of the settlements in Teller County exhibits their own style of living, reflecting their origins, as well as a distinctive and independent attitude. With a heavy emphasis on a mountain environment and a love for the land and wildlife, it is no wonder that so many people from sister states succumb to the attraction and come to Pikes Peak country on vacation. Many decide to stay. They join a growing crowd of folks who desire the serenity of a cloud-high mountain view and the fresh air of the Rockies.

You sense a peacefulness "at altitude," in the shadow of Pike's Peak. The air is thinner and the stars twinkle brighter in the night sky. And the morning sunrise seems to always shine upon a crisp and clean new day. The sun in the Rockies warms you like no other place. The water isn't polluted and the deer, elk and bear still have first claim to the land. The legacy of the Pike's Peak region lures you just as dramatically as it did the Ute Indians and those later-day cowboys, railroad men, miners and prospectors seeking fame and fortune in the 1800s. For some it's an escape; for others it's a real-life picture out of a travel book.

But anyone who lives here knows there is more here than the gold mining, a majestic view of Pikes Peak, the alpine atmosphere or the preponderance of Ponderosa and Douglas Fir trees dotting the countryside. More than the beauty of a million wild flowers blooming in colorful eruptions when spring finally arrives late in May. More than a need to slow down along a country road to let the elk pass from one meadow to another. No, instead, it is ALL these things...and more. It is a feeling, perhaps indefinable, that instinctively and peacefully refreshes your spirit and inspires your soul, ...changing you...forever.

See past issues of Pikes Peak Country at <http://www.davidmartinekcb.com>

Dave's Buyers' Guide

Cabins, second-homes and land specials from Coldwell Banker 1st Choice Realty →

Prices and status effective as of May 31, 2010



\$374,900

35 Spruce Circle, Woodland Park Large Country Kitchen! Nicely treed lot on 2.25 private acres. Fenced dog yard. Huge master with his/her walk-in closets. Fireplace, vaulted ceilings. 4th BR on lower level, full bath & walk-out. Oversized 2-car garage. 2658 S.F. 4BR/3BA/2GAR. Shows like a new house. Move-in ready. #645568

The Habitat ReStore

You probably know about Habitat for Humanity and the work they do to renovate homes for people in need. But did you know that they have a store where building materials can be purchased at dramatically reduced, discount prices?

There are 17 Habitat ReStores in Colorado; one is located in Colorado Springs at 411 S. Wasatch Avenue. The store is open to everyone. Their inventory consists of items donated by some of the big box stores like Home Depot and Lowe's.

To find out more about the Habitat ReStore and local inventory, Google "Habitat ReStore Directory - Colorado." You can review the kinds of materials they carry online. You can also email them for more information. The address: office@habitatrestorepp.com

If you're remodeling or just need something. Check it out.

To inquire, email or call 719.687.1516

(Marshall-Martinek Team listings are BOXED)



\$470,000

REDUCED!

1000 S. Fourth, Cripple Creek Rent it out! This rambling ranch on 4.79 acres has been carved up into 6 rental units. The property overlooks historic Cripple Creek. The 3505 S.F. home has 9BR/6BA/2GAR and a 10-space pole shed for storage. **Income property.** #627984



\$429,900

450 Black Bear, Woodland Park Gorgeous Home! Formal living room, vaulted ceilings, gourmet kitchen, upgraded throughout, open floor plan, unique inlaid tile floors. 4BR/3BA/3GAR, 4158 S.F. on 0.37 acres. Oversized double-car garage w/ single stall. #658414



\$375,000

3516 Cedar Mountain Rd, Divide Custom Home! Huge master suite w/ big 5-piece bath. Gas FP in living room with floor-to-ceiling windows. Game room, sitting room and tons of storage. Minutes from National Forest. 4.28 acres. 3401 S.F. 4BR/4BA/3GAR #635605



\$279,900

2001 Julia Rd, Guffey Country Living! 3BR/2BA/0GAR, 1944 S.F. on 19.18 acres. Very clean & well maintained. Large loft for 2 bedrooms. Lots of windows; view of Black Mtn. Heavily treed; wildlife. Small storage shed. Adjoining lot can also be purchased. #542350



\$274,850

2227 Blue Mesa Dr., Divide Raised Ranch! 3BR/3BA/2GAR; 2140 S.F. on 1.30 acres. Enjoy lake and mountain views from floor to ceiling windows. T&G vaulted ceiling. Log home, wrap-around decks. Wood-burning stove in desirable Highland Lakes. #670495



\$224,850

901 Lafayette, Woodland Park Charming Rancher! Treed lot in town. 3BR/2BA/2GAR 1437 S.F. on 0.36 acres. Bright open floor plan, gas FP and lots of windows. Spacious kitchen. Level lot and paved driveway. Close to everything in town. #615891



\$175,000

15416 Westcreek, N Woodland PK Mountain Home! 3BR/2BA/0GAR 2448 S.F. on 0.53 acres 15 miles north of WP. Chalet style, lake view, bay windows, wrap-around deck, balcony. Spacious kitchen and convenient floor plan. #572042



\$16,000

2856 Blue Mesa Dr., Divide Lake Front. This heavily treed lot in Highland Lakes (1.67 acres) slopes down to Beaver Lake No. 2. Strategic tree cuts will make room for a driveway and a building site. See this beautiful lot. #457747



\$24,900

86 High Chateau, Florissant Beautiful Land. Two acres overlooking some trees and a great view of Pikes Peak. Easy access from High Chateau Road; utilities at the property line. Level building sites. Here's the place. #433314



\$24,900

2847 N. Mountain Est, Florissant Double Lot. A 1.18 acre double lot; several building sites. Lot of mature pines and aspens. Pikes Peak and Sangres views. Close to Dome Rock. Two miles in CME. Don't miss it. #635122



\$34,900

127 Carlton, Florissant Dream Site. A 2.04 acre lot for a dream home. End of cul-de-sac sloping towards CME valley. Very picturesque. All utilities, perk test, fire mitigated. Building plans available. Come and see. #676197

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