

# TELLURIDE - LIZARD HEAD PASS

August is usually the best month for mushrooms in the Telluride area. It is about a six hour drive from Denver, but the drive can be worth it. Telluride is host to The Telluride Mushroom Conference. The conference has been held on a weekend in late August since 1980. It is sponsored by Manny and JoAnn Salzman, longtime members of CMS. Conference participants have identified over 400 species collected in the immediate area.

There are a number of areas around Telluride that abound with mushrooms in a wet year. Try the area around Trout Lake on Colorado 145 South out of Telluride. *Boletus edulis* and the excellent edible, *Russula xerampelina* are sometimes found there.

The top of Lizard Head Pass further South on Colorado 145 is another place to look. Try both sides of the road. *Cantharellus cibarius* are often found there by the basketful.

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