

Colorado's True Gold

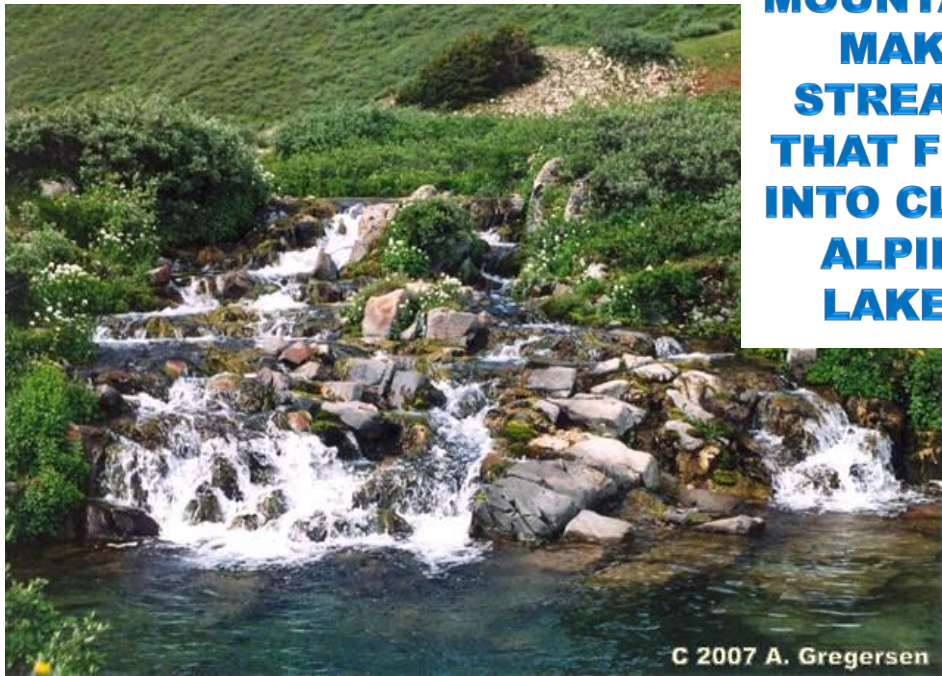
**SNOW, STREAMS, WATERFALLS,
LAKES, RIVERS, AND PONDS**



WHERE DO THE RIVERS COME FROM?



**OVER TIME,
THE
WINTER
SNOW
MELTS AND
RAIN FROM
THE
MOUNTAINS
MAKE
STREAMS
THAT FLOW
INTO CLEAR
ALPINE
LAKES.**

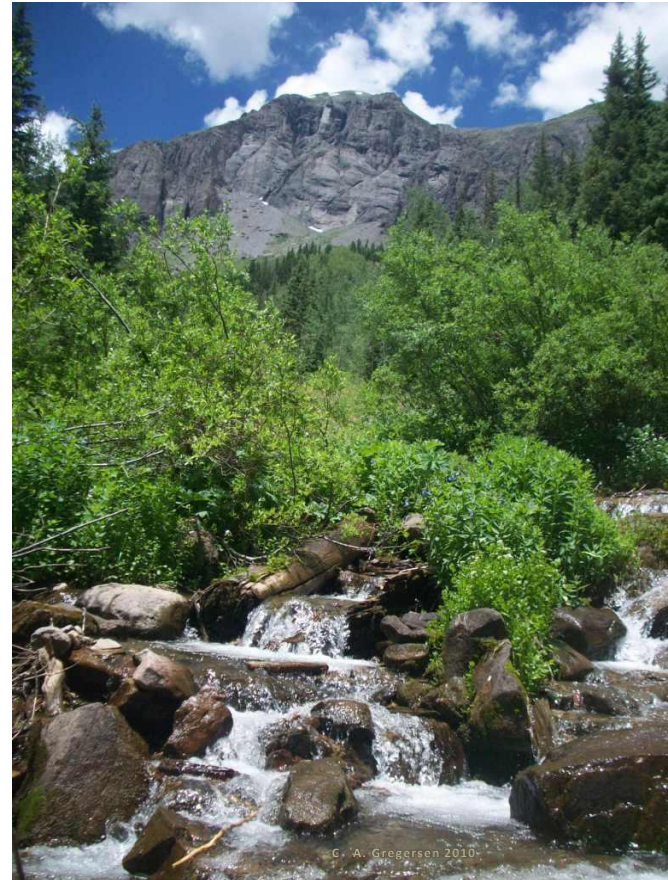
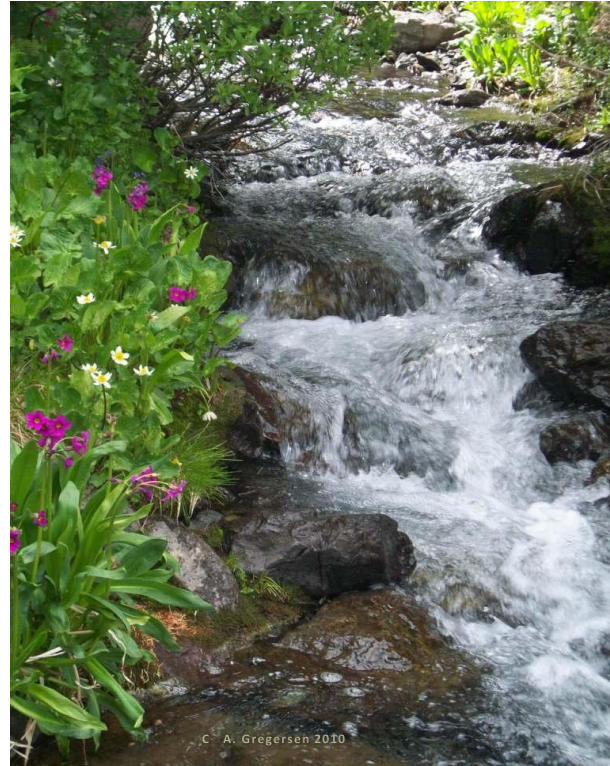


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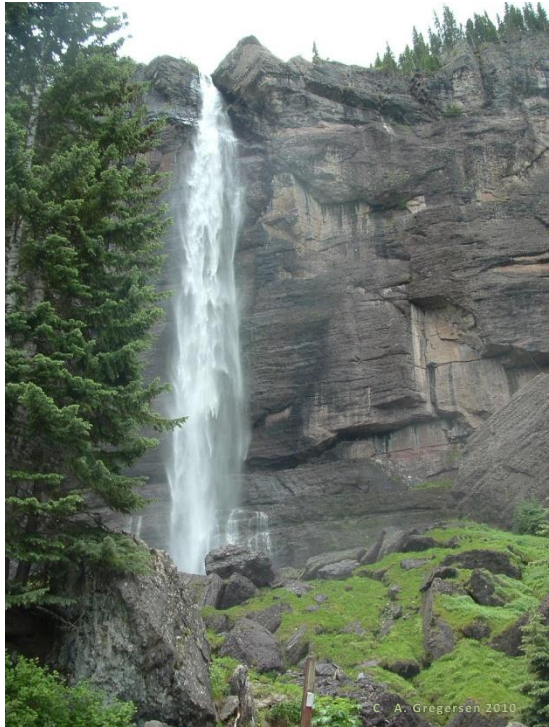


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MANY SMALL STREAMS FLOW DOWN FROM THE ALPINE LAKES AND MOUNTAIN SIDES. WILDFLOWERS AND OTHER PLANTS LOVE TO GROW BY THE STREAMS.



**SOMETIMES
THE
STREAMS
FALL
QUICKLY AND
CREATE
BEAUTIFUL
WATERFALLS.**



**OTHER TIMES THE WATER IS SLOWED DOWN
IN BEAVER PONDS, LAKES, AND
MARSHLANDS.**





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**LOTS OF
STREAMS
COME
TOGETHER
AND GET
EVEN
LARGER,
FORMING
RIVERS.**





**THE RIVERS FLOW
DOWN THROUGH
THE FOOTHILLS TO
THE LOWER
ELEVATIONS
PROVIDING
IMPORTANT WATER
FOR MANY PEOPLE,
PLANTS, AND
ANIMALS.**

