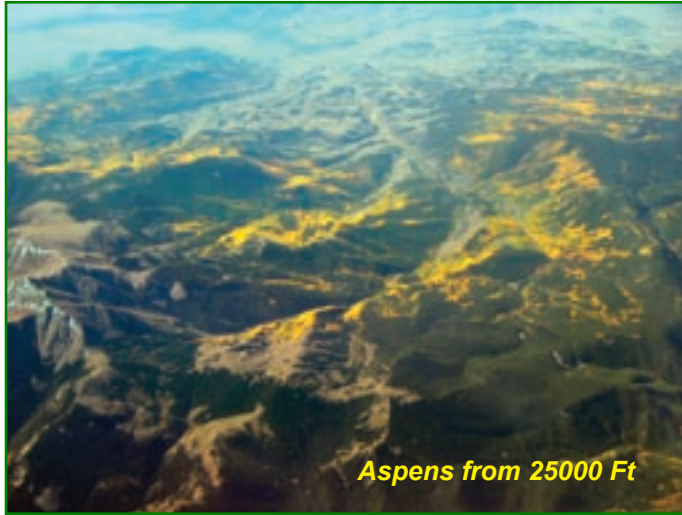


Where's Your Aspen?



It's September and the Aspens start turning about the second or third week in this month. Knowing where to go and when to go can be a bit tricky to say the very least. Let me guide you to a few of my favorite spots and give you some information that may help you plan your ride so you get the best viewing times this year.

If you live in Colorado Springs just head out through Woodland Park on highway 24 and head for Cripple Creek on highway 67 where in places during the ride you can almost see forever. From there, back on 24, you can even scoot out to Buena Vista and go over Cottonwood Pass. As you come down the pass, which hosts some of the most Aspen laden valley's in Colorado, you'll be dwarfed by the massive Collegiate Peaks. Both of these places offer up amazing blazing glory.

If you live around Denver or North try this out. Head for Black Hawk and take 119 to Nederland and then 72 to Raymond and 7 past Longs Peak into Estes Park. Why not take 34 out of Estes Park and ride over Trail Ridge Road and make a day of it.

For you internet savvy folks you can go out to <http://www.fs.fed.us/news/fallcolors/index.shtml> . This site will be up and running the first week of September.

You can also call for updates at 1-800-354-4595.

Enjoy yourself and always remember to Live, Love, Laugh and Ride!

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