Panorama of the incredible wildflower meadows and surrounding scenery as we descend the use trail.

Here we are back on the Coal Bank Pass trail and looking at the 11,916 "peak". The views from that peak looking down the valley where the road goes must be nice.

Looking at the peaks north of us again.

More meadows with Indian Paintbrush.

Looking across towards Sultan Mountain and the Grand Turk (left), before they disappear from view.

These small, puffy white flowers were interesting. They reminded me somewhat of the anemone flowers which are common in the Canadian Rockies. I think these are called American bistort (or smokeweed or mountain meadow buckwheat).

This interesting bushy plant was growing near a small stream.

On the hike down, the skies began to clear in places, so we might have been able to continue further on the trail. However, when hiking on exposed ridges it is always best to be safe and avoid lightning.

Looking down at a patch of Colorado False Hellebore.

Here we are switchbacking through the small meadow of flowers we had hiked through earlier.

Close-up photo of the flowers on a Colorado False Hellebore plant.

Looking at the dense collection of flowers in this small meadow. There are Indian Paintbrush, Nodding Sunflowers, Colorado False Hellebore, and Subalpine Larkspur in this photo.

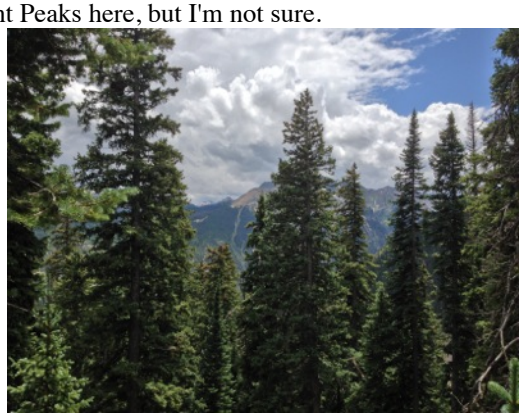
Looking back up the trail at this nice small meadow.

Looking east from a small break in the trees further down the trail.

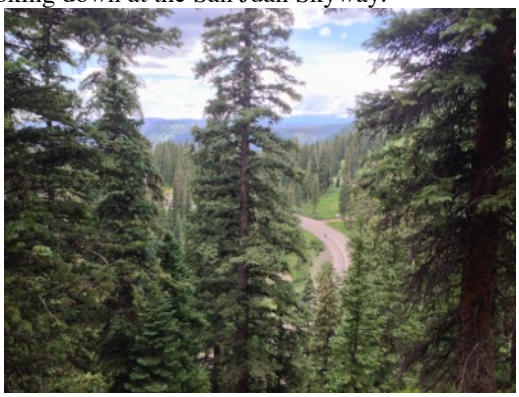
Another photo looking across at the nearby peaks.

Here we are back at the small pond which has the large patch of red flowers nearby.

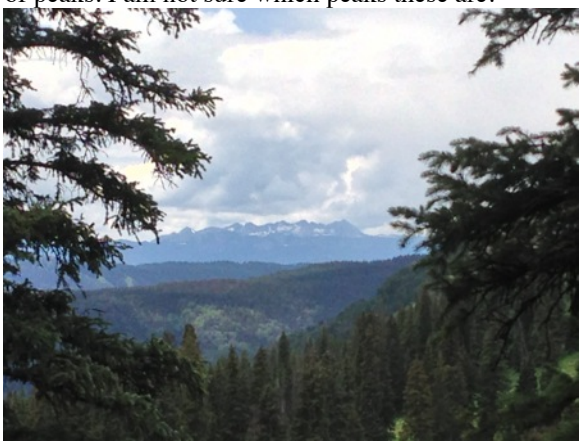
I think we are looking across at the Twilight Peaks here, but I'm not sure.



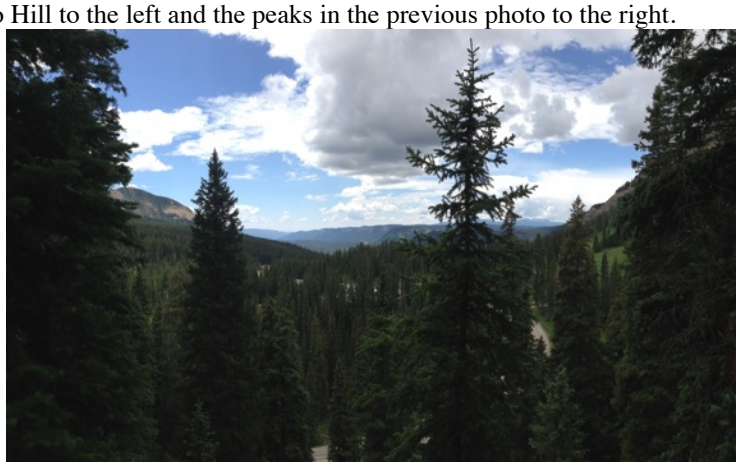
Here we are on the final switchback and looking down at the San Juan Skyway.



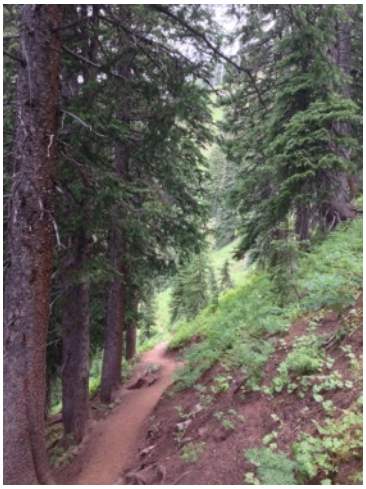
Looking south at a prominent collection of peaks. I am not sure which peaks these are.



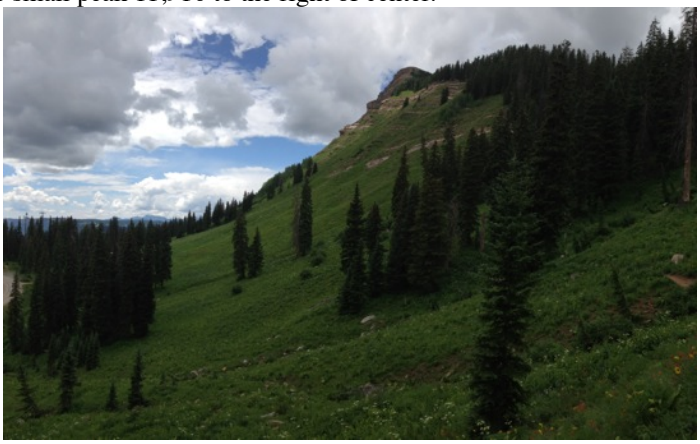
Panorama from here, with Potato Hill to the left and the peaks in the previous photo to the right.



The trail has one last steep stretch before reaching the first wildflower meadow.



Panorama of this meadow, with the small peak 11,916 to the right of center.

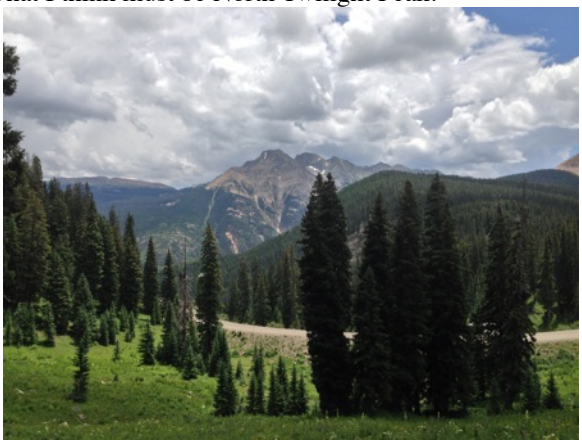


Crossing the small creek with the cluster of Colorado Columbines.

Looking across at Potato Hill (right of center), with the Twilight Peaks to the far left (and partially blocked by the trees).

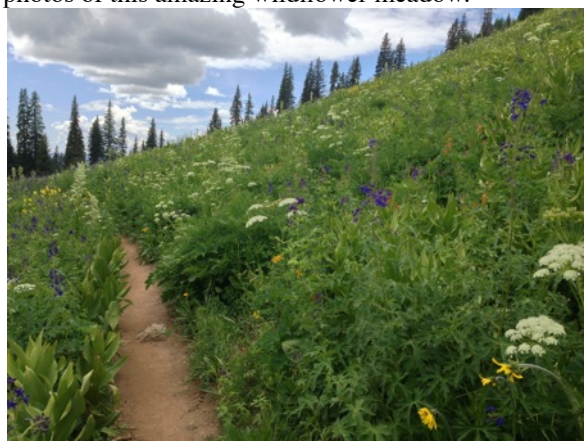
The afternoon lighting made for some great HDR photos of the flowers alongside the trail.

Here we are looking across the road at what I think must be North Twilight Peak.

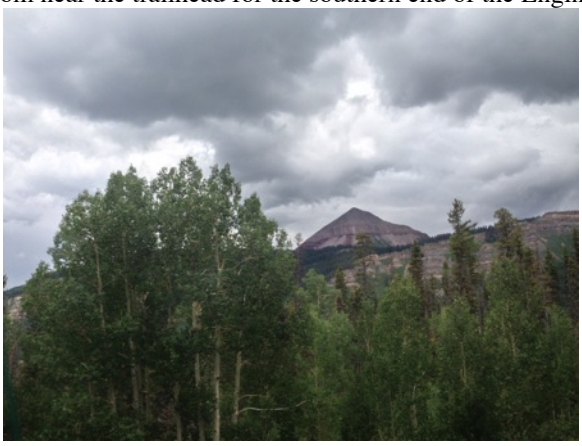


Looking over at Potato Hill (left) again.

Seven more photos of this amazing wildflower meadow.



Panorama from the road to the parking area for the Coal Bank Pass Trail.

Looking back at the cliffs southwest of this meadow from the main road.

One last photo of Engineer Mountain, from near the trailhead for the southern end of the Engineer Mountain Trail.