**LATIR PEAK WILDERNESS**

Relatively unknown and untraveled, the Latir Peak Wilderness is classic southern Rocky Mountain high country—emerald meadows; alpine grasslands and tundra; small, clear lakes; spruce-fir forest; and some of New Mexico’s highest peaks.

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**Location:** In the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, northeast of Questa

**Size:** 20,420 acres; Wilderness Alliance recommendation: 3,570-acre addition

**Elevation range:** 8,400 to 12,734 feet at Venado Peak

**Miles of trails:** 24

**Ecosystems:** Spruce-fir, bristlecone pine, aspen, alpine tundra, high-altitude grassland

**Administration:** Carson National Forest, Questa Ranger District

**Topographic maps:** Carson National Forest–Latir Peak and Wheeler Peak Wildernesses; Cerro, Questa, and Red River USGS 7.5-minute quadrangles

**Best seasons:** Summer, early fall

**Getting there:** Most people reach the Latir Peak Wilderness from the village of Questa by taking Highway 38 east briefly before taking Highway 563 northeast to packed dirt Forest Road 134, which parallels the wilderness’s southern boundary.

**Hiking:** Several maintained and marked trails take hikers through the wilderness, with the sections above timberline especially appealing.