

# White Peak Area

## Colfax and Mora Counties

The White Peak area is one of northern New Mexico's most rugged regions and an ideal place to take in some of the state's picturesque landscapes.

Located primarily in Colfax and Mora counties, White Peak is a fantastic destination for hikers, mountain bikers, birdwatchers, wildlife enthusiasts and shutterbugs.

Recent restoration efforts in the area have improved forest health and enhanced the area's habitat and scenery including iconic Sangre de Cristo Mountains vistas as well as vibrant wildflower-laden meadows.

A word to the wise: recreational opportunities around White Peak are not for the faint of heart; visitors should be prepared for difficult road and terrain conditions when accessing the area.

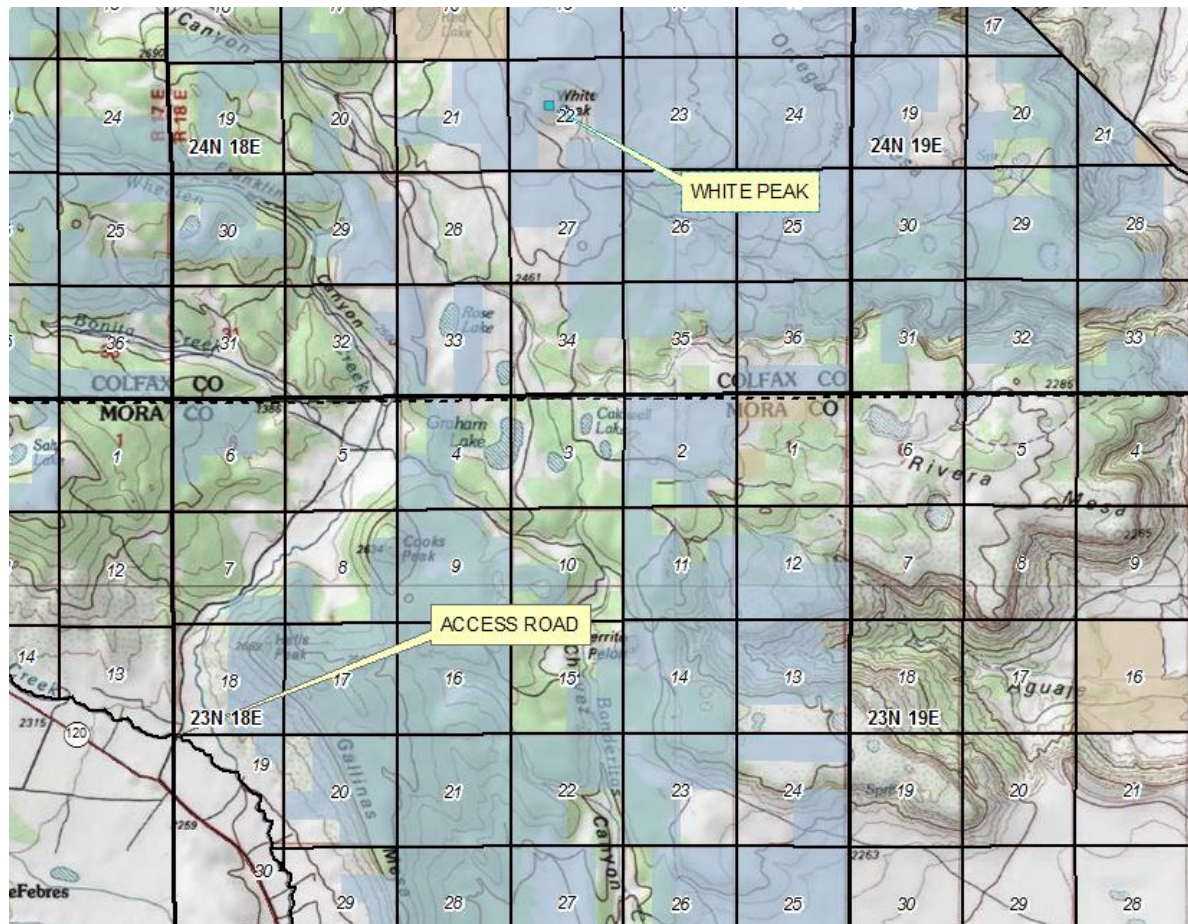
Covering ground in this area is a slow process. From the primary access point(s), permittees can expect a long hike to reach White Peak even when conditions are good. Access to the site is restricted to high-clearance 4-wheel drive or other off-road vehicles throughout and is at users' own risk.

Fast-moving storms are known to inundate the area with heavy rain at times and vigilance is urged. Traditional hiking gear is recommended; wet- and winter-weather gear is recommended for late fall, winter, and early spring months.

White Peak is interspersed with private land ownership and skilled use of maps and/or GPS technology is recommended to avoid trespassing. Boundaries aren't always well marked and unless you're intimately familiar with the terrain, careful attention is necessary to avoid trespassing.

### Getting There:

The White Peak access point on State Trust Lands is approximately three miles north of Ocate, off NM-120 (-105.078 36.218 decimal degrees). The route (Red Hill Road) continues north on treacherous roads to White Peak and other interesting terrain.



### Things to Know:

- \* Recreational users of State Trust Lands must have a recreational access permit to access these lands. You can apply for the permit here: <https://openforadventure.nmstatelands.org/>
- \* Obey all postings/respect private property.
- \* No digging for, collecting, or defacing cultural artifacts found anywhere on state trust land.
- \* SLO operates under a multiple-use concept. Visitors may encounter other permitted users on-site.
- \* We strongly recommend visitors to trust lands carry and utilize a GPS device to avoid trespassing on to lands not managed by the NMSLO.
- \* Visitors are not allowed to manipulate any of the site's improvements and are prohibited from interfering with the ranching operations.
- \* Please try to minimize your use footprint and pack out all trash. [Leave No Trace](#).
- \* Please be attentive to weather reports. Storms can form quickly.

\* Pack appropriate clothing for the season. During spring, summer and fall, typical day-hiking gear is recommended.

\* Please be aware of prohibited activities under the [Recreational Access Permit](#).

For more information, please call 505-827-5760