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Two miles east of the Town of Telluride are many fun boulders. Park after the second switchback, well out of the way of the traffic. The first boulder can be seen from the road (it’s almost on it). Other fine boulders can be found by hiking east along the trail. Pads are highly recommended as some of the boulders offer high-ball problems up to 35’ off the ground. These boulders are on PRIVATE LAND! The Idarado Mining Company barely tolerates climbers; DO NOT PLACE FIXED GEAR in any of these boulders. No camping.

Daiva Chesonis on the Main Mine Boulder
There are three very good boulders in Bear Creek. Many people hike or run up Bear Creek to enjoy these wonders. The Wasatch Boulder (photo: left) has a killer traverse as well as several top-outs (10 to 15' high). The Bear Creek Boulder offers several high boulder problems. In fact, there are anchors on top of this boulder for setting up topropes (25 to 30'). The Rock of Ages Boulder is a very large rock—a bit high-ball. Pads are recommended. All bouldering in Bear Creek is on Telluride Conglomerate. These boulders are in the Bear Creek Preserve. No Camping!
Ilium offers some of the best bouldering you will find near Telluride. The Ilium boulders are about 15 minutes west of the Town of Telluride (see map above). These boulders are sandstone and can be damaged if climbed on just after a rain. There is no camping in this area. There are about twelve boulders connected by trails. These Boulders are on National Forest Service Land.

Chris Boskoff on one of the Ilium Boulders.
Franci Stagi pulling the classic roof problem (5.11+)
Located three miles outside of Telluride is a south-facing cliff which offers good bouldering. The rock is Dakota Sandstone and it can be damaged by climbing on it when it becomes wet. The problems can be up to 40’ high. There are several anchors on top of this cliff which can be used to set up a toprope.

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