

Basic Mountain Terms

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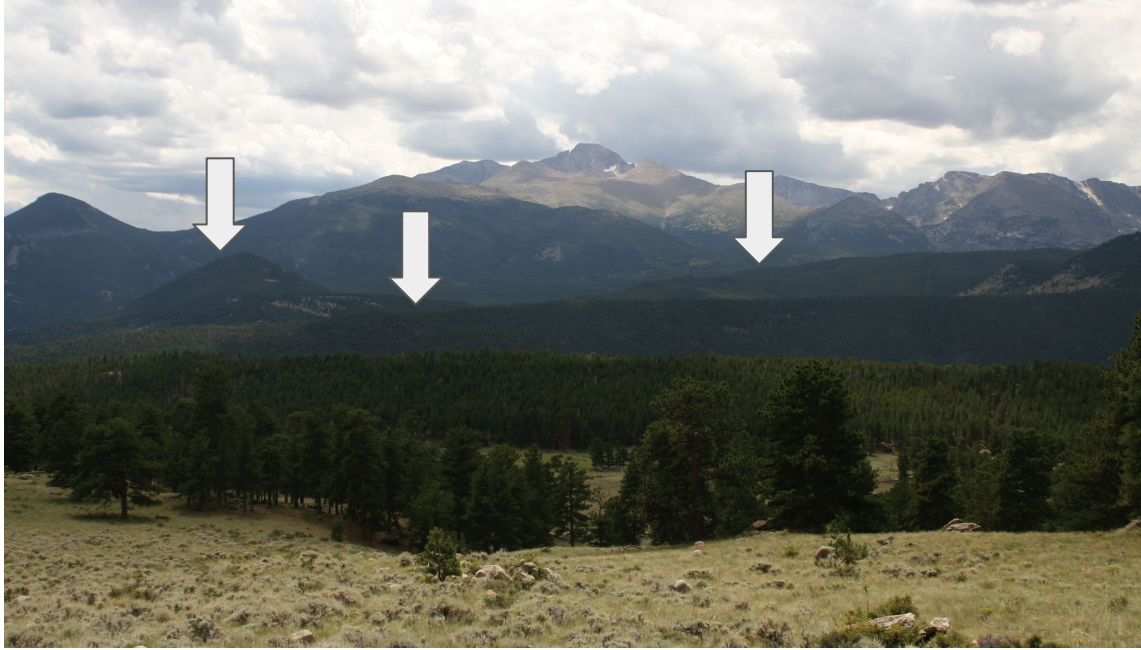




Mountain

Mountain - a lofty elevation on the earth's surface

Foothills



Foothills - hills at the base of a mountain



Alpine

Alpine - relating to high mountains



Base

Base - bottom/lowest part of a mountain



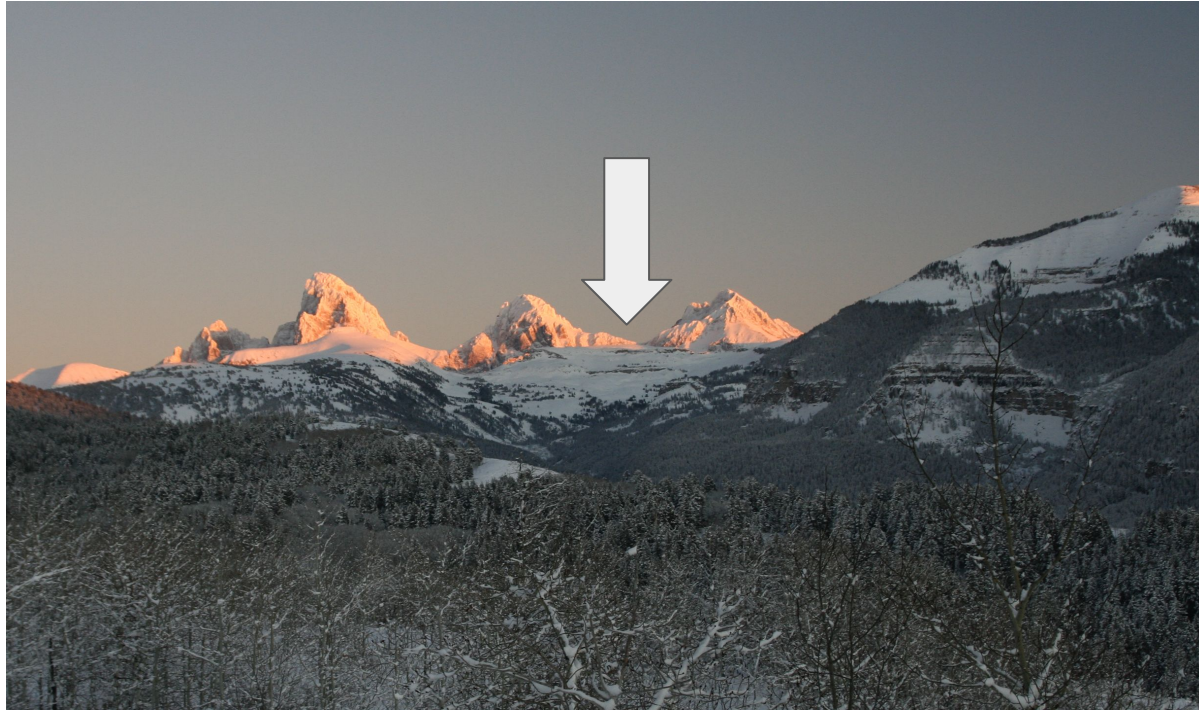
Escarpment

Escarpment - long steep slope/the edge of a plateau



Glacier

Glacier - a slowly moving “river” of ice on a mountain



Saddle

Saddle - low ridge between two mountain peaks

Timberline



Timberline - imaginary line on a mountain that marks the level above which trees do not grow



Valley

Valley - low area between two mountains



Bluff

Bluff - broad rounded cliff hanging over a valley or water