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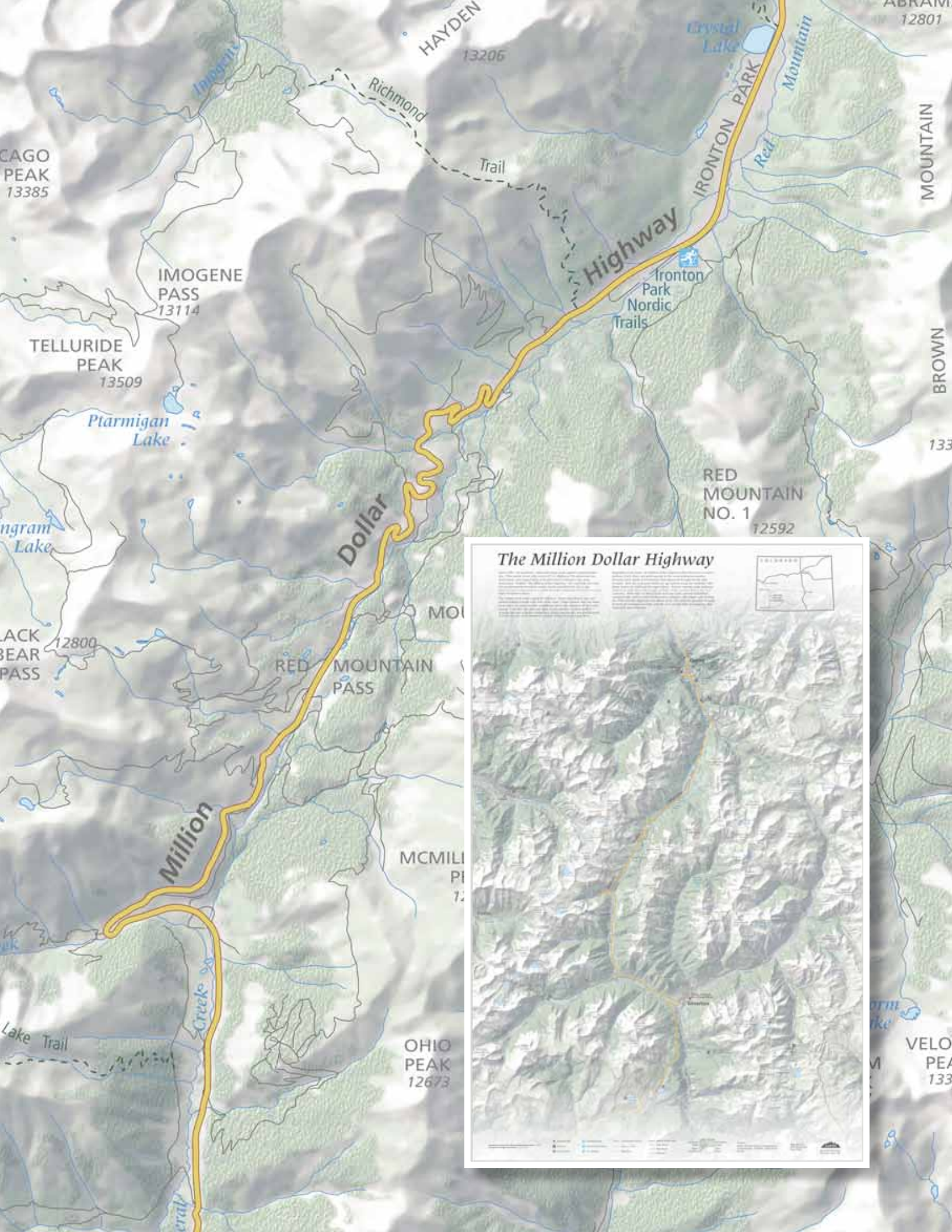


INTRODUCTION

The Student Poster Competition at the 2009 NACIS conference again provided students from throughout the nation with an interactive and social forum for displaying and discussing their work. Budding cartographers tell me it is a unique opportunity to showcase their efforts and get feedback from some of the best in the business. Poster viewers often cite this event as their favorite function at the conference, and feel a sincere commitment to offering suggestions and guidance to future mapmakers. As this issue of *CP* will be released after this year's deadline, I encourage all students to plan ahead for next year's competition and hope you will attend next year's annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin! The deadline for entry will be mid-September. Competition rules and online registration form can be found on the NACIS Student Poster Competition page at <http://www.nacis.org/index.cfm?x=18>.

Winners are selected by balloting, with every attendee eligible to vote. The majority of the 2009 vote was captured last year by Mike Boruta of Ohio University for his poster "*The Million Dollar Highway*." Mike walked away with a check for \$500 for his cartographic endeavor. The next two most-voted-for posters were separated by only a few votes, underscoring how important everyone's vote is. Second place went to Diana Muncy of Humboldt State University for her poster "*Alaska: A Peak of Upheaval*," and Honorable Mention went to Daniel Huffman of the University of Wisconsin Cartography Lab for his entry, "*Visualizing Airfare*." Both students received a free one year membership in NACIS in recognition of their outstanding efforts.

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The Million Dollar Highway

The Million Dollar Highway is a scenic route through the Iron Mountains of Colorado. It is known for its dramatic views, challenging driving conditions, and historical significance. The highway is a mix of paved and unpaved sections, offering a unique experience for travelers.

The route starts in the town of Silver Lake and winds through the rugged terrain of the Iron Mountains. Key features along the way include the Red Mountain Pass, the Dollar and Million gulches, and several beautiful lakes. The highway is a popular destination for hikers, bikers, and those seeking a peaceful escape in the mountains.

The Million Dollar Highway is a testament to the beauty and resilience of the Iron Mountains. It provides a window into the region's rich history and natural splendor. Whether you're looking for a challenge or a serene landscape, this highway has it all.

Legend:
 - Paved Road
 - Unpaved Road
 - Trail
 - Lake
 - Peak
 - Pass
 - River
 - Creek
 - Contour Line
 - Elevation (feet)