



Fortification Range Wilderness

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Size: 30,656 acres

Elevation: 6,150 - 8,268 feet

Designation: Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation & Development Act (2004)

Directions

The Fortification Range Wilderness is located in northern Lincoln County near the White Pine County border, approximately 50 miles southeast of Ely. To access to this Wilderness from Ely head south on Federal Highway 93. About 19 miles south of the intersection of Federal Highways 6/50/93 turn left onto County Road 47 which merges into County Road 457. This road runs along the eastern boundary of the Fortification Range Wilderness.



Area Description

The 14 mile long Fortification Range is a low mountain range composed largely of volcanic materials (tuffs and tuffaceous breccia). Most of the range is comprised of gentle ridges, however, the north end, where the wilderness area lies, becomes very rugged and precipitous (elevations over 8,000 feet) where the rock has been eroded into sheer cliffs and massive outcrops. These spectacular formations and cliffs, for which the range was named, form a huge natural amphitheater at the head of the Cottonwood Canyon drainage. Scattered ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper, aspen, and cottonwood are found in the northern portion of the area while the southern portion of the unit is densely forested by pinyon and juniper. Wildlife within the wilderness includes mule deer, elk, antelope, mountain lions, and raptors.

Recreational Opportunities

Outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation exist within the Fortification Range Wilderness including hiking, camping, backpacking, photography, nature study, horseback riding, and hunting. Opportunities for observing the geology are abundant with multi-hued pink sculpted rock formations, and dazzling white spires only a short hike from the northeastern boundary. The wilderness area provides excellent opportunities for solitude along the forested slopes, or in one of the canyons along the eastern side of the range.

If horseback riding in the area you may need to carry feed. Hay should be certified weed free. Hunting and non-commercial trapping are allowed under state and local laws within the wilderness area. Remember when camping that it is limited to 14 days and campsites are primitive. Please help preserve Nevada's fragile environments, park your vehicle and set up camp in previously used sites. Impact to the area can be minimized by practicing Leave No Trace ethics.

Mechanized and motorized vehicles are NOT PERMITTED in a wilderness area.

Additional Information

- Signs indicating "Wilderness" and "Closed Road" or "Closed Route" are placed at various intervals. Obey all posted signs.
- Vehicles can be parked outside the wilderness boundary.
- Pets are allowed, but please keep your pets under control at all times.
- Removal, disturbance, or attempting to remove archaeological materials is a felony.
- Contact Ely or Caliente Offices for current road conditions and hazards.

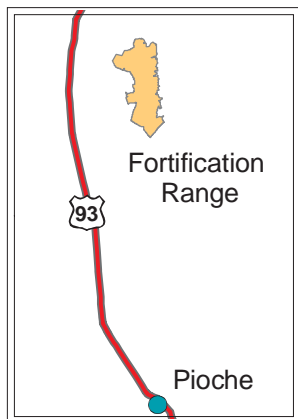
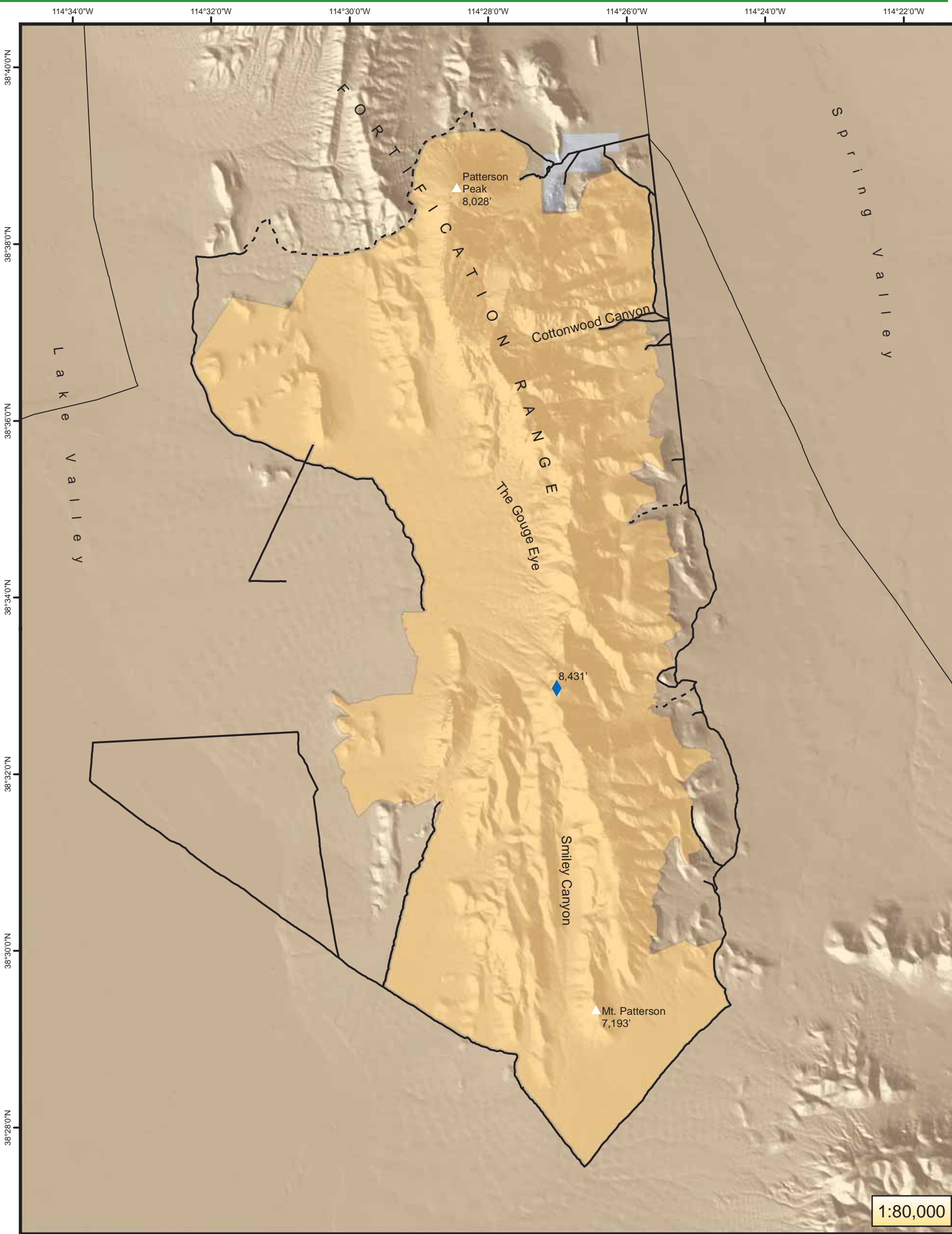


Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Mount Grafton NE, Indian Springs Knolls, Gouge Eye Well, The Gouge Eye, and Horse Corral Pass
BLM 1:100,000 Maps: Garrison and Wilson Creek Range



Fortification Range Wilderness Area



Legend

- City
- ◆ High Point in Wilderness
- Route: 4WD or better
- Route: ATV
- Wilderness Area
- Land Managed by BLM
- Private Land



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1:24,000 Maps	Mt. Grafton NE	Indian Springs Knolls
Garrison 1:100,000	Gouge Eye Well	The Gouge Eye
	Wilson Creek Range 1:100,000	
		Horse Corral Pass