



Government Peak Wilderness

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Size: 6,325 acres

Elevation: 6,000 – 8,100 feet

Designation: White Pine County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2006)

Directions

Access to this wilderness from Baker, Nevada is from U.S. Highway 6/50. Take the road to Gandy, Utah north for about 30 miles to the town of Gandy. Then head northwest out of Gandy (BLM Road 4031) for about 10 miles where you will reach the northern-most tip of the Government Peak Wilderness. This route may be impassible when wet. The closest services are in Baker, Nevada.



Area Description

The Government Peak Wilderness lies off the northern end of the Snake Range in eastern Nevada. Vegetation includes mostly desert brush and grass at the lower elevations to a scattering of pinyon and juniper stands on the slopes of Government Peak and surrounding hills. Bare rock cliffs jut skyward on the eastern side of the wilderness. Paintbrush is the most common wildflower, along with the blooms of cactus.

Mule deer, elk and wild horses are known to roam the region. Typical to the Great Basin are the everpresent jackrabbits, and coyotes, which can be seen in the wilderness, as well. Raptors, such as red tail hawks and golden eagles, may be encountered.

Recreational Opportunities

Recreational opportunities include camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, and hunting. The area provides fair opportunities for solitude in Indian George Wash, south of Government Peak and in the higher juniper covered areas. If horseback riding in the area you may need to carry feed. Hunting and non-commercial trapping are allowed under state and local laws within the wilderness area. Remember camping is limited to 14 days and campsites are primitive. Remember that cutting or removing vegetation is not permitted. Gathering wood for campfires, when permitted, is limited to dead and down material. 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 wilderness.

Additional Information

- Signs indicating "Wilderness" and "Closed Road" are placed at various intervals.
- 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.
- Retrieving game or checking traps may only occur by foot or horseback within wilderness.
- Contact the Ely District BLM Office for current road conditions, and hazards.

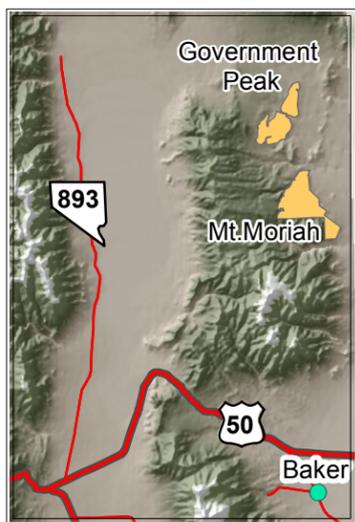
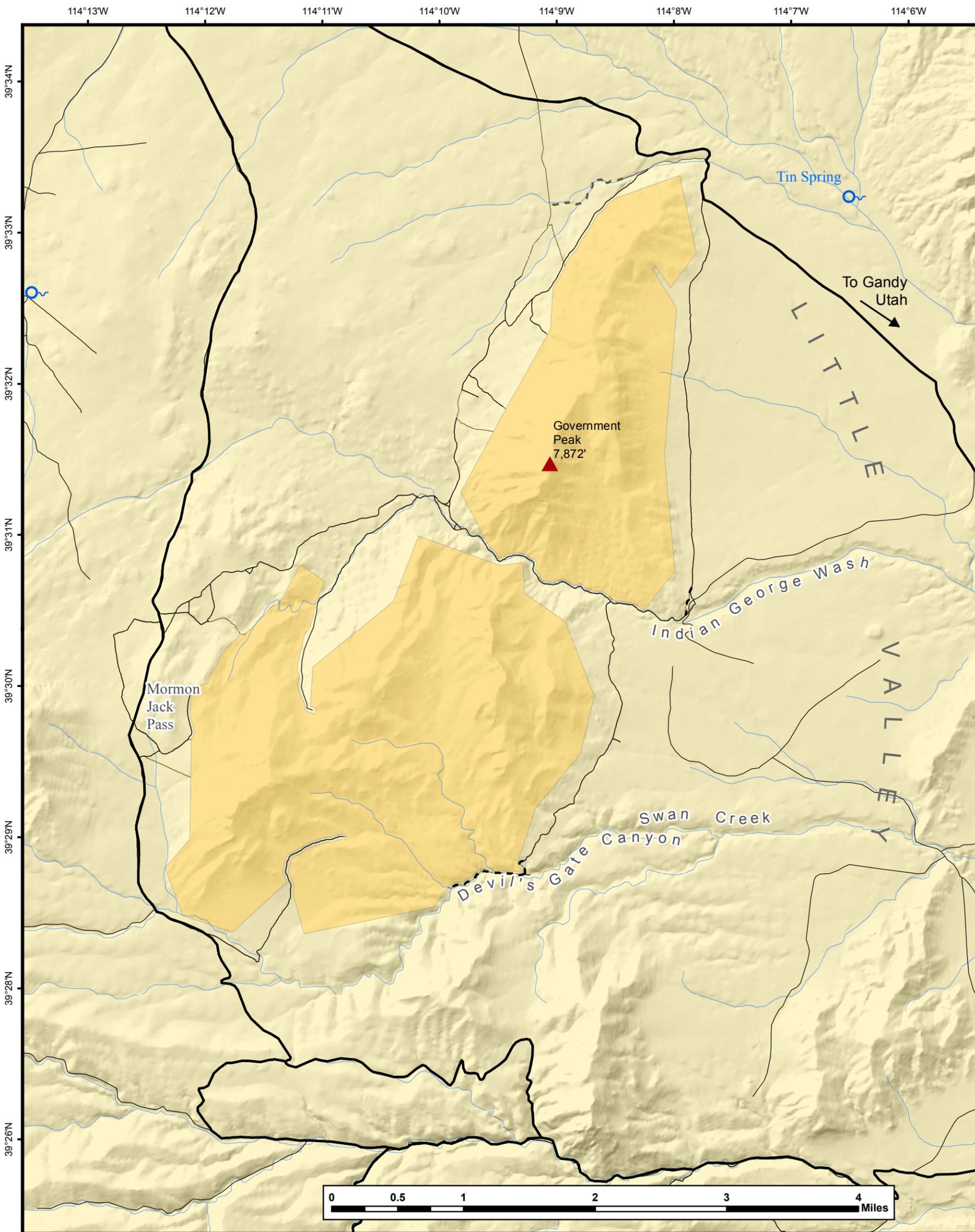


Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Steptoe Government Peak, and Mormon Jack Pass
BLM 1:100,000 Maps: Kern Mountains, and Ely



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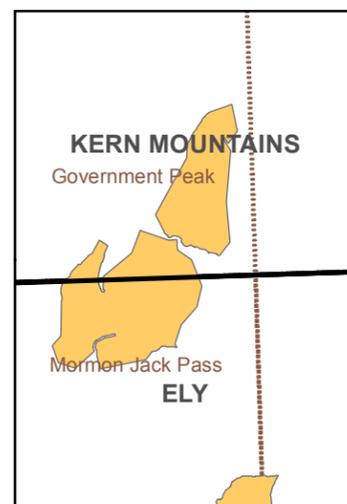
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- Main Routes
- Route: 4WD or better
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- BLM Wilderness
- Land Managed by BLM
- Private Land



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1:24,000 Quad Maps



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