

# Parsnip Peak Wilderness

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**Size:** 43,446 acres

**Elevation:** 6,160 - 8,916 feet

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

### Directions

The Parsnip Peak Wilderness is located in northeastern Lincoln County, approximately 25 miles northeast of Pioche, Nevada, within the Wilson Creek Mountain Range. To access this wilderness, head north out of Pioche on U.S. Highway 93, for almost 28 miles. Turn east onto Holt Farm Road (County Road 441), and continue on this bladed dirt road for 10 miles. Turn south onto BLM Road 4045. This road is a part of the Mt. Wilson Scenic Byway. After 11 miles you will be along the northeastern boundary of the wilderness.



### Area Description

The wilderness is pristine, with riparian corridors, wildlife and forested mountains. Tall mounds of white volcanic rock illustrate the powerful effects of weathering. Curved and undulating, these outcrops contrast with the towering ponderosa pine that grow in cracks and along the edges of the rock.

Forest cover varies with elevation and aspect, with expansive aspen groves on the north slopes and thickets of mountain mahogany blanketing the south. Deer and elk browse among the trees. Bald eagles enjoy the pockets of fir which survive in craggy niches in the higher elevations. Native grasses flourish throughout the wilderness. Several springs are edged by yellow monkeyflower.

Abundant prehistoric sites exist here. The Mount Wilson Archaeological District was delineated on the north end of the wilderness and is eligible for nomination for the National Register of Historic Places. Pre-historic sites include campsites, rock rings, rock shelters and rock art.

### Recreational Opportunities

Hiking and camping, backpacking, horseback riding, rock climbing, hunting and trapping, plus the study of archaeology and geology are all great recreational activities found in Parsnip Peak Wilderness. The wilderness provides excellent opportunities for solitude, particularly in the thick stands of aspen along the eastern side of Parsnip Peak (8,916 feet). 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 wilderness.

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 or Caliente Field Office for current road conditions, and hazards.

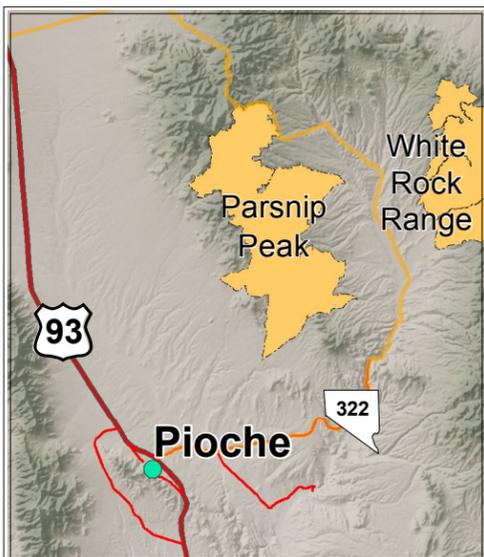
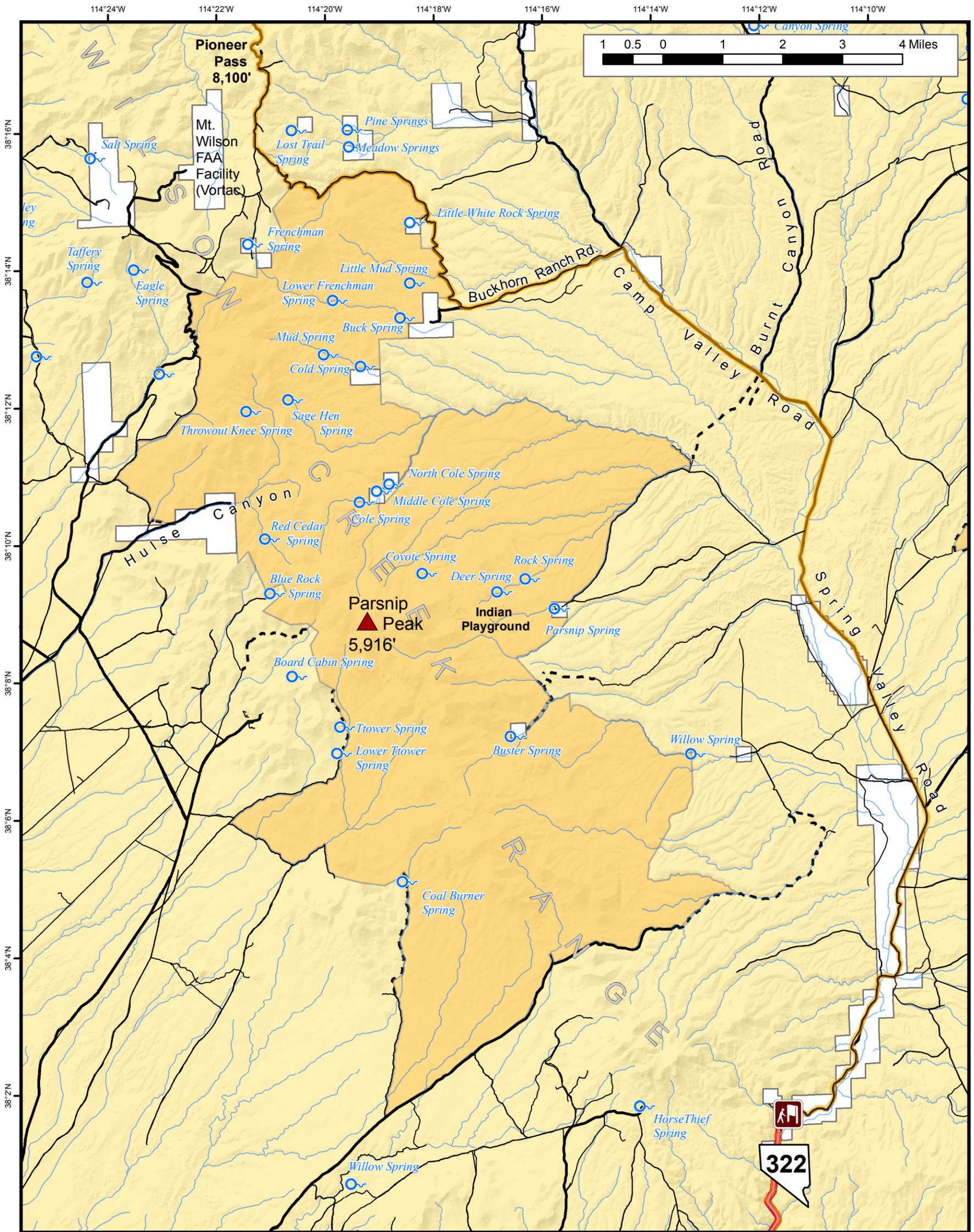


### Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Trail Canyon, Mount Wilson, Parsnip Peak, Buck Wash, Pierson Summit, and Eagle Valley  
BLM 1:100,000 Map: Wilson Creek Range



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## Legend

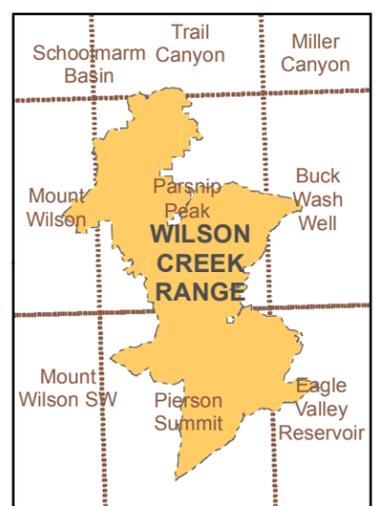
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- ▲ Highest Point in Wilderness
- Kiosk
- Mt. Wilson Scenic Byway
- Main Routes
- Route: 4WD or better
- Route: ATV
- BLM Wilderness
- Land managed by BLM
- Private Land



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