

# Cedar City Field Office

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The following Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) are managed by the Cedar City Field Office:

- Spring Creek Canyon
- Wah Wah Mountains (management shared with the Fillmore Field Office)
- White Rock Range

Note: Acreage was taken from the Utah Statewide Wilderness Report.

## Spring Creek Canyon

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**Size:** 4,433 acres

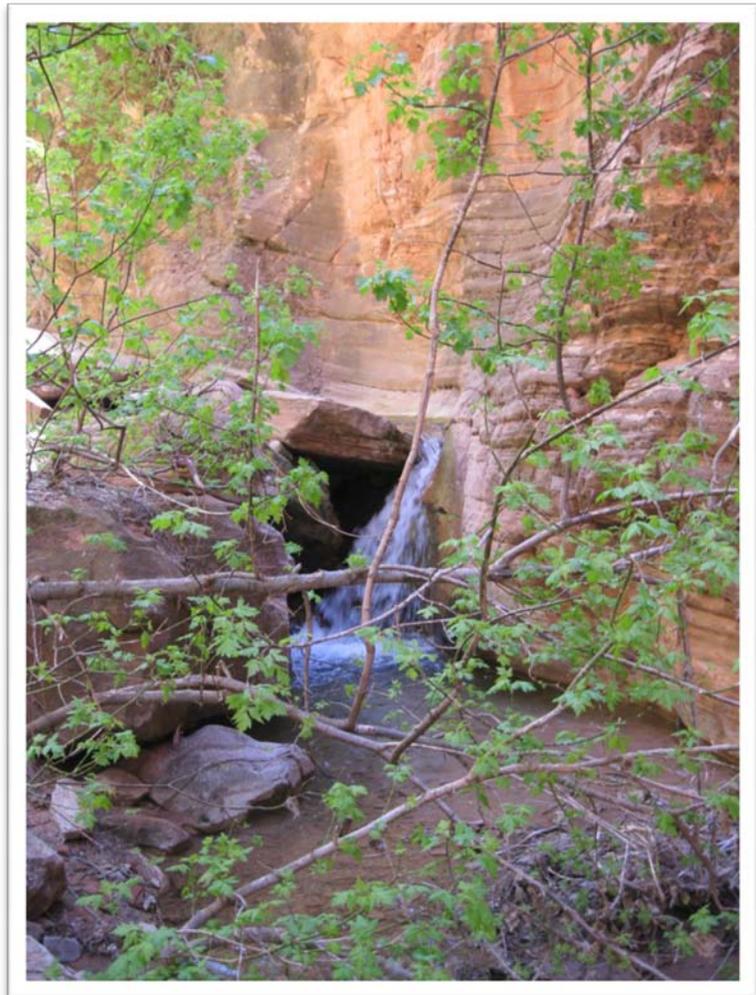
**Location:** South-eastern corner of Iron County, about 7 miles southwest of Cedar City, UT.

**Vegetation:** Juniper, scrub oak, shrubs, and grasses cover the area but there are no dense portions of vegetation.

**General Description:** Spring Creek Canyon includes a portion of the Hurricane Cliffs, an impressive west-facing escarpment that extends from north of Cedar City into northwestern Arizona. The WSA has scenic values similar to those found in contiguous Zion National Park. Two major canyons, Kanarra and Spring Creek, bisect the WSA.

**Special Features:**

- Approximately 73 percent of the WSA is rated as outstanding for scenic quality.
- The WSA may be habitat for, or be visited by bald eagle, peregrine falcon, California Condor, plus 13 animal, and four plant species that are considered sensitive.



# Wah Wah Mountains

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**Size:** 42,140 acres

**Location:** Southwestern Millard County and northwestern Beaver County, about 30 miles west of Milford, UT.

**Vegetation:** Pinyon-juniper woodland is the dominant vegetation type.

**General Description:** The WSA encloses a narrow, flat-topped mountain range with steep, rugged sides.

**Special Features:**

- Bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and golden eagles are raptor species within the WSA.
- Other sensitive species that could inhabit the WSA include the ferruginous hawk, long-billed curlew, burrowing owl, and kit fox.
- Three sensitive plant species that may be found in the WSA are the *Cryptantha compacta*, *Eriogonum ammophilum*, and *Sphaeralcea caespitosa*.
- Bristlecone pine grows on about 190 acres in the higher parts of the WSA. Bristlecones are rare in this area and those in the WSA are exceptionally large, reaching heights of 50 feet or more. Bristlecone pines are among the oldest living trees.

# White Rock Range

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**Size:** 24,065 acres

**Location:** Most of the WSA is located in Lincoln County, Nevada. A portion of the WSA lies within the Utah on the western boundaries of Beaver and Iron Counties.

**Vegetation:** Most of the WSA is forested with juniper, pinyon-juniper woodland, and fir woodland, varying by elevation. The north end exhibits some interesting differences, including high open

sagebrush country, ponderosa pines, white fir-aspen and two high mountain lakes. Interspersed throughout the area are numerous small grassy meadows where springs support riparian vegetation.

**General Description:** The WSA is made up of gentle mountain terrain with associated foothills and bench lands. The broad, north-south trending range is dissected by numerous side canyons and drainages.

**Special Features:** A small elk herd resides in the area, as well as mule deer.

