

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

South Sierra Wilderness

Inyo & Sequoia National Forests

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the South Sierra Wilderness on the Inyo and Sequoia National Forests as covered into the National Wilderness Preservation system by the California Wilderness Act of September 28, 1984 (PL 98-425).

Signed

4/1/86

Date


Regional Forester

SOUTH SIERRA WILDERNESS
Inyo & Sequoia National Forests
California Region

Boundary Description

The South Sierra Wilderness is located in the Inyo and Sequoia National Forests, Tulare County, State of California. The following description refers to the attached map titled "South Sierra Wilderness" dated 2/19/86.

Beginning at a point on the west bank of the South Fork of the Kern River west of the Southwest corner of the boundary of the Inyo National Forest in Section 6, T.22S., R.36E., MDM;

thence, northerly up said west bank to the north line of said Section 6;

thence, northwesterly along the base of the steep slope in the southwest quarter of Section 31, T.21S., R.36., to a point on the west line of said Section;

thence, northerly through Section 36, T.21S., R.35E., to a point on the main spur ridge, said point lying 300 feet west of the west line of Section 31, T.21S., R.36E.;

thence, northeasterly down said spur ridge, across the South Fork and bending easterly and ascending to the top of the spur ridge to a point near the center of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, said Township and Range;

thence, northeasterly to the top of the northwesterly-most of a twin prominence having an elevation of approximately 8010 feet in Section 29, said Township and Range;

thence, southeasterly through a prominence having an elevation of 8004 feet descend through a saddle, cross trail No. 36E01 and ascend along a small spur ridge on the northwesterly side of Ball Mountain and thence curving northeasterly to a point at VABM 9256;

thence, northeasterly, easterly and northerly along a hydrographic divide to a point on the line dividing the Tulare and Inyo Counties, said point being in the SW1/4 of Section 14, T.21S., R.36E.;

thence, northerly following the County boundary to a prominence in Section 27, T.20S., R.36E., MDM having an elevation of 9403 feet;

thence, northerly down a spur ridge to a point on the 6000 foot contour approximately one quarter mile northeast of the confluence of two major tributaries of Hogback Creek, said point being in the northeast quarter of Section 14;

thence, generally northerly along the 6000 foot contour to its intersection with Olancha Creek (and the boundary of the Golden Trout Wilderness), said intersection being in Section 22, T.19S., R.36E.;

thence, southwesterly along Olancha Creek, along the southern boundary of the Golden Trout Wilderness, to the saddle between Brush Meadow and Olancha Creek;

thence, northerly, along the southern boundary of the Golden Trout Wilderness, to Olancha Peak;

thence, westerly, along the southern boundary of the Golden Trout Wilderness, along a hydrographic divide to the saddle between an unnamed creek draining Brown Meadow (and Buck Meadow) and Monache Creek to a point 200 feet east of trail 35E10, said point being in Section 22, T.19S., R.35E.;

thence, southerly and southeasterly parallel to and 200 feet east of said trail to its intersection with a point 200 feet north of trail 35E02 in the southeast quarter of Section 35, T.19S., R.35E., MDM;

thence, northeasterly parallel to and 200 feet northerly of trail 35E02 to a point on the hydrographic divide between Cow Canyon and Monache Meadows;

thence, southerly along said hydrographic divide to Anderson Point;

thence, southwesterly to Monache Meadows and southerly up the northern spur ridge of Deer Island to the top of Deer Island;

thence, southerly through the center of Section 14, T.20S. R.35E., MDM to the intersection of Beck Meadow Creek and the north line of Section 23, T.20S.

R.35E.;

thence, southwesterly to the northerly tip of the ridge west of Beck Meadow and southerly along the hydrographic divide between Snake Creek and Lost Meadows Creek to a point near the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 33, T.20S., R.35E.;

thence, westerly to an easterly trending spur of Jackass Peak and up the spur to the top of Jackass Peak,

thence, southerly along the hydrographic divide between Jackass Creek and Albanita Meadows to a prominence on the south line of Section 4, T.21S., R.35E., MDM;

thence, easterly down a spur ridge to the north-south centerline of Section 9, T.21S., R.35E.;

thence, southerly through Section 9 to the hydrographic divide between the easterly most tributary of Jackass Creek and the creek that drains Hooker Meadow;

thence, southerly along the hydrographic divide to a prominence in the southwest quarter of Section 34, T.21S., R.35E., having an elevation of 7955 feet;

thence, southerly to a point 200 feet east of trail 34E03 in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 3, T.22S., R.35E., MDM;

thence, southerly and easterly along a line parallel to and 200 feet easterly and northerly of said trail to a point on the west bank of the South Fork of the Kern River, approximately in the center of the NW 1/4, Section 7, T.21S., R.36E.;

thence, northeasterly and northerly to the point of beginning.

the above-described area has been plotted on a 1-inch-equals-1-mile scale map which is attached and made a part of this description; except that the northern boundary of the South Sierra Wilderness, affecting Sections 19 through 24 and Sections 29 through 30, T.19S., R.35E., is shown on the map accompanying the Golden Trout Wilderness boundary description dated October 22, 1979 as the southern boundary of the Golden Trout Wilderness in said Section.

Contains approximately 60,108 National Forest acres and 240 private land acres.