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**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES GRANT PROGRAM**  
**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**NEVADA COMMISSION ON OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**  
**NRS 490**

**FALL 2017 GRANT APPLICATION**

**(RFA APPENDIX A)**

**APPLICATIONS DUE**

**November 1, 2017, 4:00 PM, PST**

*Please mail early; Applications postmarked prior to 4:00 pm on November 1, 2017 but not received prior to that time are untimely and will not be considered.*

***NOTE: this is the State OHV program, NOT the Federal Recreational Trails Program***

SUBMIT: ONE FULL COLOR COPY, DOUBLE SIDED  
BY MAIL OR HAND DELIVERY  
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**NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM**  
**GRANT APPLICATION**  
**Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**  
**Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles**

**Project # \_\_\_\_\_ (State admin only)**

**This application has seven (VII) sections which are all REQUIRED to be filled out in full. To avoid disqualification, all application areas must be concise and complete; certifications must be signed and dated. Denied applications: correspondence will be sent to applicant by email describing the reason for declaring the application incomplete.**

**SECTION I - PROJECT INFORMATION**

**1. Project Name: Road signs and maintenance for Gold Butte National Monument**

**2. Project Dates:** Expected *Start*: 1/1/2018 Expected *Completion*: 6/30/2019

**3. Applicant Name:** Friends of Gold Butte

**Phone:** 702-208-8377

**Mailing address:** 817 S. Main St., Ste. 100, Las Vegas NV 89101

**Email:** info@friendsofgoldbutte.org

**4. Classification of Applicant:** *(check one)*

☐ Federal   ☐ State   ☐ County   ☐ Local/Municipal   ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Partnership   ☒ Non-profit   ☐ For Profit   ☐ Individual

*If the applicant is a corporate or legal entity, proof of good standing in the entity's state of incorporation is required. NAC 490.1345 (Note: grantees must have the capacity to implement and accomplish proposed project and properly administer awarded funds).*

**5. Project Manager:** Jaina Moan

**Phone:** 702-208-8377

**Mailing address:** 817 S. Main St., Ste. 100, Las Vegas NV 89101

Email: \_\_\_\_\_jaina@friendsofgoldbutte.org\_\_\_\_\_

6. **State T-Vendor #** (if available)\_\_\_\_\_

7. **Landowner:** \_\_\_\_\_Bureau of Land Management\_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_Lee Kirk, Acting Monument Manager\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_702-515-5026\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas NV 89130\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_jkirk@blm.gov\_\_\_\_\_

9. **Classification of Land Control:** *(check all that apply)*

☒ federally managed public land    ☐ Private Land    ☐ County    ☐ City

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Lease; Attach copy of lease with expiration date.

☐ R&PP; Attach copy of lease with expiration date.

*If the proposed project is to be carried out on public land, attach any applicable written agreement with any government entity having jurisdiction over that land, including permits, leases, easements, and rights-of-way. NAC 490.135*

10. **Project Costs:** *(Please do not submit match not directly related to the project)*

State OHV Grant Request: \_\_\_\_\_\$21,376\_\_\_\_\_ 33%

Other Funds: \_\_\_\_\_\$43,738\_\_\_\_\_ 57%

Total Project Amount \_\_\_\_\_\$65,114\_\_\_\_\_ 100%

***What are the sources of your leveraged (other) funds?***

☐ Federal    ☒ Private    ☒ In-kind    ☐ City/County    ☐ Other

Please describe source(s):

Type here:

REI, Inc. provided a \$5,000 grant for this project. FoGB will provide staff time equivalent to \$5,000 for planning and administrative activities for this project. Volunteer labor for project implementation is estimated at 1,432 hours, the equivalent of \$33,738.

11. **Project Type(s) (NRS 490.069 Sec.2c) check all that apply:**

- ☐ Studies or planning for trails and facilities;
  - Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Studies.
  - Other studies \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Acquisition of land for trails and facilities
- ☐ Mapping and signing of trails and facilities
- ☐ Reconstruction, enhancement or maintenance of existing trails and facilities
- ☐ Construction of new trails and facilities
- ☐ Restoration of areas that have been damaged by the use of off-highway vehicles.
- ☐ The construction of trail features, trailheads, parking, or other ancillary facilities which minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas or important wildlife habitat areas.
- ☐ Safety training and education related to the use of off highway vehicles
- ☐ Compliance and enforcement

*Note: Operations & management and purchase or lease of equipment associated directly with a project are eligible.*

12. **All Trail USERS:** *(check all that apply)*

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking   | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single track motorcycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling         | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoe/ski              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATV quads               | <input type="checkbox"/> Dune buggy           | <input type="checkbox"/> Side by side 50" or wider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Course             | <input type="checkbox"/> Skills riding course |  |

Other Type here: This project will benefit all users who access roads in Gold Butte National Monument.

13. **Scope of Work:** Please describe *exactly* what work will be completed. Programs, planning, NEPA, sui housed and maintained. (In order to avoid duplication, **do not include** justification or narrative in this section; refer to Section VII, Scoring Narrative).

Type here:

The goal of this project is to promote safe motorized vehicle travel in Gold Butte National Monument (GBNM). To accomplish this goal, we need new signs along the Gold Butte Back Country Byway, an up-to-date, standardized inventory of road conditions, and more information about roads available for visitors. OHV Commission grant funding will be used to purchase signs and to support a volunteer-based road



stewardship and educational outreach program.

In June 2017, the Friends of Gold Butte (FoGB) submitted a sign plan proposal to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to install 52 directional signs and 3 interpretive kiosks along the Gold Butte Backcountry Byway. The proposal received a Categorical Exclusion permit in September 2017. To initiate the sign project, FoGB received a small grant from REI, Inc. to purchase 10 directional signs and 1 kiosk for GBNM. Now we seek funding to purchase the remaining 42 directional and 3 interpretive signs; bolts, screws, and posts to mount signs; and any additional mounting or finishing materials (e.g., concrete, paint, etc.). The signs will be installed by a volunteer stewardship crew in partnership with the BLM.

The stewardship crew is part of a fledgling corps of 30 volunteers coordinated by FoGB to complete stewardship and education projects on the ground in GBNM. Projects include road monitoring and maintenance, tabling at popular sites on weekends to provide information to visitors, and restoring desert areas damaged by illegal OHV use.

There are 350 miles of designated roads and trails in GBNM. The road monitor crew will drive all roads in GBNM throughout the year to assess condition and perform light maintenance to ensure that vehicles can stay on roads safely and document damage from illegal vehicle incursions. In addition to sign installation, the stewardship crew will be deployed to restore damaged areas. The remaining grant funds we seek from the OHV Commission will purchase tools and supplies for our road monitor and stewardship crews. Specifically, we need maintenance tools (shovels, dig bars, and emergency vehicle kits) and personal protective equipment (PPE) for our stewardship crew. These tools will allow our crews to complete restoration projects as needed and will provide the PPE needed to supply up to 20 volunteers for larger stewardship events. (FoGB organizes a minimum of 8 stewardship events per year.) Grant funds will also support costs associated with transporting materials and volunteers to the project sites and will fund a portion of staff salary for project planning and volunteer coordination.

We expect this project to be complete by June 30, 2019. Below is a brief timeline.

January to May 2018:

1. Stewardship crews install the directional and interpretive signs that have been purchased with REI funding.
2. Road crews will monitor roads and complete light maintenance. Educational crews will table at popular sites, distributing information about roads and educational materials about responsible OHV use in GBNM, including information about OHV registration.
3. Stewardship crews will restore damaged desert areas as needed. We expect that crews will work on at least 3 large stewardship events.

September 2018 to June 2019

1. Stewardship crews install the remaining directional and interpretive signs.
2. Road crews will monitor roads and complete light maintenance. Educational crews will table at popular sites, distributing information about roads and educational materials about responsible OHV use in GBNM, including

information about OHV registration.

3. Stewardship crews will restore damaged desert areas as needed. We expect that crews will work on at least 3 large stewardship events.

14. **Standards/Guidelines that will be applied to your project:**

- ▲ Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation - A Design Guide
- ▲ USFS Standard Specifications for Construction & Maintenance of Trails
- ▲ BLM Handbook 9114-1 Trails
- ▲ NOHVCC Handbooks

Other: BLM National Sign Handbook, H-9130-1

15. **Has the applicant received funding from the OHV Program in the past?**

☒ No ☐ Yes

Number of projects funded: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funding Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of projects Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION II – LOCATION, MAPS, PHOTOS**

**Project Location:**

County: Clark

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Bunkerville, NV and Mesquite, NV

Center of project: Latitude: N36.52326 Longitude: W114.13998

**Maps are a very important part of the application. They are considered part of the final agreement if funded. Please provide readable, proficient maps.**

**Required Maps: for all maps please include a legend, north arrow, scale, and map name.**

**Topographic maps preferred. You may include *additional* aerial/google maps.**

- ☐ General location map (showing project area within the state or county)
  - Gold Butte Area Map and Gold Butte Project Map are attached.

- ☐ Topographic map (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale) with project boundary and map name Township:\_\_\_\_\_ Range:\_\_\_\_\_ Sections\_\_\_\_\_
  - The Gold Butte project area spans 20 townships (including most or all Sections in all but two) from T 14 S, R 69 E in the northwest through T 20 S, R 71 E in the southeast (see Gold Butte Township and Range Map).
- ☐ Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment). Maps larger than 11x17 will not be accepted
  - Detail maps are presented attached.

**Please attach the following photographs:**

- ☐ *At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances. (Good photographs at trail level and google aeriels help the scoring committee to understand the location, depth and breadth of your project.)*
  - Overview photos and descriptions of sign locations are attached.

### **SECTION III - Federal Lands or Other**

**Federal Environmental Compliance**

**A. If Federal funds or Land are a part of the project and NEPA was completed,** indicate which document was produced, and **please attach the decision document to this application:**

- ☐ Record of Decision (ROD)
- ☐ Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- ☐ Categorical Exclusion (CX)
- ☐ SHPO 106 compliance/concurrence letter.
- ☐ Other compliance documents already completed. (do not attached the EA or EIS)
- ☐ Not applicable

**If NEPA or planning is a part of the project describe the steps in the Scope Section I, #13.**

### **SECTION IV - BUDGET**

**Proposed Budget:** Provide your budget details in the following format. This budget should align clearly with your scope of work from #13.

- ***Please follow this format as much as possible*** and be very specific, as your application will rate higher. You may create your own spreadsheet.
- Reminder, include all sources of funds for the completion of the project including federal, in-kind, private/city/county and state funds.
- ***Attach copies of estimates and identify what each contract will include.***
- ***Attach copies of all quotes/estimates.***

Item Description	Item	OHV Grant Request	Federal	Other	Total
Contracts: studies, planning, design, engineering					
Contracts: construction					
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe, actual costs	Staff time for scoping and planning for sign project. Staff time for coordination, communication and organization of volunteers	<b>\$5,000</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Volunteer or donated labor/in-kind # Hrs. skilled labor @\$23.56/hr. (not required but is important for scoring higher) ( <i>You will have to provide paperwork for this in your reporting to receive score points</i> )	Volunteer hours devoted to planning and scoping for sign placement; driving and maintenance of roads; installation of signs; staffing information booth in Gold Butte NM; and to restoration of areas damaged by OHV use. In total, we expect that 1,432 volunteer hours will be dedicated to this project.			<b>\$33,738</b>	<b>\$33,738</b>
Purchase or rental of equipment - Specify type of equipment – cost- # of days. <i>Attach estimate or quote.</i>	Tools for volunteer road maintenance team and restoration team including: rock bars, digging shovels, McLeod rakes, pruning shears, hard hats, and emergency car kits	<b>\$752</b>			<b>\$752</b>

Purchase of Materials List items & cost of each item or group of items.	42 Directional signs estimated at \$250 each 3 new kiosks, estimated at \$1,500 each Large maps to install in existing kiosks, estimated at \$100 each	<b>\$10,500</b>  <b>\$4500</b>  <b>\$300</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$20,300</b>
Vehicle Gas and Maintenance standard is now at .54 per mile. Estimate miles.	Estimated 600 miles of driving to complete maintenance, sign installation and stewardship projects	<b>\$324</b>			<b>\$324</b>
Other: be specific					
Other: be specific					
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$21,376</b>		<b>\$43,738</b>	<b>\$65,114</b>
<b>Percentages</b>		<b>33%</b>		<b>57%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## **SECTION VI – TRANSMITTAL LETTERS and LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

**Transmittal Letter(s):** transmittal letter(s) must be submitted **and attached to this application**. They must be signed by the appropriate club or agency head, (Chairperson/President of the organization or other authorized official) AND by **the landowner**.

- ☐ **Land Owner:** a letter of support by the landowners (county, city, state, federal, private) stating that they have read and agree (1) to the application (2) that the applicant's interest in the subject land is sufficient in scope and authority to allow the applicant to complete the proposed project and operate and maintain the proposed project after its completion NAC 490.1355 (3) and any match or other tasks in the application that are assigned to them. The State may require the landowner/agency to be co-grantee on the grant agreement/contract.
  - Attached please find a letter from the Bureau of Land Management, Southern Nevada District Office.
- ☐ A commitment to maintain the trail/facility, and allow for motorized access to those facilities for 25 years or the normal life of the project, by the appropriate entity.
  - Attached please find a letter from the Friends of Gold Butte stating our commitment to continue the road monitoring and maintenance efforts.
- ☐ **Letters of Support are limited to three (3).** Please attach them to the application.
  - Attached please find letters of support from Partners In Conservation and the Friends of Nevada Wilderness.

## **SECTION VII – SCORING NARRATIVE**

**Address the following 14 questions in the order listed below.**

- **Be specific and concise** with your answers.
- **Please submit no more than five (5) double-sided pages for your Narrative.**
- **Please type directly into this application.** *If the form doesn't work for you, please cut and paste into another document and answer in the same order as given below. (if not applicable answer N/A)*

<b>1</b>	<b><i>Public Education, Law Enforcement &amp; Outreach:</i></b> <i>Please describe how your project/program will incorporate public education and/or outreach to increase registration and showcase the benefit of OHV communities, including registration events.</i>	There are 350 miles of roads in GBNM, most of which are dirt roads where OHV users recreate. Visitation on the roads in Gold Butte has doubled since it was designated a National Monument in December 2016. The Gold Butte Backcountry Byway is the main scenic loop through the Monument. The current signage along the Byway is inadequate; key intersections lack signage, and some existing signs have been vandalized. Additionally, there are few kiosks and no interpretive information at points of interest. New signs will benefit the OHV community who visit the Monument. The proposed directional signs along the Byway will direct visitors to sites of interest and ensure they are informed of the main roads that stem from the Byway. Support for the road monitoring crews will keep OHV
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		users informed about road conditions through our tabling events and educational outreach program. In addition to distributing maps and information about GBNM, our tabling events at sites of interest in GBNM will provide an opportunity for distribution of information about the OHV registration program.
2	<b>Trail Mapping:</b> Please describe how your project /program will move public lands in Nevada towards having travel plans completed and will result in trail mapping and creation of maps for the public. (With landowner/manager approval).	A travel management plan was approved for the Gold Butte area in 2007. Our road monitoring project will complete an assessment of all 350 miles of designated roads and provide up-to-date information on road conditions for the OHV community. This information will be used on future print and digital road maps for OHV users.
3	<b>Access:</b> Please describe how your project/program ensures protection of access. Explain what access/opportunities would be lost or restricted if the project doesn't occur.	Most of the designated trails in GBNM are not maintained. They are subject to wash outs and vegetation overgrowth. Designated roads could become inaccessible if damage to these roads and trails are not documented and fixed. The volunteer road crew will help keep roads open and accessible by conducting light maintenance on roads as needed and documenting places where larger obstructions occur. Our volunteer stewardship crew can be deployed to fix large obstructions. This project provides the tools and mileage reimbursement for the volunteer crews to conduct maintenance on the roads, keeping them open and accessible.
4	<b>Demand for New Facilities:</b> Please describe the justification (the DEMAND) for NEW facility/program development: restrooms, trails, signs, and other amenities.	Since Monument designation, many visitors have asked for improved directional signage along the Gold Butte Backcountry Byway and for maps of GBNM. The FoGB office has received numerous emails and phone calls from visitors who got lost on the road network in GBNM. The Byway is the most popular driving loop in the Monument, and many other roads stem from the Byway. New signage and monitoring information is needed to address the demand for accurate information and directions.
5	<b>Connectivity:</b> Please describe the increase in connectivity between trails, facilities and other locations that your project/program would provide when completed. Attach maps if necessary. i.e. towns, parks, areas, trails etc.	N/A
6	<b>Environmental Studies:</b> please describe how your environmental studies, project/program is in a highly desired area that will result in maintaining or expanding OHV riding areas.	GBNM offers spectacular recreational opportunities for OHV users. The area has experienced an uptick in visitation since it became a National Monument, a trend that is likely to continue. At the same time, it is necessary to ensure that the natural environment in GBNM does not experience degradation from the increased use. This project will help protect the



		environment by keeping people on designated roads through signage, maintenance, and education.
7	<b>Design for Conservation:</b> please describe how your project/program considers water and habitat conservation. Example: how the trail features are designed to be sustainable while protecting environmentally sensitive areas or important wildlife habitat area.	The entire area of GBNM is an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and hence motorized and mechanized travel is limited to designated roads and trails. The new signage will clearly mark designated roads and trails to ensure that drivers stay on them. The volunteer road monitor and stewardship crews support conservation by documenting and restoring illegal incursions into sensitive natural and cultural areas. The educational outreach program will inform visitors of regulations that OHV users need to follow in GBNM to protect sensitive areas.
8	<b>Existing Facilities:</b> please describe how your project /program assists in the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of <b>Existing</b> Facilities. "Taking care of what is already there to protect the investment".	Existing kiosks will be maintained and sign information kept up to date using materials procured for this project. Similarly, damaged signs will be repaired and maintained.
9	<b>Leveraged Projects:</b> please describe how your project/program leverages private, BLM, USFS, State, local government, or in-kind funding, services or donations (considered as investment in the project. Match is not required but is commended and will receive additional points).	FoGB received \$5,000 from REI, Inc. to purchase 10 directional signs and 1 kiosk for this project. FoGB has recruited 30 volunteers for our road monitoring and maintenance, stewardship, and educational outreach programs. Volunteers have received training for these activities and have started with road monitoring and maintenance activities.
10	<b>Partnering:</b> Please describe coordination that has occurred with stakeholders, partners and the public in which all interests have had an opportunity to be heard related directly to this project/program.	FoGB has partnered with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to create the sign plan and proposal and convene the volunteer corps. The BLM has provided staff support and supplies for NEPA permits, project scoping, and stewardship projects. FoGB has met with local stakeholders to present the sign proposal. Specifically, we have met with the Moapa Band of Paiutes, a local conservation group called Partners in Conservation (PIC), the Friends of Nevada Wilderness, and the Mesquite-based Kokopelli ATV club. Throughout the project, we will continue to inform these and other interested parties of our progress.
11	<b>Youth and Family Engagement:</b> Please describe how your project/program helps to engage youth and families.	This project benefits all visitors of GBNM including families and youth. Better signage and information about the roads in GBNM will encourage more families to venture into the area, help families have a safe trip in GBNM, and reduce the likelihood for getting lost or taking a wrong turn.
12	<b>Economic Integration;</b> Please describe how your project/program develops outdoor recreation opportunities that help local and/or regional economies grow (e.g., economic impact, additional OHV funding sources, improved user or business	Mesquite is the Gateway City to GBNM. As visitation to the new Monument increases, so too will visitation to Mesquite. Having up-to-date, accurate information about roads in GBNM will be a valuable resource to businesses and visitor centers in Mesquite that may

	<i>group participation).</i>	serve as a first stop for visitors. This project will ensure that visitors have a safe experience and will allow Mesquite to confidently market its city as the Gateway to Gold Butte National Monument.
<b>13</b>	<b><i>Underserved populations:</i></b> <i>Please describe how your project/program helps to meet the needs of underserved regions and populations. (e.g., identify people and neighborhoods without access to trails, and establishes outdoor recreation opportunities for them; or creates new recreational opportunities not currently available in the area)</i>	Visiting protected public lands is a great low-cost way for underserved populations to experience the outdoors. This project will provide more information to all who visit GBNM and enhance safety for those who may be new to backcountry travel.
<b>14</b>	<b><i>Maintenance:</i></b> <i>although this OHV grant program requires maintenance of all facilities funded for 25 years or the normal life of the project, we would like you to please describe <b>HOW</b> your project will be maintained and <b>WHO</b> has committed to the ongoing maintenance of the facility or continuation of the service/program. (Please also attach letter as described in Section VI).</i>	We expect that the new signs we install with this program will remain in place for more than 25 years. Road monitoring will be needed, and FoGB is committed to maintaining its volunteer program to ensure that road conditions are updated. FoGB has been actively working in the Gold Butte area for over 15 years. We have a deep commitment to this landscape. We are committed to maintaining our volunteer programs for road monitoring, stewardship, and education outreach for the next 25 years. We will maintain these programs by cultivating dedicated volunteers and continuously recruiting new volunteers. As needed, we will seek grant funding to support our programs for new tools and supplies. BLM provides a supportive role through their volunteer program.
	<i>Additional justification or project history if you feel important and doesn't fit under a criterion listed above.</i>	Gold Butte National Monument is a treasure. It is a rugged, desert environment where people can enjoy the outdoors. We want to ensure that people are prepared for their visit and travel safely in the Monument. This project will maintain access in the designated road systems and ensure protection of the natural and cultural resources in GBNM. Our project promotes responsible enjoyment of the Monument.

# Attachments for Fall 2017 Application to the Nevada OHV Commission

## Friends of Gold Butte

### Section 2: Location, Maps, Photos

- Maps for signs proposed for Gold Butte National Monument (17 pages)
- Site photos and description for signs proposed for Gold Butte National Monument (80 pages)

### Section 3: Federal Environmental Compliance

- Categorical Exclusion Documentation, Gold Butte National Monument Kiosks and Directional Signs, DOI-BLM-NV-SOIO-2017-0120-CX (11 pages)

### Section 4: Budget

- Cost estimates for directional signs, kiosks, and tools (8 pages)

### Section 6: Transmittal Letters and Letters of Support

- Landowner letter (1 page)
- Commitment to maintain project and access for next 25 years (1 page)
- Letters of support from Partners In Conservation (PIC) and Friends of Nevada Wilderness (2 pages)

## Section 2 Attachments

### Maps for Signs Proposed for Gold Butte National Monument

Presented in this appendix are maps of the project area, including a locator map showing the project area in Nevada (Figure 1), a map showing the 20 Townships and Ranges covering the project area (Figure 2), an overview map of proposed sign locations (Figure 3), site-specific maps for each project area (Figures 4-15), and a table of location coordinates (Table 1).

In keeping with the wild and wooly nature of Gold Butte (GB), signs off the main roads should be small and as unobtrusive as possible. As such, many of the signs proposed here could be set on a single post with a small sign board and small lettering. Drivers should be traveling slowly and can stop to ponder directional signs. Furthermore, many intersections will remain marked only with a carsonite sign.



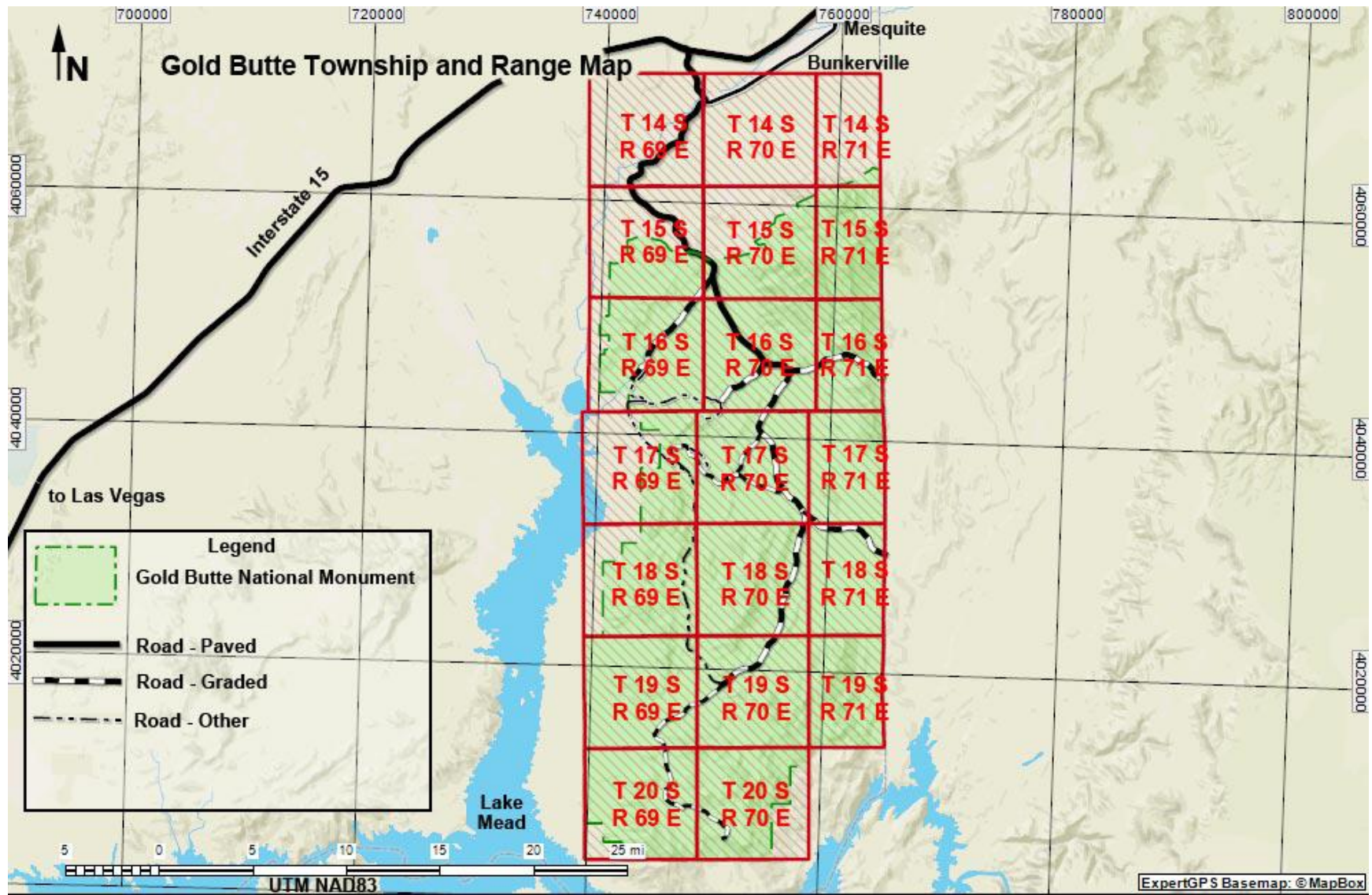
Example of a small, less intrusive sign on Fisherman's Cove Road at Gold Butte Road. This style could be used on side roads throughout Gold Butte National Monument.





Note: Map based on shaded relief map of Nevada and parts of the surrounding states (state lines red).

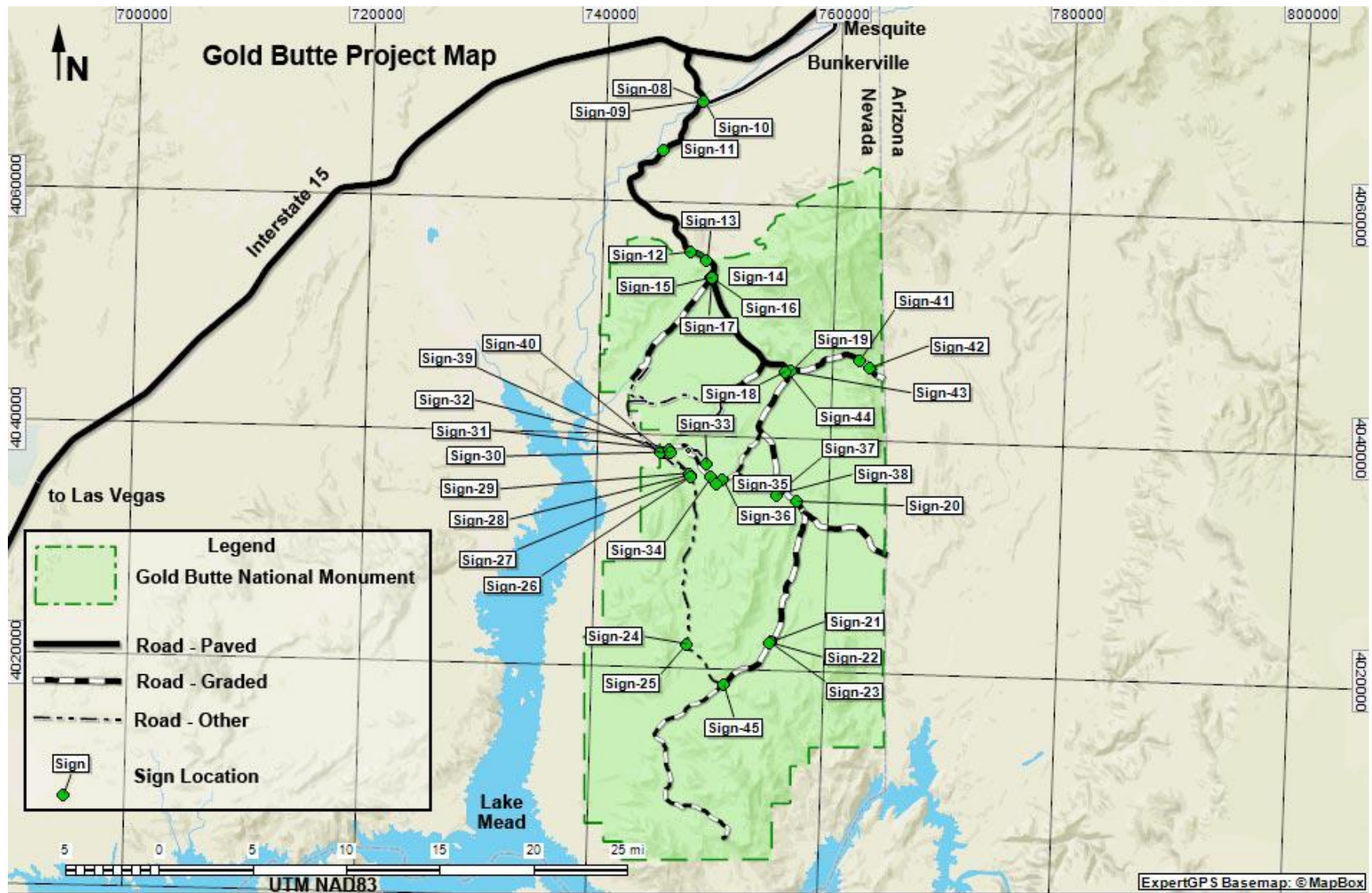
Figure 1. Project area (Gold Butte National Monument) locator map



Note: Map based on shaded relief map of the Gold Butte region in northeastern Clark County, Nevada and part of Arizona.

Figure 2. Townships and Ranges covering the project area

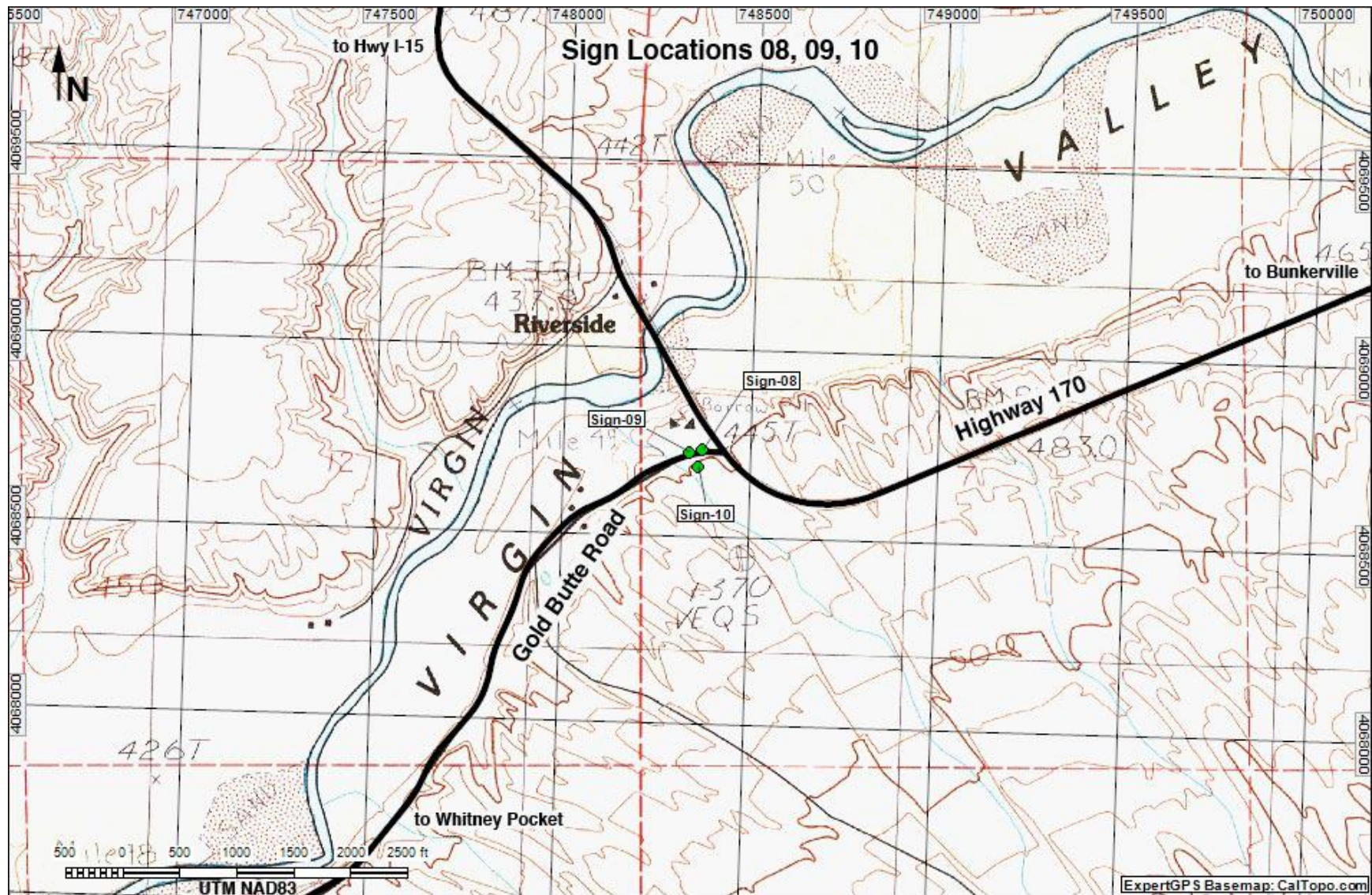




Note: Map based on shaded relief map of the Gold Butte region in northeastern Clark County, Nevada, and parts of Arizona.

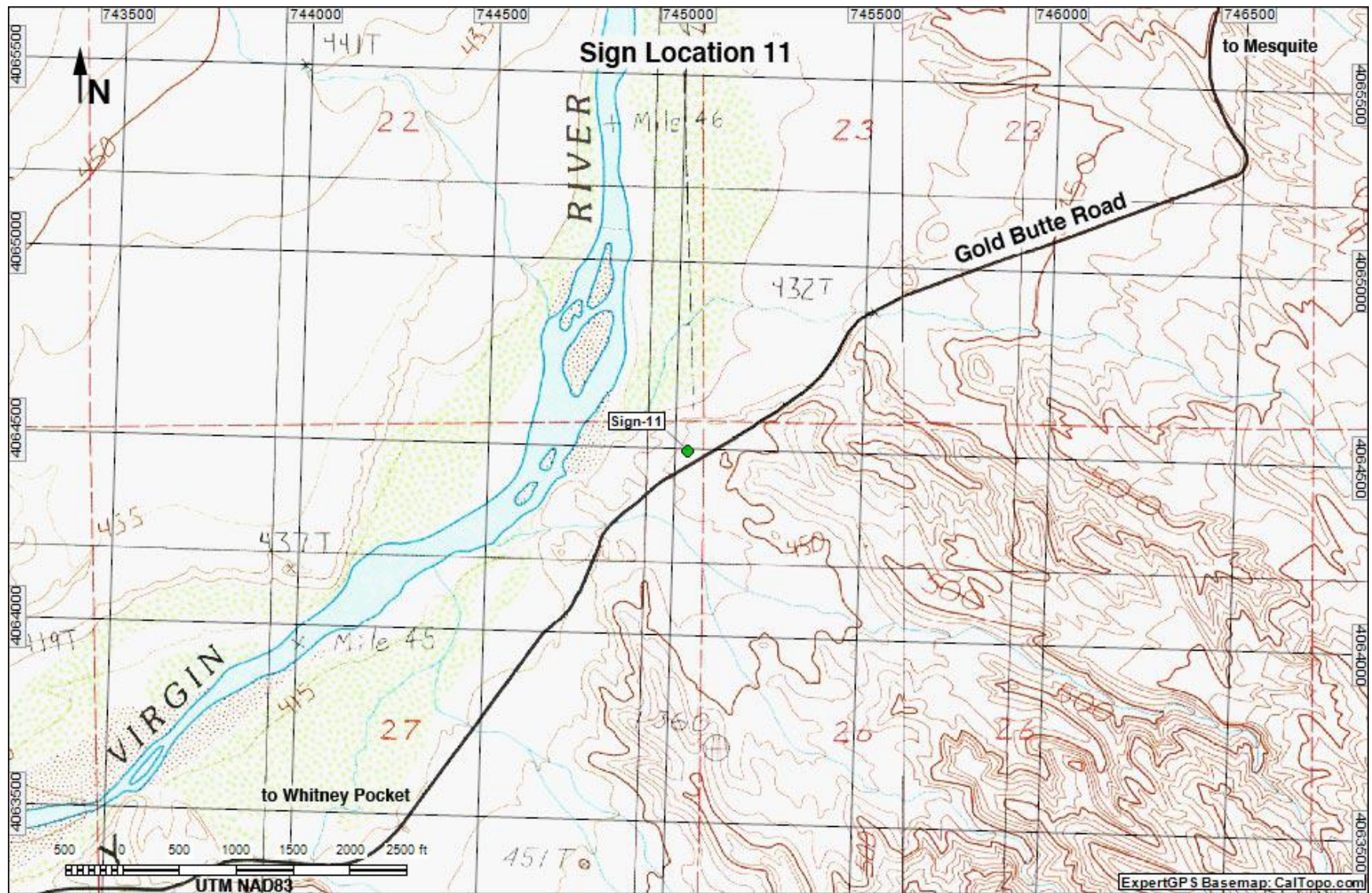
Figure 3. Overview map of proposed sign locations





Note: Map based on USGS topo map; annotations provide context. Proposed sign locations marked with numbered green dots.  
 Figure 4. Proposed signs near the intersection of Gold Butte Road and Highway 170

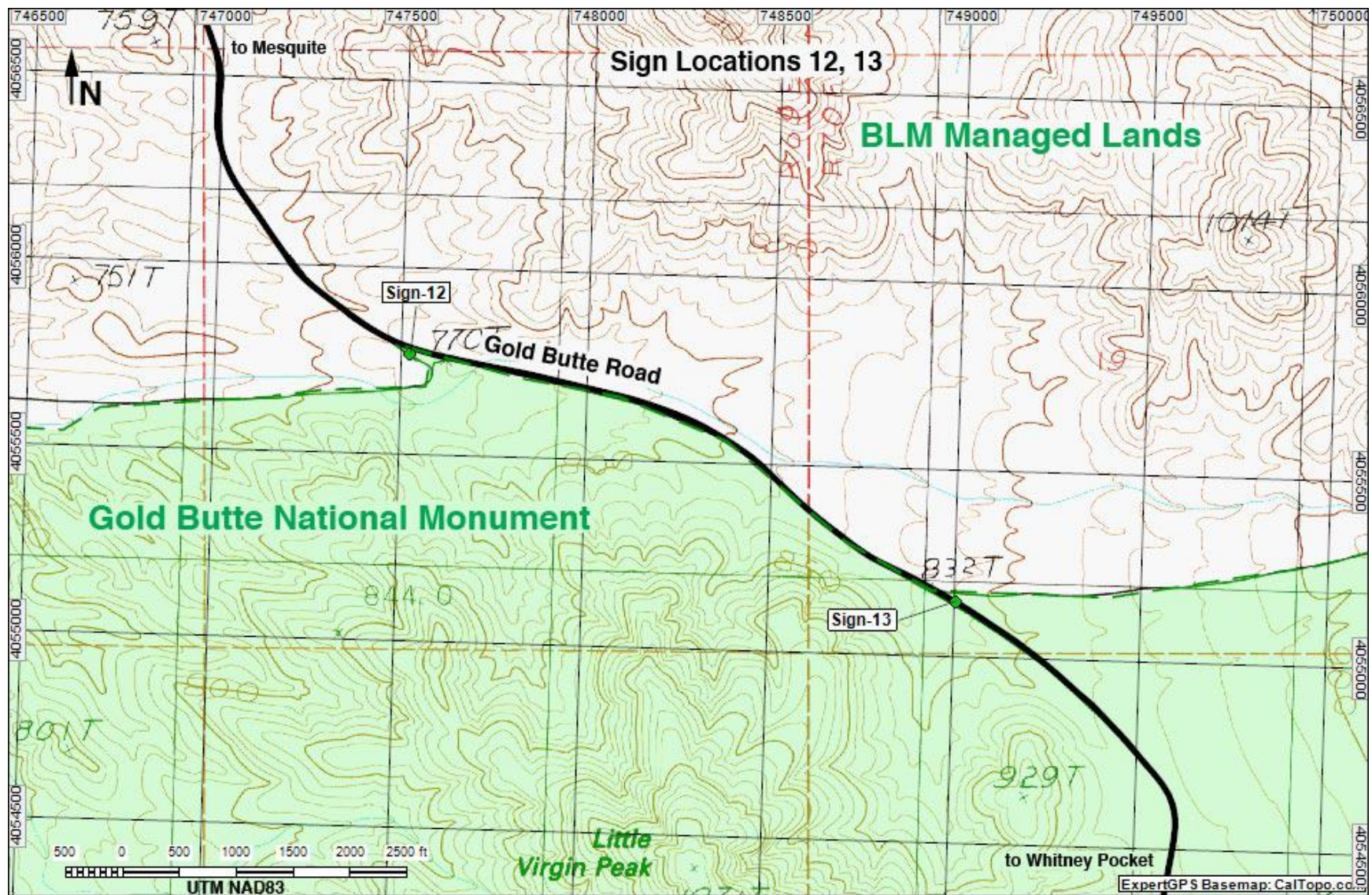




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Figure 5. Proposed sign along Gold Butte Road overlooking the Virgin River

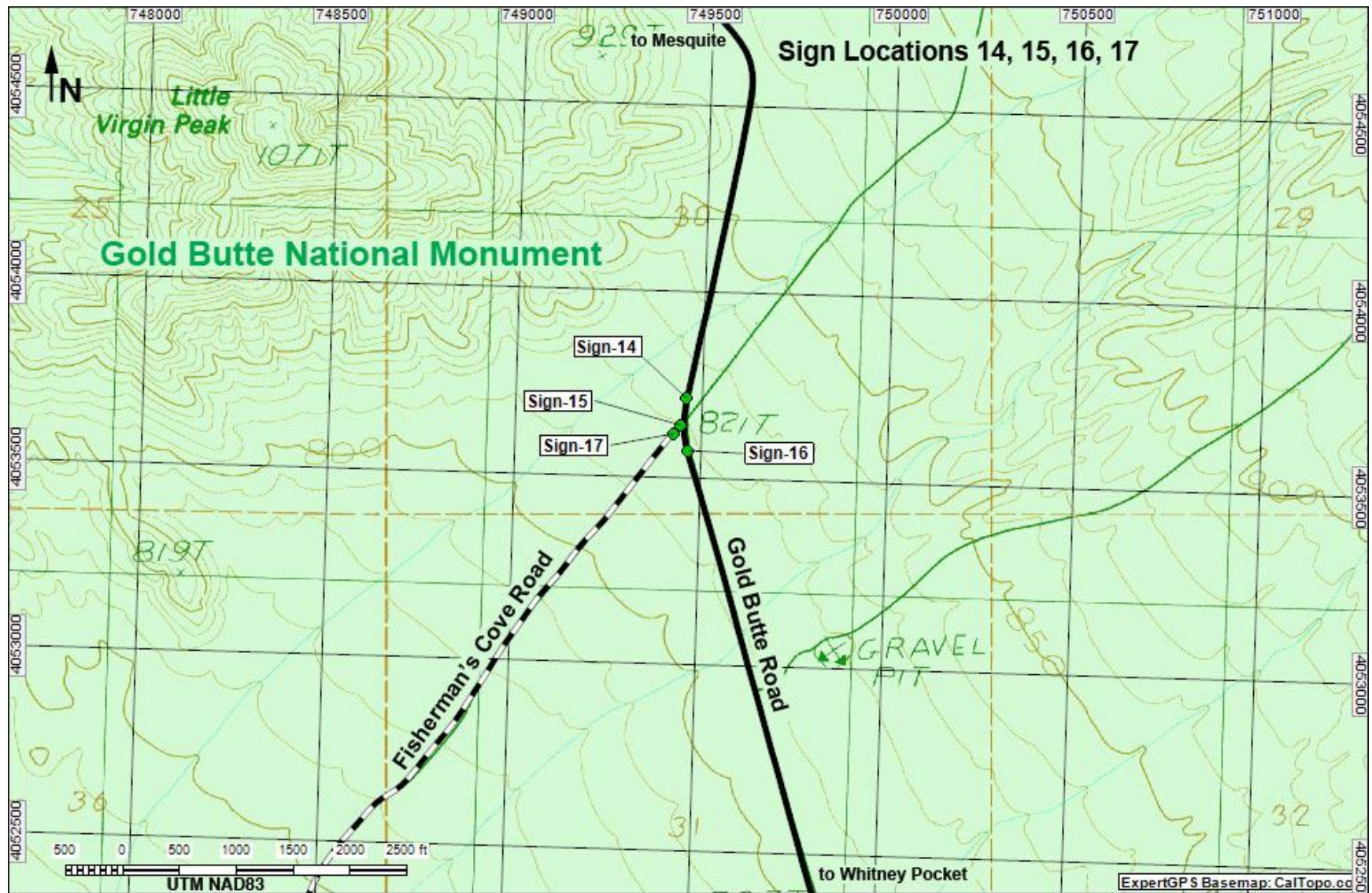




Note: Map based on USGS topo map; annotations provide context. Proposed sign locations marked with numbered green dots.

Figure 6. Proposed signs along Gold Butte Road at the boundary of Gold Butte National Monument

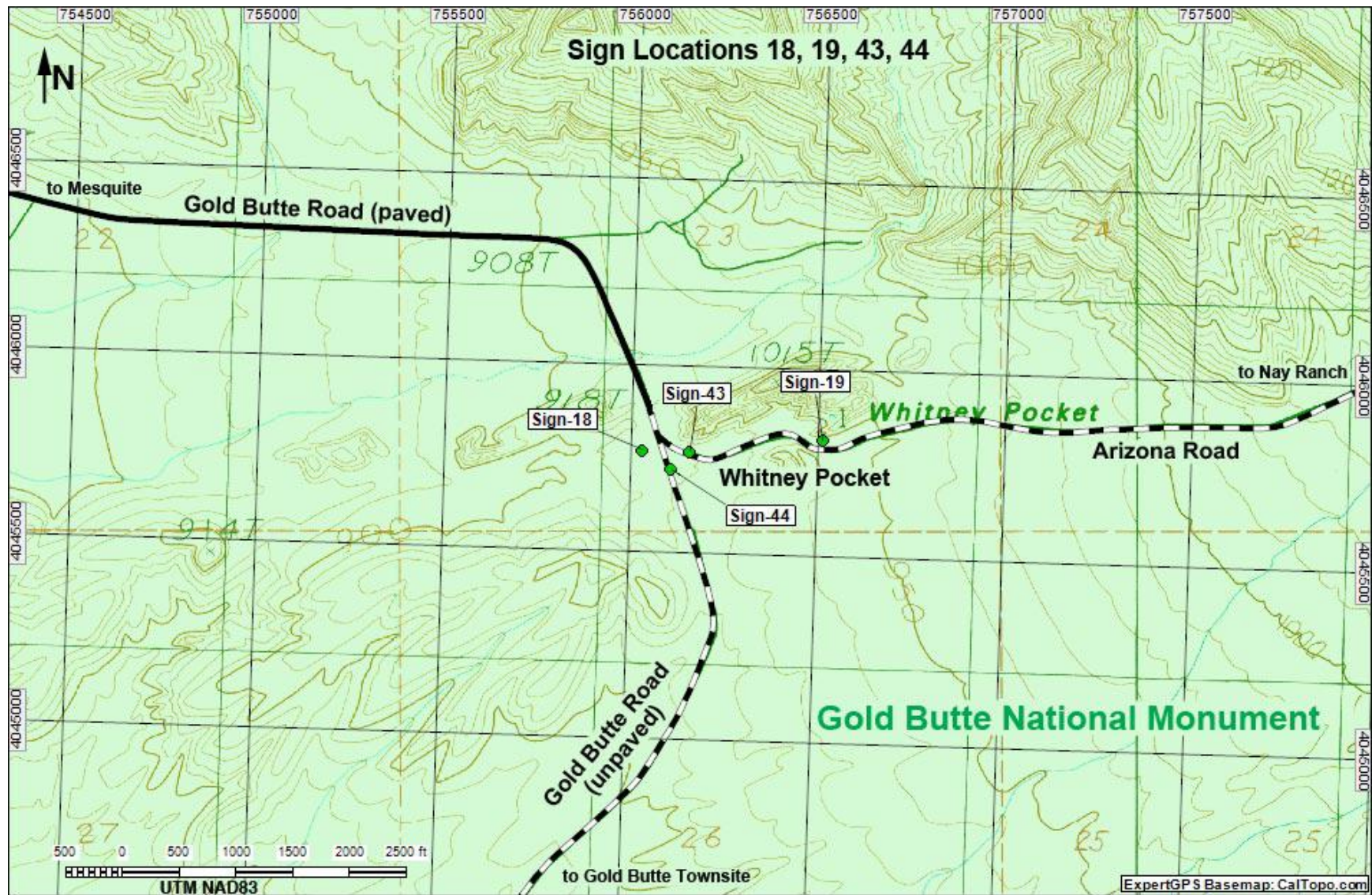




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Figure 7. Proposed signs along Gold Butte Road at the intersection with Fisherman's Cove Road

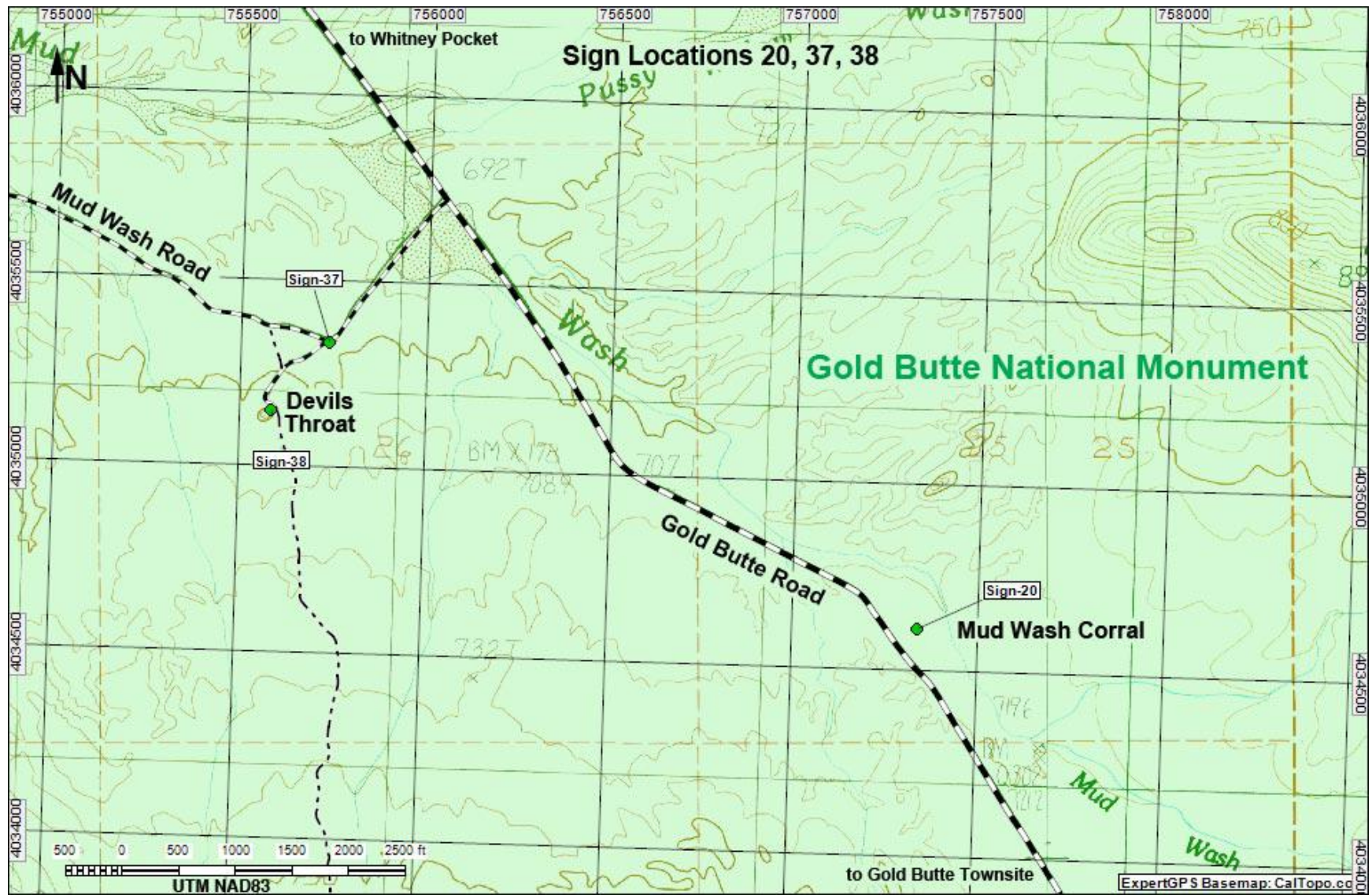




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Figure 8. Proposed signs along Gold Butte Road at Whitney Pocket

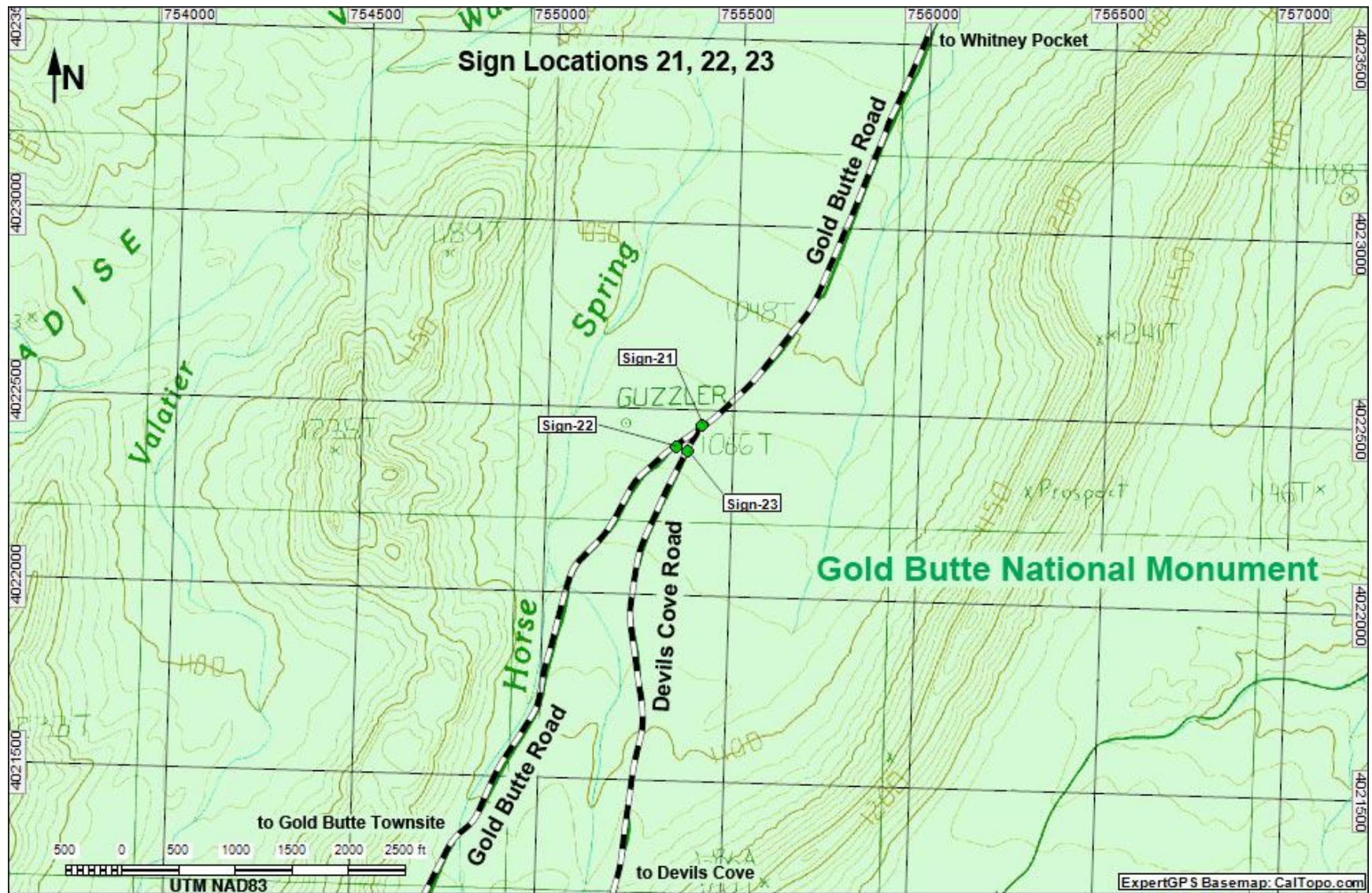




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Figure 9. Proposed signs along Gold Butte Road near Devils Throat





Note: Map based on USGS topo map; annotations provide context. Proposed sign locations marked with numbered green dots.

Figure 10. Proposed signs along Gold Butte Road at Devils Cove Road





Note: Map based on USGS topo map; annotations provide context. Proposed sign locations marked with numbered green dots.

Figure 11. Proposed signs along Red Bluff Spring Road at Lime Canyon Road

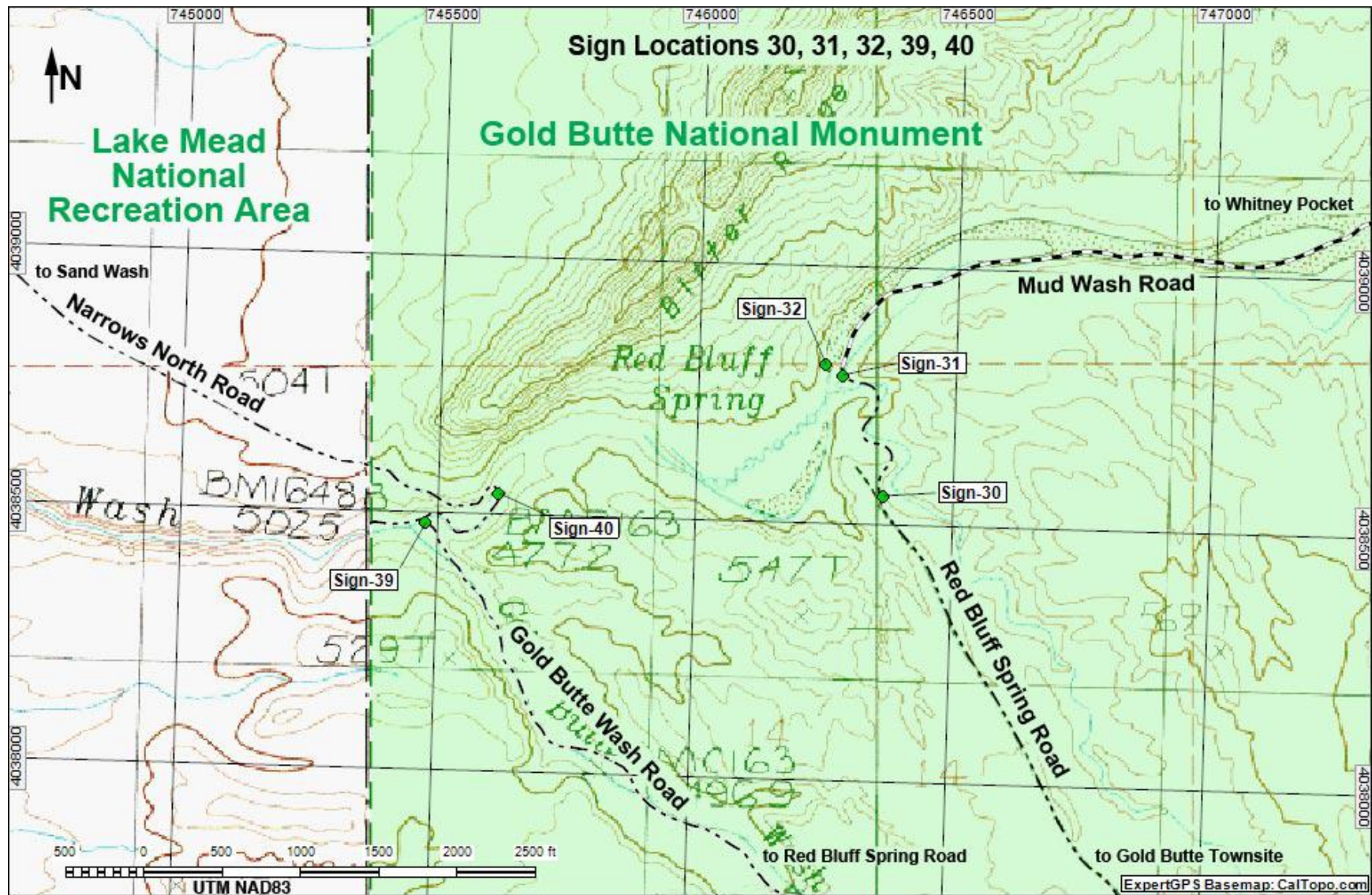




Note: Map based on USGS topo map; annotations provide context. Proposed sign locations marked with numbered green dots.

Figure 12. Proposed signs along northern Red Bluff Spring Road and Mud Wash Road





Note: Map based on USGS topo map; annotations provide context. Proposed sign locations marked with numbered green dots.

Figure 13. Proposed signs along northern Red Bluff Spring Road and Mud Wash Road

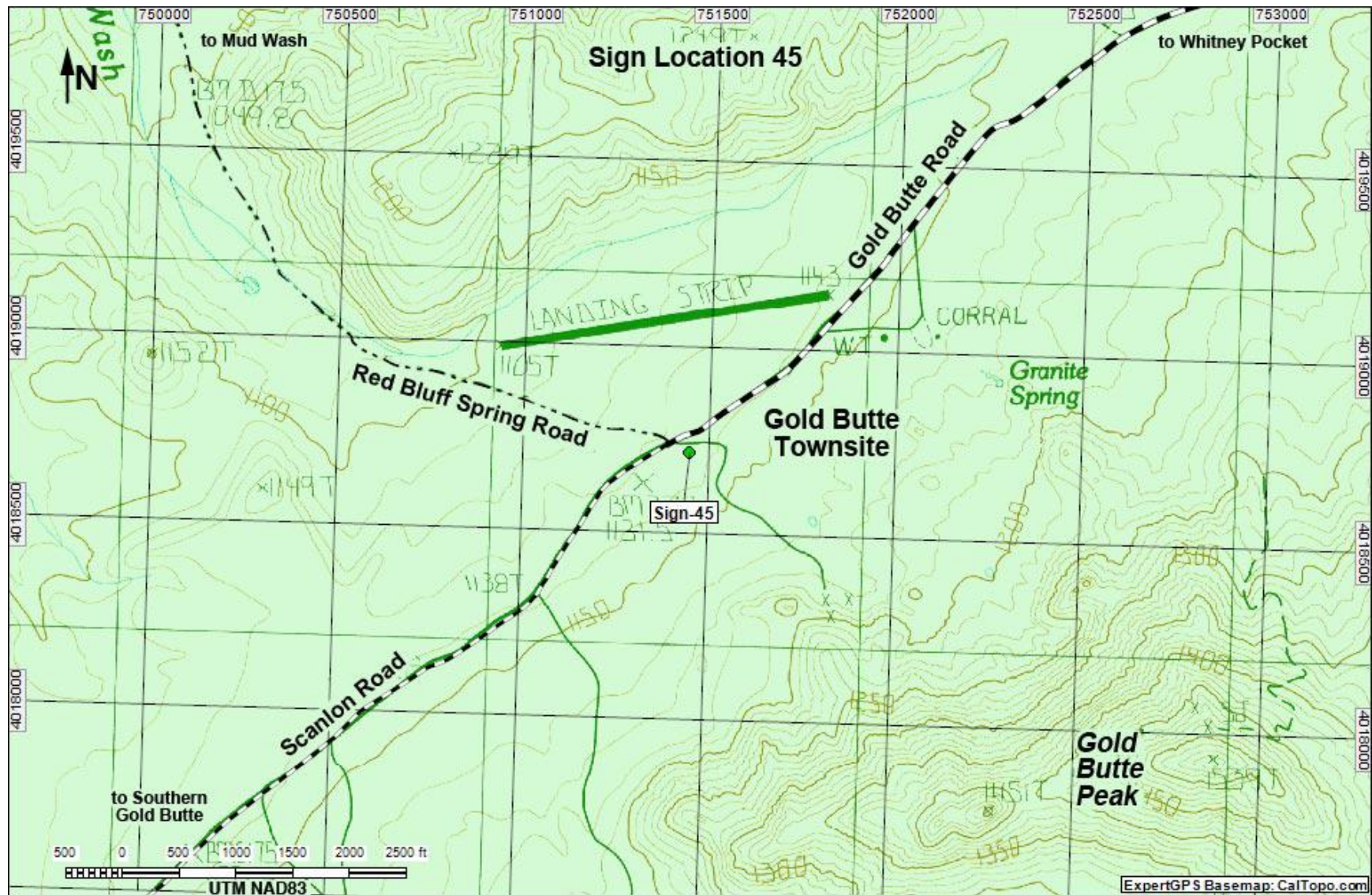




Note: Map based on USGS topo map; annotations provide context. Proposed sign locations marked with numbered green dots.

Figure 14. Proposed signs along eastern Arizona Road





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Figure 15. Proposed sign along Gold Butte Road at Gold Butte Townsite

Table 1. Sign locations (NAD83, UTM Zone 11S)

Label	Description	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude	Elev
Sign-08	GB Rd at Hwy 170, westbound	748373	4068733	36.7318481	-114.2185890	1,470
Sign-09	GB Rd just W of Hwy 170	748338	4068725	36.7317855	-114.2189886	1,470
Sign-10	Entrance Kiosk	748362	4068689	36.7314531	-114.2187330	1,470
Sign-11	GB Rd at Virgin River Overlook	745035	4064495	36.6945530	-114.2572875	1,447
Sign-12	GB Rd at Monument Boundary, West	747524	4055770	36.6153444	-114.2322733	2,513
Sign-13	GB boundary sign, East	749006	4055149	36.6093687	-114.2159204	2,746
Sign-14	GB Rd southbound at Fisherman's Cove Road	749457	4053714	36.5963318	-114.2113579	2,700
Sign-15	GB Rd at Fisherman's Cove Road sign board	749444	4053641	36.5956729	-114.2115204	2,687
Sign-16	GB Rd northbound at Fisherman's Cove Road	749466	4053573	36.5950590	-114.2112940	2,690
Sign-17	Fisherman's Cove Rd at GB Rd	749426	4053618	36.5954682	-114.2117330	2,684
Sign-18	Whitney Pocket Kiosk	756031	4045773	36.5230824	-114.1405836	3,009
Sign-19	CCC Dam	756512	4045811	36.5232952	-114.1352002	3,123
Sign-20	Mud Hills Corral	757339	4034612	36.4222461	-114.1297002	2,372
Sign-21	GB Rd southbound approaching Devils Cove Rd	755418	4022461	36.3133480	-114.1550960	3,504
Sign-22	GB Rd northbound approaching Devils Cove Rd	755350	4022401	36.3128240	-114.1558740	3,514
Sign-23	Devils Cove Rd at GB Rd	755380	4022390	36.3127160	-114.1555410	3,517
Sign-24	Lime Canyon Wilderness Area sign	748159	4022085	36.3118576	-114.2359817	3,087
Sign-25	Lime Canyon Rd at Red Bluff Spring Rd	748175	4022089	36.3118839	-114.2357963	3,087
Sign-26	Red Bluff Spring Rd at Gold Butte Wash Rd	748102	4036472	36.4414277	-114.2320193	1,884
Sign-27	Gold Butte Wash Rd	748091	4036469	36.4414006	-114.2321427	1,913
Sign-28	Red Bluff Spring Rd at South Babes Butte Rd	748074	4036624	36.4428002	-114.2322907	1,908
Sign-29	Red Bluff Spring Rd at North Babes Butte Rd	747986	4036773	36.4441662	-114.2332189	1,931
Sign-30	Red Bluff Spring drops into Mud Wash	746365	4038556	36.4606413	-114.2507153	1,686
Sign-31	Red Bluff Spring Rd at Mud Wash Rd	746280	4038789	36.4627589	-114.2515993	1,641
Sign-32	Mud Wash at Red Bluff Spring fence (east)	746246	4038809	36.4629417	-114.2519671	1,663
Sign-33	Little Finland	749453	4037638	36.4515751	-114.2165915	1,831
Sign-34	Mud Wash Corral	749923	4036562	36.4417628	-114.2117020	1,926
Sign-35	Babes Butte Rd at Mud Wash Rd	750318	4035953	36.4361702	-114.2075004	1,982
Sign-36	Mud Wash Petroglyphs	750915	4036275	36.4389170	-114.2007385	2,054
Sign-37	Mud Wash Rd at Devils Throat Rd	755737	4035336	36.4291868	-114.1473127	2,303
Sign-38	Devil's Throat	755585	4035149	36.4275495	-114.1490696	2,306
Sign-39	Gold Butte Wash Rd at Mud Wash	745477	4038479	36.4601760	-114.2606440	1,556
Sign-40	Narrows North Rd at Mud Wash	745618	4038540	36.4606860	-114.2590575	1,577
Sign-41	Whitney Pass	762327	4046891	36.5314463	-114.0699701	4,868
Sign-42	Arizona Rd at Arizona 101 Rd	763302	4046310	36.5259510	-114.0592960	4,475
Sign-43	Arizona Rd at Gold Butte Rd	756158	4045771	36.5230345	-114.1391713	3,051
Sign-44	GB Rd (northbound) at Arizona Rd	756110	4045722	36.5226017	-114.1397215	3,031
Sign-45	Gold Butte Townsite (destination)	751449	4018718	36.2806834	-114.2004574	3,743

## **Section 2 Attachments**

### **Site photos and description for signs proposed for Gold Butte National Monument**

#### **General Comments**

##### Directional signs and Mental Maps

Directional signs are needed to help visitors safely experience Gold Butte National Monument. In part, directional signs direct visitors to specific locations, and in part directional signs help visitors develop and retain a mental map of the area. Mental maps help visitors remain orientated when looking at maps and signs, and it helps them more safely find their way when exploring areas not on their maps. As such, directional and other signs can help visitors form a mental map that starts in Mesquite, runs south to Whitney Pocket, and continues farther south to Gold Butte Townsite. Then, from wherever they are, signs can help visitors stay orientated on this simple, three-point mental map.

For southbound general orientation, directional signs along the paved portion of Gold Butte Road should include Whitney Pocket, the most popular destination on the paved road. Along the unpaved portion of Gold Butte Road, signs should include Gold Butte Townsite, the southernmost of the major destinations.

For northbound general orientation, directional signs along the unpaved portion of Gold Butte Road should include Whitney Pocket. Along the paved portion of Gold Butte Road, signs should include Mesquite.

##### Directional Signs and Other Issues

To protect the wild nature of Gold Butte, the number of large directional signs should be minimized. Carsonite signs can be used where large directional signs are not necessary.

Whitney Pocket is singular, not plural or possessive (not Whitney Pockets).

Little Finland is a major destination, perhaps the major destination in the monument, and as such, it should be included on directional signs where appropriate.

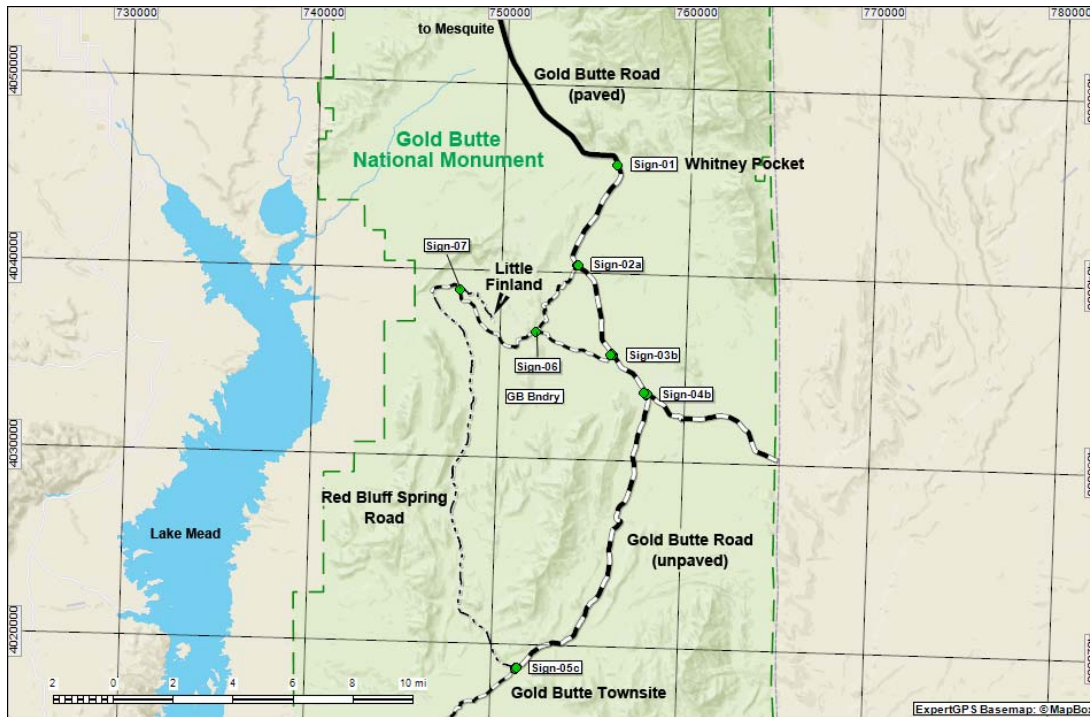
Along the Gold Butte Back Country Byway, small rectangular byway logo signs should be added to existing sign posts where they are missing. This puts these signs at all major intersections.

A continuing point of confusion for travelers in the monument is the difference between the various Gold Buttes: the region, the monument, the mining district, the townsite. For example, if one sign says I'm in Gold Butte, why does another say that



it is 19 miles to Gold Butte? To help reduce confusion, "townsite" should be added to signs directing visitors towards Gold Butte Townsite.

All new signs should follow the standard BLM trapezoid format. In this proposal, only Sign-01 at Whitney Pocket is drawn to show the trapezoid format. The author simply did not take the time to Photoshop photos of all rectangular signs to look trapezoidal.



Middle section of Gold Butte showing location of signs discussed in this proposal

Table 1. Sign Locations in UTM and Latitude-Longitude Coordinate Formats

Label	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
Sign-01	756045	4045866	36.5239193	-114.1403959	2,952
Sign-02a	754048	4040439	36.4755892	-114.1644566	2,520
Sign-02b	754108	4040393	36.4751613	-114.1638048	2,516
Sign-02c	754048	4040402	36.4752572	-114.1644680	2,510
Sign-03a	756017	4035751	36.4328512	-114.1440609	2,421
Sign-03b	756103	4035656	36.4319778	-114.1431289	2,425
Sign-03c	756011	4035692	36.4323221	-114.1441439	2,418
Sign-04a	757864	4033722	36.4140863	-114.1241536	2,428
Sign-04b	757960	4033583	36.4128082	-114.1231252	2,438
Sign-04c	758020	4033615	36.4130795	-114.1224434	2,431
Sign-05a	751425	4018763	36.2810970	-114.2007108	3,727
Sign-05b	751368	4018718	36.2807046	-114.2013585	3,655
Sign-05c	751359	4018757	36.2810607	-114.2014446	3,636
Sign-06	751970	4036775	36.4431444	-114.1888156	2,013
Sign-07	747815	4038958	36.4638863	-114.2344298	1,731

Map Datum NAD83, UTM Zone 11S

## Sign-01. Gold Butte Road at Whitney Pocket

**Location:** Southbound right side of Gold Butte Road shortly after the pavement ends.

**Description:** Update existing sign using existing sign posts.

### Changes to Sign-01:

1. Add "Whitney Pocket" with accent bar to separate this text (a destination) from the directional text. Nowhere else is there a destination sign for Whitney Pocket despite the fact that it is a major destination in the monument.
2. Add "townsite" and correct mileage to Gold Butte Townsite
3. Add "Little Finland" and mileage
4. Add byway logo sign

### Sign Needs:

Guide sign - roadway - destination

Guide sign - roadway - directional

Back Country Byway marker



Sign Location (NAD83, UTM zone 11S)

Label	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
Sign-01	756045	4045866	36.5239193	-114.1403959	2,952





Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up





Proposed Sign on the landscape



Proposed Sign -- close-up

## Sign-02. Gold Butte Road at Mud Wash North Road

**Location:** Intersection of Gold Butte Road and Mud Wash North Road.

**Description:** Update existing signs using existing sign posts.

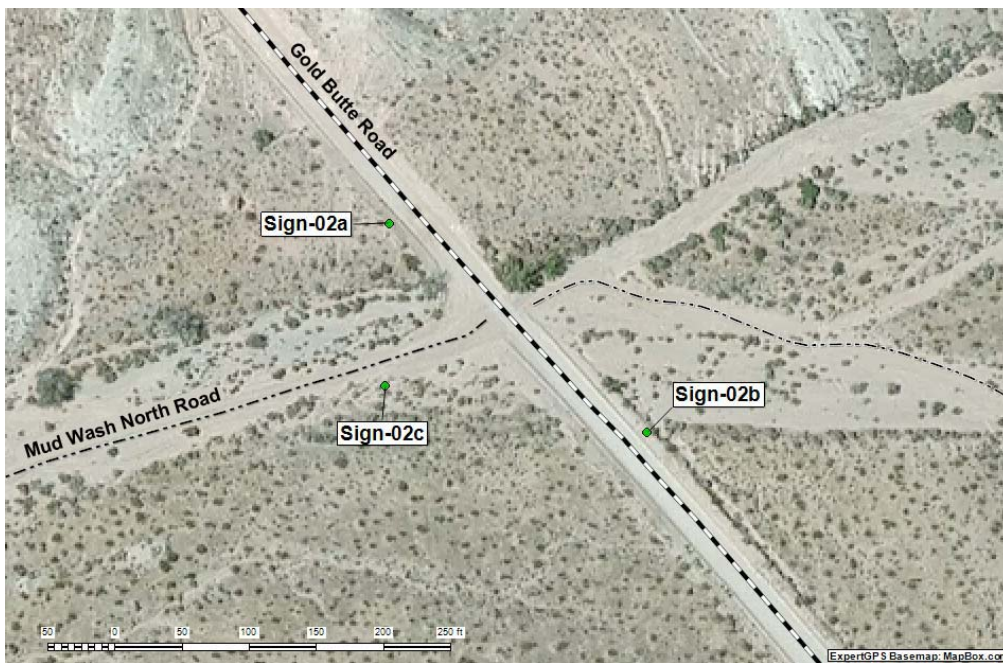
Three signs provide direction and distance at this intersection (southbound [Sign-02a] and northbound [Sign-02b] Gold Butte Road; eastbound Mud Wash North Road [Sign-02c]).

In general, add direction and distance to Little Finland, correct distances, change text to "Gold Butte Townsite." Add byway logo sign to existing sign post. See details for each sign below.

If these three are prioritized, the only critical change to enhance visitor safety and enjoyment is the southbound sign (directions to Little Finland). The other two signs have incorrect distances and the text could be updated, but the errors are minor and not critical.

**Sign Needs:** Guide sign - roadway - directional; Back Country Byway marker

**Titles in KMZ file:** Sign-02a, Sign-02b, Sign-02c



Sign Locations (NAD83, UTM zone 11S)

Label	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
Sign-02a	754048	4040439	36.4755892	-114.1644566	2,520
Sign-02b	754108	4040393	36.4751613	-114.1638048	2,516
Sign-02c	754048	4040402	36.4752572	-114.1644680	2,510



**Sign-02a. Southbound Gold Butte Road at Mud Wash North Road**



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up



Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-02a:**

1. Add "townsite"
2. Correct mileage to Gold Butte Townsite
3. Add "Little Finland" and distance
4. Add byway logo sign



**Sign-02b. Northbound Gold Butte Road at Mud Wash North Road**



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up





Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-02b:**

1. Remove "s" from Pockets
2. Correct mileage to Whitney Pocket
3. Add "Little Finland" and distance
4. Add byway logo sign

**Sign-02c. Eastbound Mud Wash North Road at Gold Butte Road**



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up





Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-02c:**

1. Remove "s" from Pockets
2. Correct mileage to Mesquite (consider removing Mesquite because it is past WP)
3. Add "Townsite" to Gold Butte Townsite



### Sign-03. Gold Butte Road at Mud Wash Road

**Location:** Intersection of Gold Butte Road and Mud Wash Road.

**Description:** Update existing sign using existing sign posts.

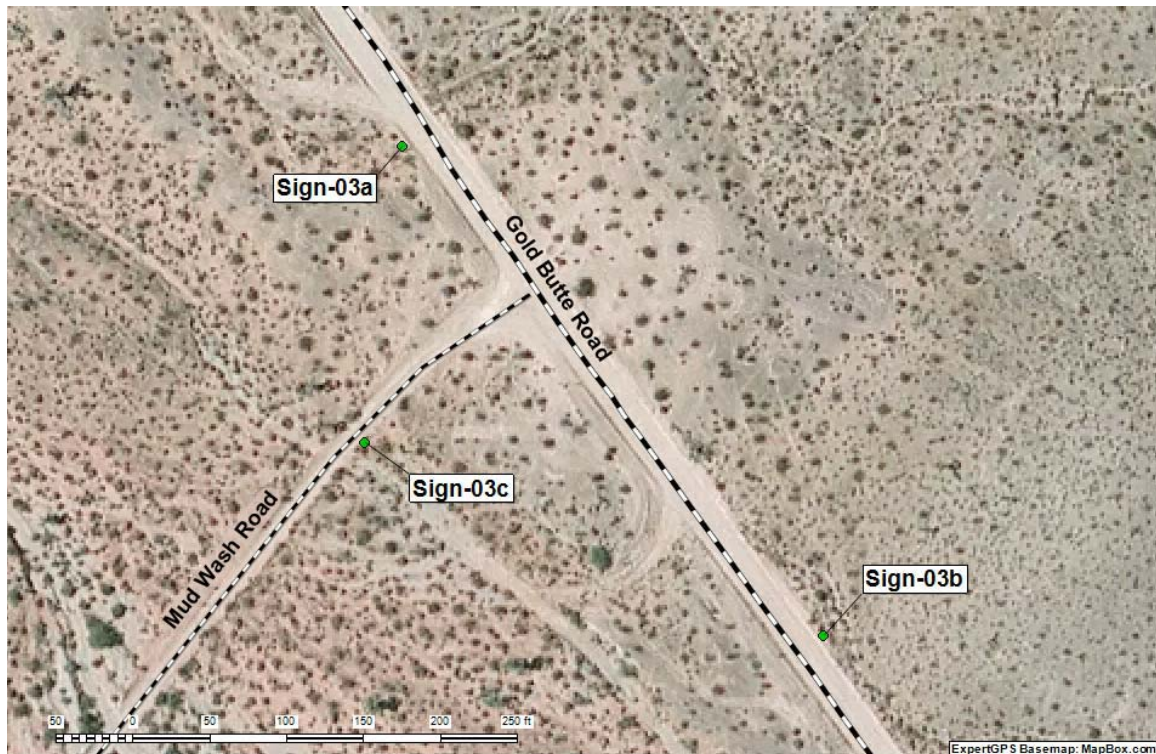
Three signs provide direction and distance at this intersection (southbound [Sign-03a] and northbound [Sign-03b] Gold Butte Road; eastbound Mud Wash Road [Sign-03c]).

In general, add direction and distance to Little Finland, correct distances, change text to "Gold Butte Townsite." Add byway logo sign. See details for each sign below.

If these signs are prioritized, the only critical change to enhance visitor safety and enjoyment is the southbound sign (directions to Little Finland). The other two signs have incorrect distances and the text could be updated, but the errors are not critical.

**Sign Needs:** Guide sign - roadway - directional; Back Country Byway marker

**Title on KMZ file:** Sign-03a, Sign-03b, Sign-03c



Sign Locations (NAD83, UTM zone 11S)

Label	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
Sign-03a	756017	4035751	36.4328512	-114.1440609	2,421
Sign-03b	756103	4035656	36.4319778	-114.1431289	2,425

Sign-03c	756011	4035692	36.4323221	-114.1441439	2,418
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**Sign-03a. Southbound Gold Butte Road at Mud Wash Road**



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up





Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-03a:**

1. Add "Townsite"
2. Correct spelling to "Devil's" and correct mileage
2. Add "Little Finland" and distance
3. Add byway logo sign and directional arrows

**Sign-03b. Northbound Gold Butte Road at Mud Wash Road**



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up





Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-03b:**

1. Correct spelling to "Devil's" and correct mileage
2. Add "Little Finland" and distance
3. Change Mesquite to Whitney Pocket and distance
4. Add byway logo sign and directional arrows

**Sign-03c. Eastbound Mud Wash Road at Gold Butte Road**



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up





Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-03b:**

1. Remove "s" from Pockets and correct distance
2. Correct distance to Mesquite (consider removing Mesquite because it is past WP)
3. Add "Townsite" to Gold Butte Townsite
4. Add byway logo sign and directional arrow
5. Could remove "Mesquite 37" and make the sign smaller

## Sign-04. Gold Butte Road at St. Thomas Gap Road

**Location:** Intersection of Gold Butte Road and St. Thomas Gap Road.

**Description:** Replace missing sign and one sign post.

Three signs provide direction and distance at this intersection (southbound [Sign-04a] and northbound [Sign-04b] Gold Butte Road; westbound St. Thomas Gap Road [Sign-04c]).

In general, replace the missing southbound sign, correct distances, change text to "Gold Butte Townsite." Add byway logo sign to existing sign post. See details for each sign below.

If these three are prioritized, the only critical change to enhance visitor safety and enjoyment is the southbound sign, which is missing. The other two signs have incorrect distances and the text could be updated, but the errors are minor and not critical.

**Sign Needs:** Guide sign - roadway - directional; Back Country Byway marker

**Title on KMZ file:** Sign-04a, Sign-04b, Sign-04c



Sign Locations (NAD83, UTM zone 11S)

Label	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
Sign-04a	757864	4033722	36.4140863	-114.1241536	2,428
Sign-04b	757960	4033583	36.4128082	-114.1231252	2,438
Sign-04c	758020	4033615	36.4130795	-114.1224434	2,431





### Sign-04a. Southbound Gold Butte Road at St. Thomas Gap Road



Existing sign on the landscape (only one post remains)



Original Sign -- close-up (2013)





Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-04a:**

1. Replace one sign post and sign
2. Add "Townsite" to Gold Butte Townsite
3. Correct distance to Arizona state line
4. Add byway logo sign

## Sign-04b. Northbound Gold Butte Road at St. Thomas Gap Road



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up





Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-04b:**

1. Correct distance to Devil's Throat
2. Correct distance to Whitney Pocket
3. Correct distance to Arizona state line
4. Add byway logo sign and directional arrow

**Sign-04c. Westbound St. Thomas Gap Road at Gold Butte Road**



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up





Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-04c:**

1. Add "townsite"
2. Change Mesquite to Whitney Pocket and distance
3. Could add Byway sign with arrows pointing both ways

## Sign-05. Gold Butte Road at Gold Butte Townsite

**Location:** Gold Butte Road at Gold Butte Townsite.

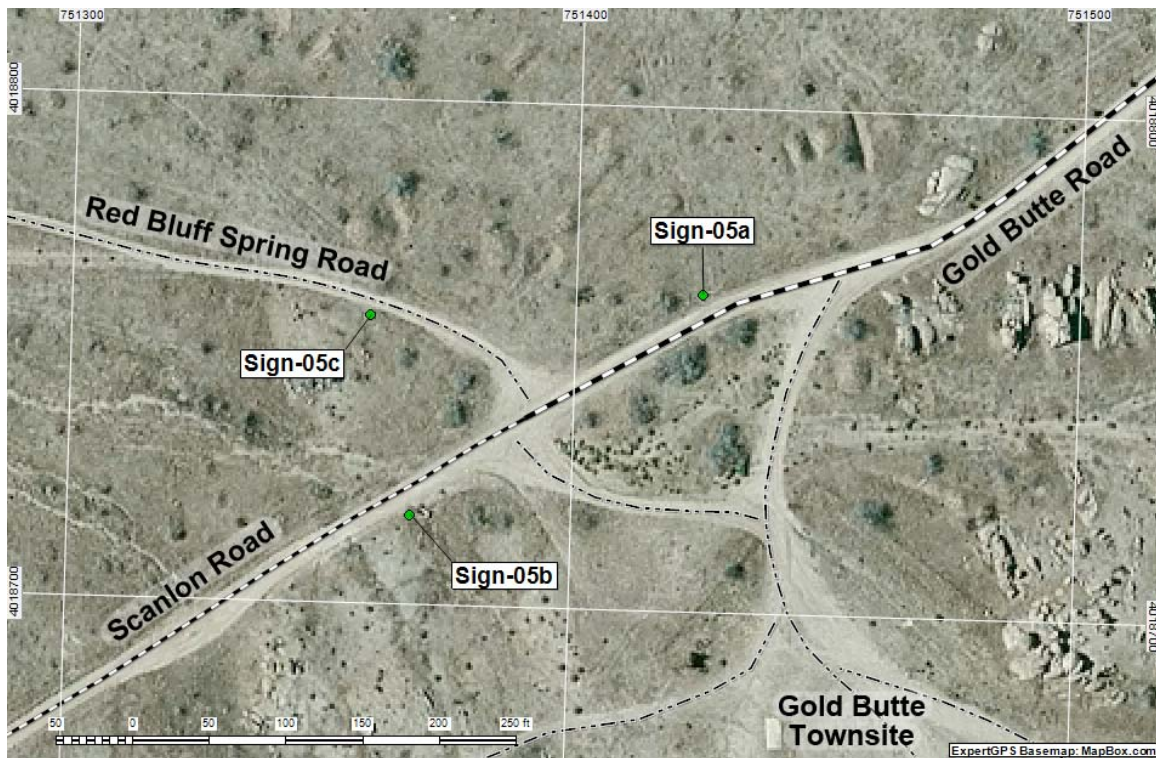
**Description:** Update existing signs using existing sign posts.

Three signs provide direction and distance at this intersection: southbound Gold Butte Road [Sign-05a], northbound Scanlon Road [Sign-05b], and southbound Red Bluff Spring Road [Sign-05c].

In general, add direction and distance to Whitney Pocket, correct distances, change text to "Gold Butte Townsite." Add byway logo sign to existing sign post. The road north no longer goes to Red Bluff Spring, so change it to "Mud Wash." See details for each sign below.

**Sign Needs:** Guide sign - roadway - directional; Back Country Byway marker

**Title on KMZ file:** Sign-05



Sign Locations (NAD83, UTM zone 11S)

Label	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
Sign-05a	751425	4018763	36.2810970	-114.2007108	3,727
Sign-05b	751368	4018718	36.2807046	-114.2013585	3,655
Sign-05c	751359	4018757	36.2810607	-114.2014446	3,636



### Sign-05a. Southbound Gold Butte Road at Gold Butte Townsite



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up



Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-05a:**

1. Use upper and lower case lettering
2. Add "townsite" to Gold Butte Townsite
3. Correct distance to Lake Mead
4. Add "Mud Wash" and distance
5. Add byway logo sign and directional arrow



**Sign-05b. Northbound Scanlon Road at Gold Butte Townsite**



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up



Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-05b:**

1. Remove "s" from Pockets; add distance
2. Change "Mesquite" to "Gold Butte Townsite"
2. Change "Red Bluff Spring" to "Mud Wash"
3. Add byway logo sign and directional arrows



**Sign-05c. Southeast-bound Red Bluff Spring Road at Gold Butte Townsite**



Existing sign on the landscape



Existing Sign -- close-up



Proposed Sign -- close-up

**Changes to Sign-05c:**

1. Use upper and lower case lettering
2. Add "townsite" to read "Gold Butte Townsite"
3. Change "Mesquite" to Whitney Pocket
4. Correct distance to Lake Mead



## Sign-06. Mud Wash Road at Mud Wash North Road

**Location:** Mud Wash Road at Mud Wash North Road

**Description:** Add a new sign and new sign posts at this unsigned fork in the road. This is a point of confusion for visitors returning from Little Finland, one of the most important sites in the monument. While it is true that taking either fork will get visitors to Gold Butte Road, not knowing will continue to cause undue concern about getting lost in the desert.

In general, add a new directional sign. Include byway logo sign. See details for below.

**Sign Needs:** Guide sign - roadway - directional; Back Country Byway marker

**Title on KMZ file:** Sign-06



Sign Locations (NAD83, UTM zone 11S)

Label	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
Sign-06	751970	4036775	36.4431444	-114.1888156	2,013



Existing landscape (no sign)



Proposed sign on the landscape





Proposed Sign -- close-up (set back against tree)

#### **Changes to Sign-06:**

1. Add a new sign and new sign posts
2. Add "Whitney Pocket" and distance
3. Add "Devil's Throat" and distance
4. Add "Gold Butte Townsite" and distance
5. Add byway logo sign and directional arrow

## Sign-07. Mud Wash Road at Little Finland Road

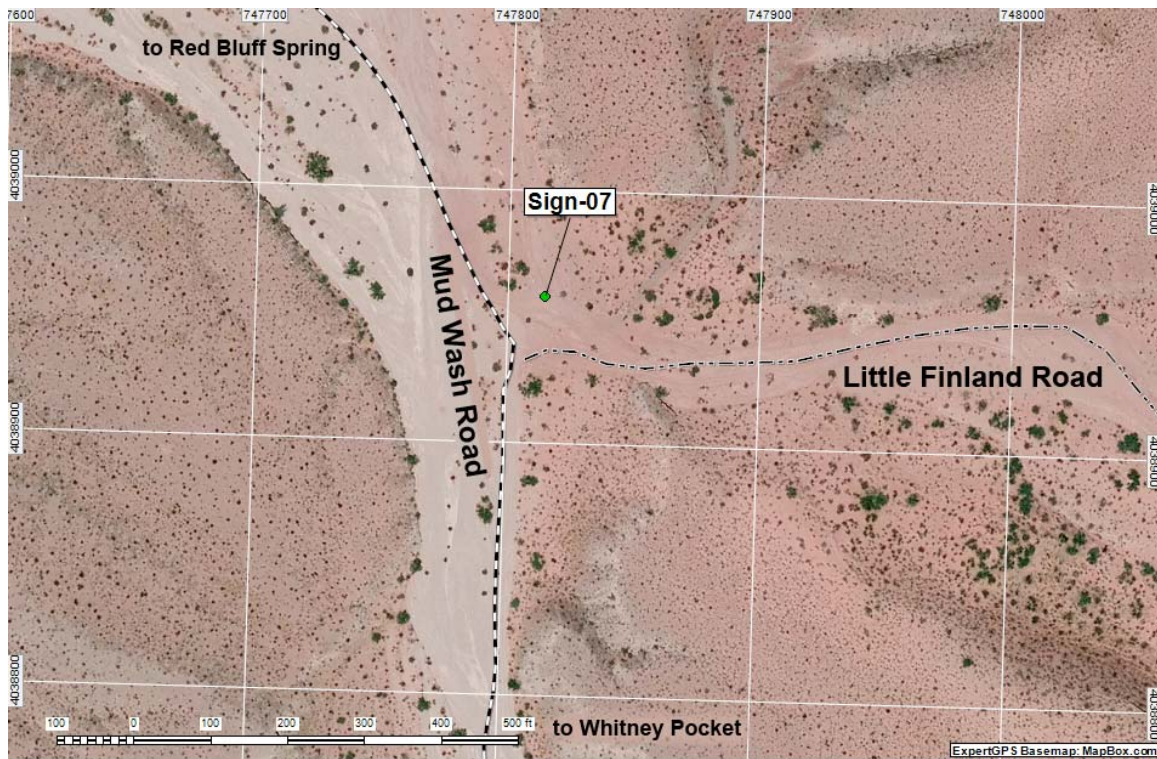
**Location:** Mud Wash Road at Little Finland Road

**Description:** Add a new sign and new sign posts at this unsigned fork in the road. This is a point of confusion for visitors looking for Little Finland, one of the most important sites in the monument. Adding a new sign here will help visitors enjoy the monument and reduce undue concern about getting lost in the desert.

In general, add direction to Little Finland. Include byway logo sign. See details below.

**Sign Needs:** Guide sign - roadway - directional; Back Country Byway marker

**Title on KMZ file:** Sign-07



Sign Locations (NAD83, UTM zone 11S)

Label	Easting	Northing	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
Sign-07	747815	4038958	36.4638863	-114.2344298	1,731





Existing landscape (no sign)



Proposed sign on the landscape (note: small sign blends in)



Proposed Sign -- close-up (set back against wash bank)

### **Changes to Sign-07:**

1. Add a new sign and new sign posts
2. Add "Little Finland" and distance
3. Add byway logo sign and directional arrow



## Signs Proposed for Gold Butte National Monument

This proposed list of signs supplements "*Proposal for Improving Directional Signs in Gold Butte National Monument*" presented by Friends of Gold Butte to the BLM for review. The site numbering here, beginning with 8, continues the previous list.

### General Comments:

Overview maps of sign locations, site-specific maps for each project area, and a table of location coordinates are presented in Appendix C.

In keeping with the wild and wooly nature of Gold Butte (GB), signs off the main roads should be small and as unobtrusive as possible. As such, many of the signs presented here could be set on a single post with a small sign board and small lettering. Drivers should be traveling slowly and can stop to ponder directional signs.



Example of a small, less intrusive sign on Fisherman's Cove Road at Gold Butte Road. This style could be used on side roads throughout Gold Butte National Monument.

Proposed Signs:

**Sign-08. Location:** GB Road, 50 yards west of Highway 170; southbound

**Description:** Update existing directional sign: Gold Butte National Monument, 12 miles; Whitney Pocket, 21 miles; Gold Butte Townsite. 41 miles. Remove Byway symbol sign (see Sign-09).

**Sign Needs:** Directional



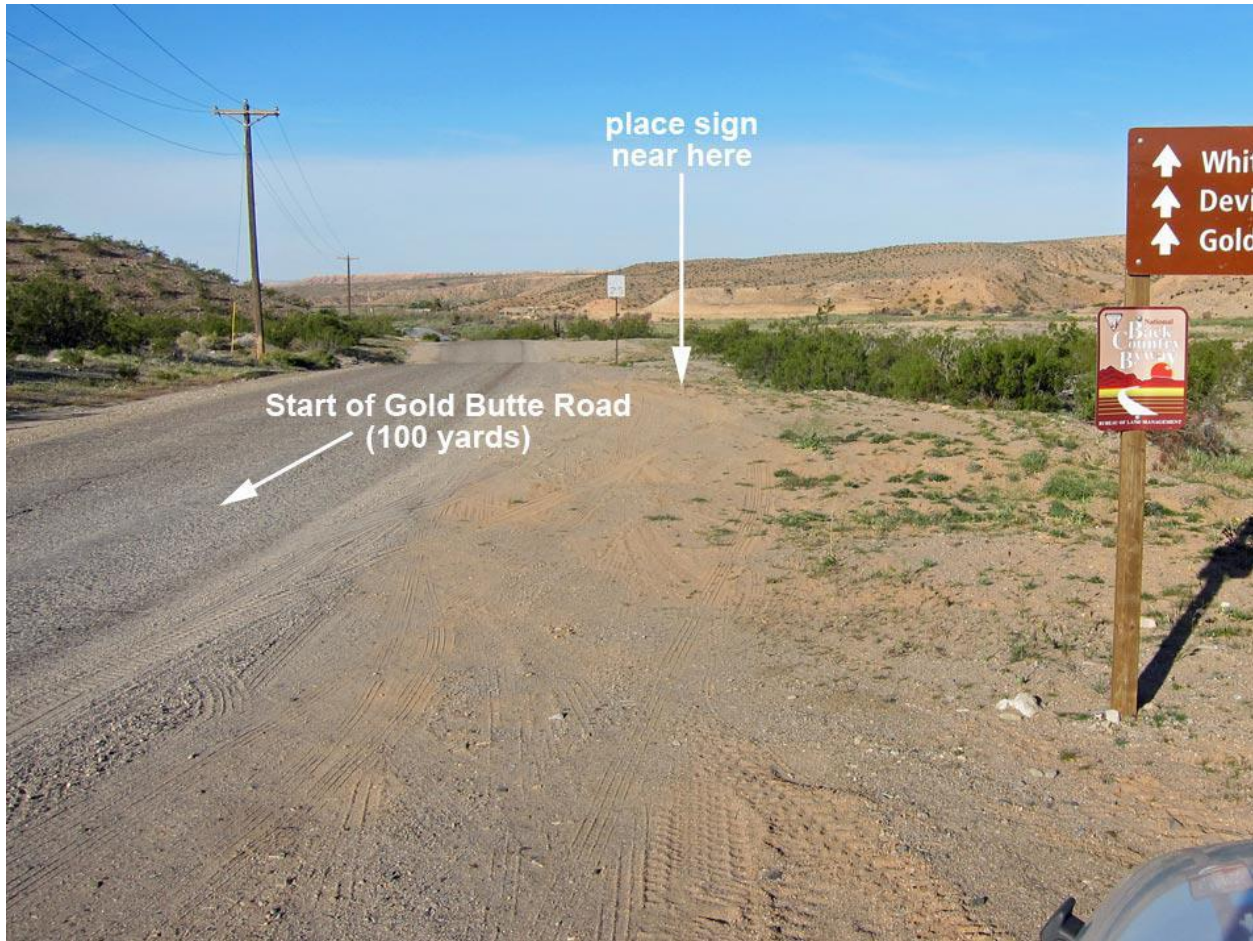
Sign 08. Existing directional sign at start of Gold Butte Road (view west)



**Sign-09. Location:** GB Road, 100 yards west of Highway 170 (this is just beyond the west exit from the gravel parking lot with the Entrance Kiosk); southbound.

**Description:** New sign announcing the beginning of the byway: Gold Butte Back Country Byway. Include the byway symbol as part of this sign.

**Sign Needs:** Directional (but no arrow)



Sign-09. New sign announcing the beginning of Gold Butte Back Country Byway (view west)

**Sign-10. Location:** Gravel parking lot on GB Road 50 yards west of Highway 170.

**Description:** Update existing 3-panel kiosk. Plexiglass and boards were vandalized and recently have been replaced and repainted. Need to update information, include map with "you are here," and attach brochure holder to sign post.

**Sign Needs:** Brochure holder and kiosk maintenance



Sign-10. Three-panel kiosk with information about the Gold Butte area (view west)



**Sign-11. Location:** GB Road at Virgin River Overlook (3.7 miles west of Highway 170)

**Description:** Existing 1-panel kiosk recently was repainted and information was updated. Add another 1-panel kiosk with information about the environment (Virgin River and riparian species) and human history (pioneer and native).

**Sign Needs:** 1-panel Kiosk

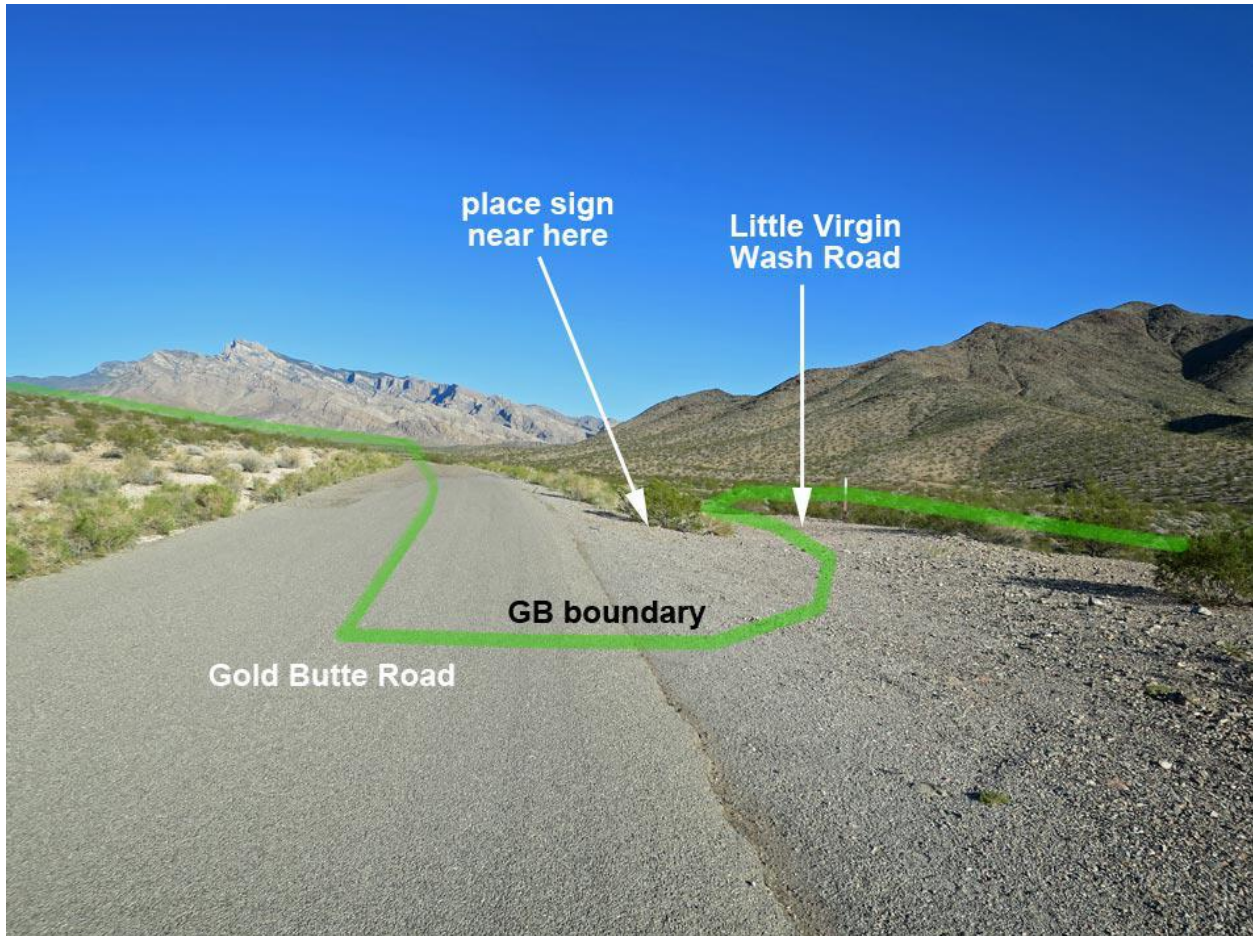


Sign-11. Existing kiosk has been updated; add an addition panel with cultural and natural history information (view northwest)

**Sign-12. Location:** GB Road at GB National Monument boundary, West (12.1 miles W of Highway 170), southbound

**Description:** Replace temporary entrance sign (not shown in this photo) with a directional sign for Little Virgin Wash Road and "4x4 only" with an arrow right. This sign will be useful as a defacto boundary sign because Little Virgin Wash Road follows the northern boundary westward from this point.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



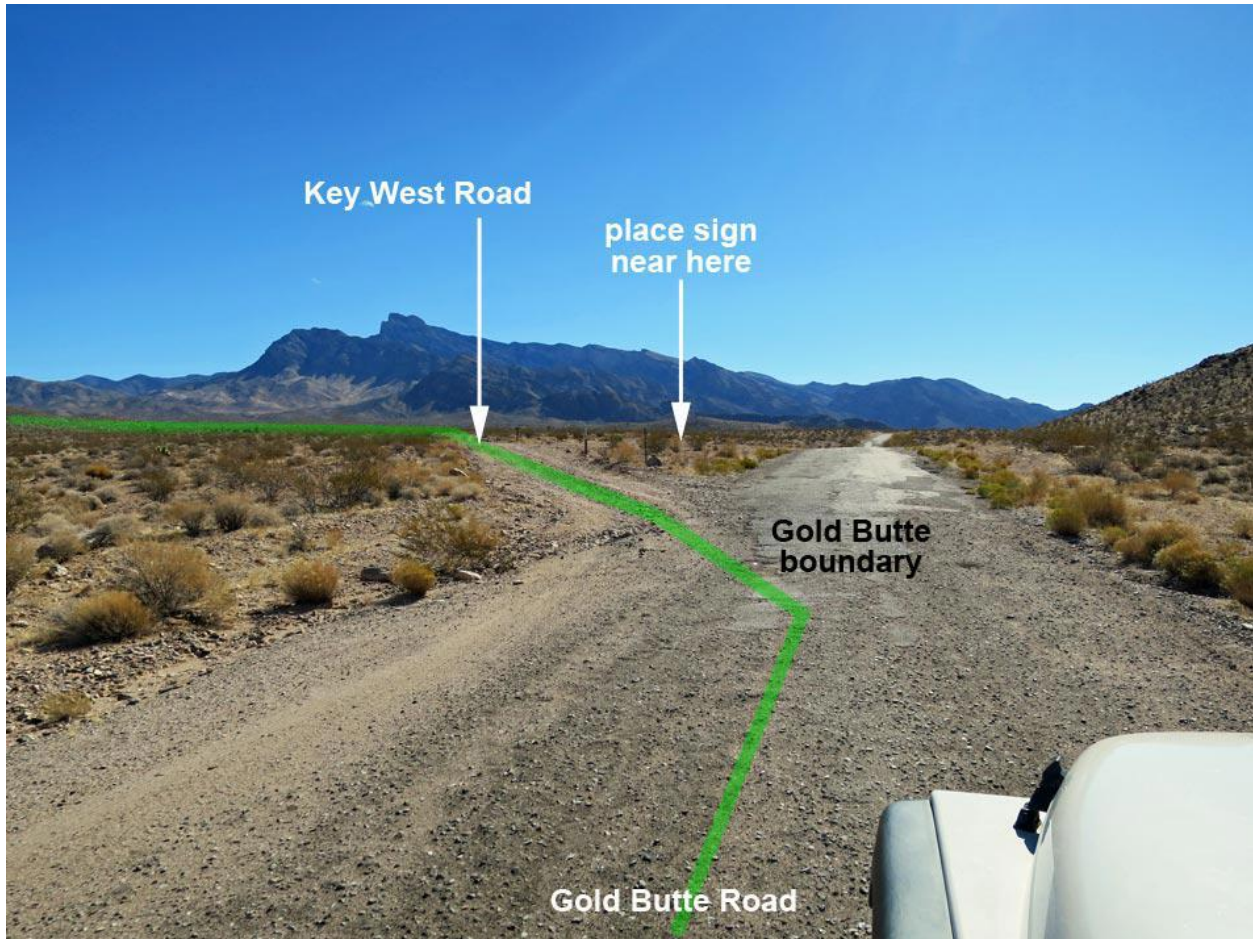
Sign-12. Intersection of Gold Butte Road and Little Virgin Wash Road (view southeast)



**Sign-13. Location:** GB Road at GBNM Boundary, East (13.1 miles W of Highway 170), southbound

**Description:** The new permanent boundary sign (BLM funds) will be erected here in the fork between Gold Butte Road and Key West Road. The parking area will be expanded (BLM funds) so people can safely park off the road to take photos. In addition, install a new, 1-panel interpretive kiosk with map and general information about the area.

**Sign Needs:** 1-panel Kiosk



Sign-13. Gold Butte Road at Key West Road (view southeast)

**Sign-14. Location:** GB Road, 60 yards north of Fisherman's Cove Road, southbound

**Description:** Replace and update vandalized directional sign. Whitney Pocket, 7 miles; Gold Butte Townsite, 27 miles; Fisherman's Cove, 10 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-14. Gold Butte Road approaching Fisherman's Cove Road (view south)



**Sign-15. Location:** GB Road at Fisherman's Cove Road, southbound

**Description:** The existing large sign board was recently repainted. Add interpretive information about the historic Arrowhead Highway. Keep the small fire danger indicator.

**Sign Needs:** Interpretive



Sign-15. Fisherman's Cove Road (view southwest from Gold Butte Road)

**Sign-16. Location:** GB Road, 90 yards south of Fisherman's Cove Road, northbound

**Description:** Replace and update vandalized directional sign. Mesquite, 23 miles; Fisherman's Cove, 10 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-16. GB Road approaching Fisherman's Cove Road (view north)



**Sign-17. Location:** Fisherman Cove Road 50 yards west of GB Road, eastbound

**Description:** Update directional sign: Whitney Pocket, 7 miles; Gold Butte Townsite, 27 miles; Mesquite, 23 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-17. Fisherman Cove Road approaching GB Road (view northeast)

**Sign-18. Location:** Whitney Pocket Day-Use Parking

**Description:** Update existing 3-panel and 2-panel kiosks. Structures recently repainted, but need to update general information and include information about history and geology of the Whitney Pocket area.

**Sign Needs:** Kiosk maintenance and information



Sign-18. Whitney Pocket Kiosk (view north)



**Sign-19. Location:** Whitney Pocket CCC Dam

**Description:** New 1-panel kiosk describing history of the dam and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the Gold Butte area. Include Leave-No-Trace comments on respecting historic sites.

**Sign Needs:** Kiosk



Sign-19. Whitney Pocket CCC Dam (view north)

**Sign-20. Location:** Mud Hills Corral (just off GB Road, 8.3 miles S Whitney Pocket)

**Description:** New 1-panel kiosk describing history of ranching and mining (Grand Gulch Trail) in the area. Include Leave-No-Trace comments on respecting historic sites.

**Sign Needs:** Kiosk



Sign-20. Mud Hills Corral (view northeast)



**Sign-21. Location:** GB Road at Devils Cove Road, southbound

**Description:** Update directional sign: Gold Butte Townsite, 4 miles; Devils Cove, 14 miles. Remove nearby byway sign and place it on this sign post.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-21. GB Road at Devils Cove Road (view southwest)

**Sign-22. Location:** GB Road at Devils Cove Road, northbound

**Description:** Update directional sign: Whitney Pocket, 17 miles; Mesquite 47 miles; Devil's Cove, 14 miles. Remove nearby byway sign and place it on the sign post.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-22. GB Road at Devils Cove Road (view northeast)



**Sign-23. Location:** Devils Cove Road at GB Road, northbound

**Description:** Update directional sign: Whitney Pocket, 17 miles; Mesquite 47 miles; Gold Butte Townsite, 4 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-23. Devils Cove Road approaching GB Road (view north)

**Sign-24. Location:** Lime Canyon Road 12 yards west of Red Bluff Spring Road

**Description:** Replace Lime Canyon Wilderness Area sign (see photo), which has been vandalized and torn down.

**Sign Needs:** Wilderness Area Sign



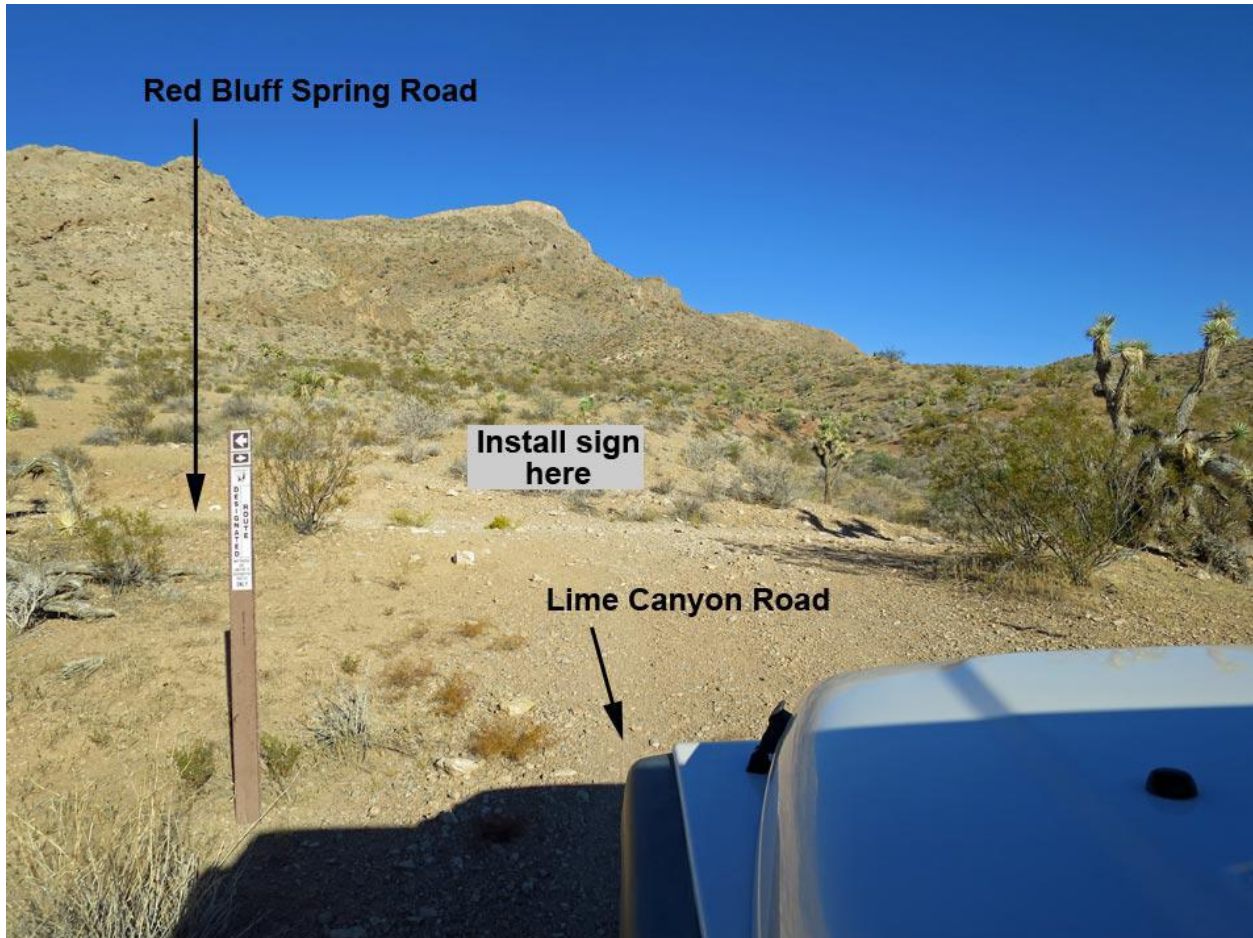
Sign-24. Historic Lime Canyon Wilderness Area (view west)



**Sign-25. Location:** Lime Canyon Road at Red Bluff Spring Road, eastbound

**Description:** New directional sign on Red Bluff Spring Road opposite Lime Canyon Road (when exiting Lime Canyon Road, drivers will face this sign). Mud Wash Road, 11 miles; Gold Butte Road, 3 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional

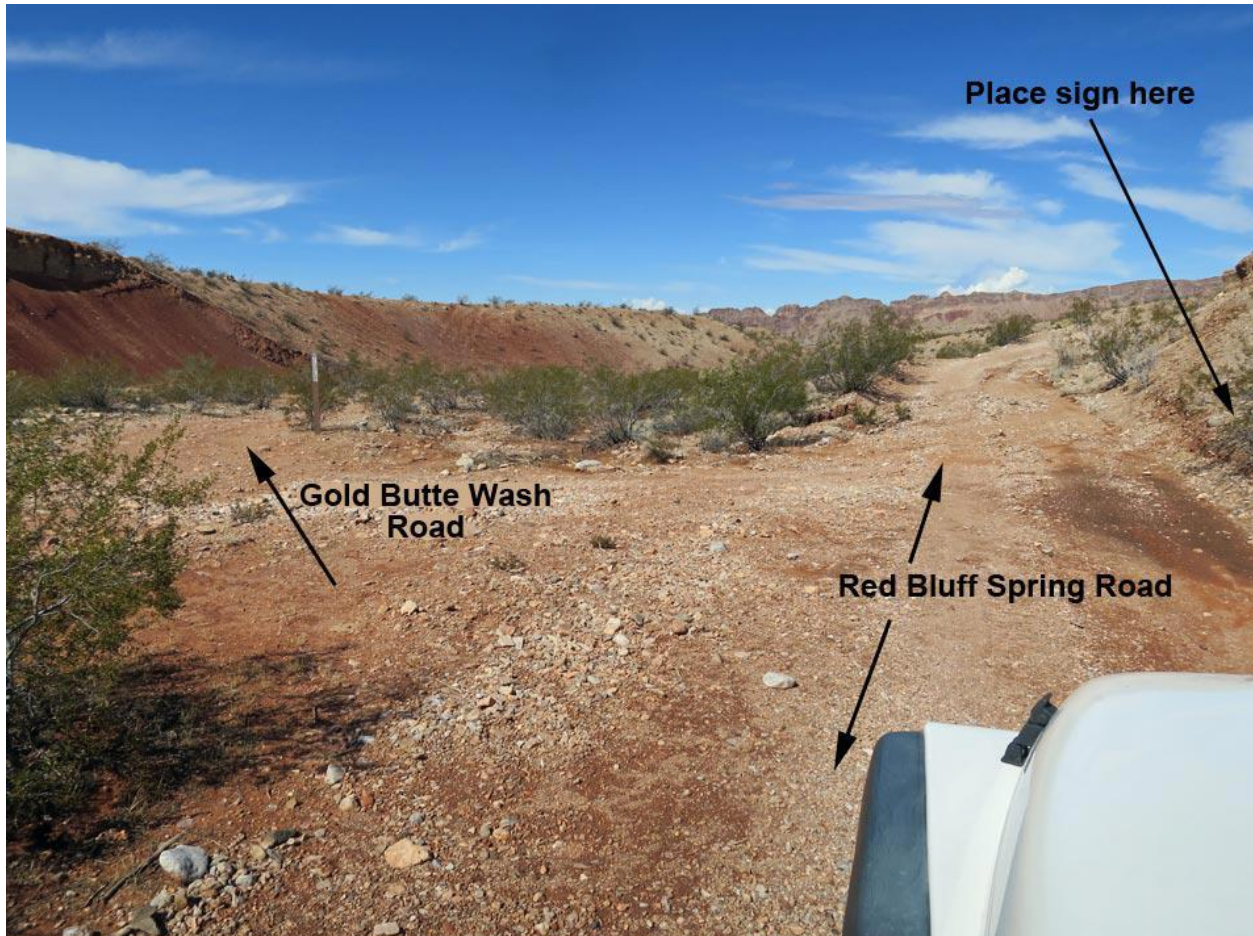


Sign-25. Lime Canyon Road at Red Bluff Spring Road (view east)

**Sign-26. Location:** Red Bluff Spring Road at Gold Butte Wash Road, northbound

**Description:** New directional sign on Red Bluff Spring Road opposite Gold Butte Wash Road (when exiting Gold Butte Wash Road, drivers will face this sign). Mud Wash Road, 2 miles; Gold Butte Road, 13 miles. This intersection is part of the Sand Wash -- Mud Wash Loop. Since closure of the road through the Red Bluff Spring riparian area, the loop was rerouted, and drivers need to know how to do the loop while legally bypassing Red Bluff Spring.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



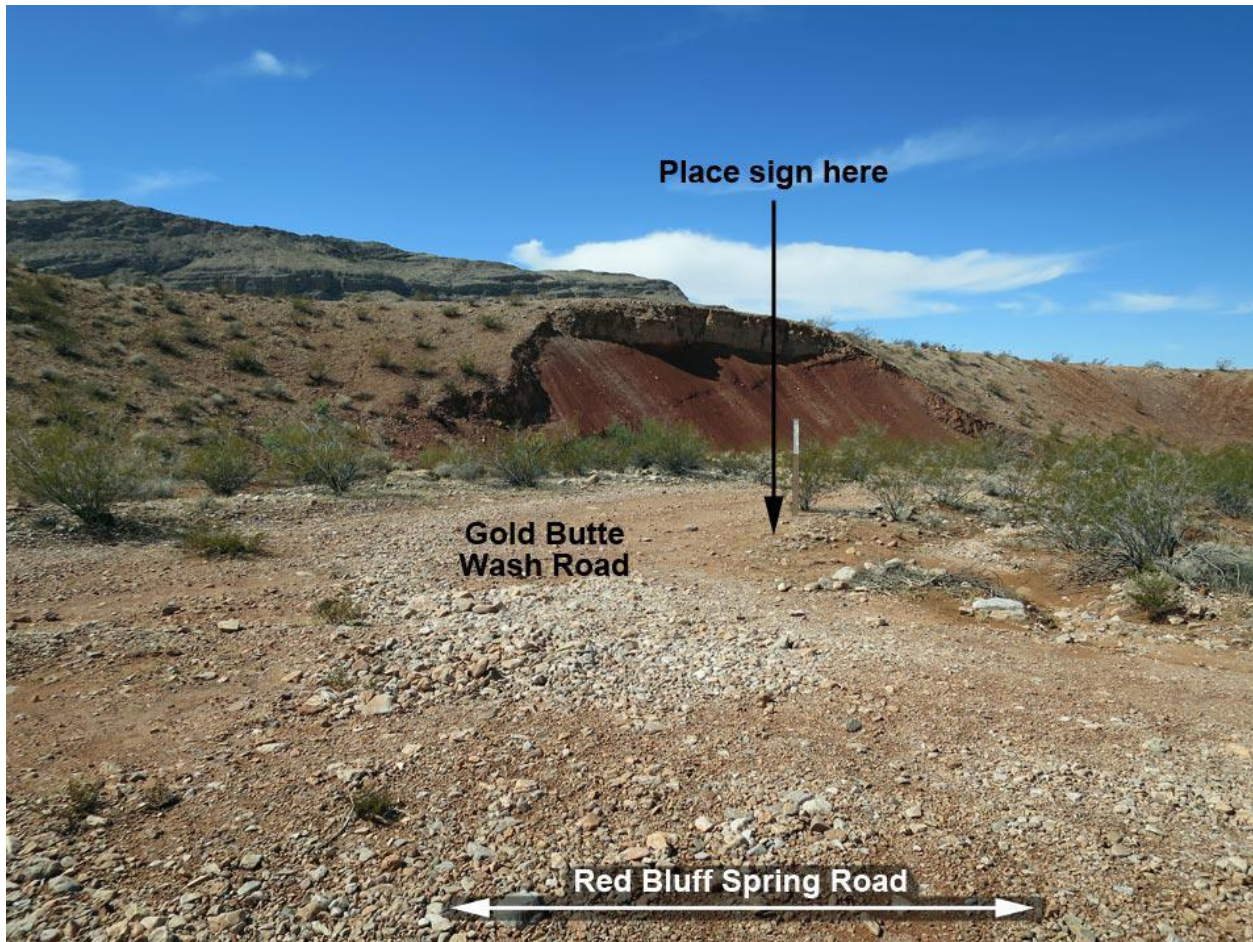
Sign-26. Red Bluff Spring Road at Gold Butte Wash Road (view north)



**Sign-27. Location:** Gold Butte Wash Road leaving Red Bluff Spring Road, northbound

**Description:** New directional sign on northbound Gold Butte Wash Road. Lower Mud Wash, 2 miles; Whitney Pocket, 16 miles. This intersection is part of the Sand Wash -- Mud Wash Loop. Since closure of the road through the Red Bluff Spring riparian area, the loop was rerouted, and drivers need to know how to do the loop while legally bypassing Red Bluff Spring.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-27. Gold Butte Wash Road (view west from Red Bluff Spring Road)

**Sign-28. Location:** Red Bluff Spring Road at south Babes Butte Road (also to the Grotto), eastbound.

**Description:** New directional sign: Mud Wash (north), 2 miles; Whitney Pocket (east), 10 miles; Gold Butte Townsite (south), 13 miles. Set this sign at the southeast corner of the intersection facing west. This intersection is part of the Sand Wash -- Mud Wash Loop. Since closure of the road through the Red Bluff Spring riparian area, the loop was rerouted, and drivers need to know how to do the loop while legally bypassing Red Bluff Spring. Turning onto Babes Butte Road is a shortcut to Whitney Pocket.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-28. Red Bluff Spring Road at south Babes Butte Road (view north)



**Sign-29. Location:** Red Bluff Spring Road at north Babes Butte Road.

**Description:** New directional sign: Mud Wash (north), 2 miles; Whitney Pocket (east), 10 miles; Gold Butte Townsite (south), 13 miles. Set this sign at the northeast corner of the intersection facing west. This intersection is part of the Sand Wash -- Mud Wash Loop. Since closure of the road through the Red Bluff Spring riparian area, the loop was rerouted, and drivers need to know how to do the loop while legally bypassing Red Bluff Spring. Turning onto Babes Butte Road is a shortcut to Whitney Pocket.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-29. Red Bluff Spring Road at north fork of Babes Butte Road triangular intersection (view north)

**Sign-30. Location:** Red Bluff Spring Road as it drops into Mud Wash, northbound

**Description:** Update directional sign: Devil's Throat, 8 miles; Whitney Pocket, 12 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-30. Red Bluff Spring Road dropping into Mud Wash (view north)



**Sign-31. Location:** Mud Wash Road at Red Bluff Spring Road, southbound

**Description:** Update directional sign: Lime Canyon, 12 miles; Gold Butte Townsite, 15 miles, Lower Mud Wash, 4 miles. This intersection is part of the Sand Wash -- Mud Wash Loop. Since closure of the road through the Red Bluff Spring riparian area, the loop was rerouted, and drivers need to know how to do the loop while legally bypassing Red Bluff Spring.

**Sign Needs:** Directional

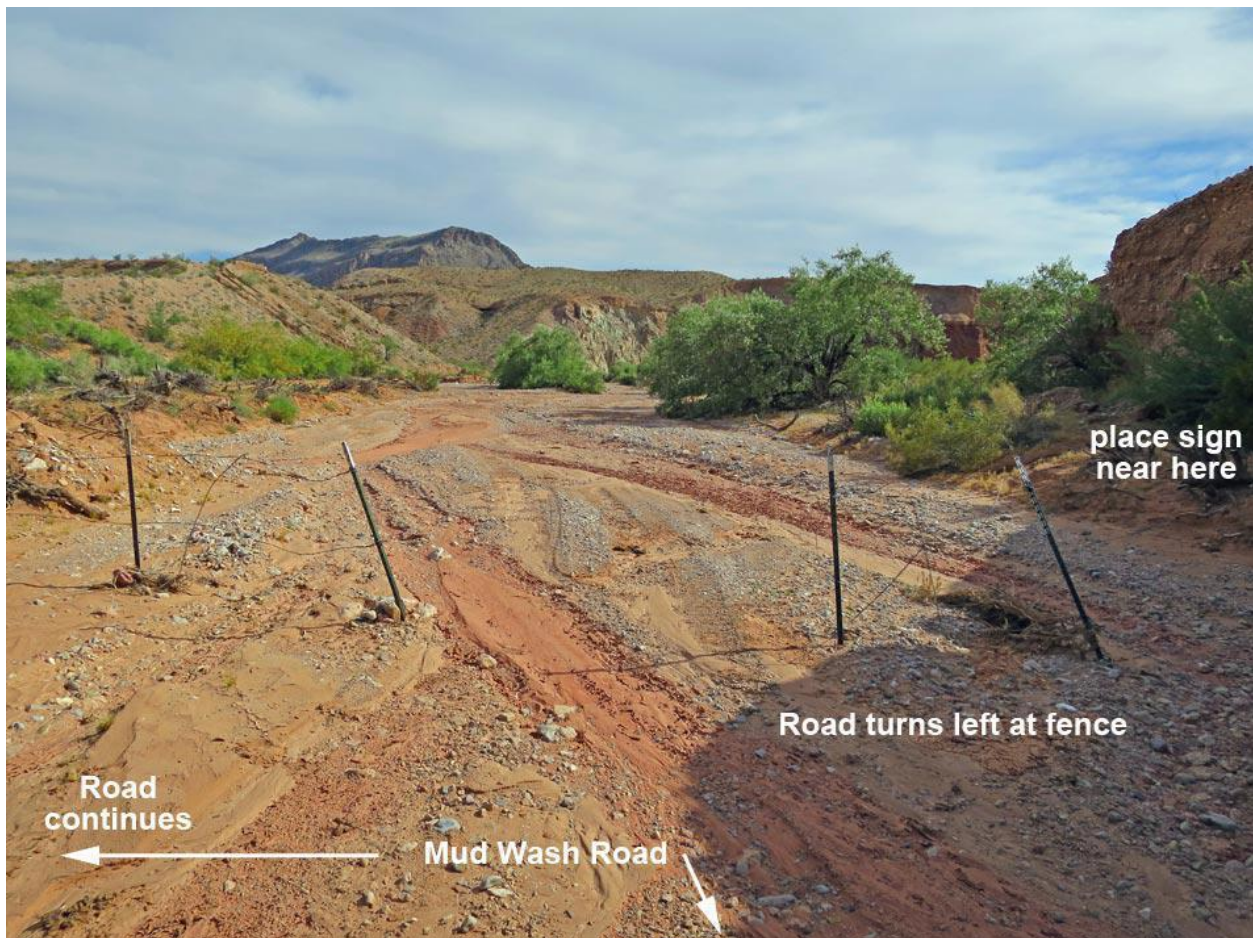


Sign-31. Mud Wash Road at Red Bluff Spring Road (view south)

**Sign-32. Location:** Mud Wash Road at Red Bluff Spring Fence, westbound

**Description:** New directional sign placed on the north side of the wash: Road (with an arrow left). This sign should be small and inexpensive and put on a single post because it will be flash flooded. This fence blocks the old road through the Red Bluff Spring riparian area. This fence appears to block the popular Sand Wash -- Mud Wash Loop. Since closure of the road through the riparian area, the loop was rerouted, and drivers need to know to turn left to do the loop while legally bypassing Red Bluff Spring.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-32. Mud Wash Road at Red Bluff Spring Fence (view southwest)



**Sign-33. Location:** Little Finland Road, eastbound

**Description:** New destination sign and 1-panel kiosk. Include map and information about the area. Include Leave-No-Trace comments on respecting the delicate nature of the rock formations.

**Sign Needs:** Destination and Kiosk

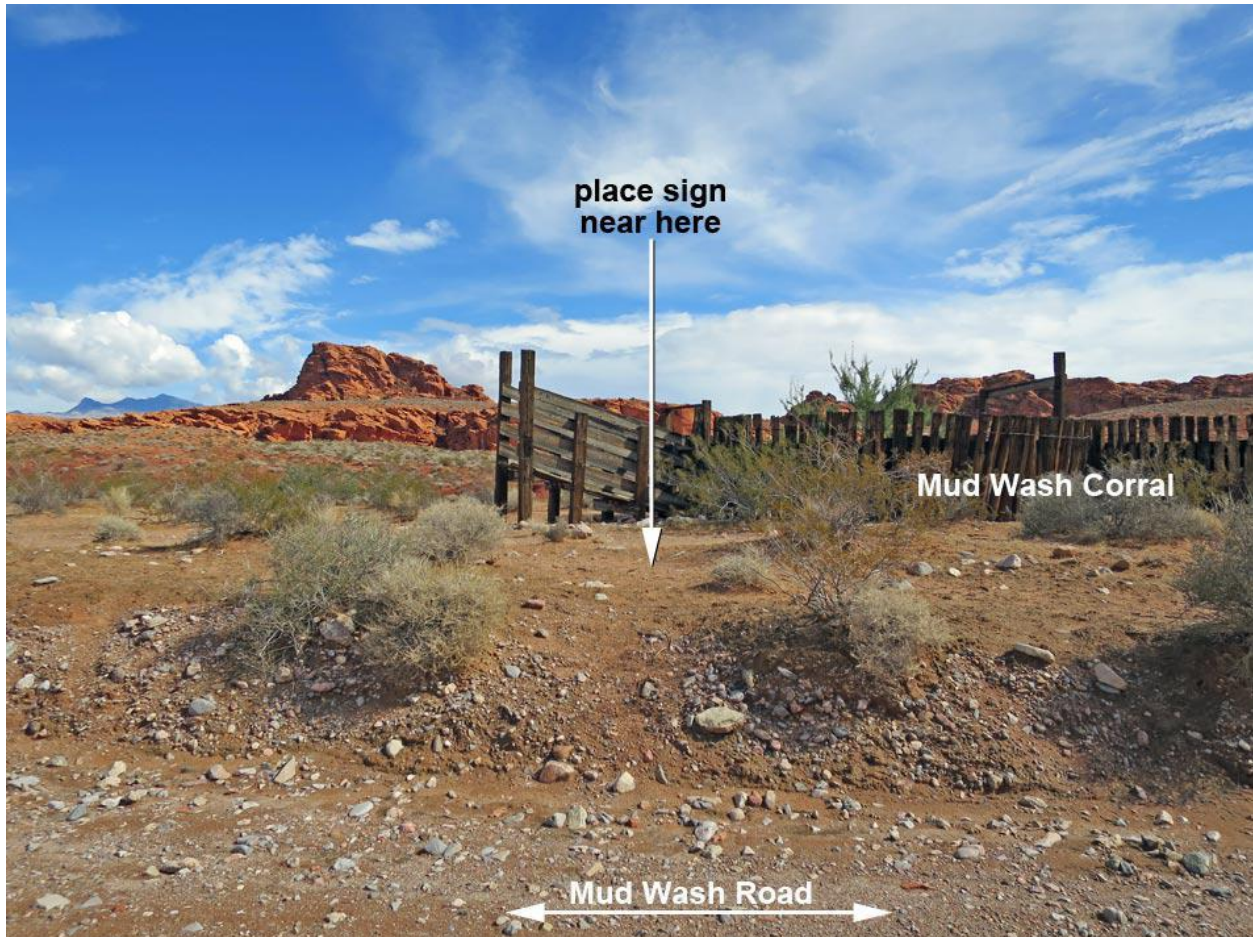


Sign-33. Little Finland Road approaching Little Finland (view east)

**Sign-34. Location:** Mud Wash Road at Figure-8 Corral, westbound

**Description:** New 1-panel kiosk. Include map and information about the history of ranching and mining (Grand Gulch Trail) in the area. Include Leave-No-Trace comments on respecting historic sites.

**Sign Needs:** Kiosk



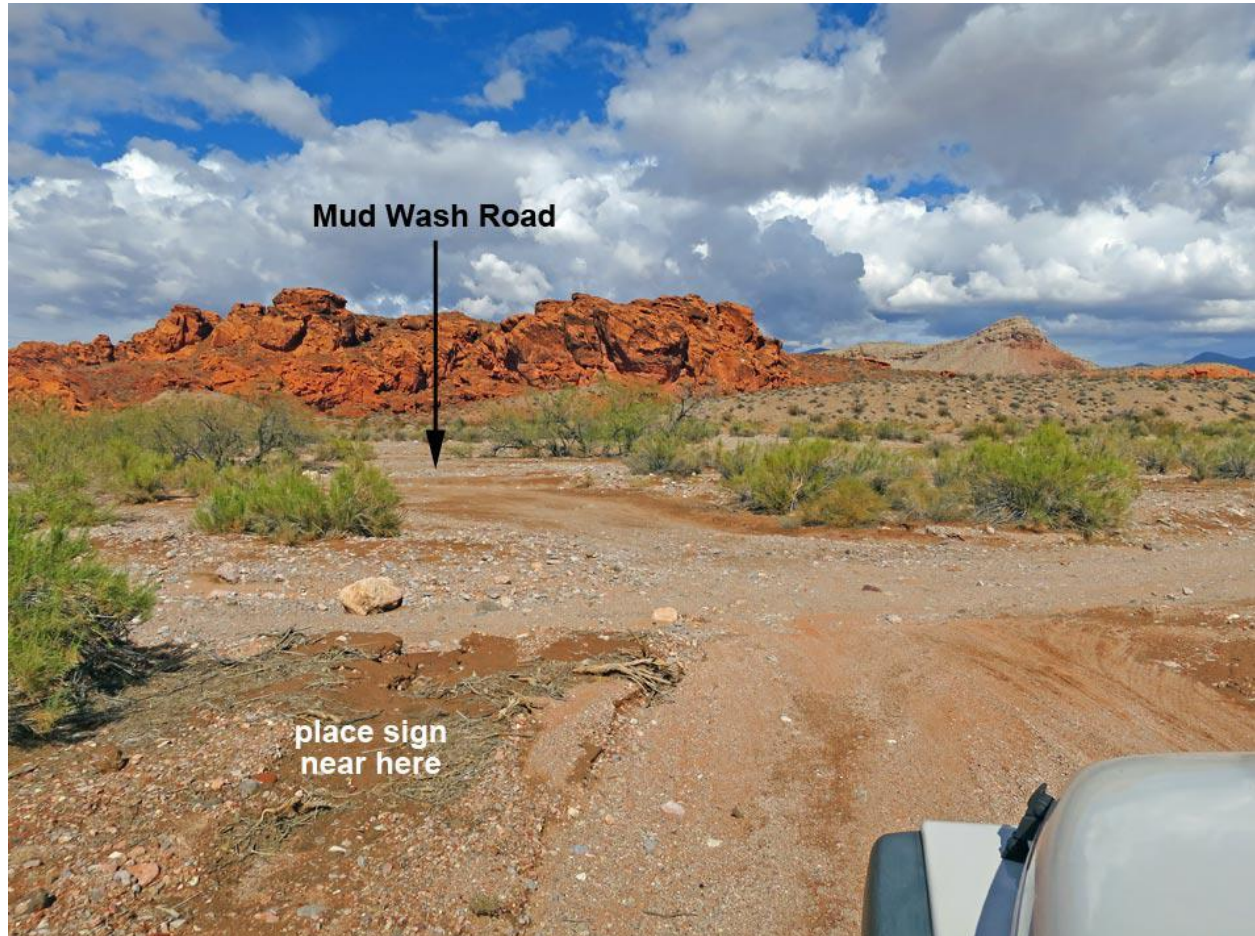
Sign-34. Mud Wash Figure-8 Corral ( view northeast)



**Sign-35. Location:** Babes Butte Road at Mud Wash Road, eastbound

**Description:** New directional sign: Little Finland, 5 miles; Whitney Pocket, 8 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional

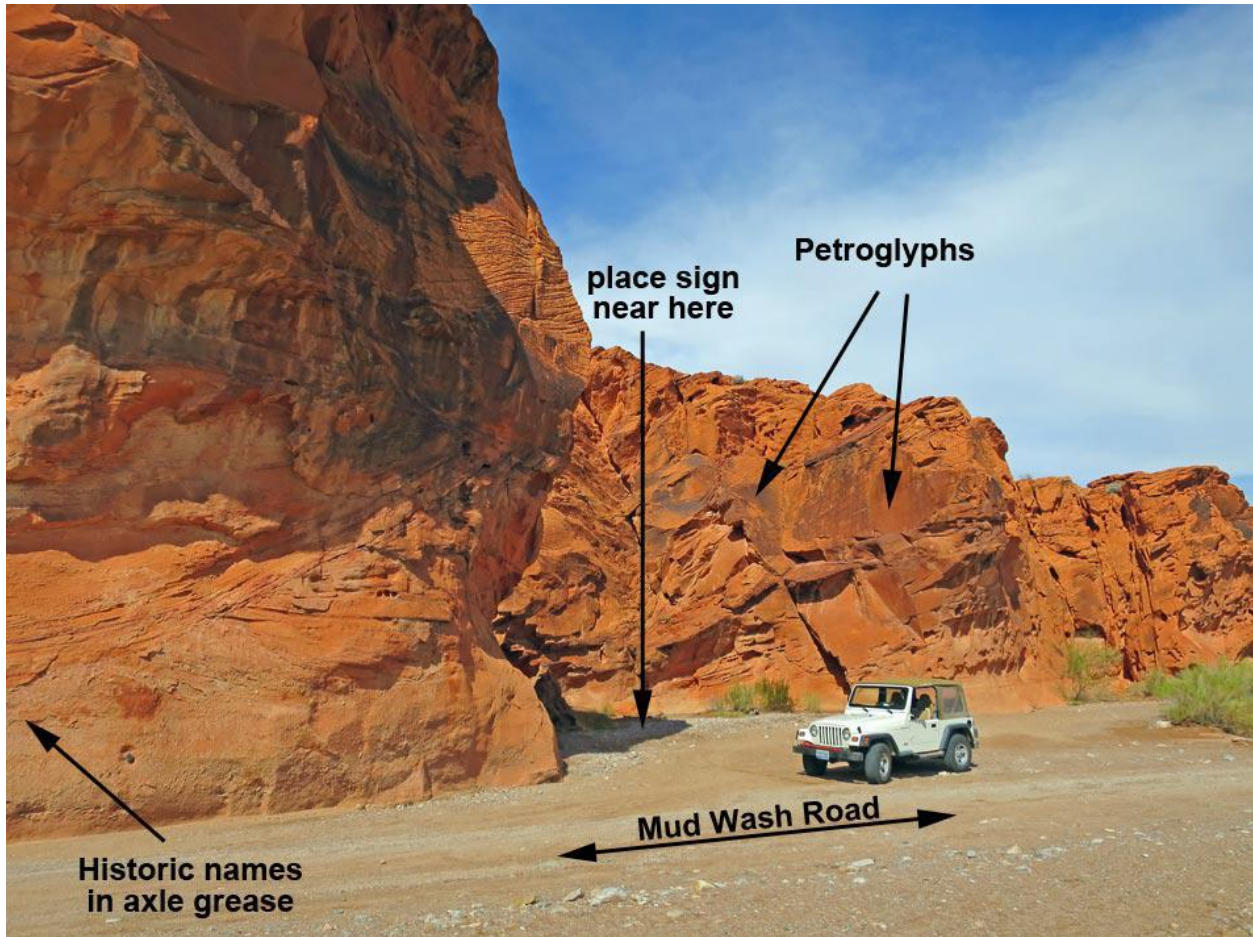


Sign-35. Babes Butte Road at Mud Wash Road (view north)

**Sign-36. Location:** Mud Wash Road at Mud Wash Petroglyphs

**Description:** New 1-panel kiosk. Include information about the area and Leave-No-Trace comments on respecting prehistoric and historic sites. Perhaps tell the story of vandalism and restoration here.

**Sign Needs:** Kiosk



Sign-36. Mud Wash Petroglyph site (view north)



**Sign-37. Location:** Mud Wash Road at Devils Throat Road, westbound

**Description:** New directional sign: Gold Butte Road, 0.3 miles; Devils Throat, 0.2 miles; Little Finland, 8.6 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional



Sign-37. Mud Wash Road at Devils Throat Road (view west)

**Sign-38. Location:** Devils Throat

**Description:** New 1-panel information kiosk to interpret the geology of the sinkhole. This sign also serves as a destination sign.

**Sign Needs:** Kiosk



Sign-38. Devils Throat (view northeast)



**Sign-39. Location:** Narrows North Road (Mud Wash) at Gold Butte Wash Road

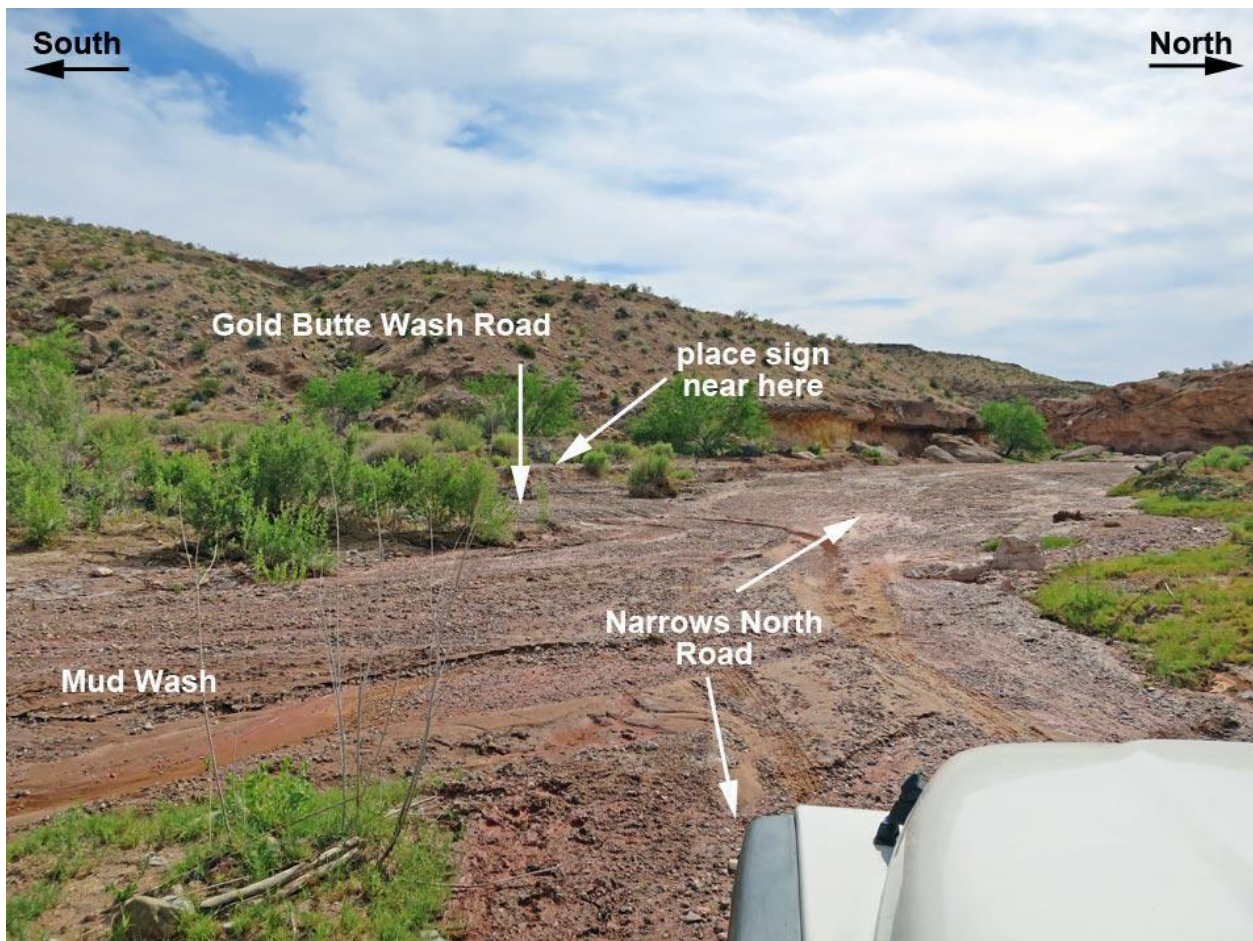
**Description:** Double-sided directional sign:

Side 1 (northbound Gold Butte Wash Road): Sand Wash, 4 miles; Whitney Pocket, 14 miles. Arrows left.

Side 2 (southbound Gold Butte Wash Road): Mud Wash, 4 miles; Whitney Pocket, 13 miles; Gold Butte Townsite, 15 miles. Arrows up.

Note: Drivers arrive at the fence that blocks passage through Red Bluff Spring and don't know how to get back to Whitney Pocket. This sign shows them a legal way around Red Bluff Spring riparian area.

**Sign Needs:** Directional Sign



Sign-39. Narrows North Road (in Mud Wash) at Gold Butte Wash Road (view southwest)

**Sign-40. Location:** Narrows North Road at Mud Wash

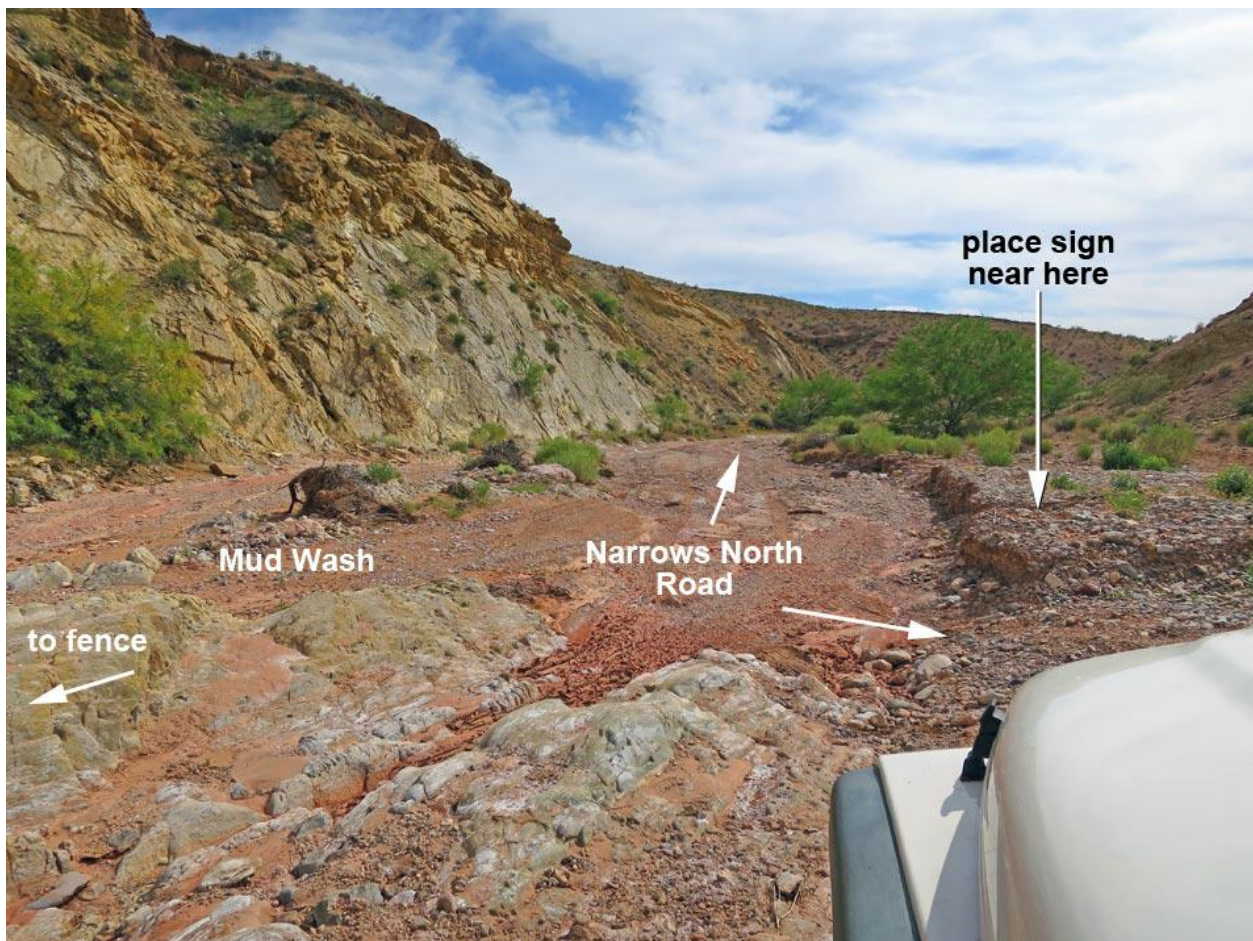
**Description:** Double-sided directional sign:

Side 1 (northbound Narrows North Road): Sand Wash, 4 miles; Whitney Pocket, 14 miles.  
Arrows up.

Side 2 (southbound Narrows North Road): Mud Wash, 4 miles; Gold Butte Townsite, 15 miles;  
Whitney Pocket, 13 miles. Arrows right.

Note: When Narrows North Road southbound hits Mud Wash, drivers naturally turn left to head back towards Whitney Pocket. This takes them to the fence blocking entrance into the Red Bluff Spring riparian area, and not knowing better, they try to find a way around or through the fence. Drivers need a sign directing them to turn right to Whitney Pocket (and then another downstream to direct them left onto Gold Butte Wash Road).

**Sign Needs:** Directional Sign



Sign-40. Narrows North Road at Mud Wash (view southwest)



**Sign-41. Location:** Arizona Road at Whitney Pass

**Description:** New destination-directional sign: Whitney Pass (destination); Whitney Pocket, 4 miles; Arizona, 2 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Destination-Directional sign.

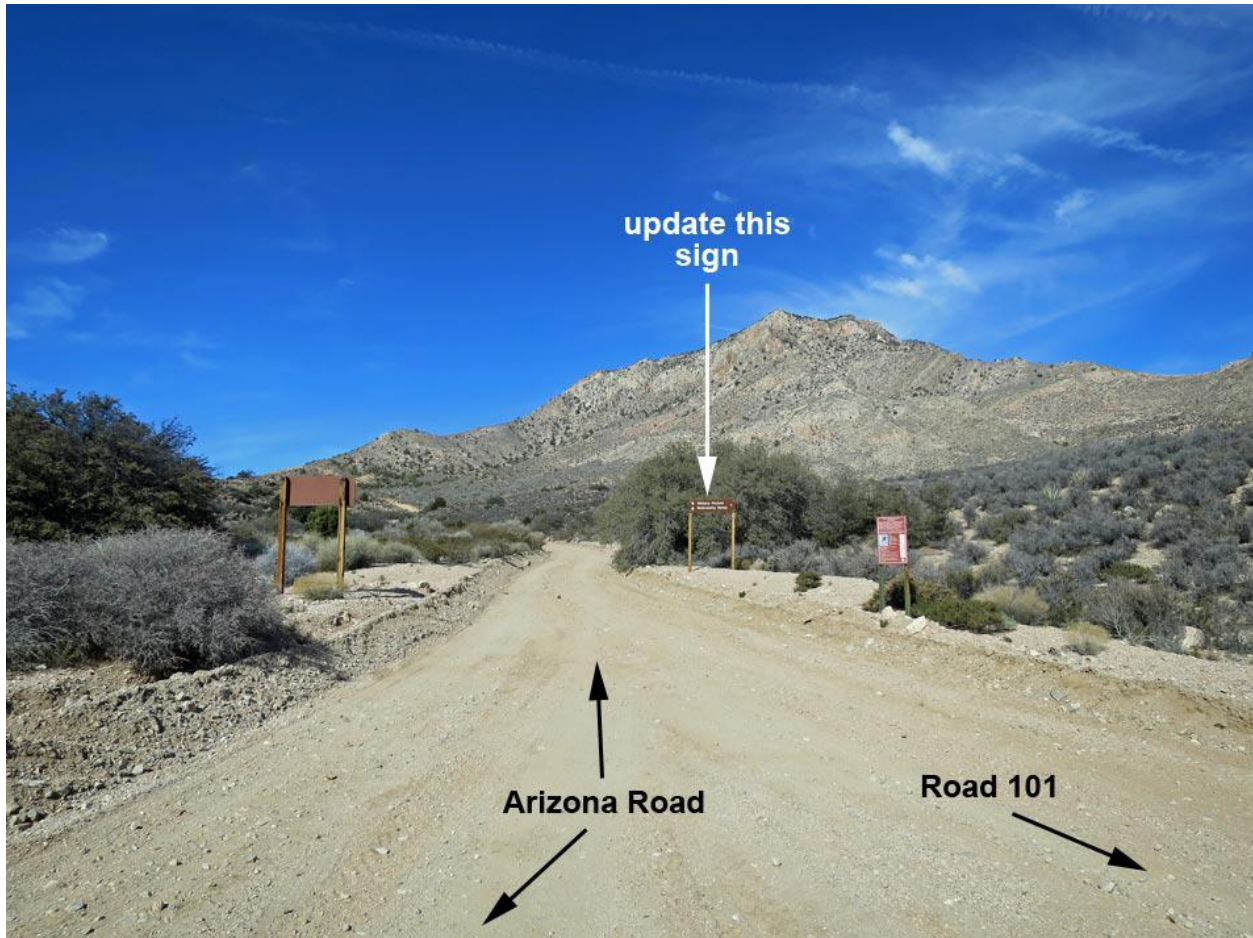


Sign-41. Arizona Road at Whitney Pass (view east into Arizona)

**Sign-42. Location:** Arizona Road at Road 101 (westbound). Defacto Gold Butte National Monument boundary at Nay Ranch.

**Description:** Update directional sign: Whitney Pocket, 5 miles; Gold Butte Road, 5 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional sign.



Sign-42. Arizona Road at Road 101 (view west; Arizona Road becomes Road 111 in Arizona)



**Sign-43. Location:** Arizona Road at Gold Butte Road (westbound)

**Description:** Update directional sign: Gold Butte Townsite, 20 miles; Mesquite, 30 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional sign.



**Sign-43.** Arizona Road approaching Gold Butte Road (view west)

**Sign-44. Location:** Gold Butte Road at Arizona Road (northbound)

**Description:** Update directional sign: Mesquite, 30 miles; CCC Dam, 0.3 miles; Arizona, 6 miles.

**Sign Needs:** Directional sign.



Sign-44. Gold Butte Road approaching Arizona Road (view north)



**Sign-45. Location:** Gold Butte Road at Gold Butte Townsite Road

**Description:** Destination sign at the entrance to the main townsite area. Name of site only.

**Sign Needs:** Destination sign.



Sign-45. Gold Butte Road at Gold Butte Townsite Road (view southwest)

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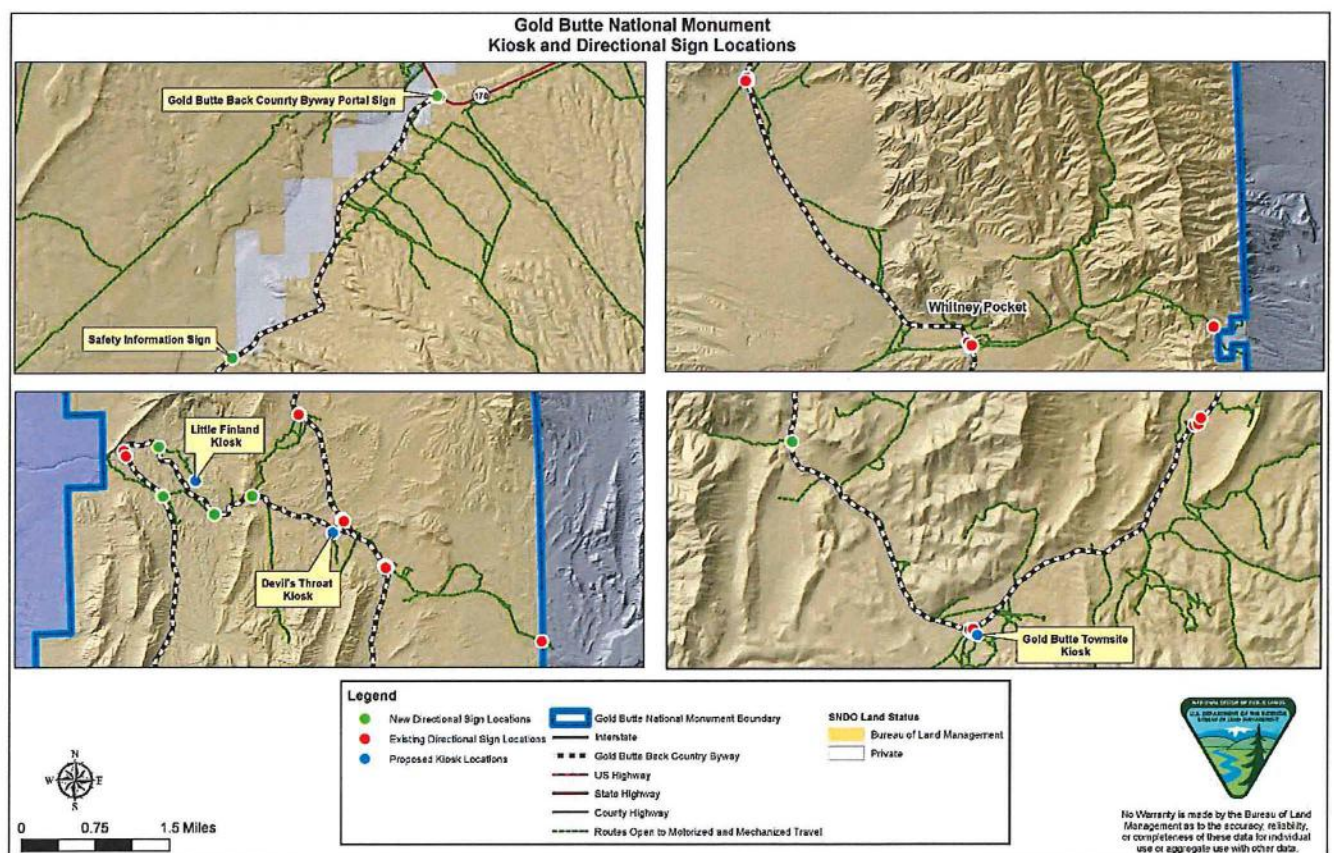
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### I. Background

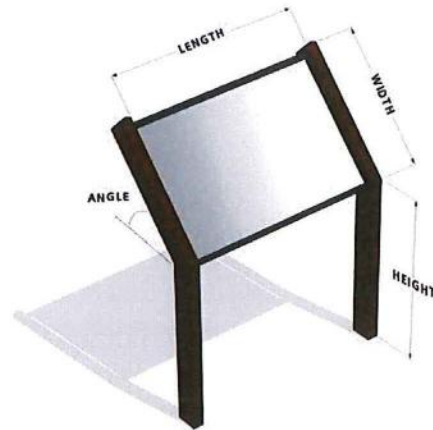
<b>BLM Office:</b> Las Vegas Field Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89130	<b>NEPA Number:</b> DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2017-0120-CX
<b>Title:</b> Gold Butte National Monument Kiosks and Directional Signs	
<b>Location of Proposed Action:</b> Gold Butte National Monument	

### Description of Project

The Southern Nevada District Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be installing directional signs and kiosks at key points of interest within Gold Butte National Monument (see map). The kiosks and signs will be installed using funding provided by the Friends of Gold Butte that was received through a grant.



Kiosks with interpretive information would be installed at Little Finland, Devil's Throat, and Gold Butte Townsite to provide the public an opportunity to better understand and appreciate the natural, historic, and cultural heritage of the locations. The interpretive information would be displayed on a kiosk similar to what is shown below:



The BLM would install new and replace existing directional signs that are needed to assist the public navigate Gold Butte National Monument. The directional signs would provide mileage, directional arrows, and site locations similar to the sign below:



In addition to the directional signs the BLM will also be installing a Gold Butte Back Country Byway portal sign and a safety information sign. The existing directional signs are being replaced because of wear and tear and to update directional information, such as including "Little Finland" and adding "Townsite" to the signs similar to the example below:



existing sign





proposed replacement sign

All interpretive information, kiosks and directional signs would be required to follow BLM standards. Hand tools would be used to install the kiosks and directional signs. Tools and supplies needed to install the kiosks and directional signs include shovels, post hole diggers, concrete, and water. Access to the kiosk and directional signs installation locations would be by designated routes. All vehicles on site during the installation of the kiosks and directional signs would park on designated routes.

## II. Land Use Plan Conformance

<b>Land Use Plan:</b> Las Vegas Resource Management Plan	<b>Date Approved:</b> October 1998
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The Proposed Action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions) and, if applicable, implementation plan decisions:

### Recreation Management

#### Objective

**RC-1.** Ensure that a wide range of recreation opportunities are available for recreation users in concert with protecting the natural resources on public lands that attract users.

## III. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9:

*G. Transportation 2. Installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, waterbars, gates, or cattleguards on/or adjacent to roads and trails identified in any land use or transportation plan, or eligible for incorporation in such plan.*

*G. Transportation 4. Placement of recreational, special designation, or information signs, visitor registers, kiosks, and portable sanitation devices.*

This categorical exclusion is appropriate for this action because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

**IV. Signature**

I considered this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the Proposed Action is in conformance with the approved land use plan(s) and that no further environmental analysis is required.

  
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Authorized Official  
Title Field Manager

9/20/17  
Date



**Stipulations and Mitigation Measures****1. Lands and Realty or Minerals**

- 1.1. The right-of-way (ROW) is issued subject to all valid existing rights.
- 1.2. No signs of advertising devices shall be placed on the premises or on adjacent public lands, except those posted by or at the direction of the Authorized Officer.
- 1.3. The ROW shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times. Waste materials at those sites shall be disposed of promptly at an approved waste disposal site. "Waste," as used in this paragraph, shall mean all discarded matter of any kind.
- 1.4. The ROW Holder, applicant, or proponent shall ensure that the road has a proper drainage system and should include the best combination of various design elements, such as ditches, culverts, drainage dips, crowns, low-water crossings, subsurface drains, and bridges, per Clark County standards.
- 1.5. ROW Holder, applicant, or proponent shall mark the exterior boundaries of the ROW with stake and/or lath at 100 to 200 foot intervals. The intervals may be varied at the time of staking at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. The tops of the stakes and/or laths will be painted, and the laths flagged in a distinctive color as determined by the ROW Holder, applicant, or proponent. ROW Holder, applicant, or proponent shall maintain all boundary stakes and/or laths in place until final cleanup and restoration is completed.
- 1.6. ROW Holder, applicant, or proponent shall conduct all activities associated with construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of this ROW within its authorized limits.
- 1.7. ROW Holder, applicant, or proponent shall maintain the ROW in a safe, useable condition, as directed by the Authorized Officer. A regular maintenance program shall include, but is not limited to, soil stabilization.
- 1.8. Pursuant to 43 CFR 2807.17(a) and 43 CFR 2807.17(c), BLM may suspend or terminate the grant if the Holder does not comply with applicable laws and regulations or any terms, conditions, or stipulations of the grant (such as rent payments), or if the Holder abandons the right-of-way. Failure to use your right-of-way for its authorized purpose for any continuous five-year period creates a presumption of abandonment.
- 1.9. ROW Holder, applicant, or proponent shall maintain a copy of the authorization, along with stipulations, on construction site at all times. In the event that the public land underlying this ROW, encompassed in this grant, or a portion thereof, is conveyed out of federal ownership and administration of the ROW or the land underlying the ROW is not being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed and/or the ROW is not within a ROW corridor being reserved to the United States in the patent/deed, the United States waives any right it has to administer the ROW, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land under federal laws, statutes, and regulations, including the

regulations at 43 CFR Part 2800, including any rights to have the Applicant/proponent apply to BLM for amendments, modifications, or assignments and for BLM to approve or recognize such amendments, modifications, or assignments. At the time of conveyance, the patentee/grantee, and their successors and assigns, shall succeed to the interests of the United States in all matters relating to the ROW, or portion thereof, within the conveyed land and shall be subject to applicable state and local government laws, statutes, and ordinances. After conveyance, any disputes concerning compliance with the use and the terms and conditions of the ROW shall be considered a civil matter between the patentee/grantee and the ROW holder.

- 1.10. Within 90 days of construction completion, the ROW Holder, applicant, or proponent shall provide the Authorized Officer with data in a format compatible with the BLM's Arc-Info Geographic Information System to accurately locate and identify the ROW:

Acceptable data formats are:

Corrected Global Positioning System files with sub-meter accuracy or better, in UTM NAD 83; Zone 11; ARCGIS export files on a CD ROM, shapefile, geodatabase.

Data may be submitted in any of the following formats:

- ARCGIS interchange, shapefile, or geodatabase format.
- CD ROM in compressed or uncompressed format.

All data shall include metadata for each coverage, and conform to the Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata Federal Geographic Data Committee standards. Contact the GIS Department at (702) 515-5000.

- 1.11. To the full extent permissible by law, the Holder agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States against any liability caused by the Holder, its agents, contractors, or third parties. The Holder agrees to bear all responsibility (financial or other) for any and all liability or responsibility of any kind or nature assessed against the United States arising from the Holder's use or occupancy of the project area regardless of whether the Holder has actually developed or caused development to occur.

## **2. General Resource Stipulations**

- 2.1. The Holder shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations for the protection of resources and the environment, to include but not limited to air, cultural, hazmat, soil, vegetation, water, wildlife.
- 2.2. As part of project reclamation, the Holder will be responsible for ensuring that any boreholes, wells, or other openings in the ground are backfilled and properly covered, according to the Nevada Regulatory Statutes.
- 2.3. The Holder shall remove from public land and properly dispose of any and all trash, litter, debris, waste, excess materials, including flagging and signs, or other substances and materials resulting from the use under this authorization. All trash and food items shall be promptly contained within closed, raven-proof containers.



### **3. Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Animal Species**

#### **Special Stipulations:**

Proponent must comply with the terms and conditions of the Programmatic Biological Opinion (84320-2010-F-0365.R004), which have been attached to this CX.

- 3.1. The Holder will comply with the terms and conditions of the Biological Opinion File No. 84320-2010-F-0365 for this project. The Biological Opinion is on file at the Bureau of Land Management, Southern Nevada District Office. The terms and conditions are attached.
- 3.2. The Holder, upon completion of the proposed action, must submit Appendix G found in the terms and conditions of the Biological Opinion (attached). Please forward Appendix G to the BLM, Attn: Wildlife Biologist, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130. Failure to abide by the terms and conditions of the grant and Biological Opinion, could result in temporary suspension of all activities within your ROW area per 43 CFR 2807.16 and 43 CFR 2807.17.

### **4. Cultural and Paleontological Resources**

- 4.1. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the Holder, or any person working on his behalf on public or federal lands shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The Holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation. Any decision regarding suitable mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the Holder. Holder shall be responsible for the resultant mitigation costs.

### **5. Hazardous Materials**

- 5.1. If hazardous materials/substances are used or present within the authorized area, the Holder shall immediately notify the Authorized Officer of any release (leaks, spills, etc.) of hazardous substances, toxic substances, or hazardous waste. As required by law, Holder shall have responsibility for and shall take all action(s) necessary to respond to and fully remediate releases (leaks, spills, etc.) within the authorized area. A copy of any report required or requested by any federal, state, or local government agency as a result of a reportable release or spill of any hazardous substances shall be furnished to the Authorized Officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved federal, state, or local government agency.

### **6. Survey Monuments**

- 6.1. Holder shall protect all survey monuments found within the authorization area. Survey monuments include, but are not limited to, General Land Office and Bureau of Land Management Cadastral Survey Corners, reference corners, witness points, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey benchmarks and triangulation stations, military control monuments, and recognizable civil (both public and private) survey monuments. If any of the above are to be disturbed during operations, the Holder shall secure the services of a Professional Land Surveyor or Bureau cadastral surveyor to perpetuate the disturbed monuments and references using surveying procedures found in the Manual of

Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands of the United States and Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 329, Perpetuation of Corners. The Holder shall record such survey in the appropriate county and send a copy to the Authorized Officer. If the Bureau cadastral surveyors or other federal surveyors are used to restore the disturbed survey monuments, the Holder shall be responsible for the survey cost.

## **7. Fire and Fuels**

- 7.1. Compliance with fire restrictions is mandatory while fire restrictions are in effect (43 CFR 9212). Fire restrictions are generally enacted May through October. Fire restriction orders are available for review at BLM district offices and on the BLM website.
- 7.2. The use of standard fire prevention measures should be practiced at all times (43 CFR 2805.12). Conditions that support wildfires can occur any time of the year in Southern Nevada.
- 7.3. The Holder shall immediately report fires to 911 or (702) 631-2350 and make all accommodations to allow immediate safe entry of firefighting apparatus and personnel.
- 7.4. An Origin and Cause Investigation will be carried out on any human caused fire by BLM law enforcement or their designated representative. To minimize disturbance of potential evidence located at the fire scene, the applicant/proponent shall properly handle and preserve evidence in coordination with the BLM. The BLM shall pursue cost recovery for all costs and damages incurred from human-caused fires on BLM lands when the responsible party(s) has been identified and evidence of legal liability or intent exists. Legal liability includes, but is not limited to, negligence and strict liability (including statutory and contractual liability), products liability, etc.

## **8. Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds**

- 8.1. The Holder will keep their project area free of state-listed noxious weeds, such as Sahara mustard (*Brassica tournefortii*), for the life of the project. The Holder shall perform annual monitoring for invasive species/noxious weeds. Any detections of noxious weeds should be reported to the SNDO Weed Management Specialist immediately (702-515-5000) to determine best course for treatment.
- 8.2. The use of pesticide treatment requires the Holder to coordinate with the BLM SNDO weed management specialist (702-515-5000) and prepare, submit, obtain, and maintain a pesticide use proposal (PUP) to utilize pesticides for project activities.
- 8.3. In order to reduce the accidental spread of noxious weeds, the Holder and any contractors shall avoid or minimize all types of travel through a state listed noxious weed-infested areas that can be carried to the project area. In order to minimize the threat of spreading noxious weeds project-related equipment (i.e. undercarriages and wheel wells) should be cleaned of all mud, dirt, and plant parts before moving into relatively weed-free areas or out of relatively weed-infested areas. Project workers shall inspect, remove, and dispose of weed seed and plant parts found on their clothing and personal equipment, bag the product, and dispose of it in a dumpster. If you have questions, consult with the BLM SNDO noxious weed coordinator.
- 8.4. During construction and maintenance activities the Holder shall:
  - 8.4.1. Review the annual weed inventory prior to any ground disturbance;
  - 8.4.2. Limit the size of any vegetation and/or ground disturbance to the absolute minimum necessary to perform the activity safely and as designed.
  - 8.4.3. Begin activities in weed free areas whenever feasible before operating in weed-infested areas.



- 8.4.4. Locate equipment storage, machine and vehicle parking or any other area needed for the temporary placement of people, machinery and supplies in areas that are relatively weed-free;
- 8.4.5. Avoid or minimize all types of travel through weed-infested areas or restrict major activities to periods of time when the spread of seed or plant parts are least likely.
- 8.5. If landscaping is part of the project design, the Holder will ensure that landscaping does not contain state-listed noxious weeds, such as fountaingrass (*Pennisetum setaceum*).

## 9. Mineral Resources

- 9.1. If construction activities produce excess mineral materials from within the boundaries of the Proposed Action, the mineral materials must be used within the boundaries of the Proposed Action or stockpiled within the boundaries of the Proposed Action for future disposal by the BLM.
- 9.2. If construction activities require that excess mineral materials be exported from within the boundaries of the Proposed Action as they are generated, then written authorization, a mineral material sales contract, a free-use permit, etc. must be obtained from the BLM by the Holder prior to exporting the excess mineral materials from within the boundaries of the Proposed Action.
- 9.3. If mineral materials are to be stockpiled on site for a future disposal, specific BLM use authorization in the form of a written authorization, mineral material sales contract, free-use permit, etc. must be obtained from the BLM prior to exporting the excess mineral materials from within the boundaries of the Proposed Action.

## 10. Migratory Birds

- 10.1. In compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, habitat-altering projects or portions of projects should be scheduled outside of the bird breeding season, which generally occurs February 15th through August 31st. If a project has to occur during the breeding season, then a qualified biologist must survey the area for nests, including ground nesting species, immediately prior to commencement of construction activities. If any active nests are found, an appropriately sized buffer area must be established and maintained until the young birds fledge. If feasible, the buffer area should connect to suitable, undisturbed habitat. As the above dates are a general guideline, any active nests that are observed outside this range, must be avoided as described above.
- 10.2. Any infrastructure for projects will be designed and constructed in a manner that does not allow open pipes that birds or other wildlife could be trapped in. This includes fencing, gates, or other materials with open holes. All open pipes will be capped or secured so that wildlife cannot access.
- 10.3. If lighting is installed on buildings or required by the FAA, lighting on buildings should be down-shielded and those structures/towers required by FAA to have lighting installed, should have flashing lights with the minimum intensity required by the FAA to prevent migratory bird collisions.
- 10.4. If project involves power lines and/or power line posts, the Holder shall follow Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) guidelines (Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines (2006) and Reducing Avian Collisions with Power Lines (2012)) to reduce this risk through facility design and comply with MBTA and other federal wildlife laws, due to potential for electrocution, collision, and nesting/perching by migratory birds on overhead power lines.

- 10.5. If guy wires are used on structures (including power line posts and communication towers) they must be marked with bird diverters so they are visible to prevent injury/mortality to birds through collision.

#### **11. Fish and Wildlife, Excluding Federally Listed Species**

- 11.1. If artificial water sources are used, ensure that they have a properly installed and designed escape ramp to allow for wildlife to flee in the event of accidental entrapping.
- 11.2. Project supplies or equipment where wildlife could temporarily hide will be inspected prior to moving them to reduce the potential for injury to wildlife. Supplies and equipment that cannot be inspected, or from which wildlife cannot escape or be removed, will be covered or otherwise made secure from wildlife intrusion or entrapment at the end of each work day.
- 11.3. If any Gila monster are encountered during project construction they must be reported immediately to the Nevada Division of Wildlife at (702) 486-5127.

#### **12. Wild Horse and Burro**

- 12.1. If wild horse and/or burro are encountered in or near the authorized area do not feed, harass, or otherwise interact with the animal. Report sick or injured animals, or violations to animals to the BLM immediately.





Jaina Moan &lt;jaina@friendsofgoldbutte.org&gt;

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## Cost Estimates

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**Kirk, James (Lee)** <jkirk@blm.gov>

Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 5:15 PM

To: Jaina Moan &lt;jaina@friendsofgoldbutte.org&gt;

Jaina,

I have attached the cost estimate for the kiosks. Below are the cost estimates for the signs and materials:

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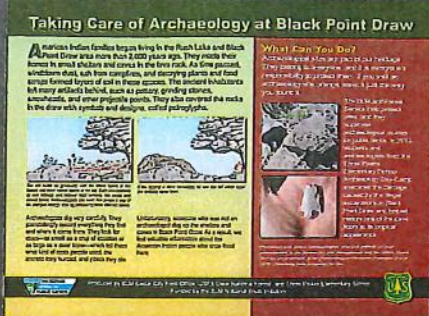
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Lee Kirk  
Acting Monument Manager  
Gold Butte National Monument  
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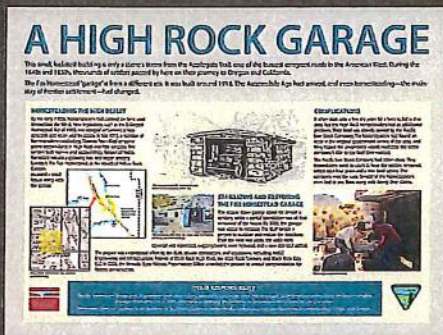




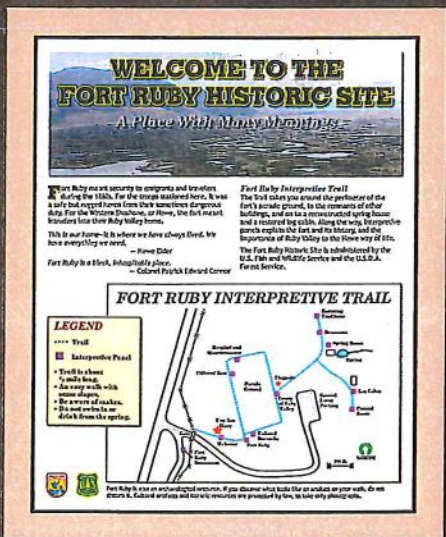
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Nevada Off Highway Vehicles Program  
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
901, S. Stewart Street, Ste. 1000  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Road Signs and Maintenance for Gold Butte National Monument

Dear Commissioner/s:

The above stated off-highway project has my approval as of October 30, 2017. The project is located in Gold Butte National Monument and is in conformance with the appropriate land management permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state and/or federal laws specifically, NRS 490.069.

The enclosed Categorical Exclusion (DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2017-0120-CX) for the project was prepared to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lee Kirk at (702) 515-5026 or by email at [jkirk@blm.gov](mailto:jkirk@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

Gayle Marrs-Smith  
Field Manager  
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Attn: DCNR J. Scanland  
1 S. Stewart Street, Suite 1001  
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: OHV Commission grant, commitment to 25 years

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Friends of Gold Butte Board of Directors, this letter is to express the commitment of the Friends of Gold Butte (FoGB) to maintaining our road monitoring and maintenance program in Gold Butte National Monument for the next 25 years and beyond.

FoGB has been actively involved in the Gold Butte area for 15 years and we are committed to maintaining our programs through volunteer recruitment and retention. The new road signs installed for this program will remain in place for more than 25 years. FoGB recognizes that during this time, road monitoring and maintenance will be needed and we are committed to maintaining our volunteer program to ensure that signs are still in place, road conditions are documented, and access is maintained. If needed, we will seek additional grant funding to support these programs with additional tools and supplies.

This project is contingent on an effective and working relationship with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). FoGB's relationship with the BLM is directed by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the agency and our organization. We are committed to continuing this partnership for the next 25 years, revisiting and reapproving the MOU as needed.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of our grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Jaina Moan  
Executive Director



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October 30, 2017

Nevada OHV Program  
Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources  
901 S. Stewart Street, Ste 1000  
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: ROAD SIGNS AND MAINTENANCE FOR GOLD BUTTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

ATTN: NV OHV PROGRAM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Commissioners,

Partners In Conservation (PIC) wishes to extend our support for the Friends of Gold Butte's grant application for signage, documenting road conditions, and minor maintenance of roads in the Gold Butte National Monument.

Their proposal is well thought out and the organization has already spent a lot of time planning and working with the BLM on signage for the monument. Although the BLM has placed Carsonite signs throughout Gold Butte, a system of more noticeable, accurate signs needs to be installed along the byway, especially for the major side roads. The inclusion of accurate mileage distances will be so helpful. The area is extremely remote and unless you spend a great deal of time in the Gold Butte region and have an idea of what to expect, confusion, hesitation, and second-guessing can quickly lead to folks making poor decisions and even becoming lost. Specific mileage information provides reliable assurances for visitors.

Additionally, the monitoring of road conditions and quick response to washouts and erosion is needed, especially as visitation includes so many new people, unfamiliar with the area, the terrain, and the places where even small rain events can create unpassable roads.

Please consider PIC's support in your evaluation process; we share the Friends of Gold Butte's love of this area as we also share their concern in providing a safe, enjoyable experience to those that want to explore this fabulous, gorgeous, unique expanse of public land.

Sincerely,

Elise McAllister  
Administrator

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October 27, 2017

Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Off-Highway Vehicles Program  
Attn: DCNR J. Scanland  
901 S. Stewart St., Ste 1001  
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Re: Road signs and maintenance for Gold Butte National Monument

Friends of Nevada Wilderness would like to express our support for the Road signs and maintenance for Gold Butte National Monument authored by the Friends of Gold Butte.

Gold Butte is rich in cultural resources, both in ancient and more recent history. Gold Butte's petroglyphs, that possibly date back up to 3,000 years, reflect the history of the Paiutes. More recent history is seen at the Gold Butte town site where mining artifacts remain. Corrals showcase the history of ranching in the area. All of these resources are a window into our cultural heritage and give us the ability to reflect back to more simpler times. For youth, they provide an outdoor classroom where stories of the West come to life.

Recently being designated as a National Monument, Gold Butte will draw more visitors expecting facilities in the way of trails, recreation sites and signage. Properly signed and maintained roads helps ensure the safety of visitors and also protects the natural resources. Engaging volunteers is also crucial to the sustainability of managing Gold Butte as federal budgets are limited and engaging the community is an important part of protecting the monument.

Friends of Nevada Wilderness values the goals sought to be achieved through this proposal and applauds the actions by the Friends of Gold Butte to enact a plan to manage and provide recreational activities in Gold Butte.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or further information.

Thank you,

Jose Witt  
Southern Nevada Director  
Friends of Nevada Wilderness  
[jose@nevadawilderness.org](mailto:jose@nevadawilderness.org)