

# Howell Peak

## Findings

INVENTORY UNIT ACRES		
Federal	State	Total
<b>With Wilderness Characteristics</b>		
1,300	200	1,500 (98%)
<b>Without Wilderness Characteristics</b>		
30	0	30 (2%)
<b>Inventory Unit Total</b>		
1,330	200	1,530
<b>Contiguous Area-Wilderness Characteristics</b>		
Howell Peak WSA (UT-050-077)		24,800

About 1,500 acres of the three-unit Howell Peak inventory unit have wilderness characteristics. The units meet the size requirement of 5,000 contiguous acres as a roadless extension of the Howell Peak Wilderness Study Area (WSA). They are generally natural in character, with human imprints being substantially unnoticeable. One small area near the southern boundary of Unit 3 (about 30 acres) was found to be unnatural because of the presence of a reservoir, a vehicle way, a hunting camp, and an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) play area. The inventory unit itself possesses opportunities for solitude and primitive and unconfined recreation, but these opportunities are outstanding only in association with the contiguous Howell Peak WSA.

## Unit Description

The Howell Peak inventory unit is located in Millard County about 45 miles west of Delta in the central portion of the House Range. It is composed primarily of public land, with the exception of portions of two state sections located on the west and south borders of the Howell Peak WSA.

Two of the three inventory units consist of lower western slopes of the Middle Range that are dominated by grasses and brush. Partially forested foothills in the southern portion of the Middle Range characterize Unit 3, the largest unit, where elevations range from about 6,000 to 6,500 feet. Human uses in the three units include sheep ranching, hunting, hiking, and camping.

## Wilderness Characteristics

### Naturalness

Most of the Howell Peak inventory units retain their natural character. They are a logical extension of the contiguous Howell Peak WSA. There are a few unnatural features, including a 2-1/4 mile-long vehicle way and evidence of hunting and livestock camps. However, these minor imprints do not affect the overall naturalness of the units. One small area near the southern boundary of Unit 3 is unnatural due to the presence of a reservoir, a vehicle way, a hunting camp, and an ATV play area.

## Outstanding Opportunities

### Solitude

The inventory units are contiguous to and an extension of the Howell Peak WSA, which has outstanding opportunities for solitude. Given their small size and sparse vegetation, Units 1 and 2 provide outstanding opportunities for solitude only in association with the WSA. Even Unit 3, with its larger size, broken topography, and denser vegetation, provides outstanding opportunities for solitude only in association with the contiguous WSA.

### Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

The Howell Peak inventory unit is contiguous to and an extension of the Howell Peak WSA. Given their size, the three units possess outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation only in association with the contiguous WSA.

### Supplemental Values

No supplemental values have been identified.

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