

Legend

● Cotton Peak Tower

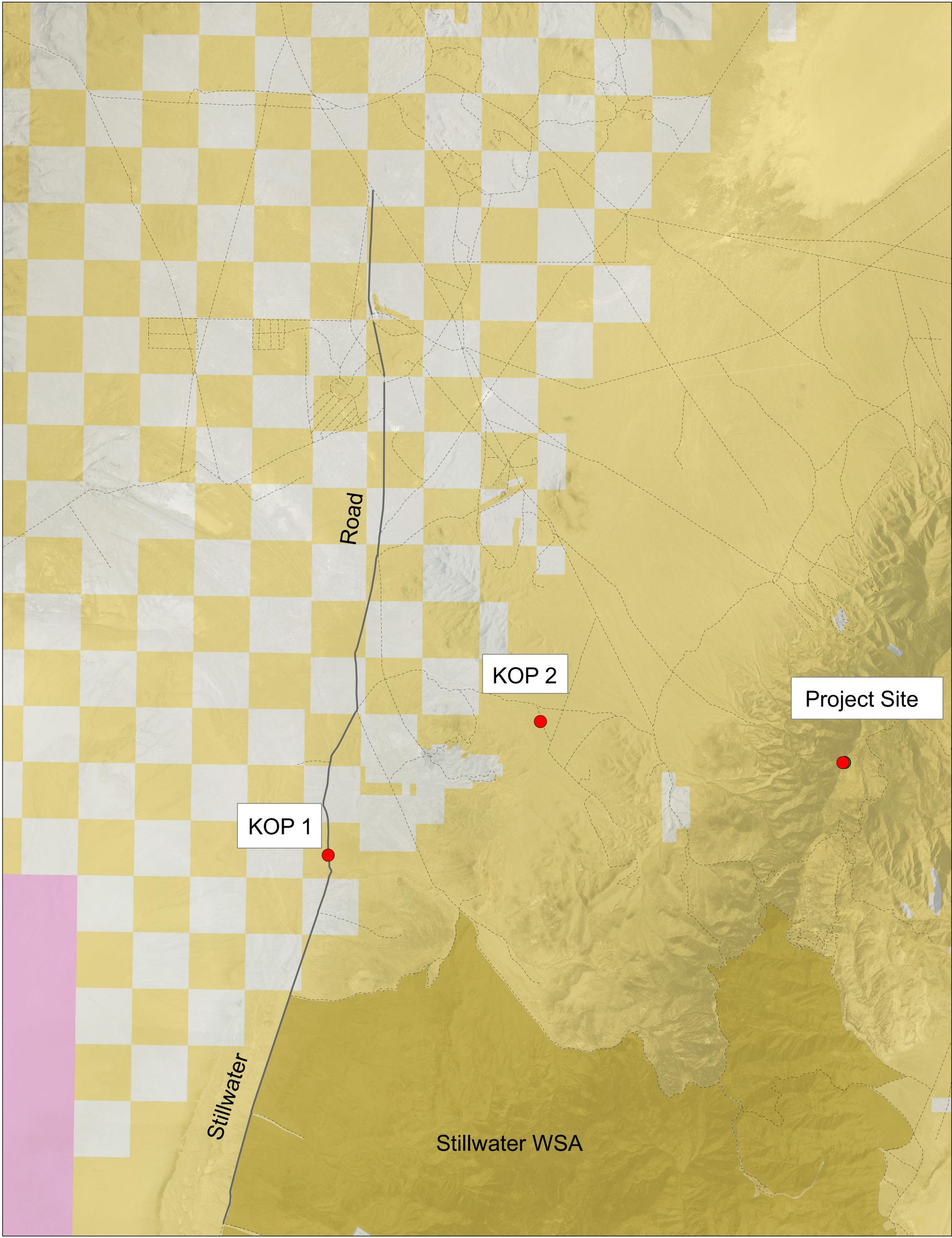
VRI Class Polygon

- VRI Class I
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**Visual Resource Management
Visual Resource Inventory Polygons**



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Visual Resource Management Key Observation Points

Legend

- Cotton Peak Tower
- KOPs

Land Status

- BLM
- BR
- DOD
- PVT



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VISUAL CONTRAST RATING WORKSHEET

Date _____

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Activity (program) _____

SECTION A. PROJECT INFORMATION

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| 1. Project Name | 4. Location Township _____ Range _____ Section _____ | 5. Location Sketch |
| 2. Key Observation Point | | |
| 3. VRM Class | | |

SECTION B. CHARACTERISTIC LANDSCAPE DESCRIPTION

| | 1. LANDWATER | 2. VEGETATION | 3. STRUCTURES |
|---------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| FORM | | | |
| LINE | | | |
| COLOR | | | |
| TEXTURE | | | |

SECTION C. PROPOSED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

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SECTION D. CONTRAST RATING SHORT TERM LONG TERM

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| ELEMENTS | 1. DEGREE OF CONTRAST | FEATURES | | | | | | | | | | | | 2. Does project design meet visual resource management objectives? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Explain on reverse side) |
| | | LANDWATER BODY (1) | | | | VEGETATION (2) | | | | STRUCTURES (3) | | | | 3. Additional mitigating measures recommended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Explain on reverse side) |
| | | Strong | Moderate | Weak | None | Strong | Moderate | Weak | None | Strong | Moderate | Weak | None | |
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SECTION D. (Continued)

Comments from item 2.

Additional Mitigating Measures (See item 3)



Proposed site of tower as viewed from Stillwater Road, an infrequently driven graded road which connects Fallon and Lovelock. This is the most likely road to be traveled by the general public and the most viewable location of the project site along this road. The existing tower is not visible even with the aid of 10X binoculars from this location. Viewability of the site from the north will be obscured by the peak, and viewability on the eastern side of the Stillwater Range from Dixie Valley Road is low due to distance from the road.

From this Key Observation Point (KOP) the viewshed can be divided into three distinct boundaries: the foreground, middle ground and background. The foreground consists of flat sandy soils sparsely populated with salt desert scrub with predominate colors of yellow, and light tans. The middle ground is comprised of rolling hills covered with cheat grass with a smooth texture and yellow and tan colors. The background consists of rugged terrain comprised of small ridges and canyons that provide dark and light contrasts from shadows with predominant colors of dark greens and grays

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| Project: Cotton Peak R.O.W. EA | Date: 11/26/14 |
| Evaluators: Dan Westermeyer | Photo ID: 2701 |
| Location ID: KOP 1 | Lens Focal Length: 50 mm |
| Azimuth: 82 degrees East | Waypoint ID: 1 |
| UTM East: 39172.16 | UTM North: 4422705.55 |

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Proposed site of tower as viewed from unnamed dirt road 5.4 linear miles from project site. The top of the existing tower is marginally visible with the aid of 10X binoculars from this location. The general public would not likely be travelling on this or any other 4WD road in this area.

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| Project: Cotton Peak R.O.W. EA | Date: 11/26/14 |
| Evaluators: Dan Westermeyer | Photo ID: 2702 |
| Location ID: KOP 2 | Lens Focal Length: 50 mm |
| Azimuth: 85 degrees East | Waypoint ID: 2 |
| UTM East: 403220.61 | UTM North: 4426532.54 |