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Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness Additions (potential wilderness) *San Diego County*

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Desert and mixed chaparral habitats.

Sensitive species:

**Endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep*

**Southwestern willow flycatcher*

**Mount Laguna alumroot*

Bureau of Land Management

**Sawtooth WSA "A"*

**Oriflamme Mountain*

6,500 acres - approx.

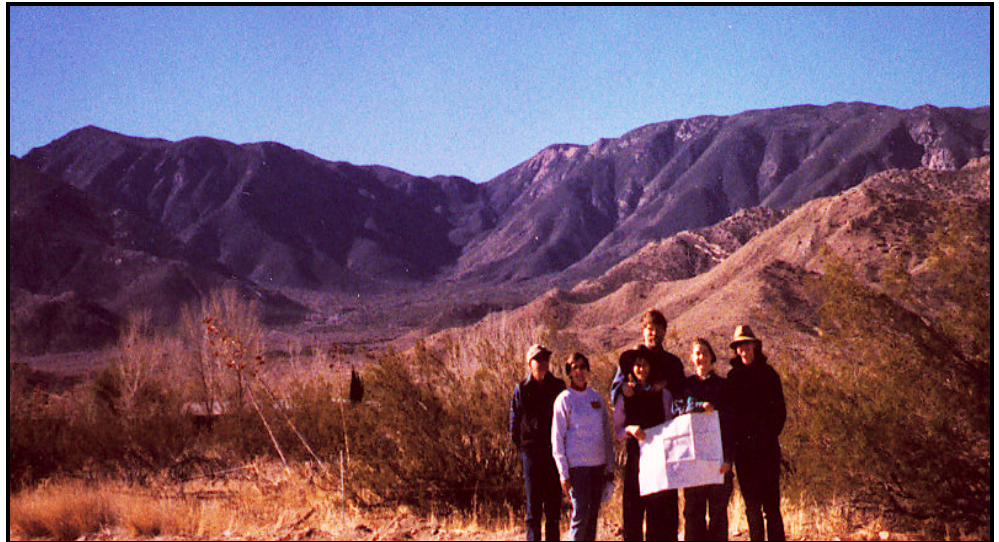
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Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness Additions

Tucked between the Laguna Mountains to the west and the Colorado Desert to the east, the Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness Additions represent an abrupt transition zone between the Peninsular Ranges and the Colorado desert, as well as a vital link for wildlife between Cleveland National Forest and Anza Borrego Desert State Park lands.

With a vertical drop of 4,000 feet in a little over a mile, the area forms a shear connection between high, dense mountain forests and

low, rugged desert valleys.

Two units make up the Sawtooth Mtns. Additions: the Sawtooth Wilderness Study Area (WSA) "A" (contiguous to and northwest of the existing Sawtooth Wilderness) and the area to the north known as Oriflamme Mountain.

The proposed Sawtooth Mountain Additions added to the existing Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness area will total 41,500 acres. This large acreage will help guarantee a viable desert ecosystem.

Designated by the US Fish &

Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness Additions

(potential)

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Indian Morteros

With their stunning topographical features, the Sawtooth Mountains Additions offer outstanding outdoor recreation. In Sawtooth "A", the Sawtooth Range provides a steep route up to Garnet Peak in the Cleveland National Forest and Oriflamme Mountain area contains the headwaters of lovely Oriflamme Creek.

The Sawtooth Mountains Additions offer a great diversity of plants and animals due to the large elevation variation.



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This biological diversity makes the lands extremely valuable for scientific research, education, and preservation.

Access: From mile 33.3 on Sunrise Highway (S-1) and from Highway S-2 in Mason Valley.

Wildlife Service as critical habitat for the endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep, Sawtooth "A" forms part of a vital corridor between bighorn ewe groups. Biologists believe that the survival of this species depends on the ability of bighorn sheep rams to travel between ewe groups.

The Sawtooth Mountains Additions also support the southern-most population of western redbud, the sensitive Mount Laguna alumroot and *Ayenia compact*, as well as the endangered least Bell's vireo and southwestern willow flycatcher.

