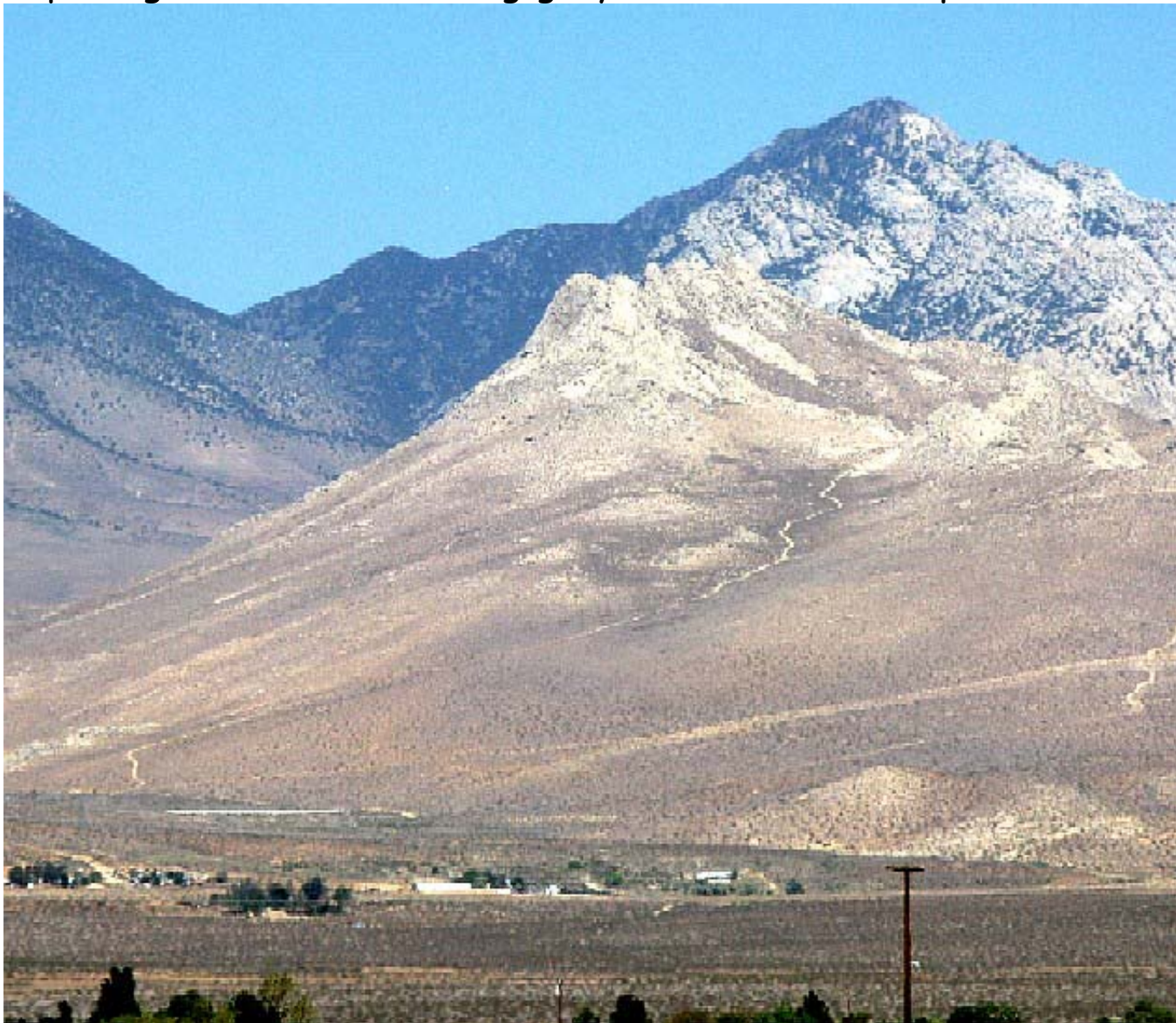


Greetings Adventurers! Its' been a long time since I've posted a story, and I owe you two big ones... *Israell!* and *Team Red Line on the Moab White Rim Trail.*

But I'm way-behind due to moving (from Irvine to Inyokern) and personal commitments oh well...

Sadly I've so many chores to do (big ones; chores that take days to complete) that it will be a while until I get to writing the big stories. So I thought, why not a little story? I'm burned out from working, so I'm going to take a little ride etc every morning before starting chores. Today, I went exploring Owens Peak, the big-grey-rock in the below pic...



The goal was to head up the valley in the left of the above pic. Above shot taken from my back porch, at 2,400' (peak is 7,700')...

From my place, I jumped up on the aqueduct road...



Note the aqueduct sometimes a cement box, sometimes a pipe...



The vertical-road is where Pigpen & I went when heading for "Five Fingers"; I'll be heading left up the valley...



Note these are hi-res shots, done by mistake. Even after re-sizing, really too big to fit "2 on a page" (nice clear shots though).

Below is the goal, Owens Peak, and I'll be heading up the valley as far as I can go...



On the way up, I passed roads checked "next ride". Lots to see!



These are the Five Fingers as seen looking north (below link is the map)...



<http://californiamaps.org/place.php?county=Kern&feature=Five+Fingers>

In the middle of nowhere, far from home, the below sign...



I don't really have a planned route... I'm just heading toward Owens Peak via whatever road looks like it goes in the right direction...



Up up up I go until I'm in the Joshua trees...



Below: End of the line! The summit is upper-left in the pic, but no bikes beyond this point. I did note there were dirt roads farther down the valley that go around the peaks surrounding Owens, and maybe this will get me closer, but no time today...



At this point, I'm 22 miles from home, all-dirt (no paved road between here and my garage). A very enjoyable morning, but ugh *chores* calling and I must go. But (above) I'm at 6,400' at the top of Morris Canyon (Owens Peak 7,700') and I feel great!

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=iyk&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=37.735377,79.101563&ie=UTF8&ll=35.718504,-117.978659&spn=0.037839,0.077248&t=p&z=14

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