

Photos of Little Cottonwood Creek Hike
Burns BLM District

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From the highway, Little Cottonwood Creek is mostly hidden within the folds of the Pueblo Mountains.



The hike starts at the “Wilderness Study Area” markers at the end of the access road.



For the first mile, the route follows a faint, double-track jeep trail on the north side of the creek.



Hiking over steep and loosely-consolidated beds of old river deposits requires caution at one point.



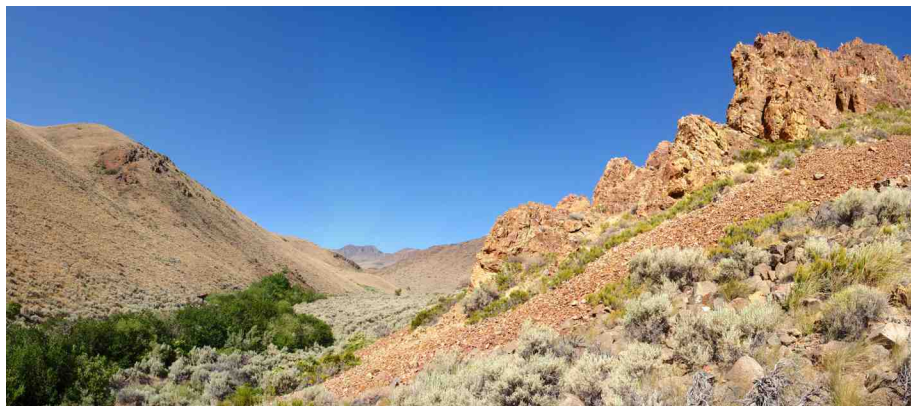
The middle canyon is easy hiking on game trails, skirting just above the sagebrush flats along the creek...



...but there are several deep, dry tributary washes to cross over.



When it's running, the creek cascades over this dark rock outcrop in a small waterfall.



At about the 3-mile point, this colorful "rooster comb" rock ridge makes a good hike destination.