

Off Road Trails near the Saddle Sore Ranch

Sleeping Princess –

Location: Between Bullhead City and Kingman. North of State Hwy 68.

Difficulty: **Difficult.**

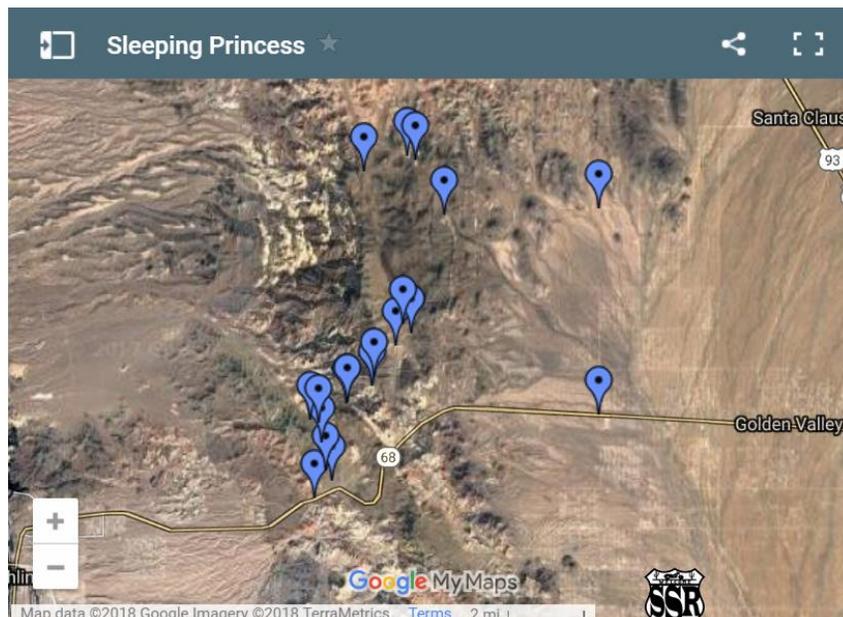
Description: Rock challenges and thrills will delight the most ardent four-wheeler. There's a great place to stop for lunch just below the summit. The northeast-side descent includes a functioning windmill, ruins of an old homestead complete with a hard-to-find waterfall, and the Wayfarer's Inn. Watch carefully for bighorn sheep. If you stack rocks to get over obstacles, make sure to remove them when you are done. This is a nasty, dangerous trail that should be driven with at least two other vehicles. Besides an array of challenging rock obstacles, the road climbs over 2,000 feet through the heart of the Black Mountains. Much of the road is loose, steep gravel. One spot, along the edge of a narrow shelf, requires a sharp inside turn. As your vehicle rounds the bend, your rear outside tire drops into a gravelly low spot. Power must be applied at just the right time to reduce the possibility of going over the edge. Recently a new loop, dubbed the Bob Miller Extension, has been added to the trail. To start the route, you must get around a 15-ft. vertical wall then drop down a very steep embankment. The descent down the northeast side is relatively easy albeit somewhat long and dusty. Stock, high-clearance vehicles can drive up to the top from this side with little difficulty.

Time & Distance: This trip can be completed in 4 to 5 hours under ideal circumstances. Better to allow a full day. From Hwy 68 it's 7.2 miles to the top of Sleeping Princess and an additional 19.8 back down.

Trail Conditions: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office. Call (928) 718-3700.

Directions to the Trail: Turn northwest off Hwy 68 about a tenth of a mile northeast of mile marker 8.

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Chloride Mines –

Location: Northwest of Kingman, east of Highway 93.

Difficulty: **Moderate.**

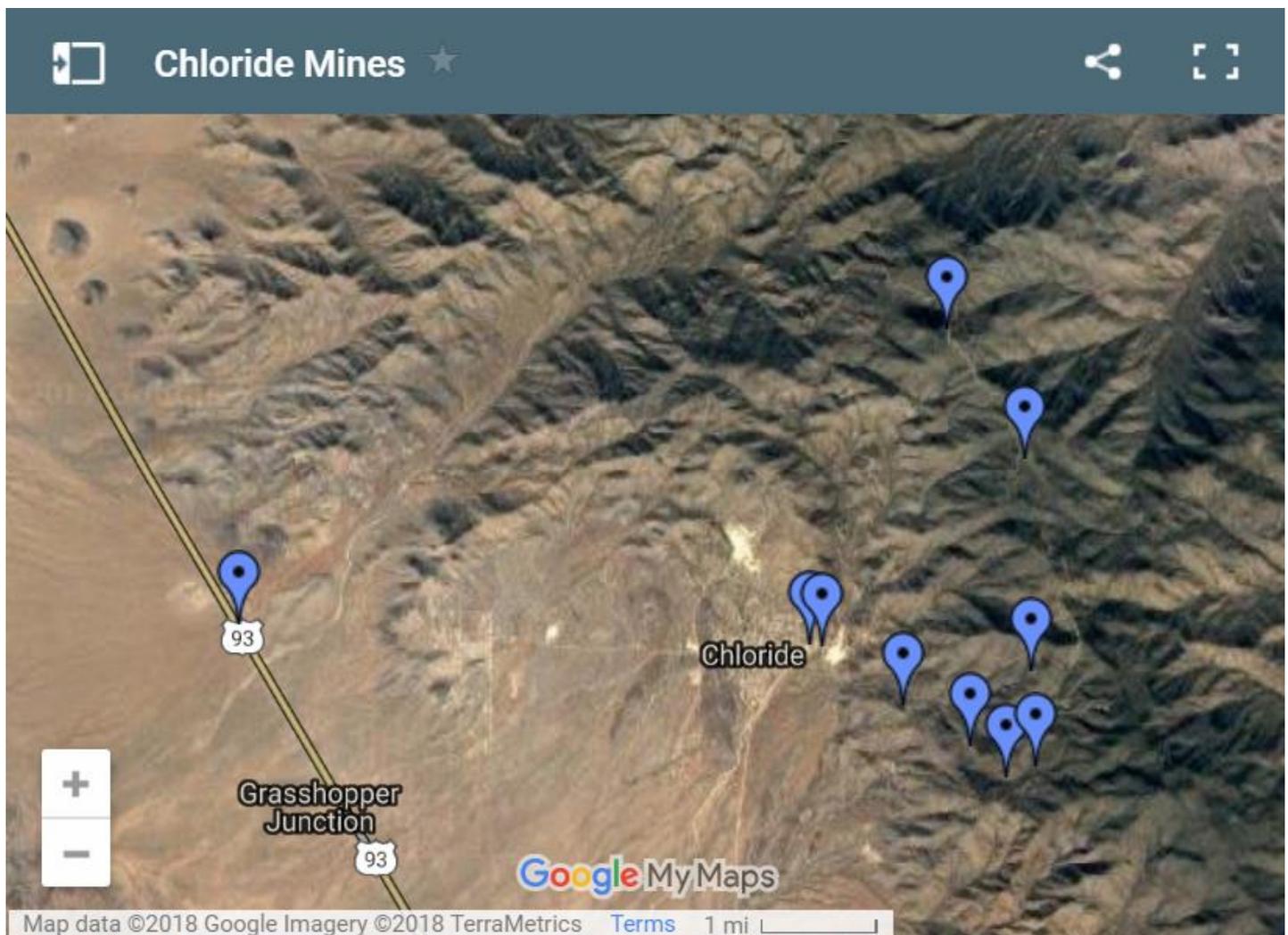
Description: Explore a once-bustling mining area. Watch for wild mustangs that still roam the hillsides. Walk through Chloride's historic buildings, including a post office that has been in operation since 1893. Learn about the town's history viewing exhibits in the Visitor **Center**. See Native American petroglyphs and colorful painted rock murals. Enjoy full-hookup camping in Chloride or rough it high above the town in two scenic BLM campgrounds with picnic tables and modern vault toilets. Hike several great trails in the Cerbat Mountains. The uphill side requires high-clearance two-wheel drive and occasional four-wheel drive on a few steep, rough spots. Wet conditions increase difficulty. The downhill side is an easy graded road suitable for passenger cars. If you explore any of the side roads, use extra caution and expect more difficult conditions.

Time & Distance: The complete loop is almost 19 miles. Allow about 2 hours driving time plus stops.

Trail Conditions: Chloride Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. Call (928) 565-4888.

Directions to the Trail: Take Hwy 93 north from Kingman about 18 miles. Turn right 0.3 miles north of mile marker 53, following signs to Chloride. Drive east about 4 miles to Chloride.

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Pass Canyon –

Location: Between Bullhead City and Oatman. North of Silver Creek Road.

Difficulty: **Difficult.**

Description: Rugged desert and mining country bordering closed wilderness. A bad spot at the start of Pass Canyon requires this trail be rated difficult. Most of the trail is just rutted sandy wash. Experienced SUV drivers with a good spotter can make it. Route-finding is difficult.

Time & Distance: About 14 miles as described here. Allow 3 to 4 hours.

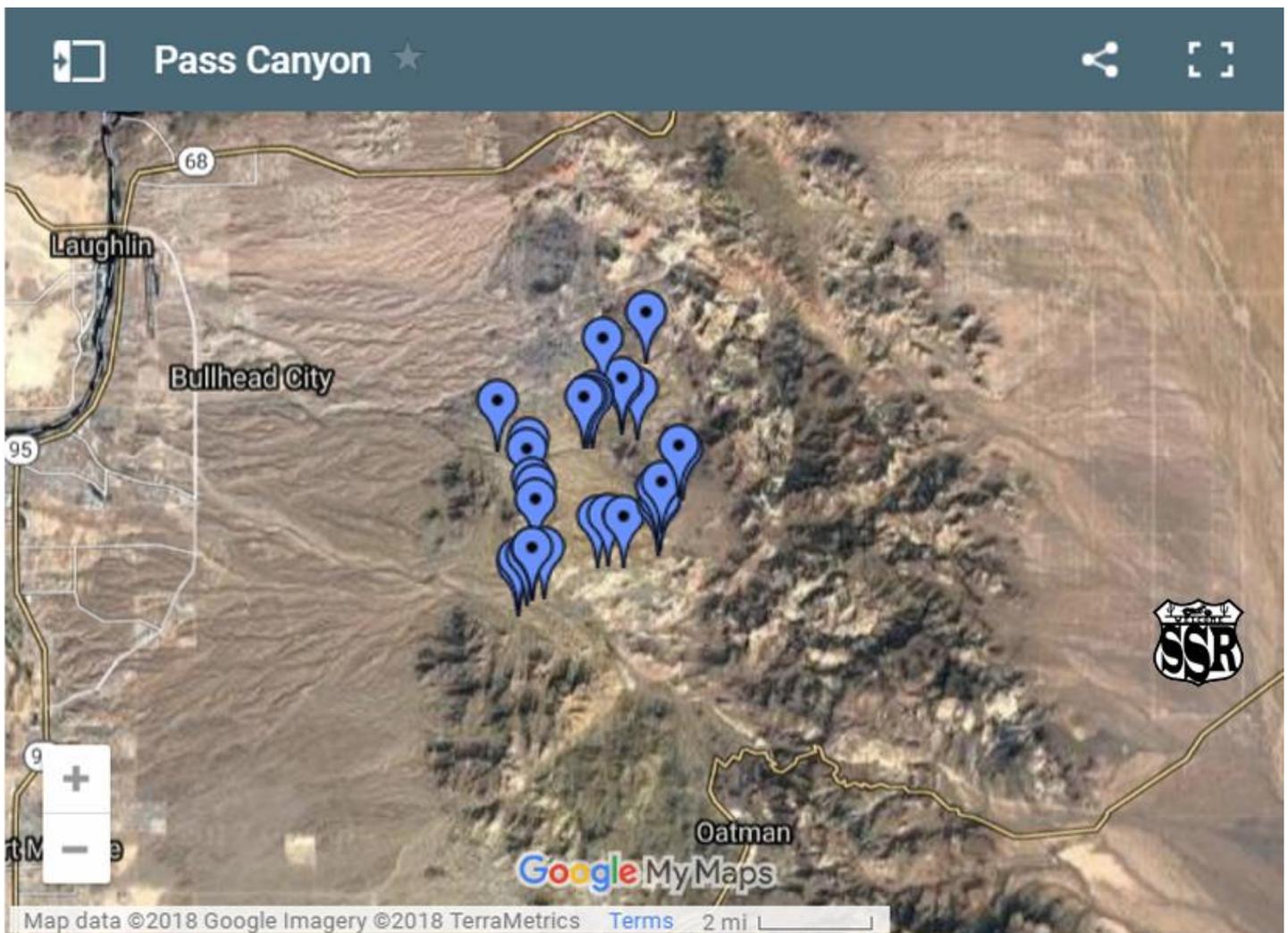
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Directions to the Trail:

From Bullhead City: From the Bullhead Parkway 95 Bypass, head east on Silver Creek Road 6.3 miles and turn left on a nondescript dirt road. There are many roads in the area so watch your mileage carefully.

From Oatman: Head north from Oatman on Route 66 about a mile. Turn left on Silver Creek Road. Go 4.7 miles and turn right.

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Secret Pass –

Location: Between Bullhead City and Kingman. South of Highway 68.

Difficulty: **Moderate.**

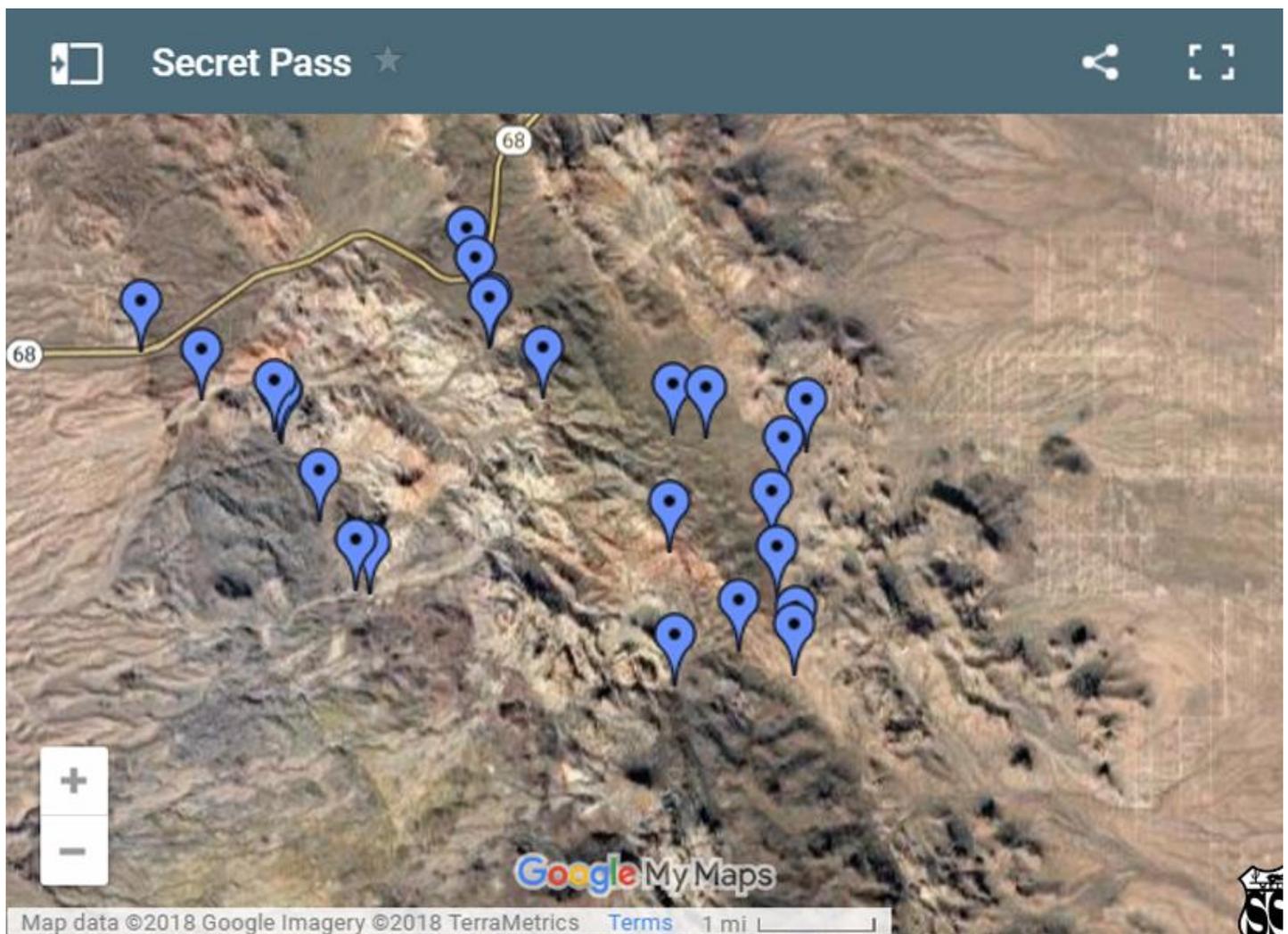
Description: Rugged desert and rolling foothills. Explore many side roads. Part of trail follows liquefied coal pipeline (Slurry Road). A few steep hills with occasional rocky spots. Many side roads make route-finding challenging.

Time & Distance: About 16 miles. Allow 3 to 4 hours.

Trail Conditions: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office. Call (928) 718-3700.

Directions to the Trail: Turn south off Hwy 68 after a guard rail ends at curve near mile marker 10.

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Backway To Oatman –

Location: Between the town of Mohave Valley on Hwy 95 and Oatman.

Difficulty: **Easy.**

Description: This route roughly follows the original bed of the old Mohave and Milltown Railroad. A hiking trail follows the railroad route, while the four-wheel-drive route weaves back and forth across it. Look at the trail markers carefully to see whether they are for hikers or Jeeps. Most of this road is fairly flat and can be driven in a high-clearance two-wheel-drive vehicle. Four-wheel drive may be needed occasionally after heavy rains when ruts and washouts occur. The road is sometimes faint and difficult to find, especially at the west end. Use Boundary Cone as a directional landmark. The trail can also be driven in the opposite direction.

Time & Distance: About 18 miles from Hwy 95 in Mohave Valley to Oatman. Allow 2 to 3 hours.

Trail Conditions: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office. Call (928) 718-3700.

Directions to the Trail: From Mohave Valley on Hwy 95 turn east on Willow Road at a traffic light halfway between mile markers 232 and 233. Continue east after the pavement ends until the road forks. Bear left, cross a wash, then continue straight uphill through a 4-way intersection. An information kiosk marks the start of the trail and is the general location of the Milltown Site.

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Moss Wash –

Location: Southeast of Kingman in the Hualapai Mountains.

Difficulty: **Difficult.**

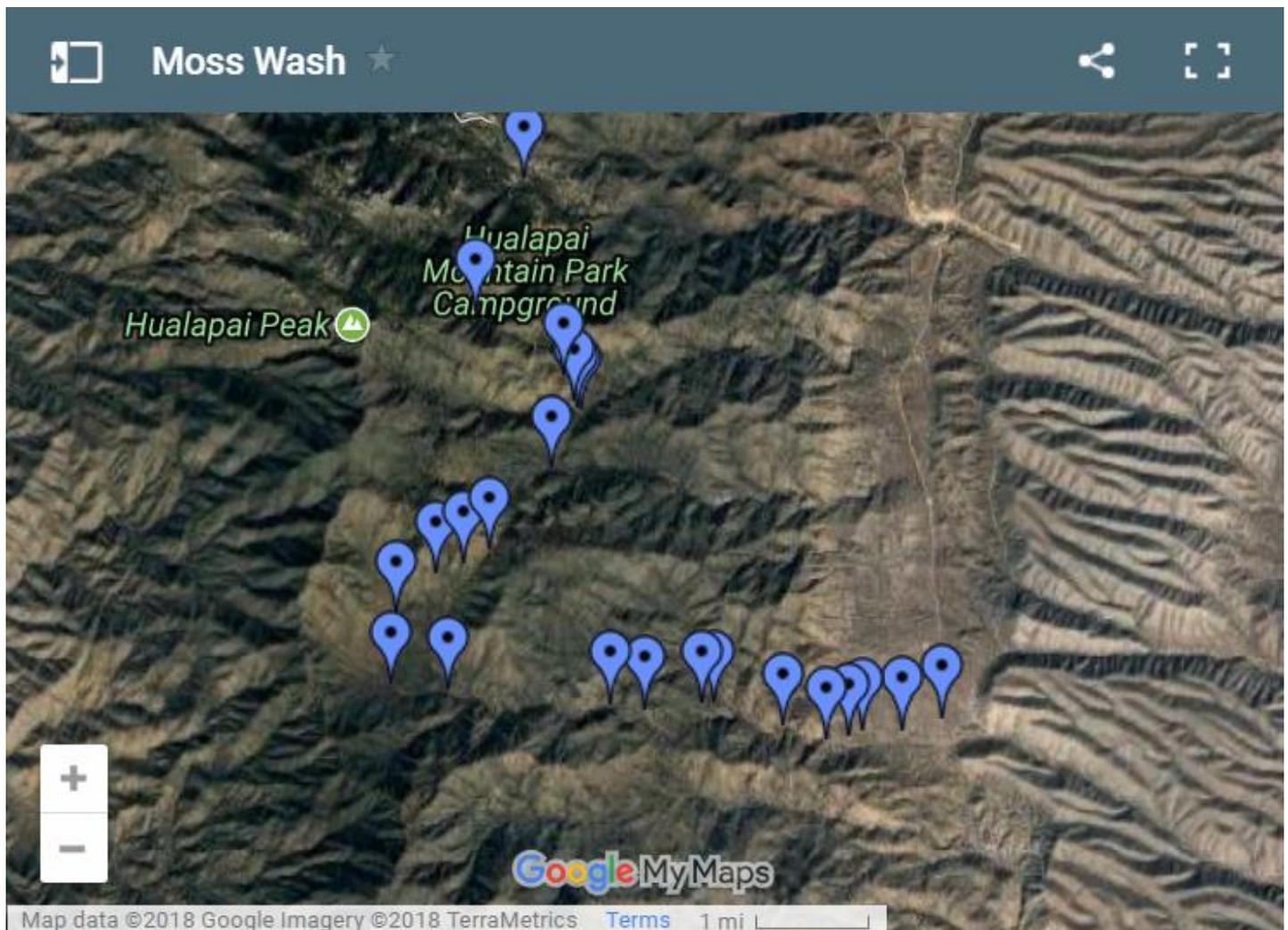
Description: BLM road climbs through forested mining country. Visit historic Gold King Mansion a few feet from trail. Camp in Wild Cow Spring Campground (fee area). Deep washouts, challenging rock obstacles and steep climbs. Frequently narrow road with tight brush. Excellent articulation or lockers required. High ground clearance a must. Not suitable for stock sport utility vehicles. Avoid this trail when heavy rains are forecast because dangerous flash flooding is possible.

Time & Distance: The trail is about 14 miles. Allow 3 to 4 hours. This does not include drive down Blake Ranch Road or Hualapai Mountain Road.

Trail Conditions: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office. Call (928) 718-3700.

Directions to the Trail: From Kingman, head east on I-40 to Exit 66 at a large truck stop. Head south on Blake Ranch Road. Stay on Blake Ranch Road as side roads join and branch off. A stop sign marks a small landing strip. Continue straight with caution. After that the road narrows briefly then widens again. The start of the trail is on the right 11.3 miles south from I-40.

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Hualapai Mountains –

Location: Southeast of Kingman.

Difficulty: **Moderate.**

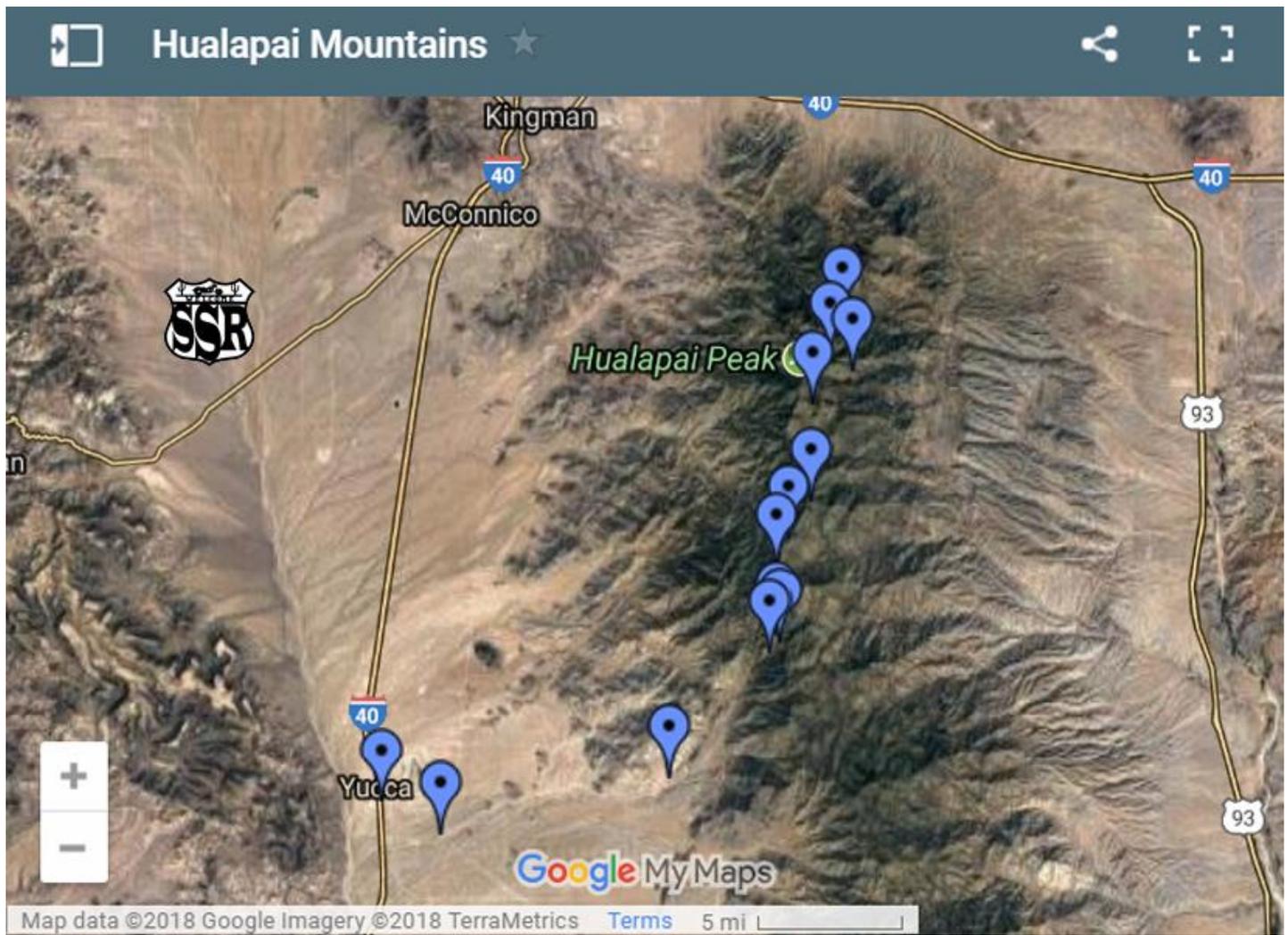
Description: A gorgeous drive on a classic mountain mining road. Just enough challenge to make the drive fun but not overwhelming for stock vehicles. Cool in summer with elevations over 6,000 feet. Picnic and hike at the Ponderosa Recreation Site on Hualapai Mountain Road before the turn for Flag Mine Road. A narrow, rocky shelf road with switchbacks and steep climbs. Vertical drop-offs may be intimidating to novice drivers. Suitable for stock SUVs.

Time & Distance: About 37 miles. Allow 4 to 6 hours.

Trail Conditions: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office. Call (928) 718-3700.

Directions to the Trail: Take Stockton Hill Road, Exit 52, south from I-40 in Kingman. Stockton Hill Road soon changes to Hualapai Mountain Road. Continue south past mile marker 12 and turn right on Flag Mine Road.

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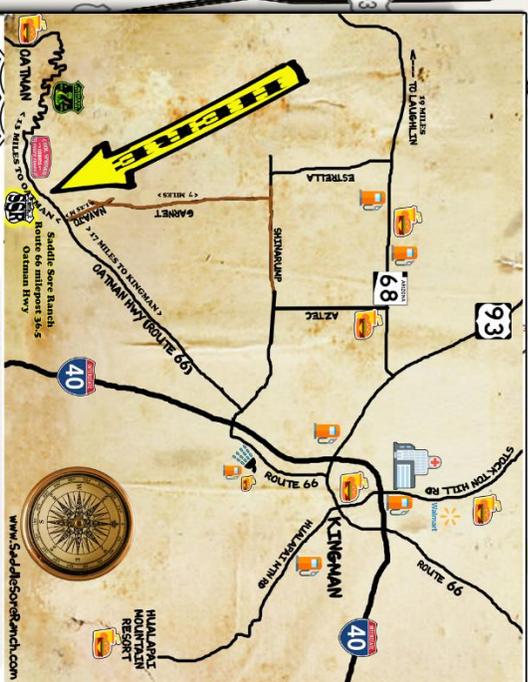
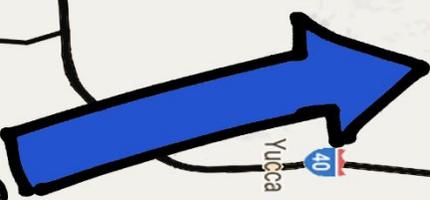
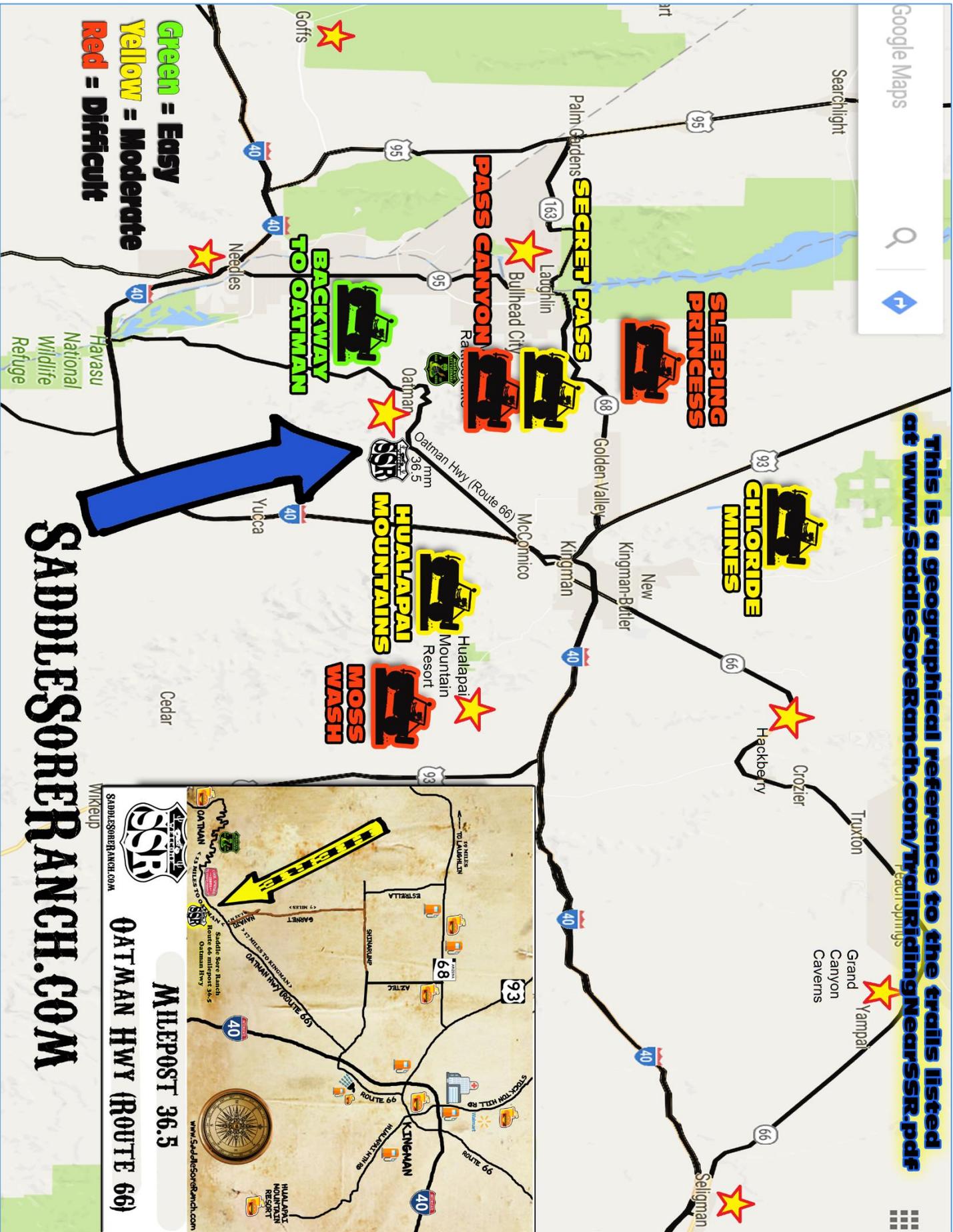


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This is a geographical reference to the trails listed at www.SaddlesoreRanch.com/TrailridingNearSR.pdf



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