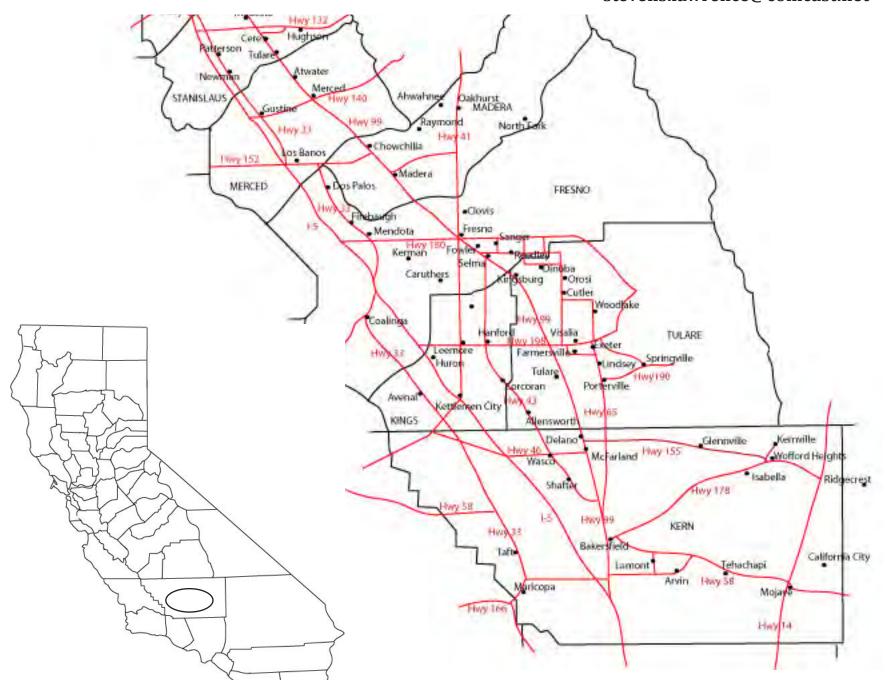
Kern County

The Kern County Courthouse in Bakersfield. Part 5 of 6: Caliente-Bodfish Road, Havilah, Tehachapi, Monolith.



Kern County

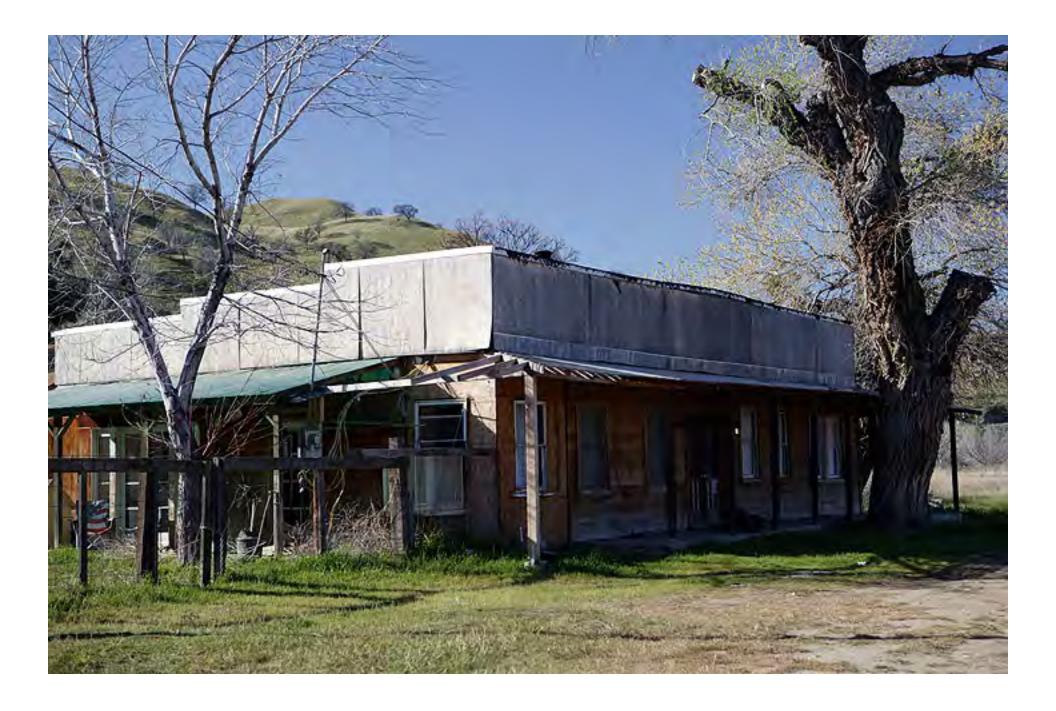
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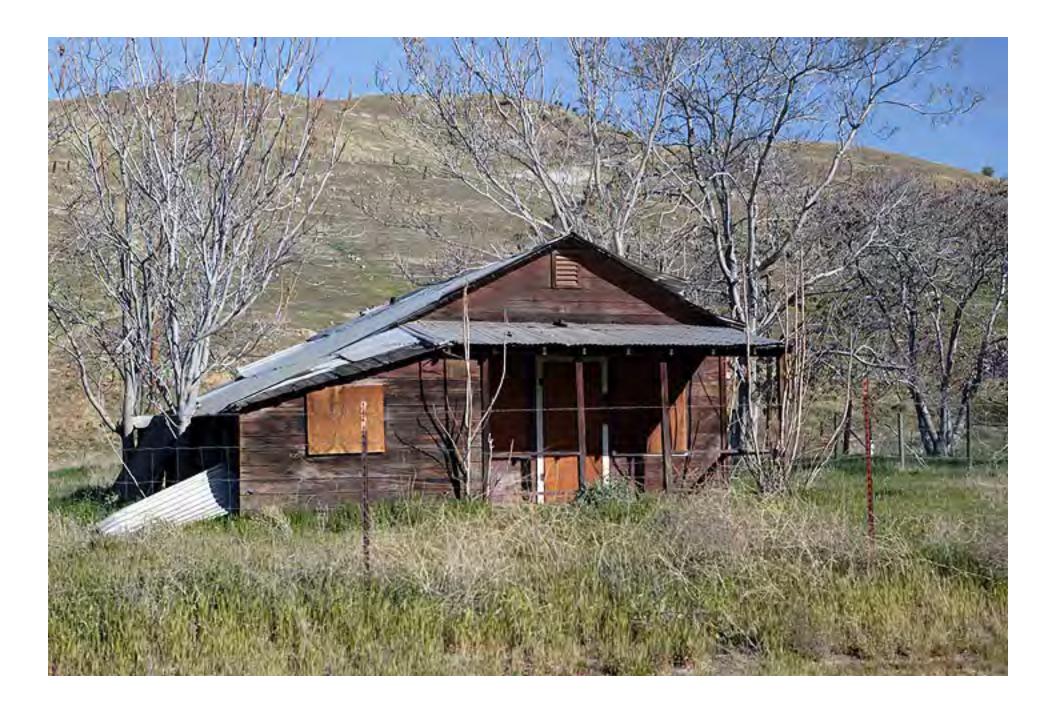
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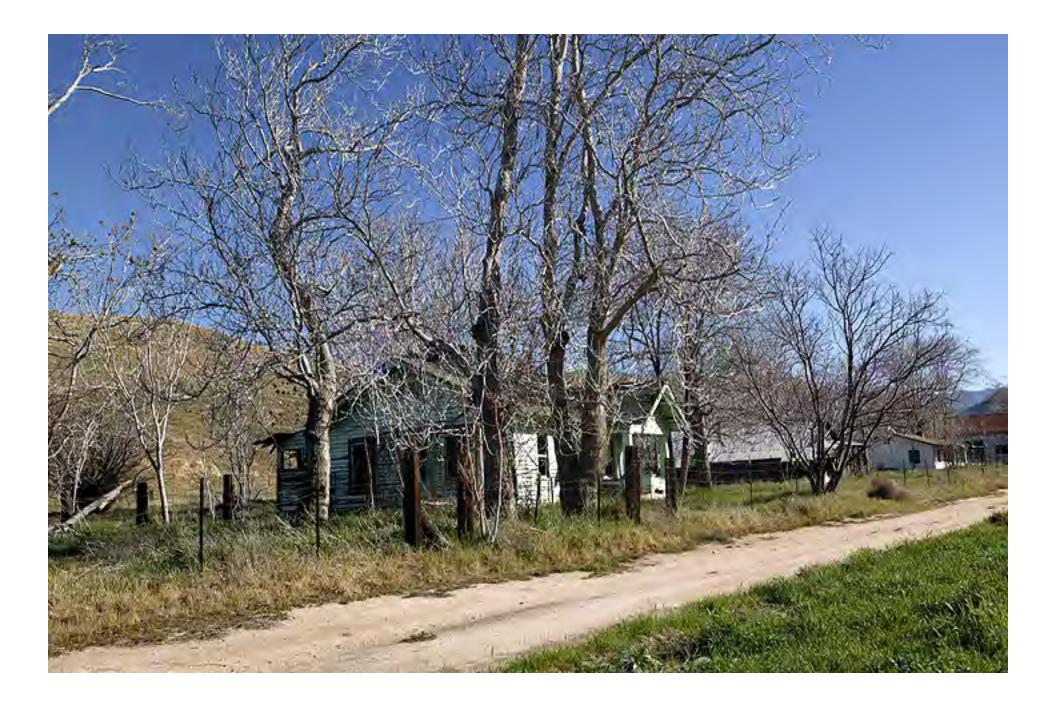
The post office goes back to 1875. The population in the area is about 1,000. (February 2006)













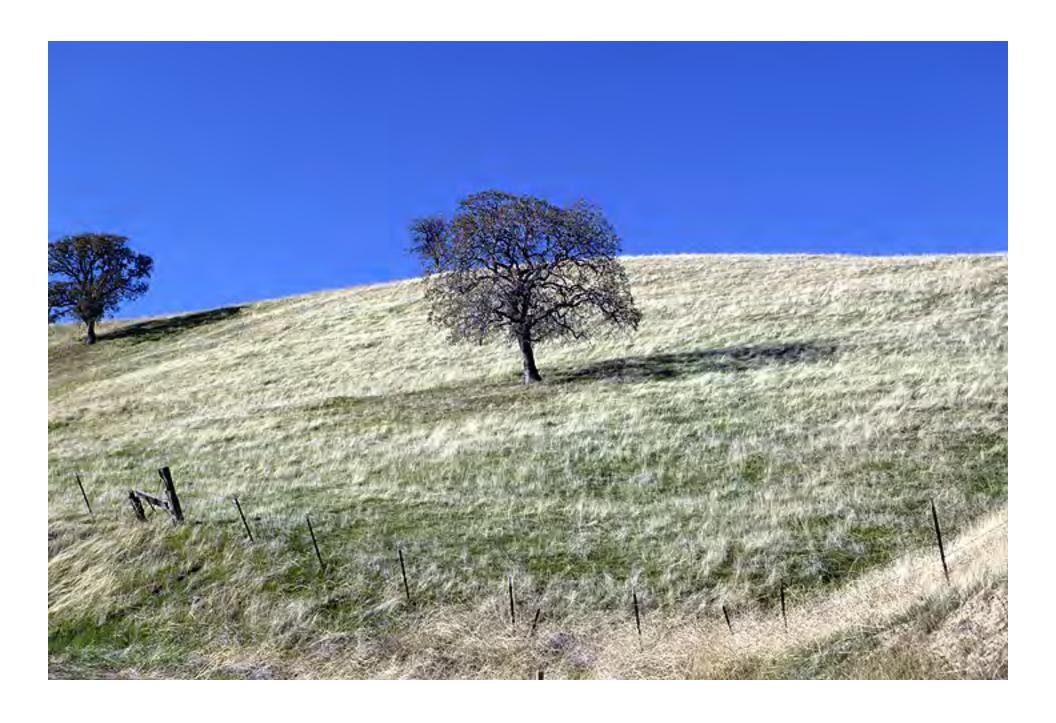
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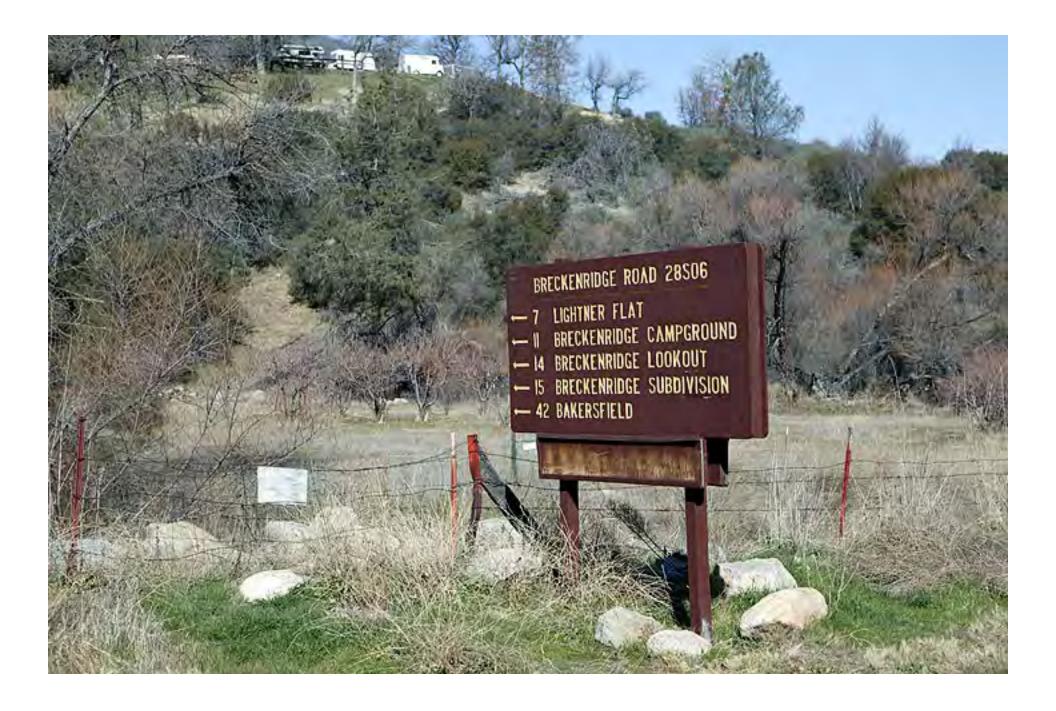
I encountered a herd of cows that surrounded my car and refused to move. Had to get out and push them out of the way. (February 2006)



You won't encounter much traffic on this road. I didn't see a car. The road connects Highway 58 to Highway 178. (February 2006)









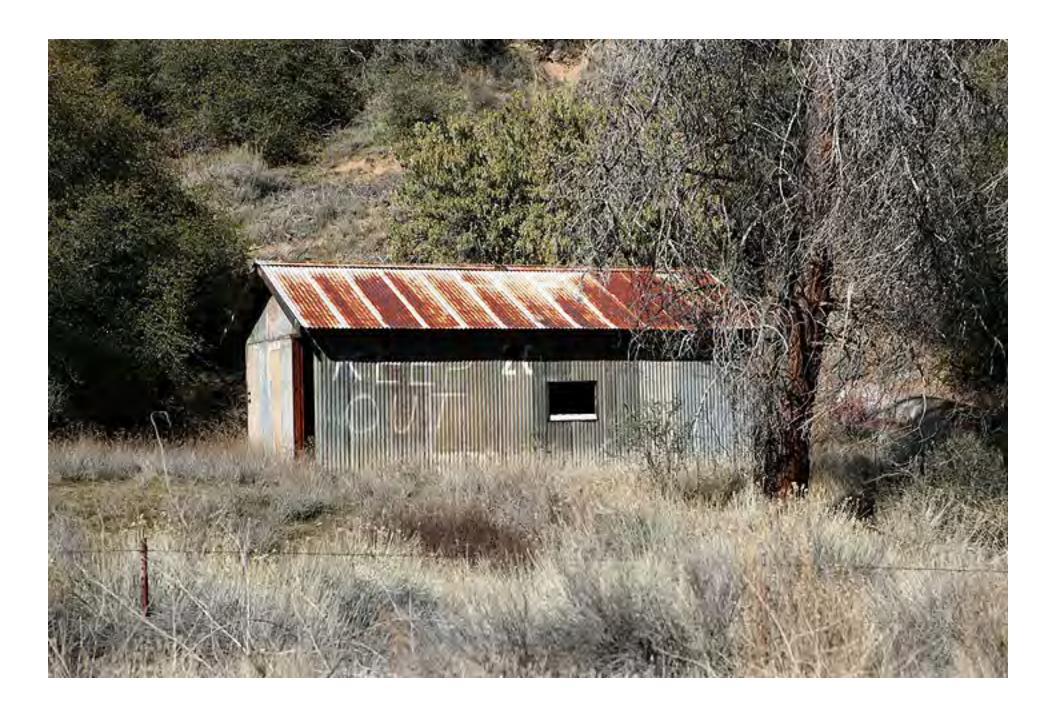






























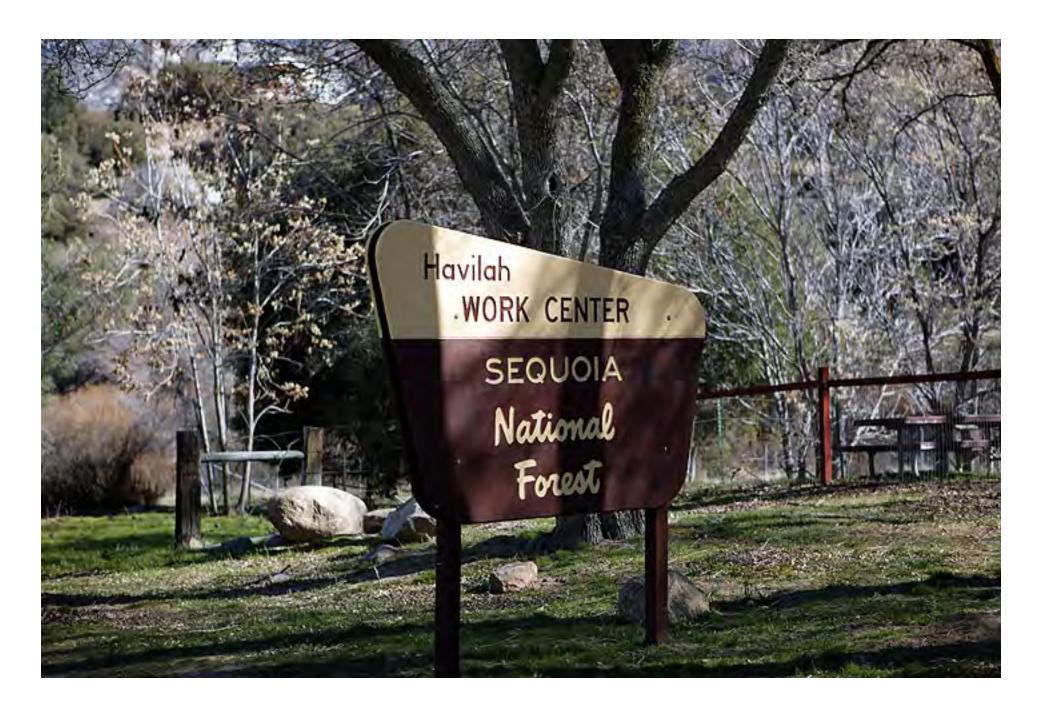




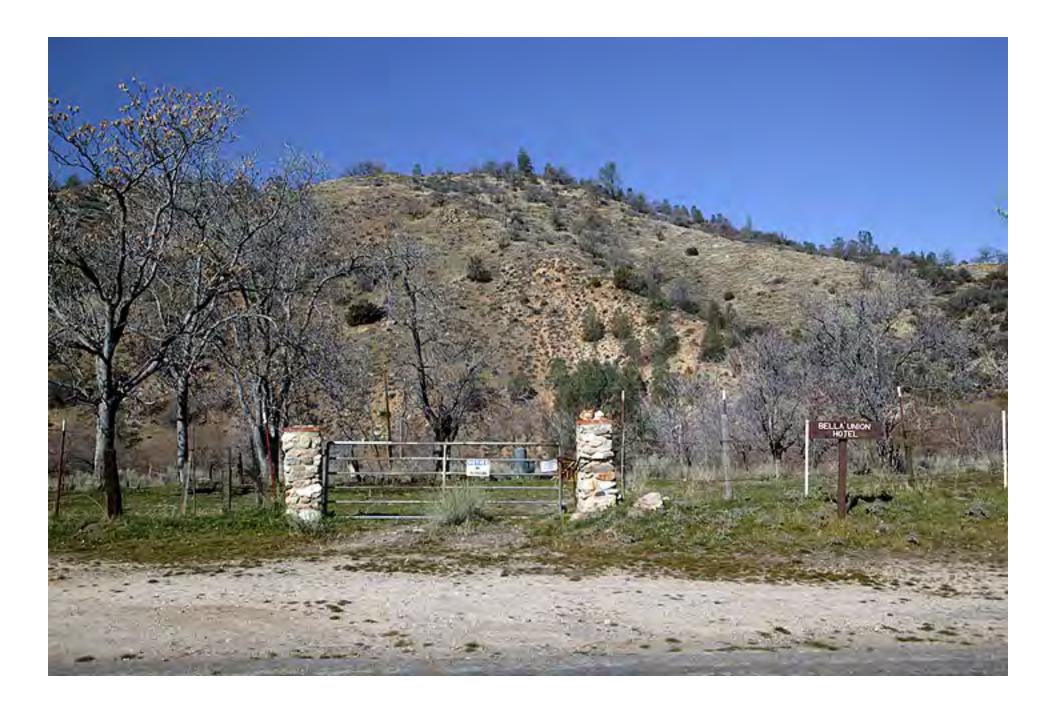


Havilah

Havilah was the county seat of Kern County from 1866 to 1872 when it was moved to Bakersfield. (February 2006)



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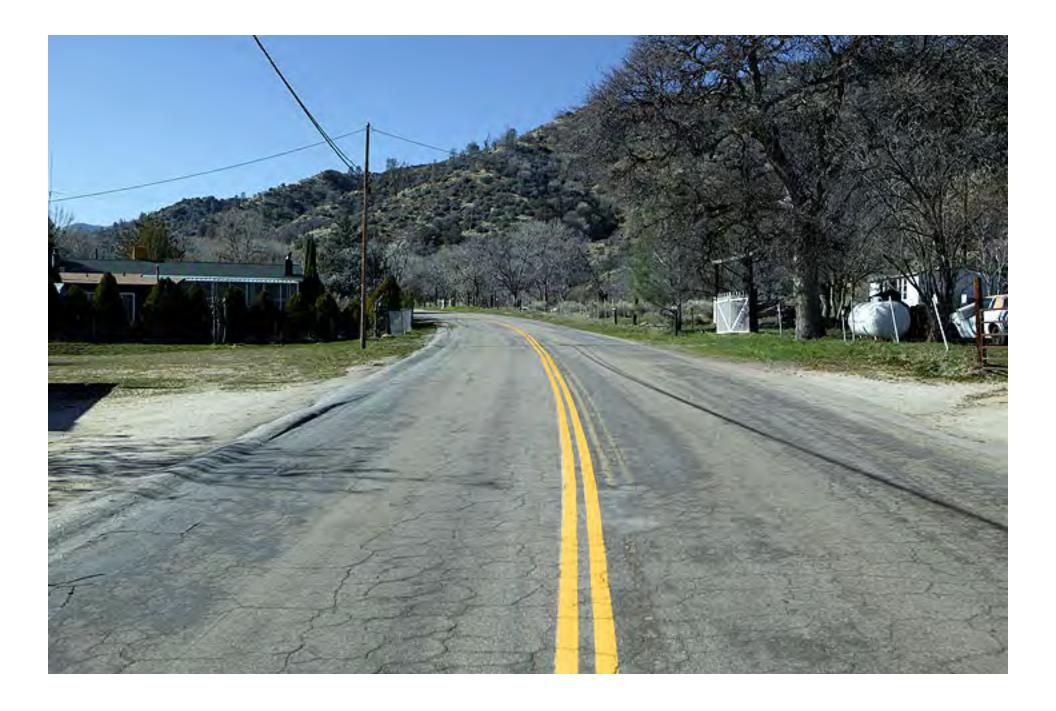


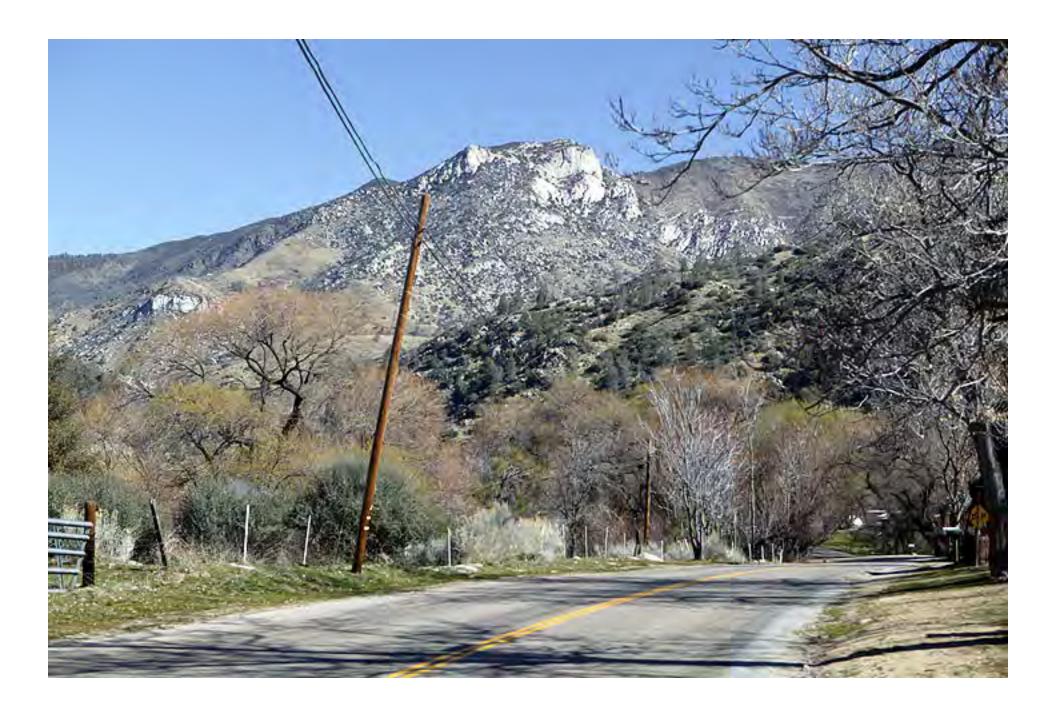
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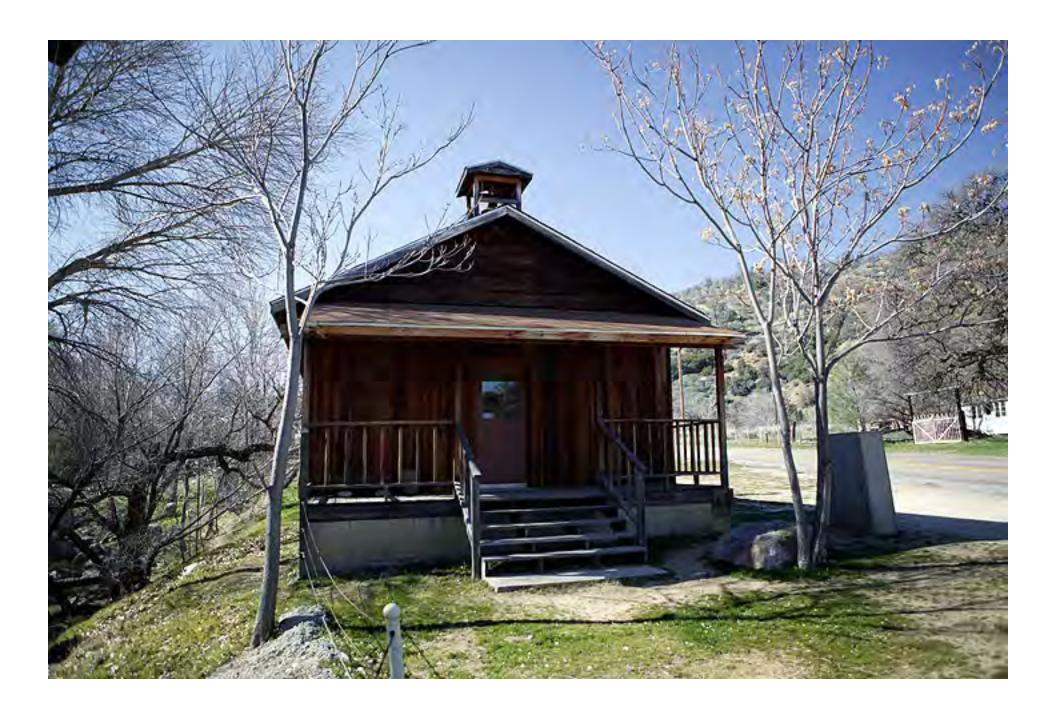
The old school house and court house remain. The foundations of the historic buildings are identified. (February 2006)



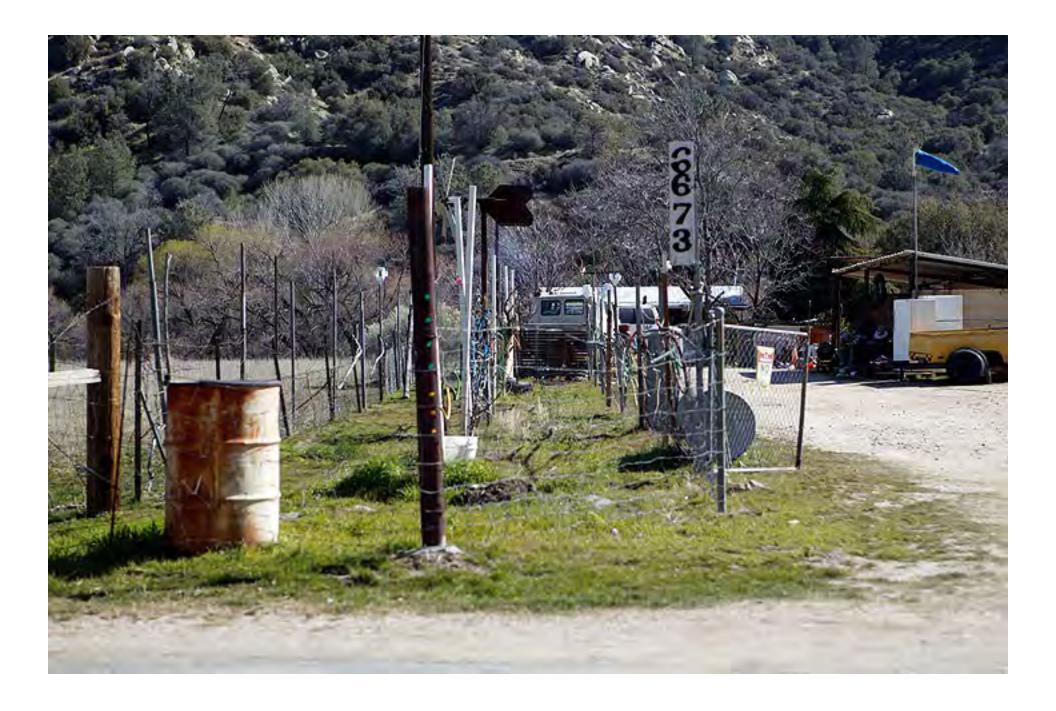


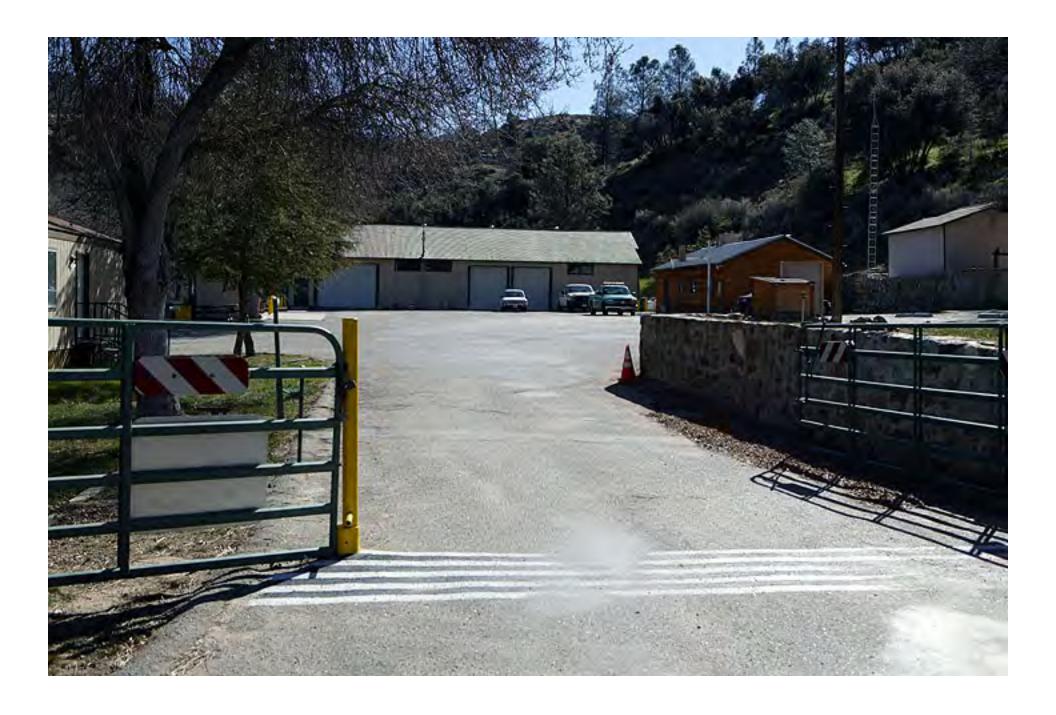










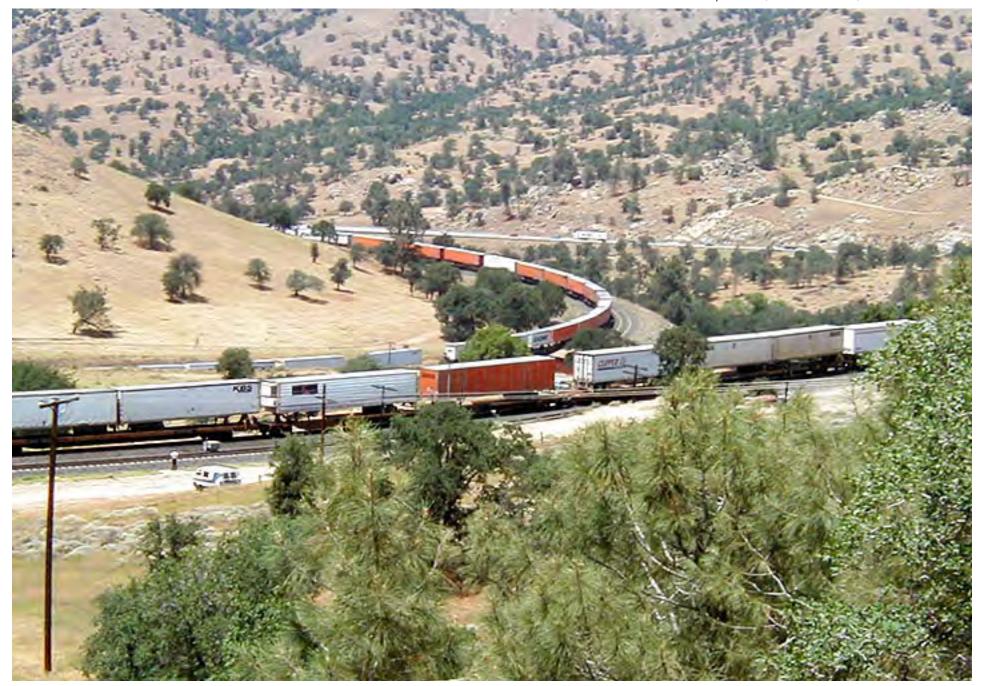






The Tehachapi Loop

Because the grade is steep the railroad makes a giant loop in order to climb over it. Trains run constantly through the pass. (June 2000)



The Tehachapi Loop

The loop was built by thousands of Chinese laborers in the 1870's. (June 2000)

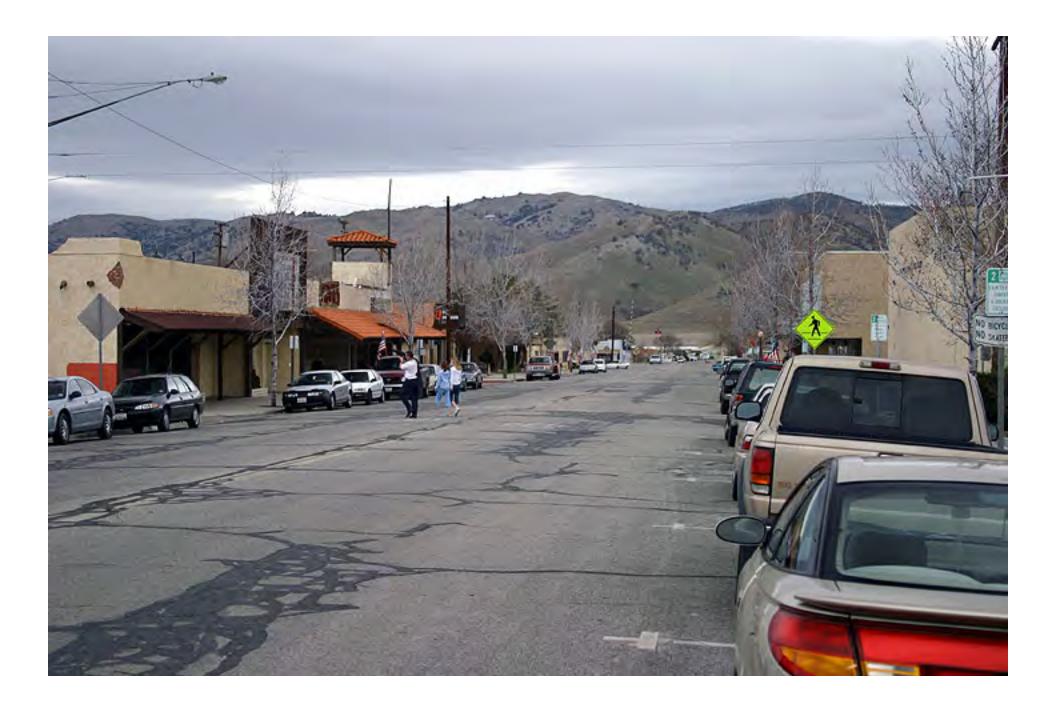


The Tehachapi Loop



Tehachapi is on the top of the pass that connects Bakersfield with the Mojave Desert. The town is famous for the earthquake that took place here in 1952. It was a powerful 7.5. (February 2004)





Kelcy's is a famous stopping place that has a great collection of photos of the earthquake. (February 2004)









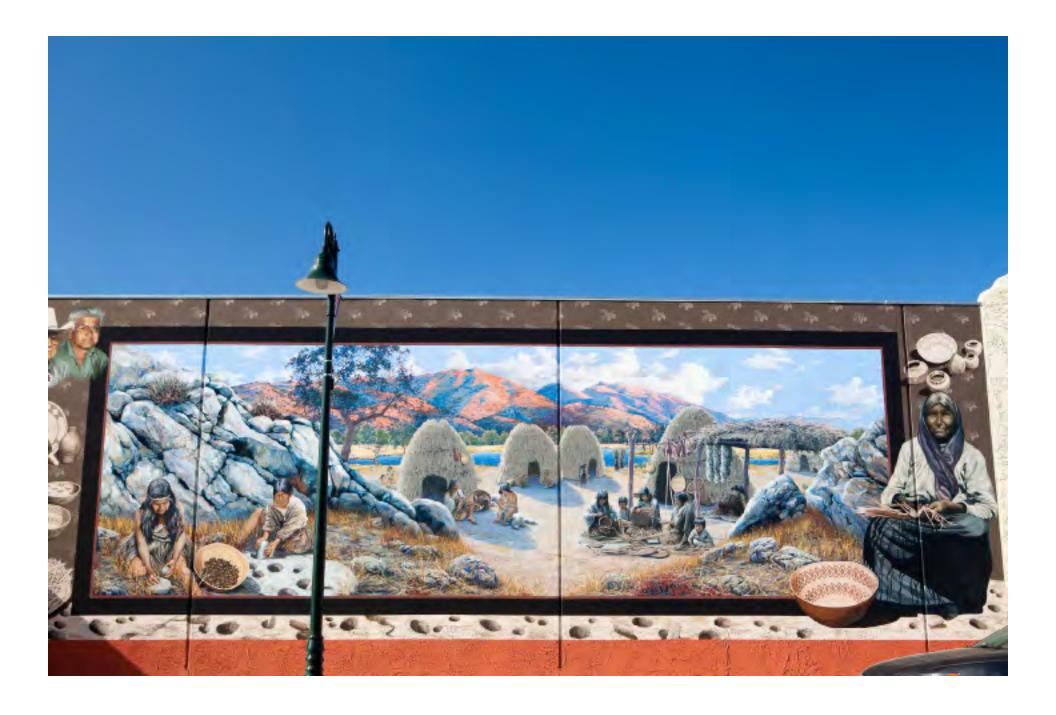










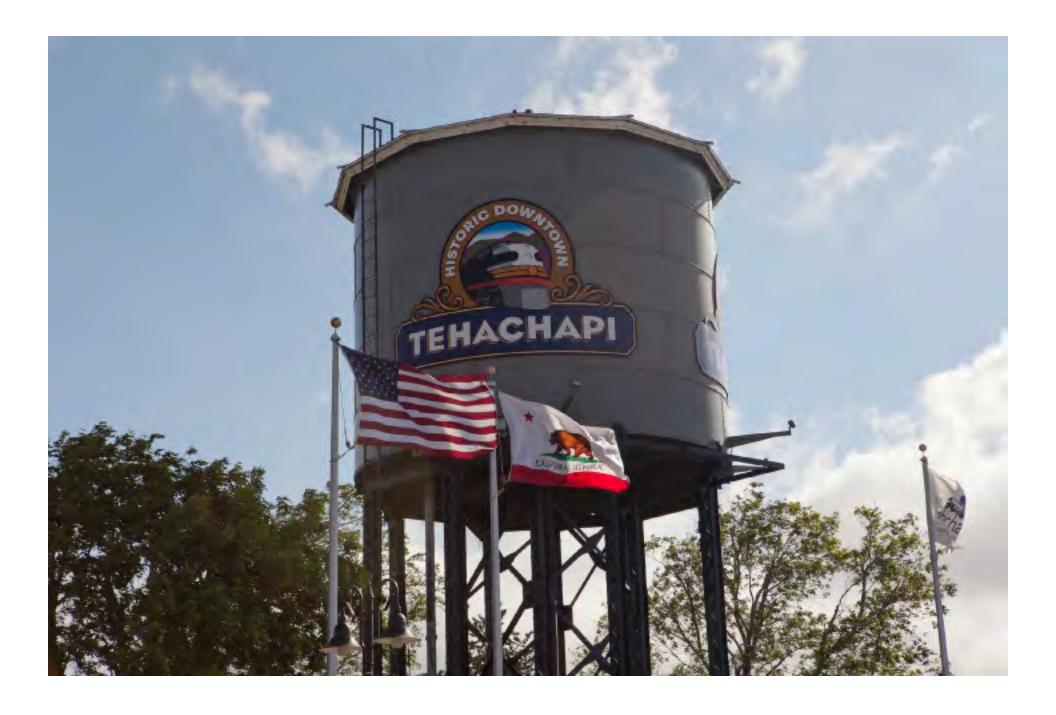














Monolith

Monolith sits on top of Tahachipi Pass. It is a giant cement plant that provided the cement for building Boulder Dam and the LA freeway system. (February 2005)



Monolith (February 2005)



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