APPENDIX E
SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS FROM CAMERA STUDY

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Appendix E.2 Example Photographs from Selected Dates

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The 5-minute interval photographs provided herein are from representative river access sites along the North Fork Kern River (NFKR) from the most heavily used access locations during the peak whitewater boating season (Figure 1 below). These sites represent parking areas supporting both commercial and non-commercial boating use. Calendar days were selected to reflect periods of relatively higher observed kayaking and rafting activity across the NFKR study reach.

- Saturday, April 19, 2025, represents the highest observed watercraft use among weekend days in April and corresponds to a high use period during the peak whitewater boating season.
- Sunday, June 1, 2025, recorded moderately high watercraft use for weekend day during the peak whitewater boating season. No watercraft were detected at the upstream of Roads End shoulder parking area.
- Saturday, June 7, 2025, represents one of the highest recorded watercraft weekend days during the peak whitewater boating season

Additional individual camera locations and days are also provided during peak summer months that represent the use observed for that location and day:

- Saturday, May 10, 2025—Corral Creek Picnic Site and Whitewater Put-in
- Sunday, May 25, 2025vThunderbird Whitewater Put-in/Take-out
- Wednesday, June 18, 2025—Roads End Picnic Area and Whitewater Put-in
- Monday, July 7, 2025—Roads End Picnic Area and Whitewater Put-in
- Saturday, August 30, 2025—KR3 Powerhouse Put-in/Take-out (South) Picnic Site

The average daily flow on the NFKR for these dates and reaches are as follows:

Date	**NFKR Upstream of Fairview Dam [a]**	**NFKR Fairview Dam Bypass Reach [b,c]**	**NFKR Below KR3 Powerhouse [d]**
April 19, 2025 (Saturday)	1,502 cfs	920 cfs	1,792 cfs
May 10, 2025 (Saturday)	2,324 cfs	1,746 cfs / 1,848 cfs	2,698 cfs
May 25, 2025 (Sunday)	1,998 cfs	1,484 cfs / 1,603 cfs	2,236 cfs
June 1, 2025 (Sunday)	2,257 cfs	1,672 cfs / 1,770 cfs	2,442 cfs
June 7, 2025 (Saturday)	1,872 cfs	1,341 cfs / 1,510 cfs	2,086 cfs
June 18, 2025 (Wednesday)	1,142 cfs	639 cfs / 810 cfs	1,319 cfs
July 7, 2025 (Monday)	579 cfs	579 cfs	778 cfs
August 30, 2025 (Saturday)	274 cfs	178 cfs	447 cfs

cfs = cubic feet per second; FERC = Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; KR3 = Kern River No. 3; NFKR = North Fork Kern River; SCE = Southern California Edison; USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; USGS = U.S. Geological Survey

Notes:

Hourly flow data were aggregated to daily data using an arithmetic mean calculation (midnight to midnight).

[a] Combined USGS gage 11185500, SCE gage 402 and USGS gage 11186000, SCE gage 401.

[b] USGS gage 11186000, SCE gage 401

[c] The average flow from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on days where there was a whitewater release per SCE's FERC License Article 422.

[d] USACE gage in Kernville

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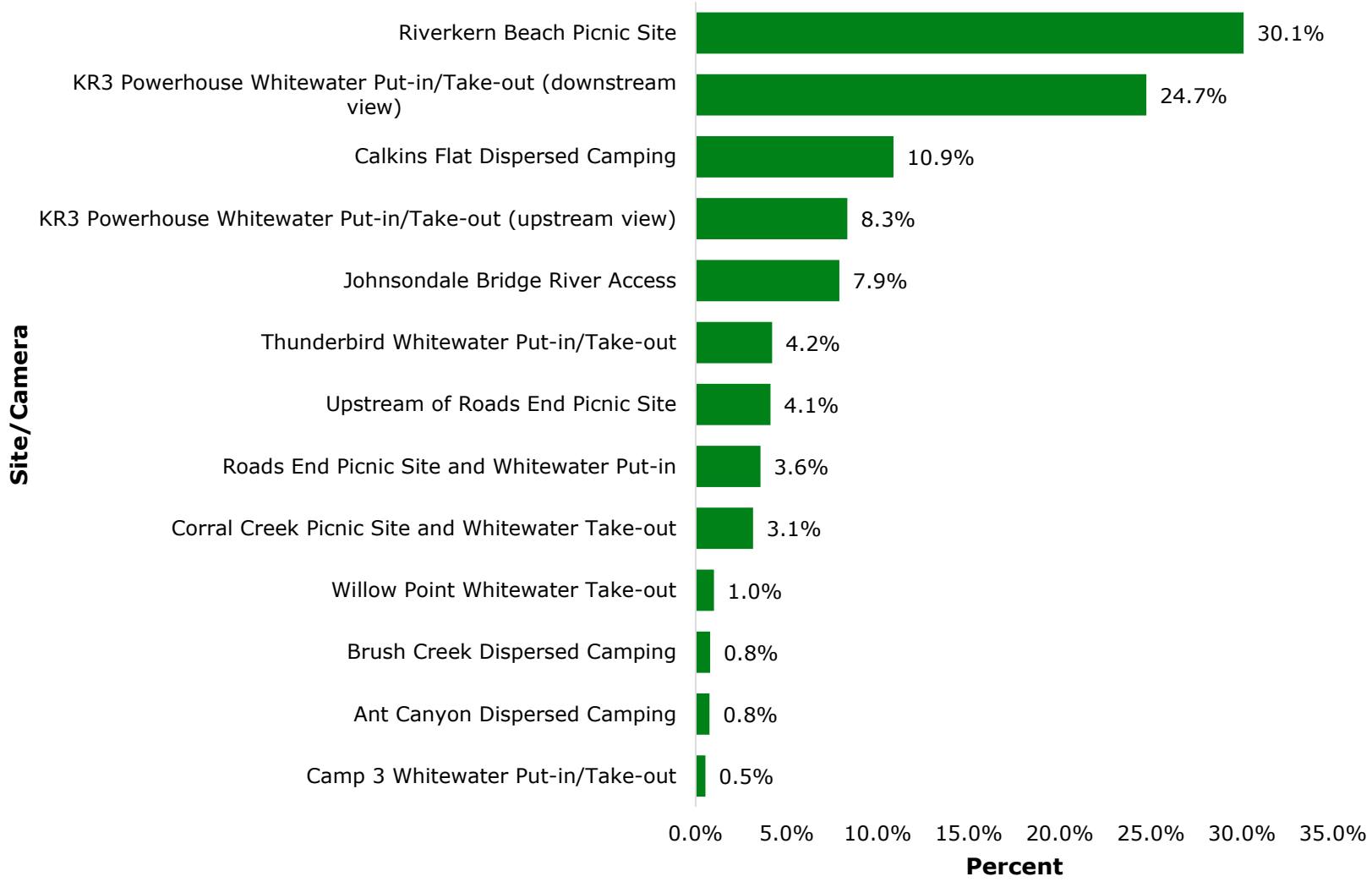

KR3 = Kern River No. 3

Figure 1. Site Rankings by Relative Percent of Annual Watercraft (all types) Counts.

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In some instances, one or two 5-minute image intervals were unavailable following desktop quality assurance and quality control review at certain locations. As noted in Section 4.3, *Camera Use and Photograph Management*, of the Camera Study Addendum, these missing images were caused by sporadic data corruption and not field protocols or post-processing procedures. Examination of the images immediately before and after these brief gaps confirms that they do not have a meaningful effect on the recorded number of vehicles, people, or watercraft at either site. Overall daily use patterns remain clear and consistent based on the available imagery.

Along the NFKR within the Wild and Scenic Rivers corridor, boating use (commercial and non-commercial) is restricted per the *Comprehensive Management Plan for the North and South Forks of the Kern Wild and Scenic River*[1] and states that, "…no boat launching will occur before 9:00 a.m. or after sunset". A review of the photographs did not detect on-water boating before 9:00 a.m.; therefore, some of the appended photographs start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until the last boat of the day was observed.

[1] 199xND_Comprehensive Mgmt Plan_NF SF Kern River WSkern-plan.pdf

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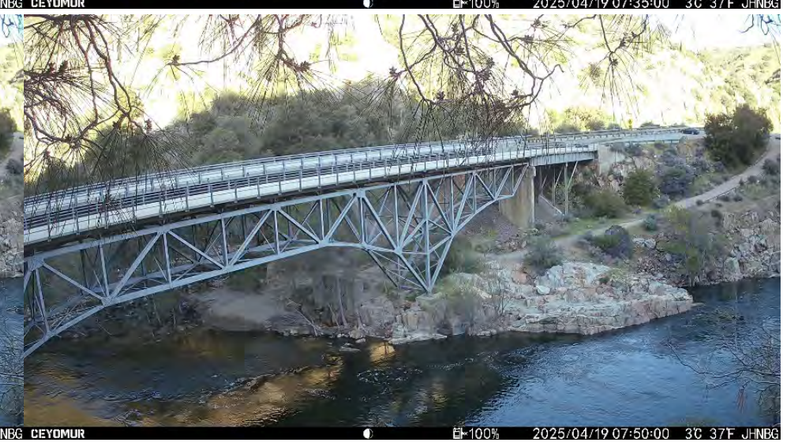

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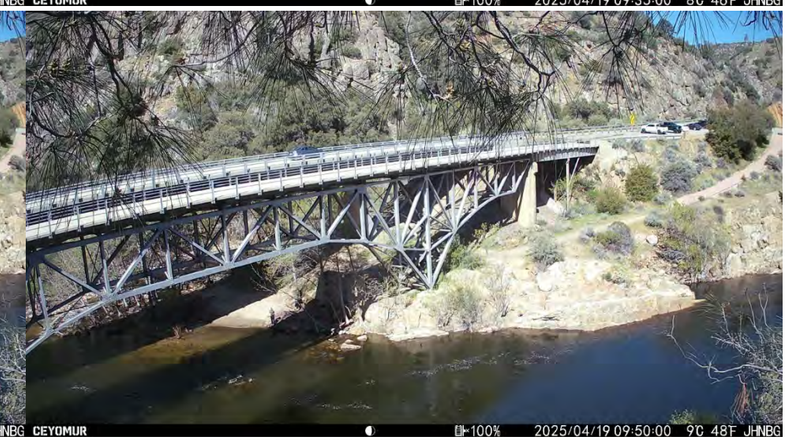

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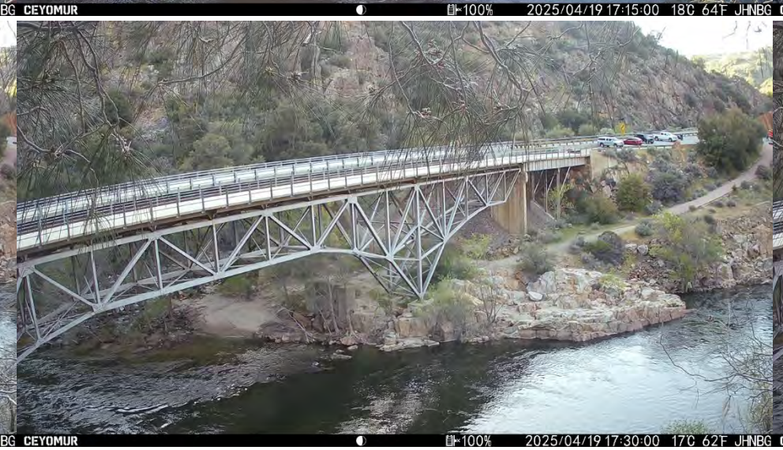

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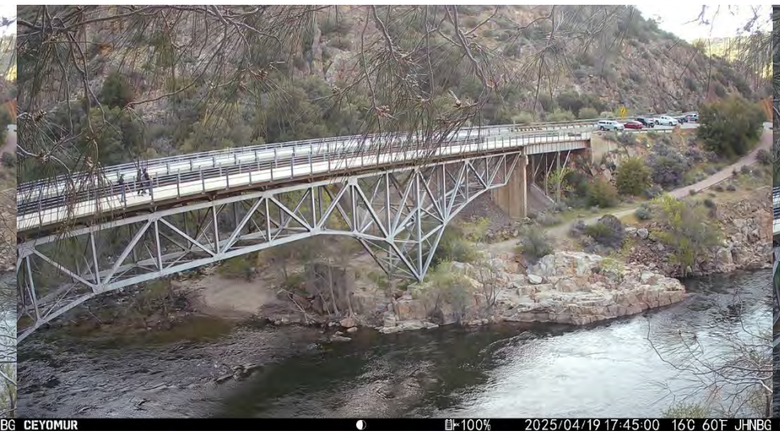

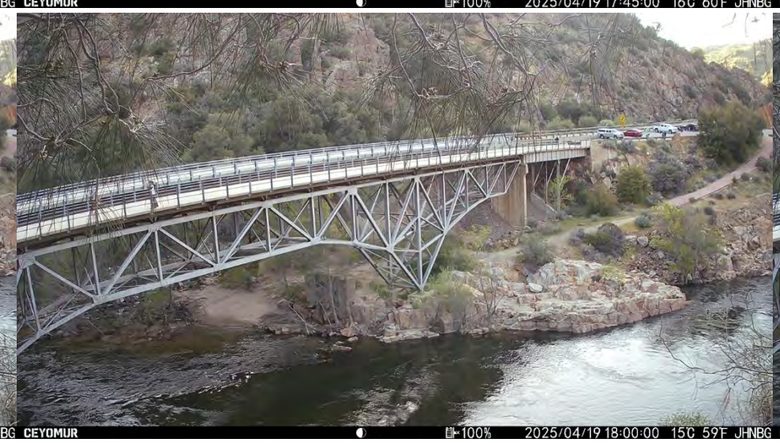

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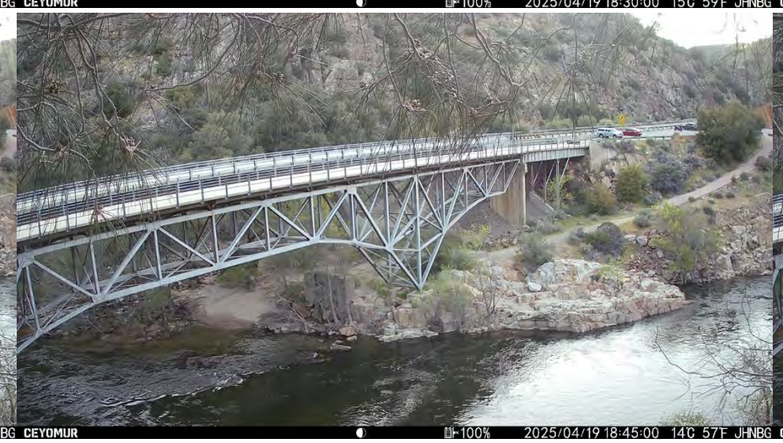

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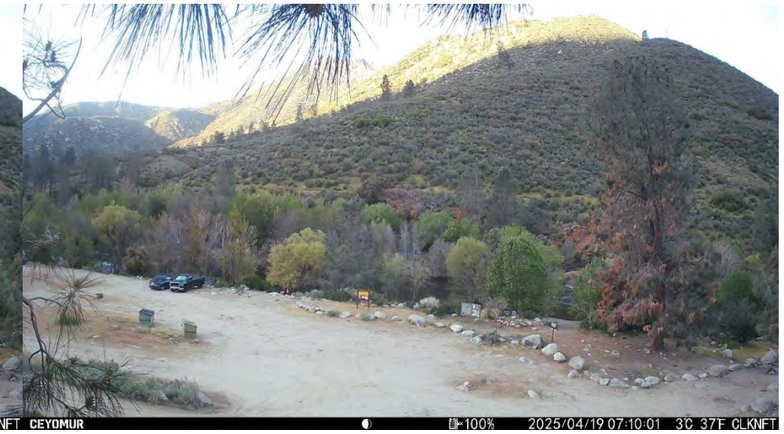

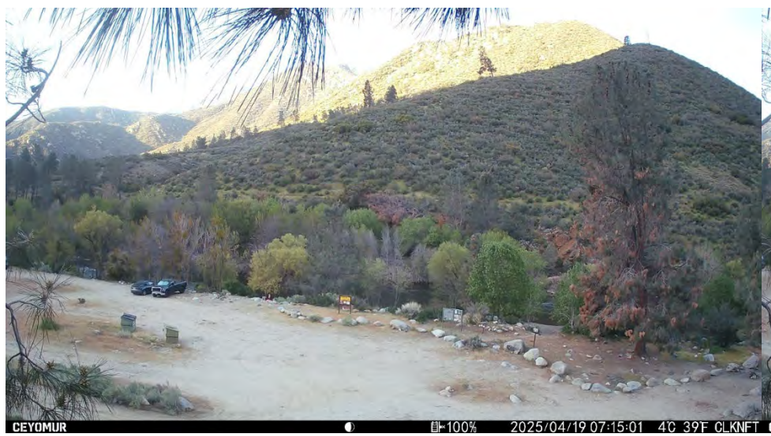

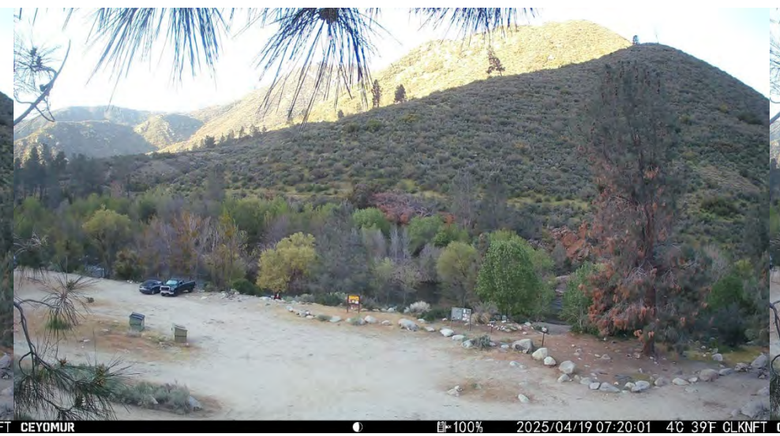

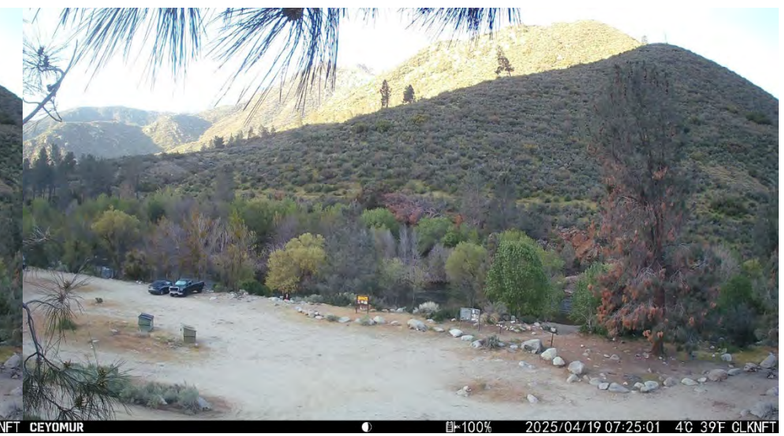

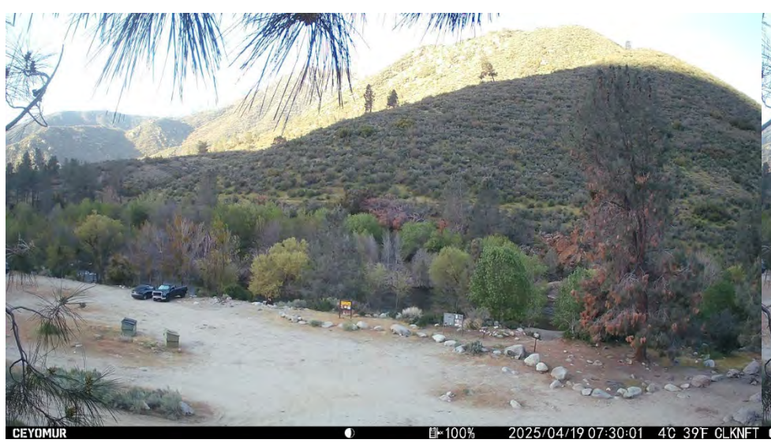

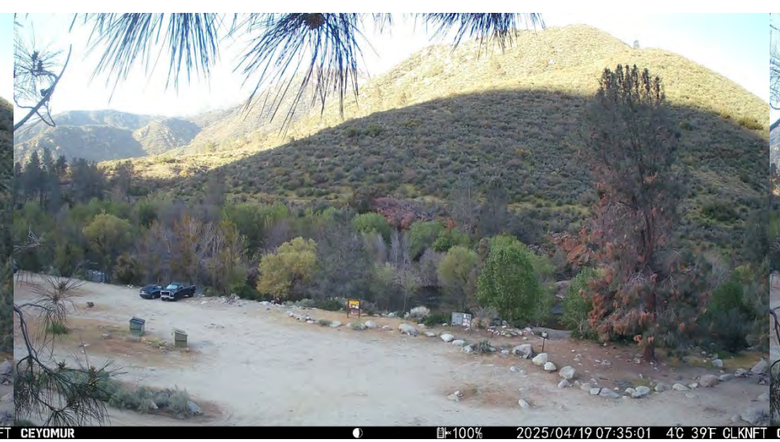

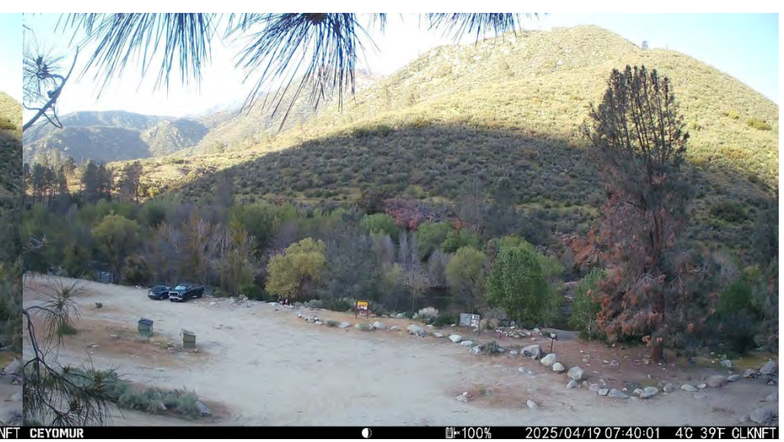

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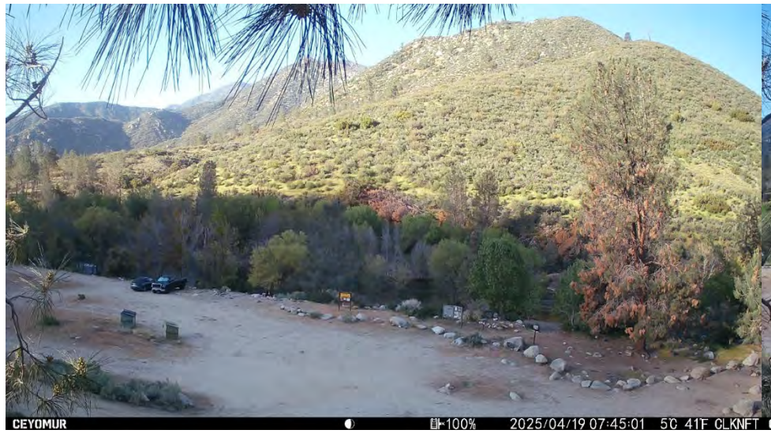

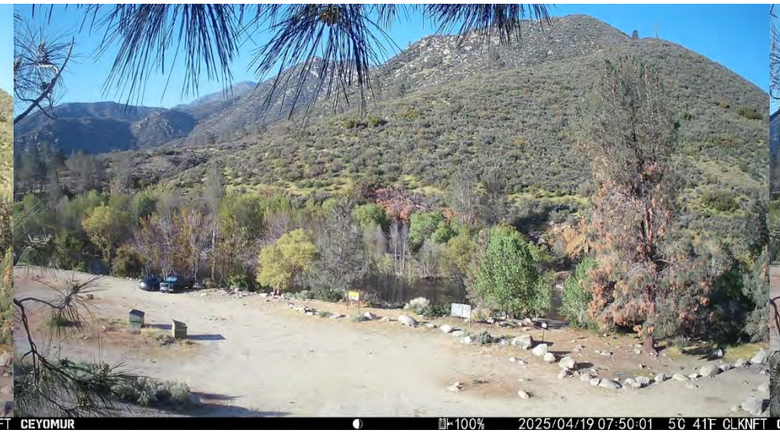

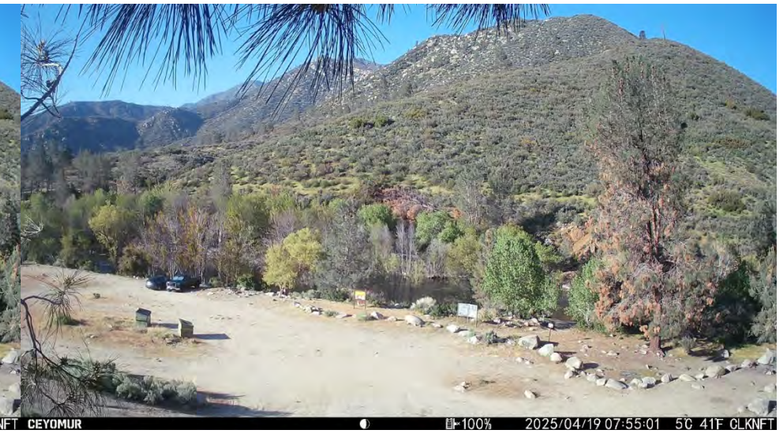

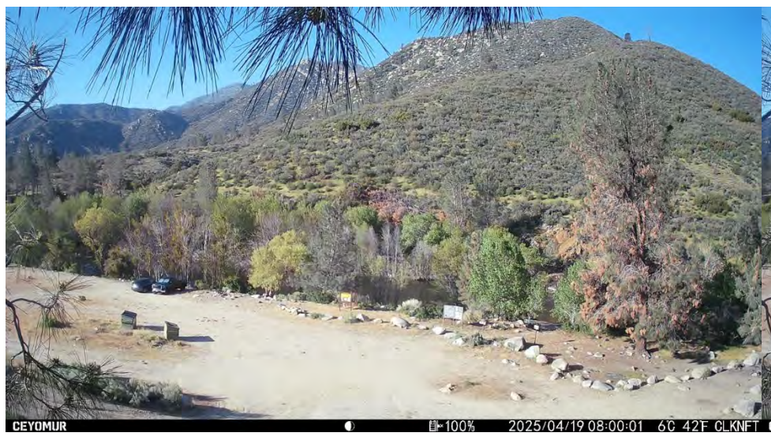

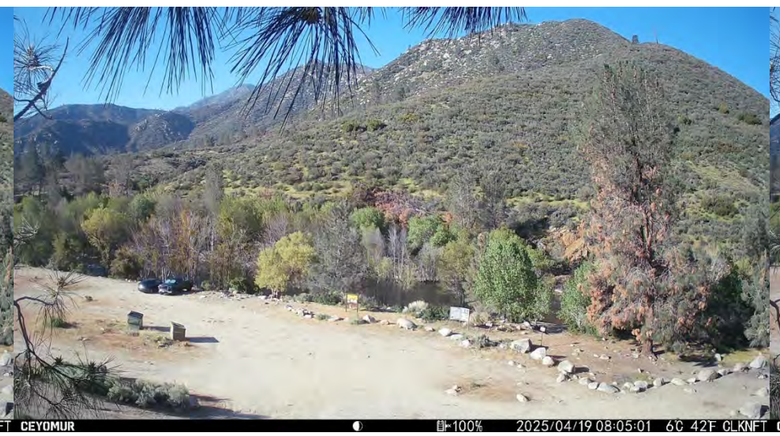

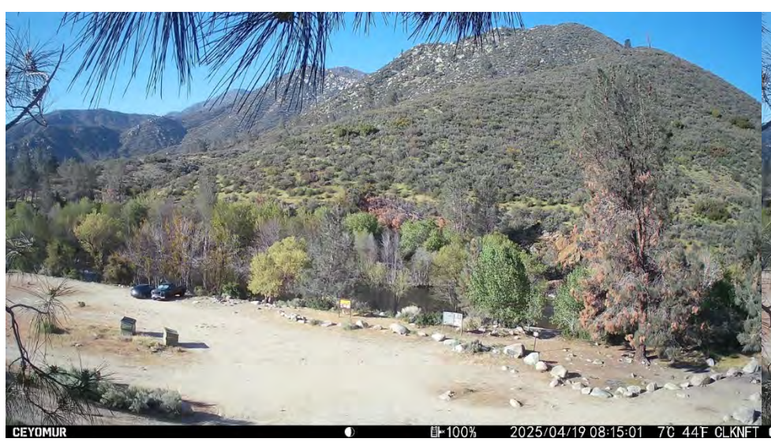

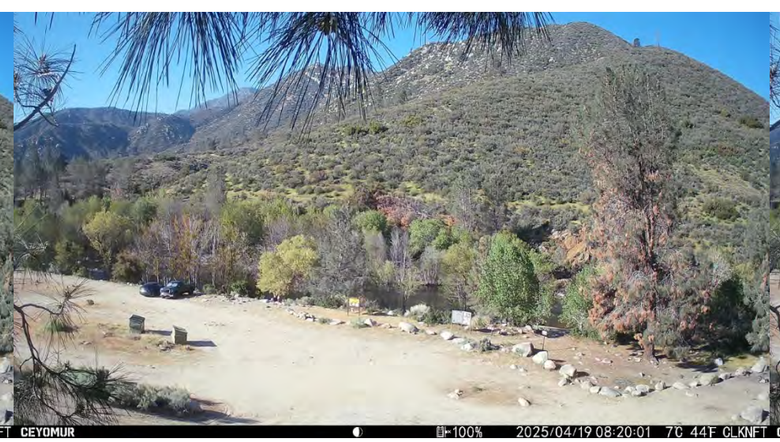

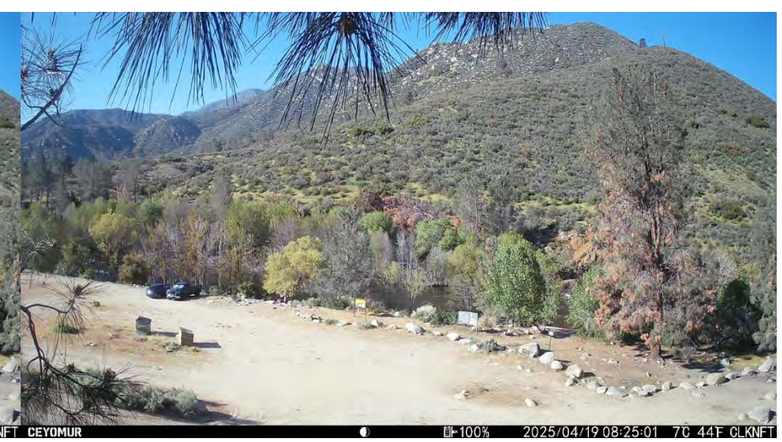

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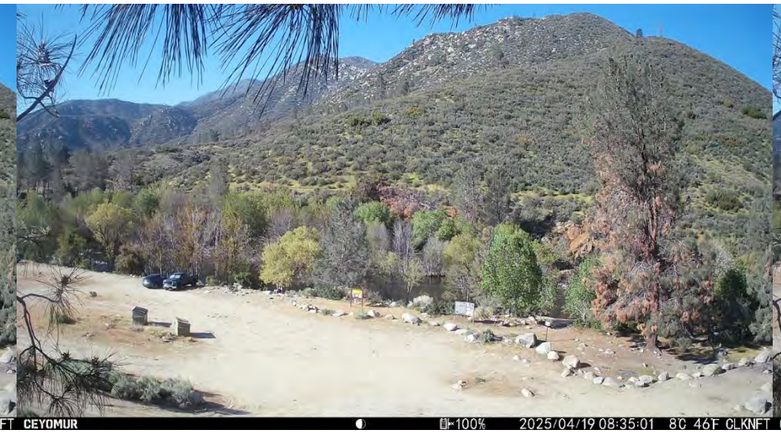

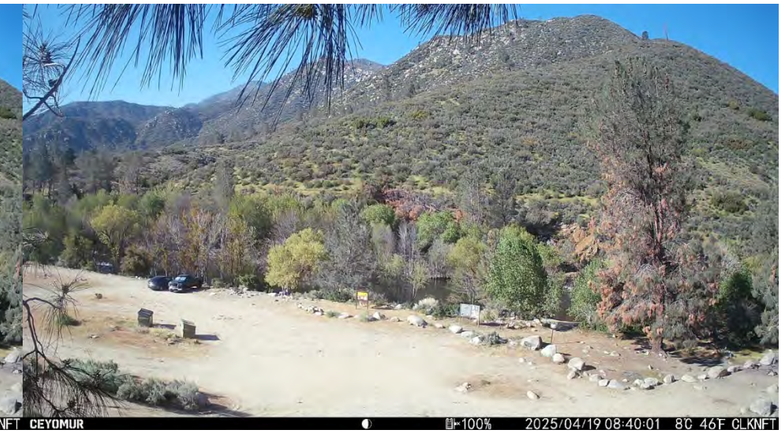

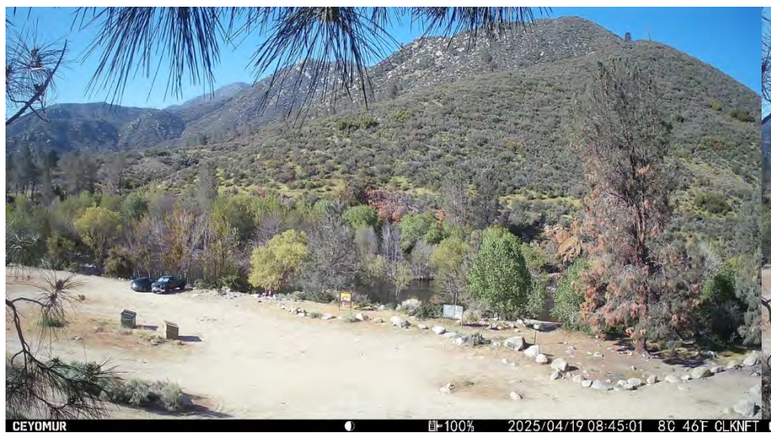

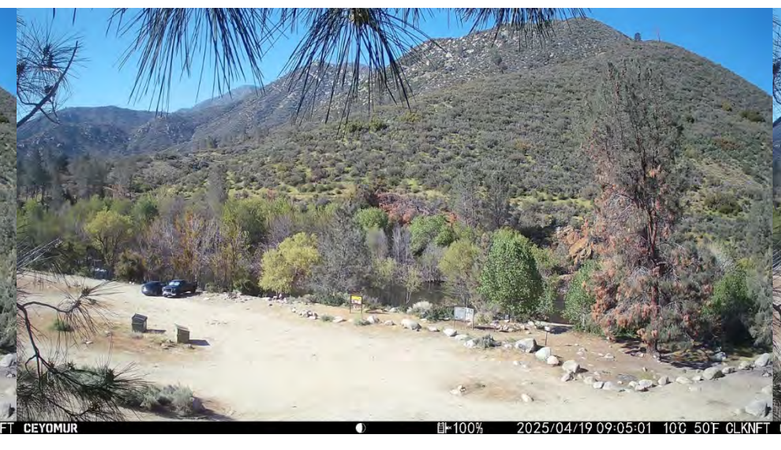

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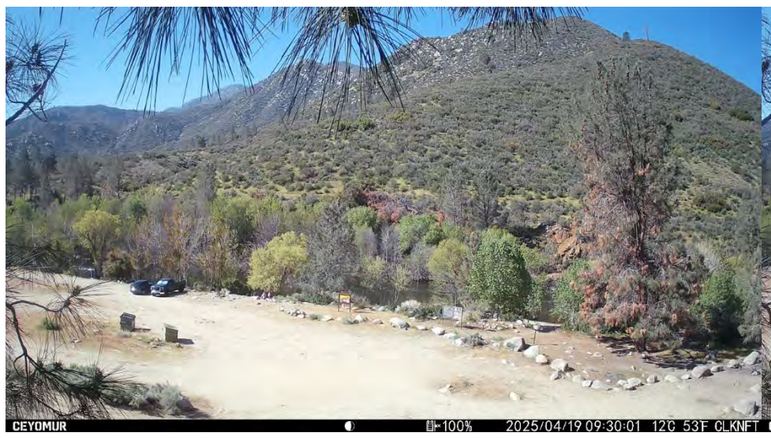

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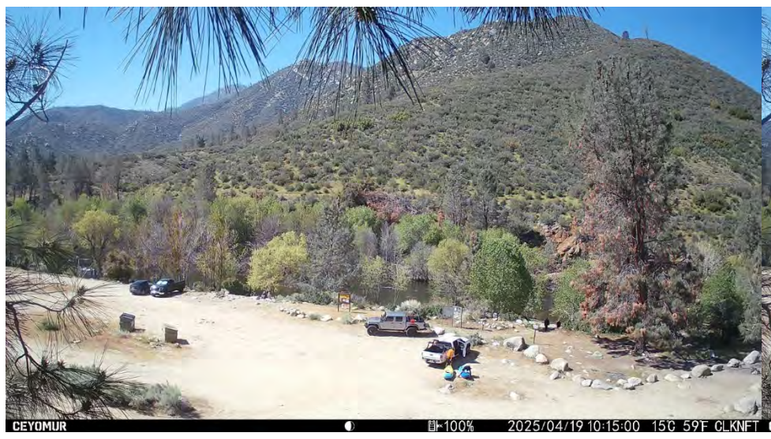

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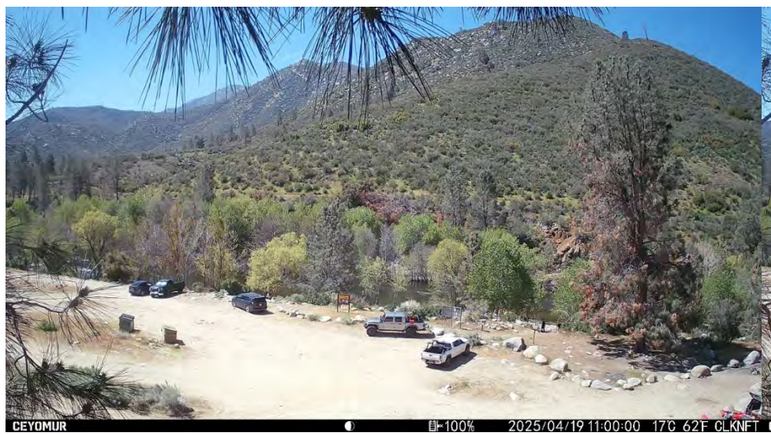

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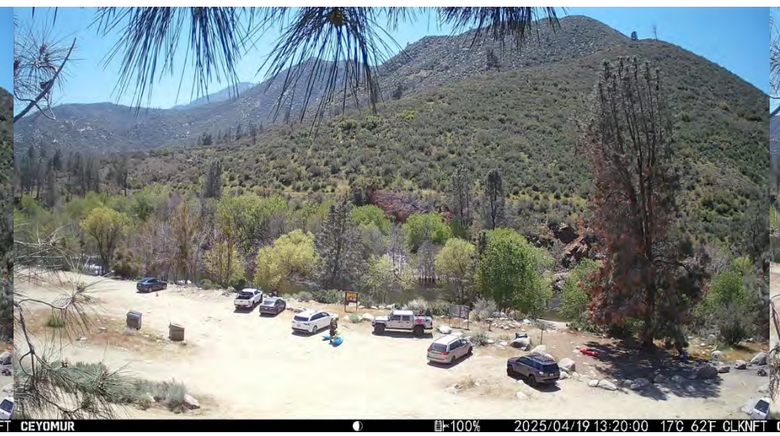

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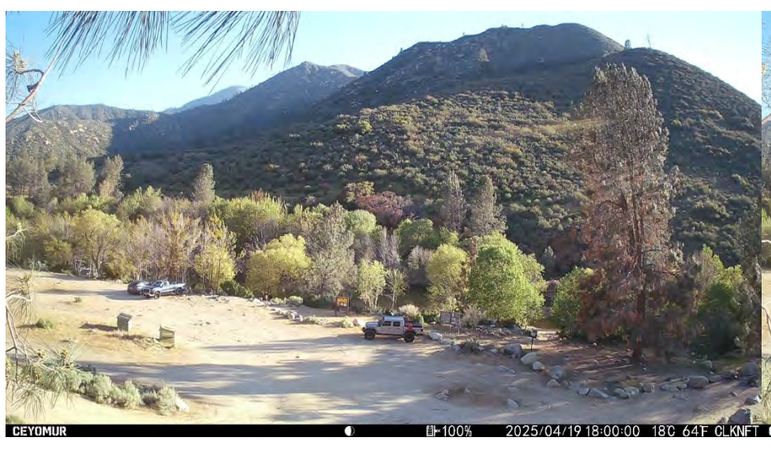

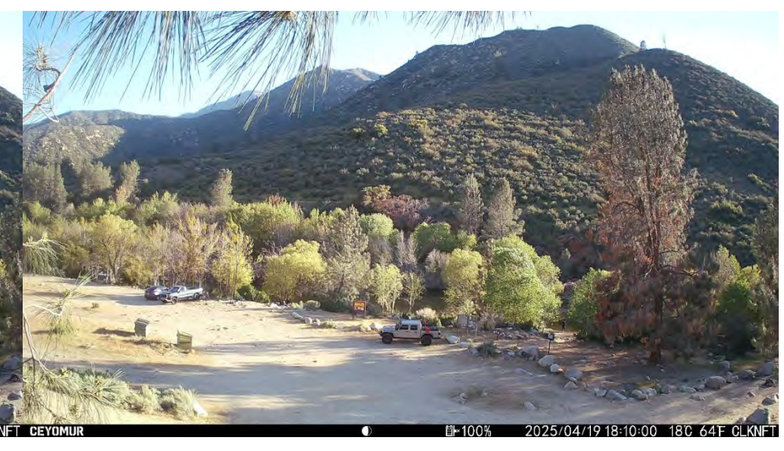

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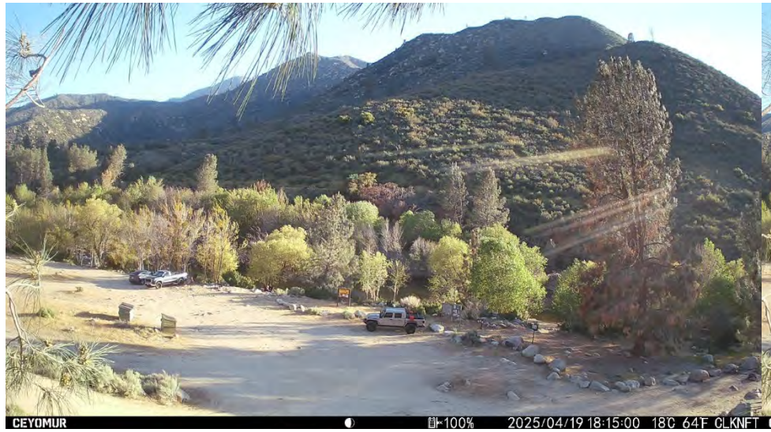

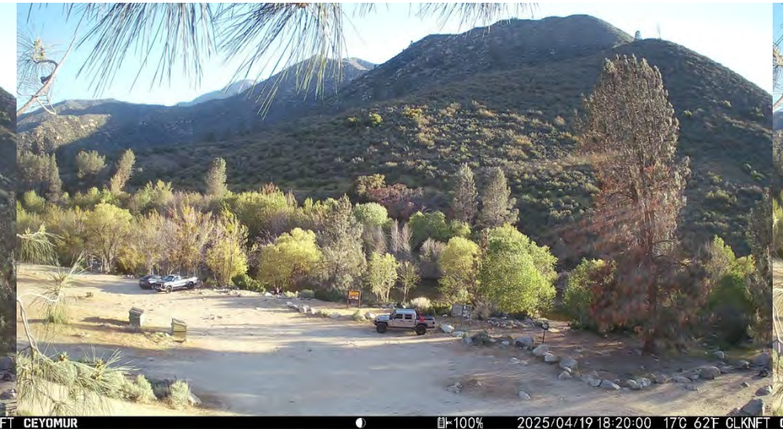

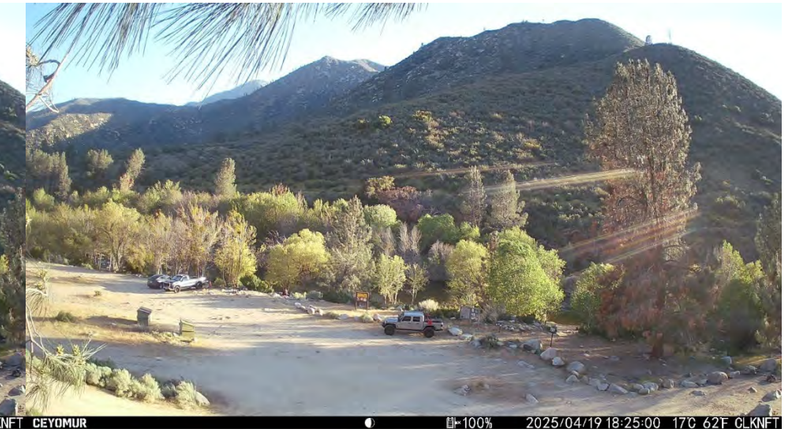

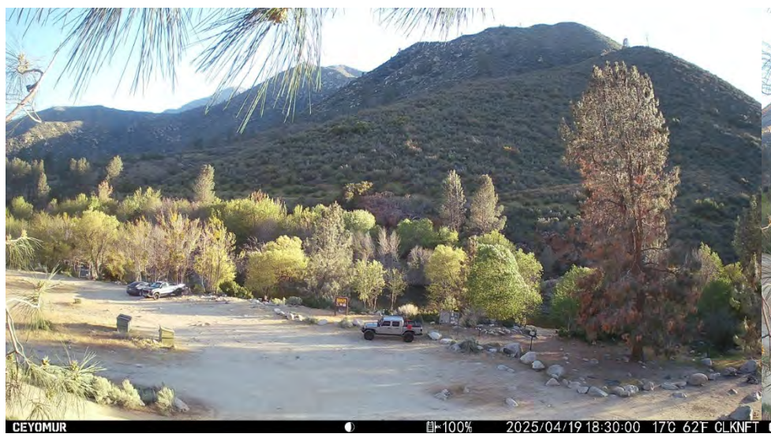

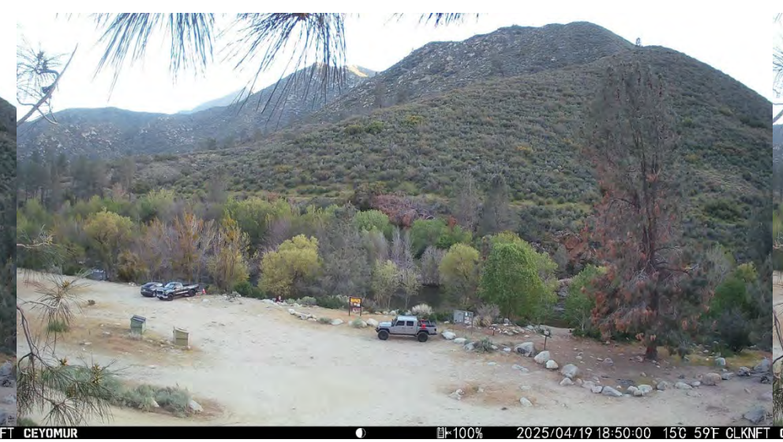

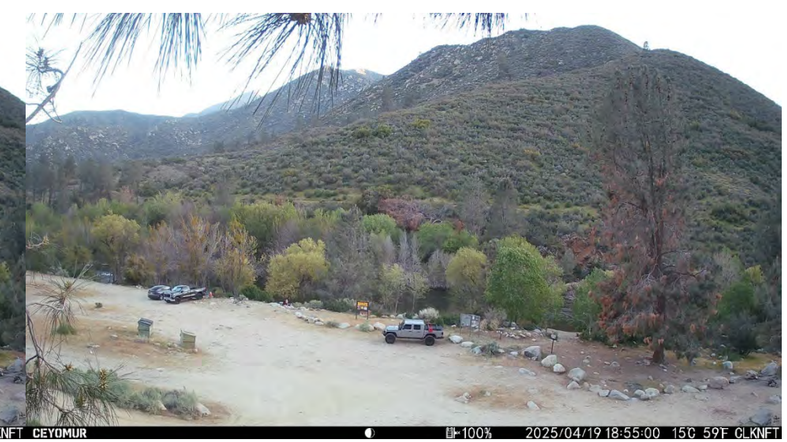

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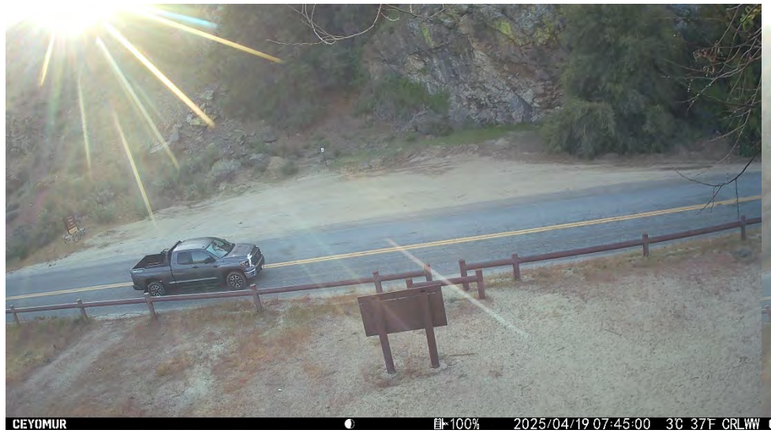

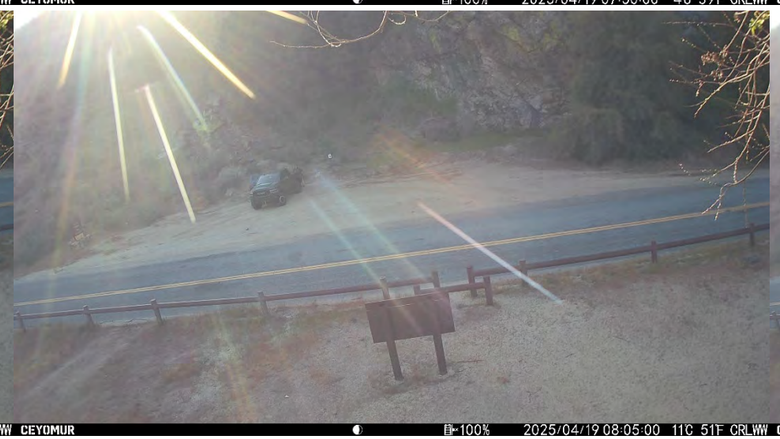

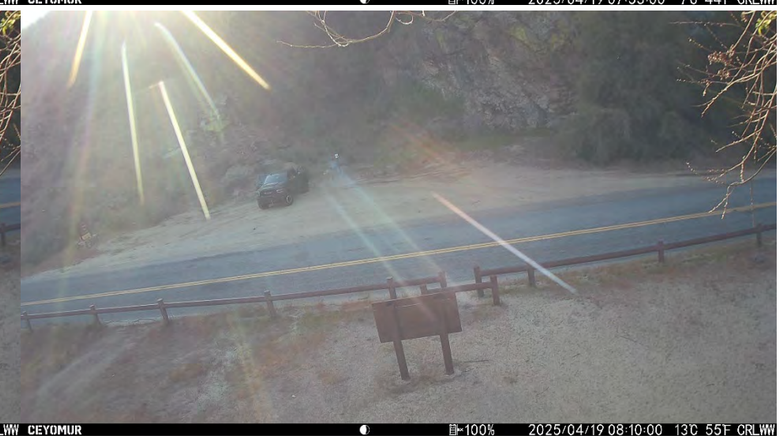

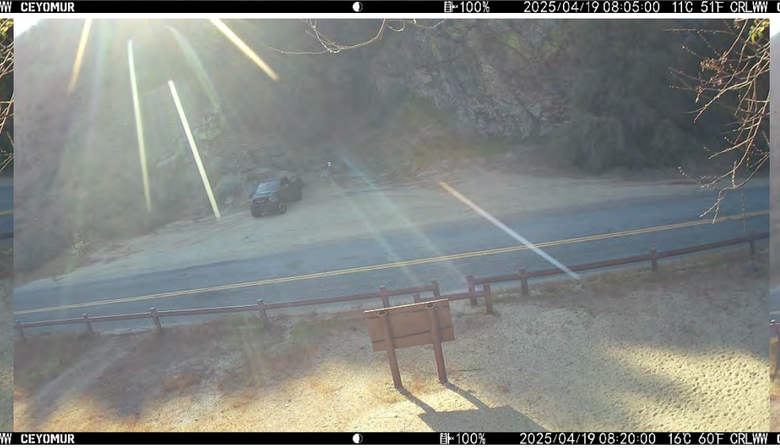

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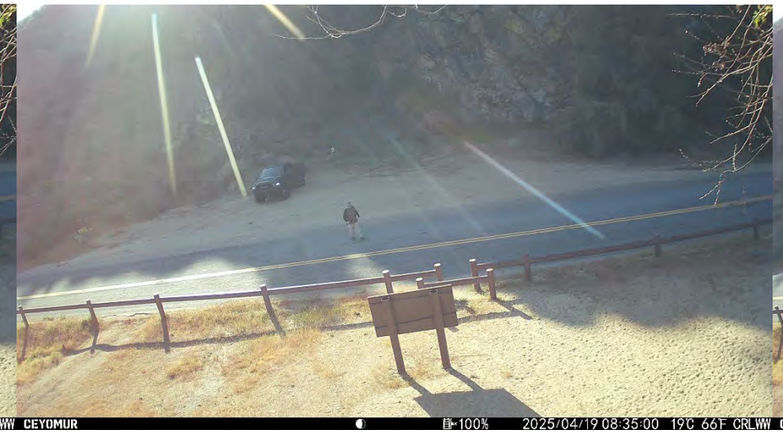

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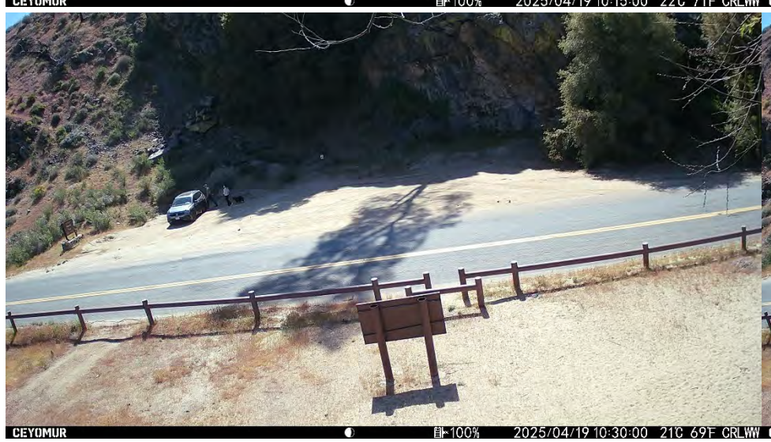

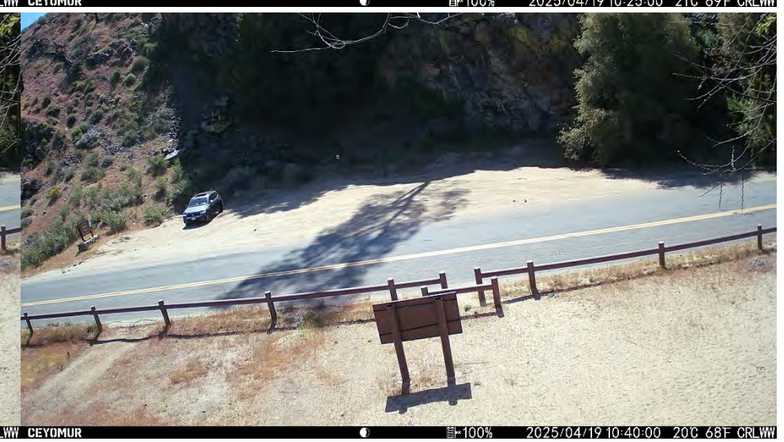

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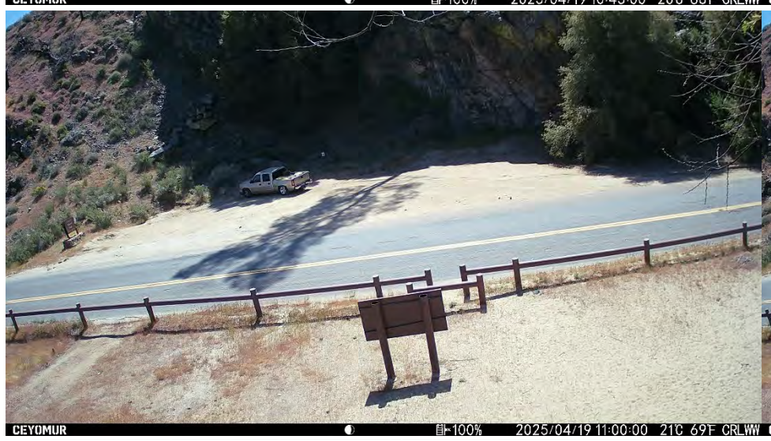

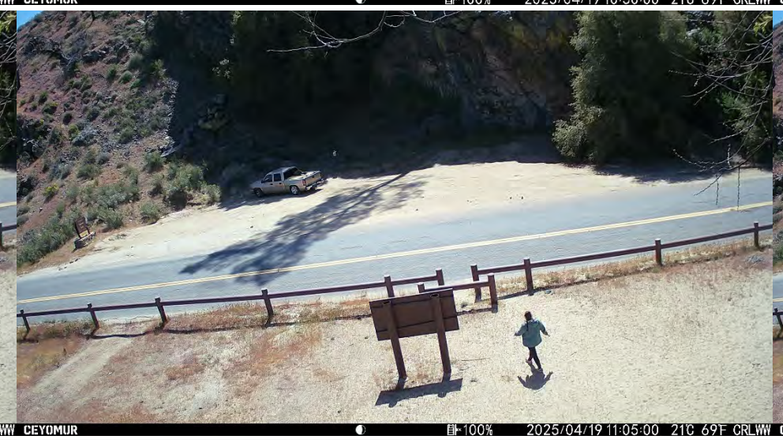

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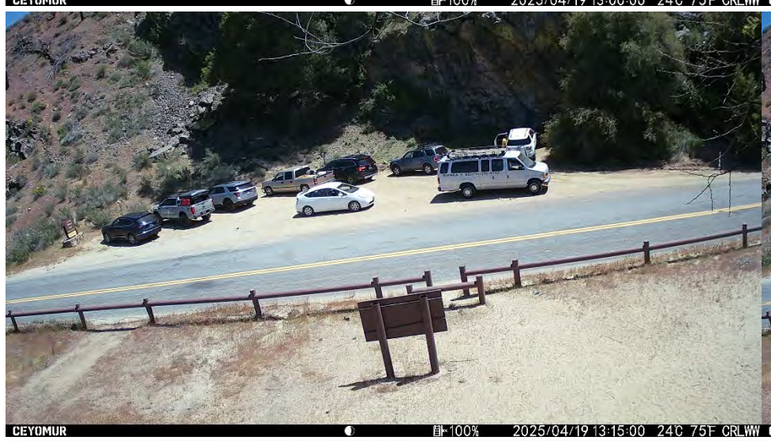

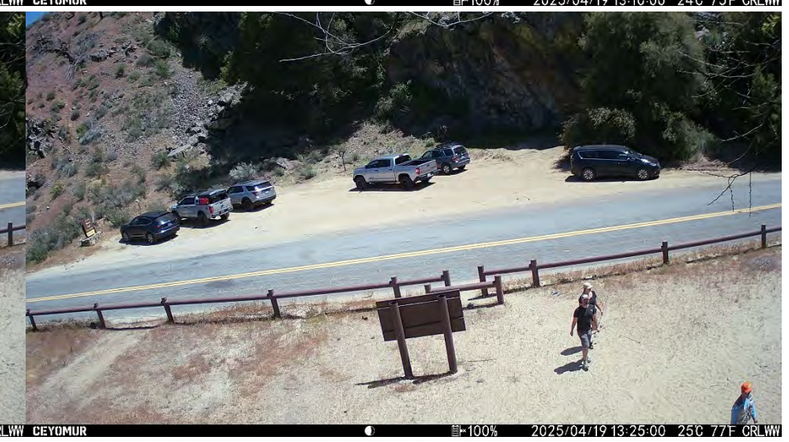

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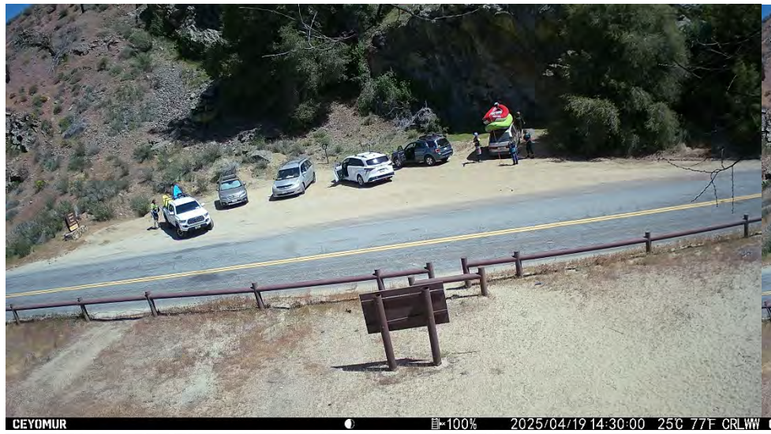

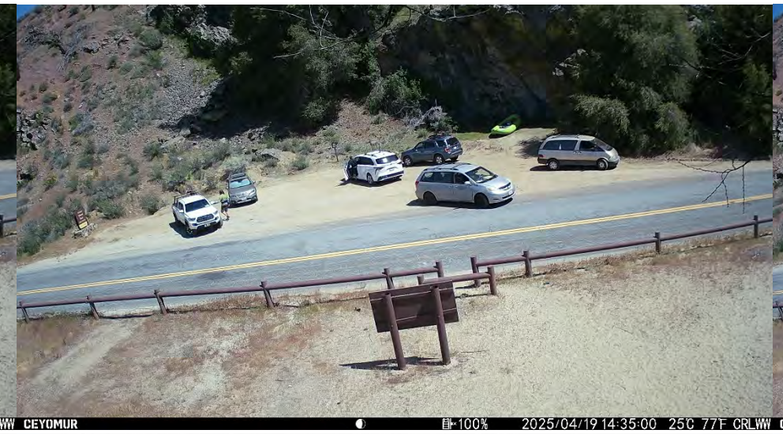

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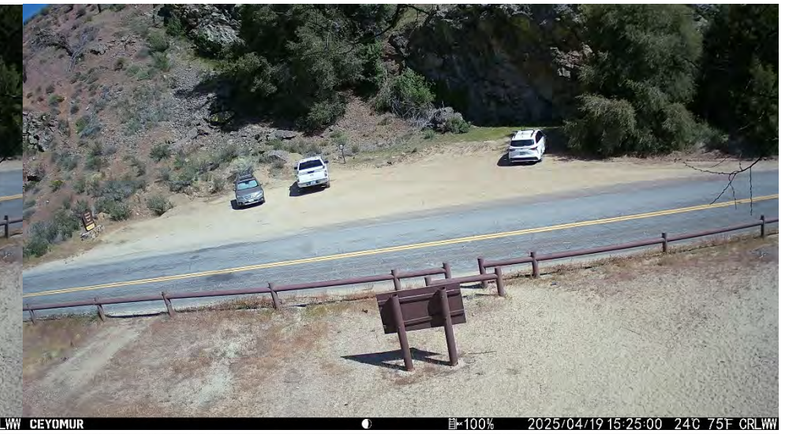

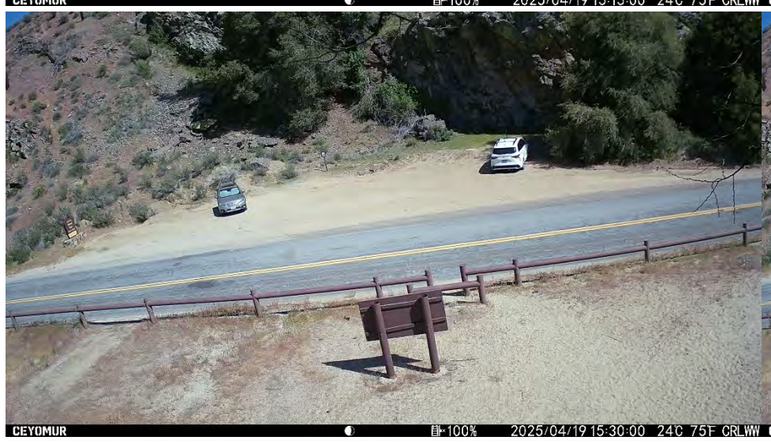

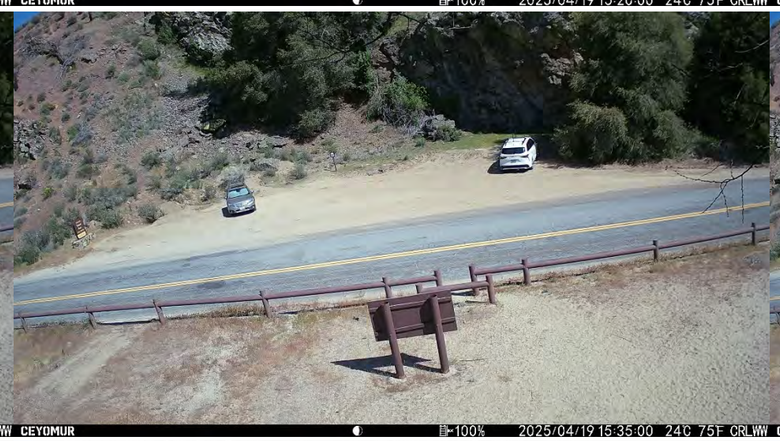

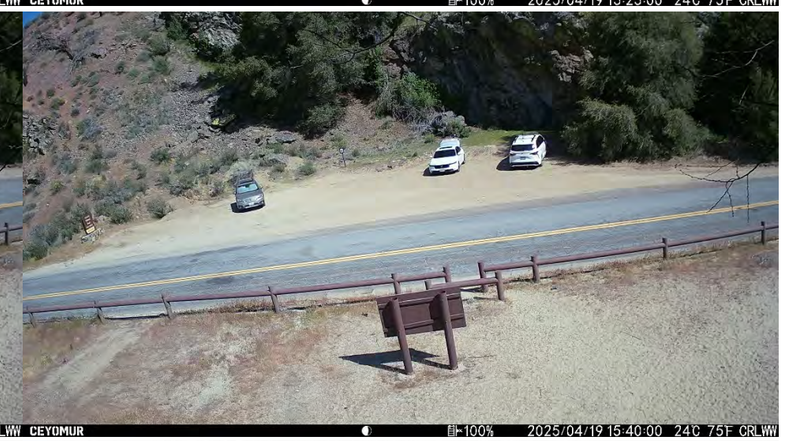

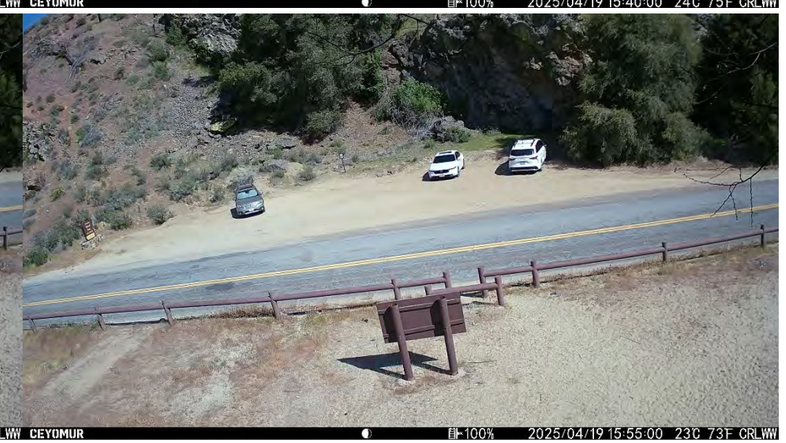

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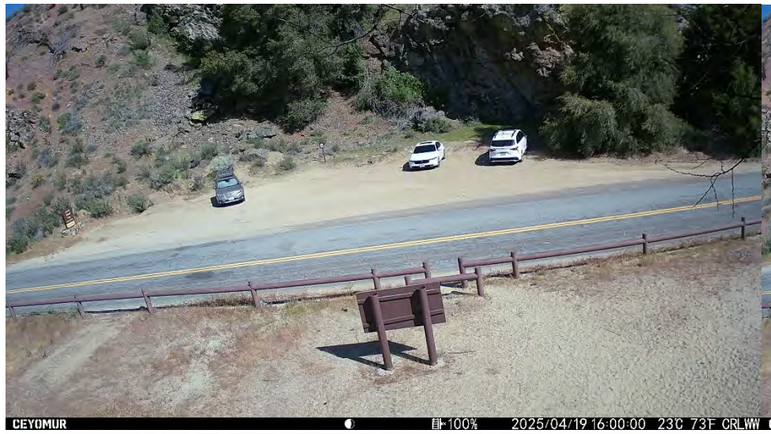

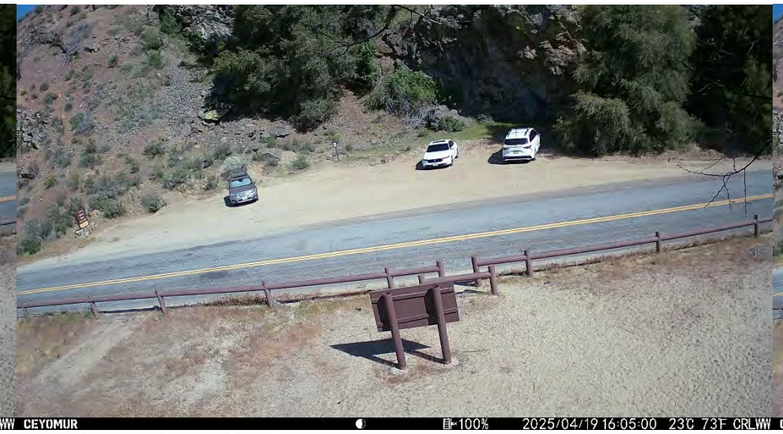

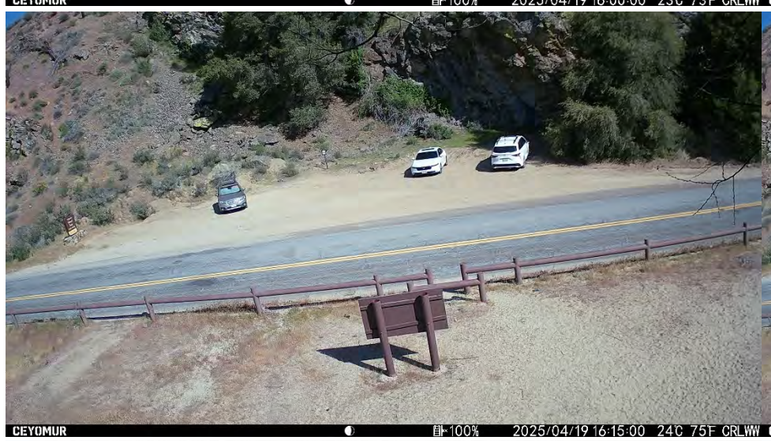

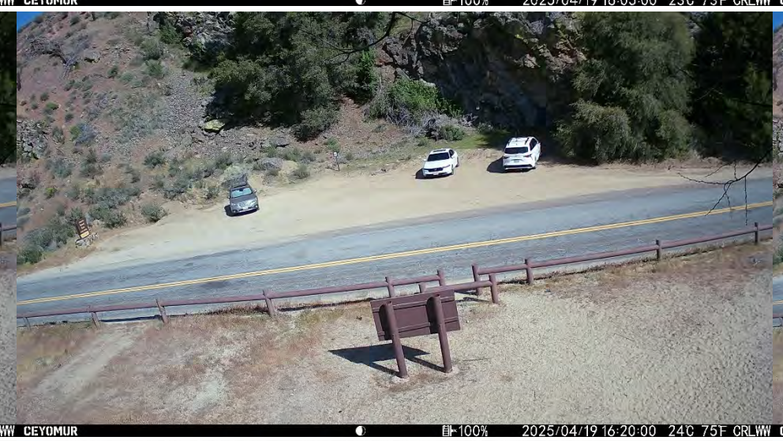

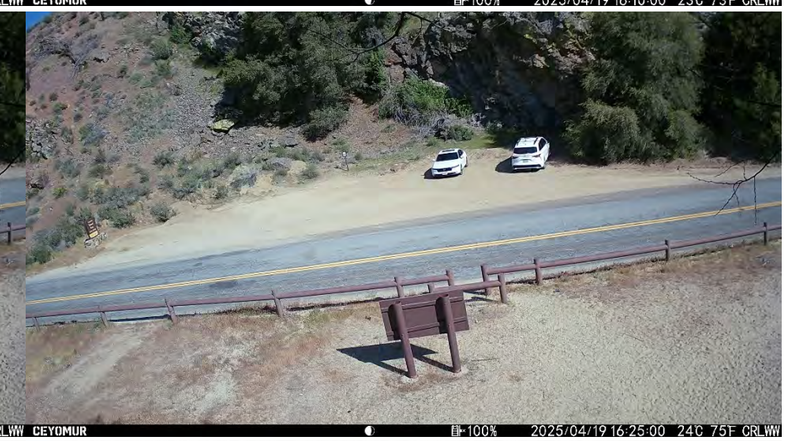

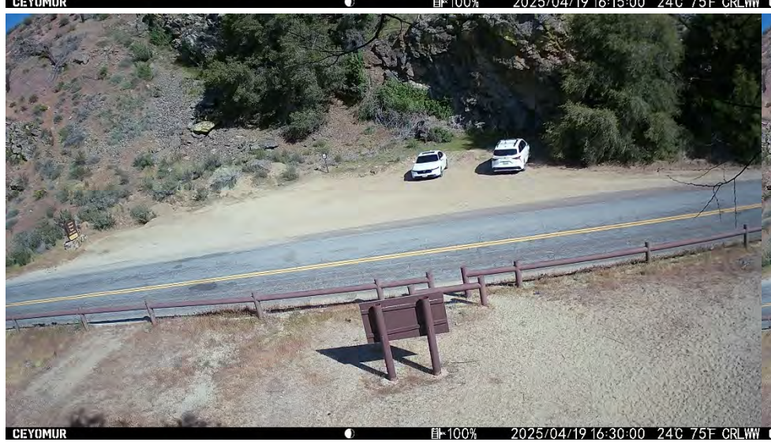

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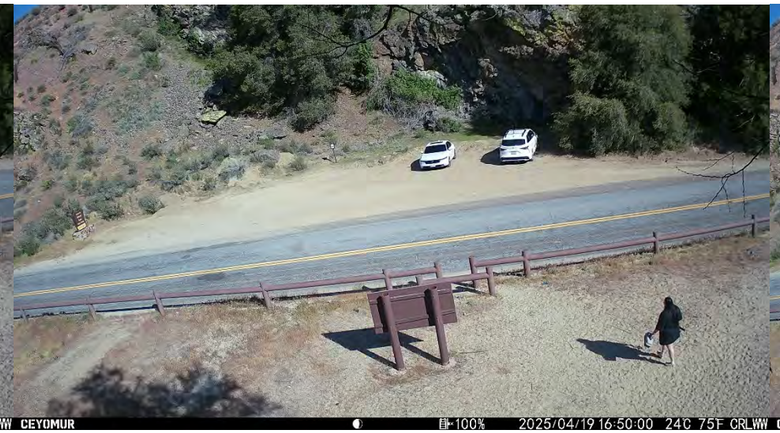

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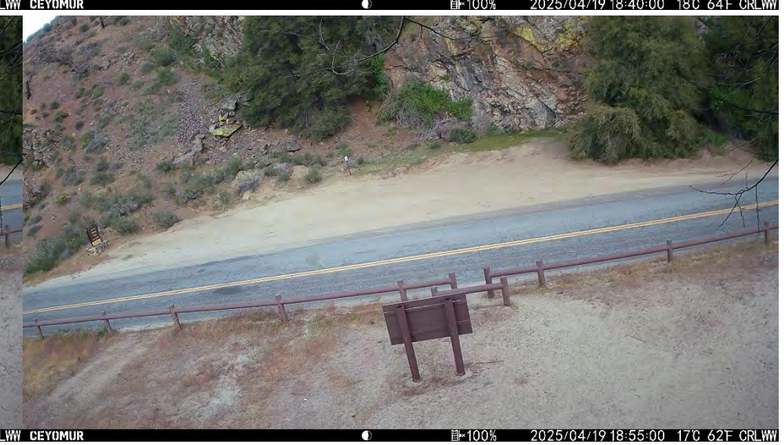

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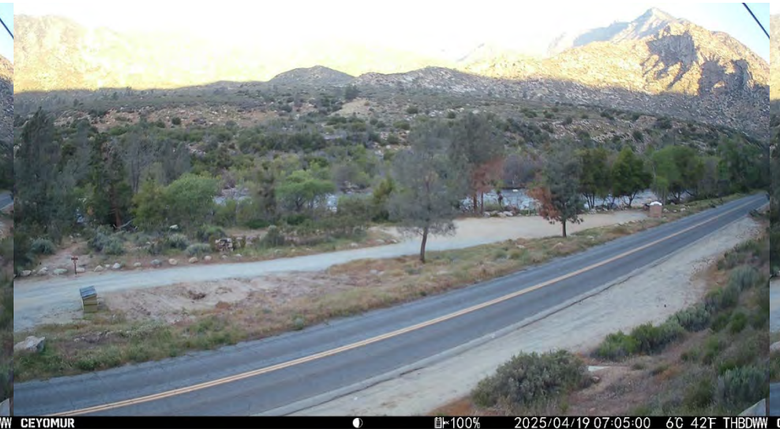

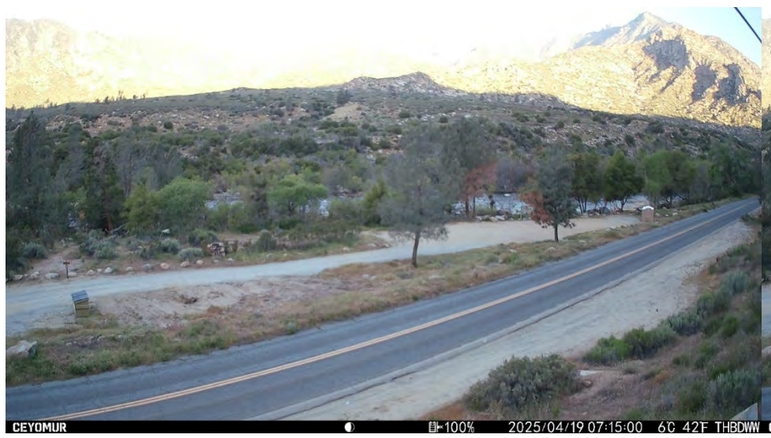

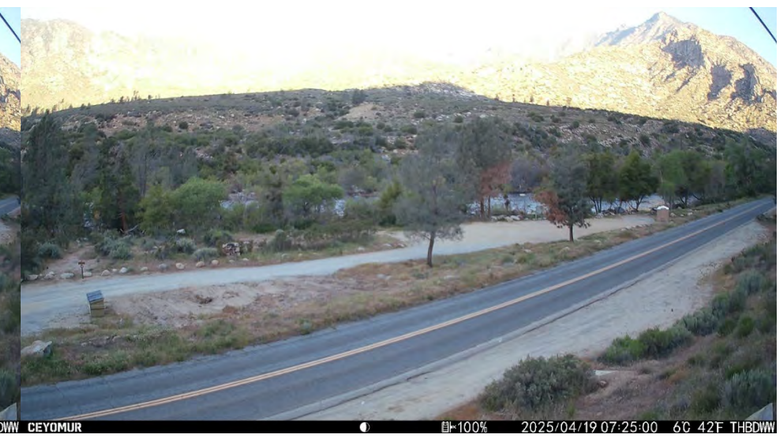

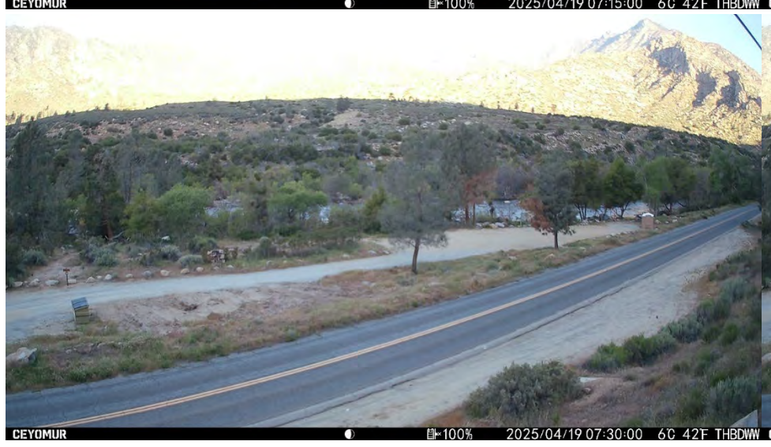

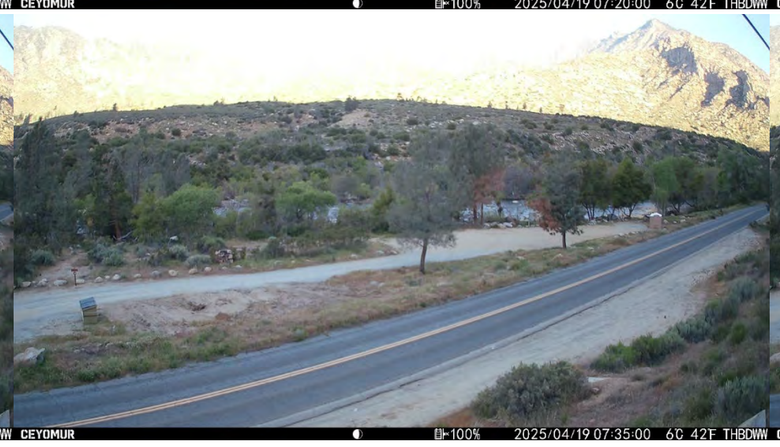

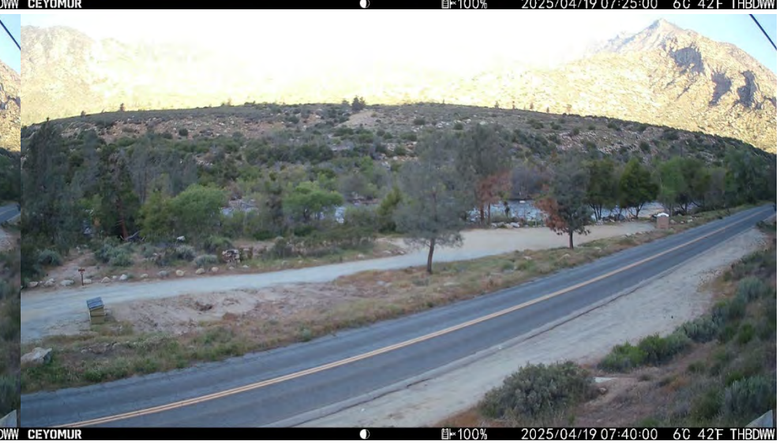

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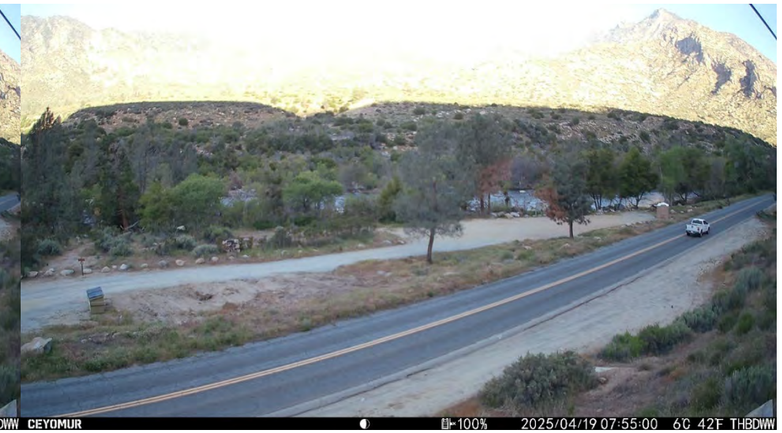

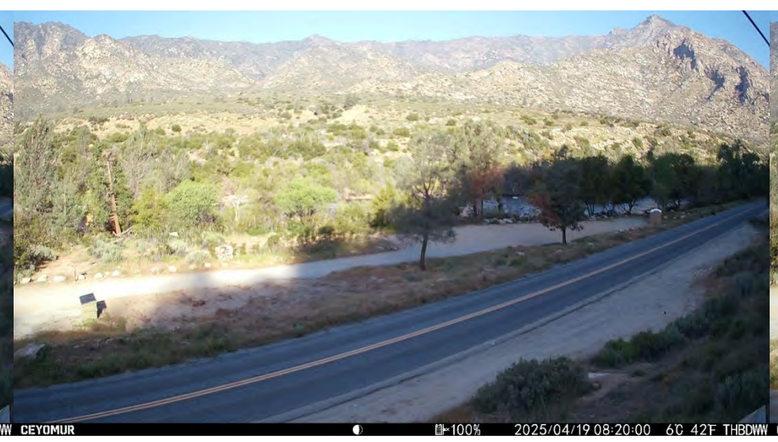

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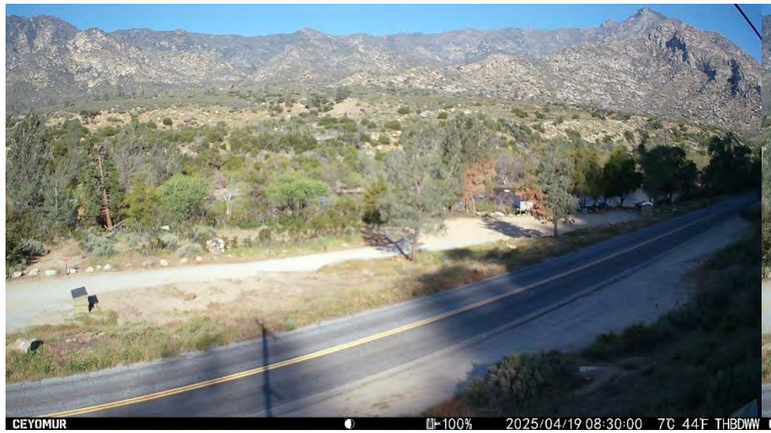

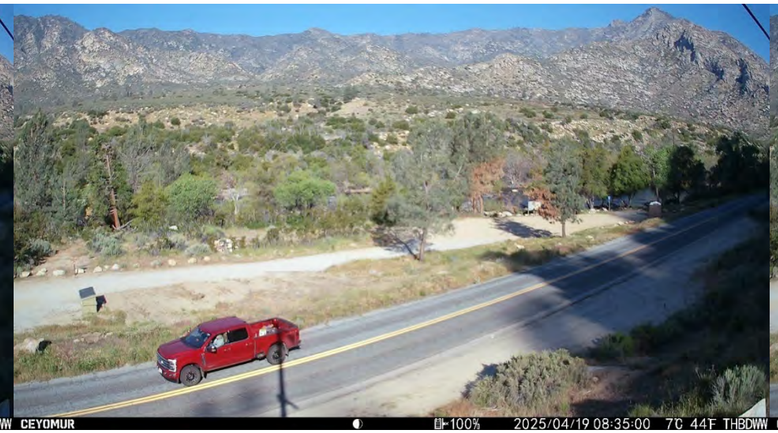

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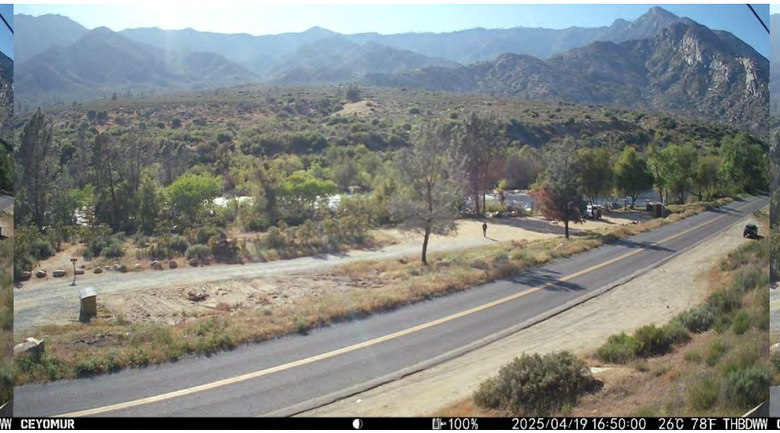

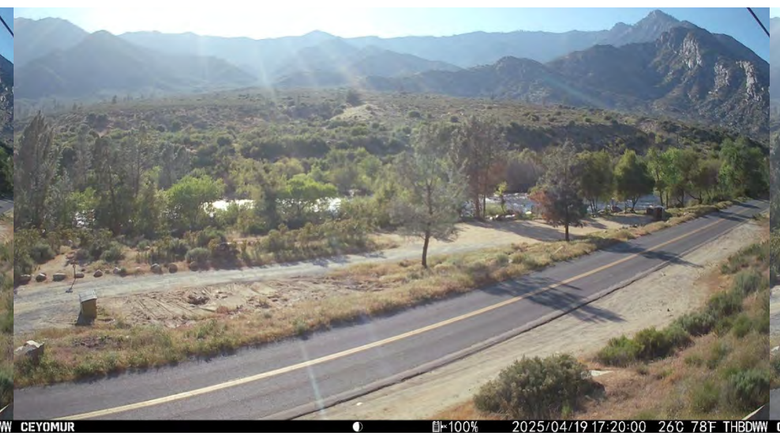

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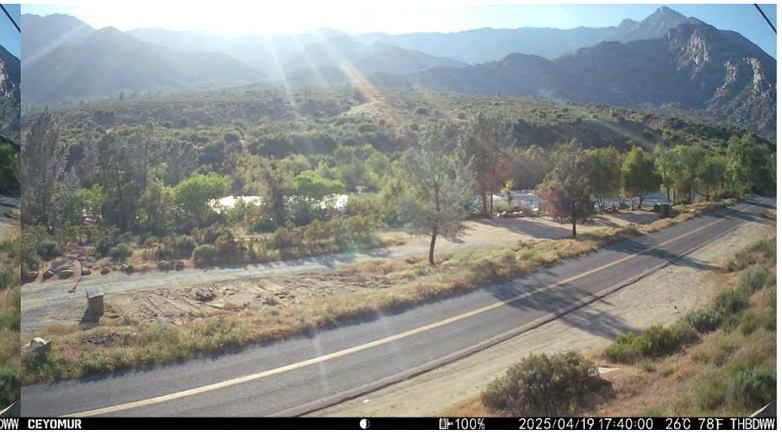

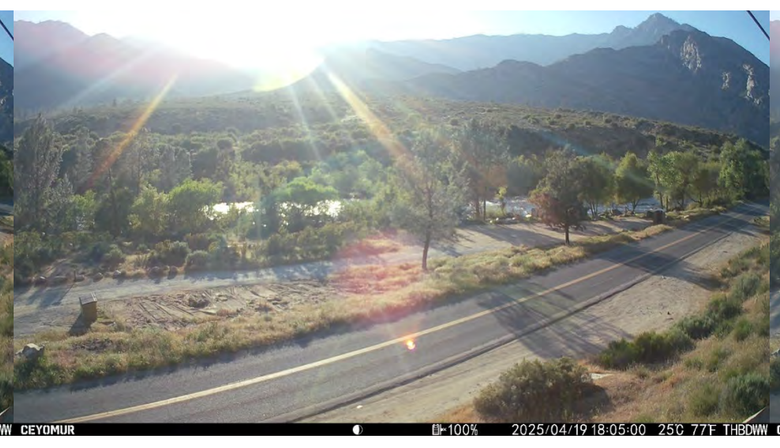

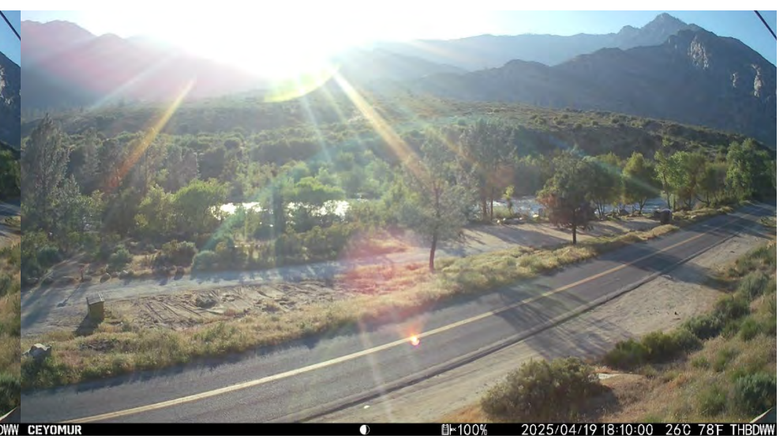

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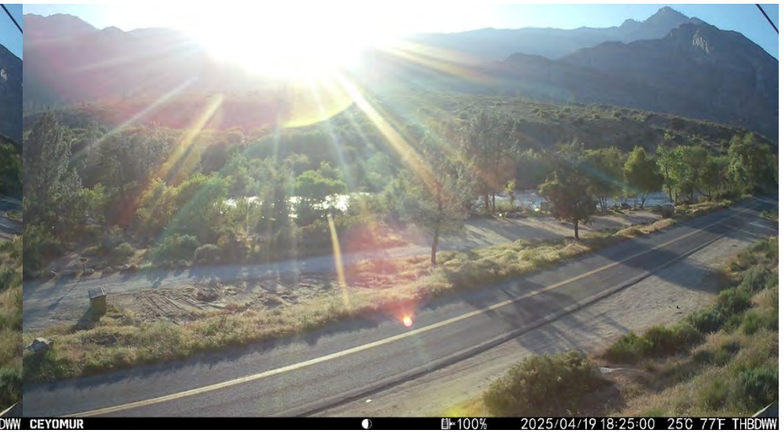

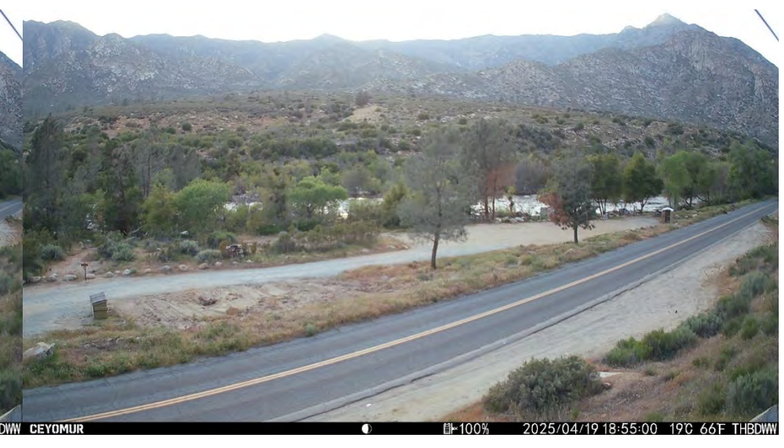

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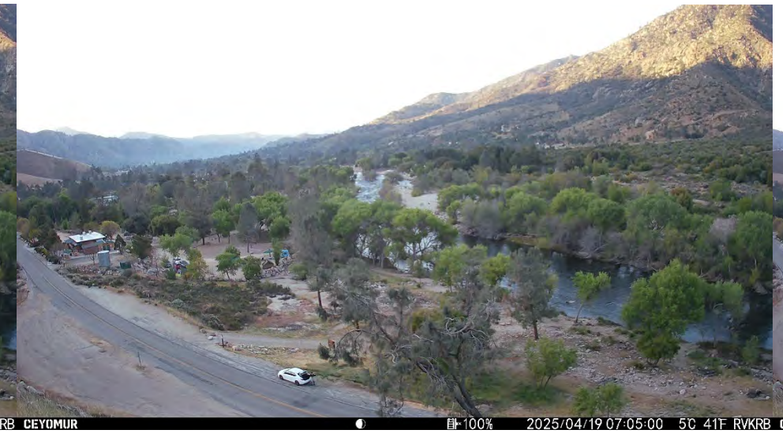

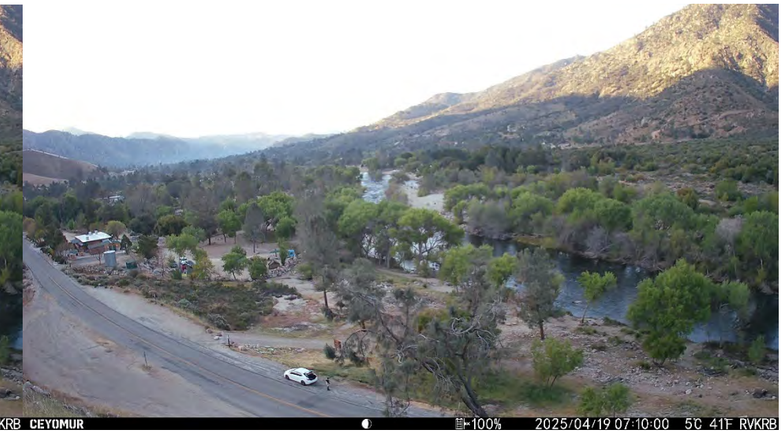

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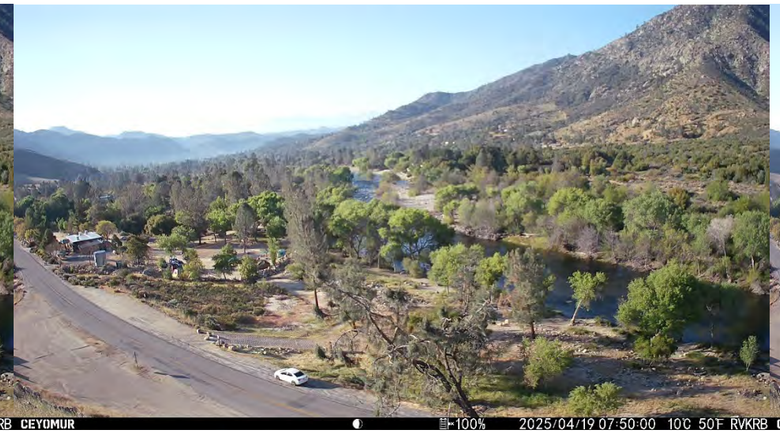

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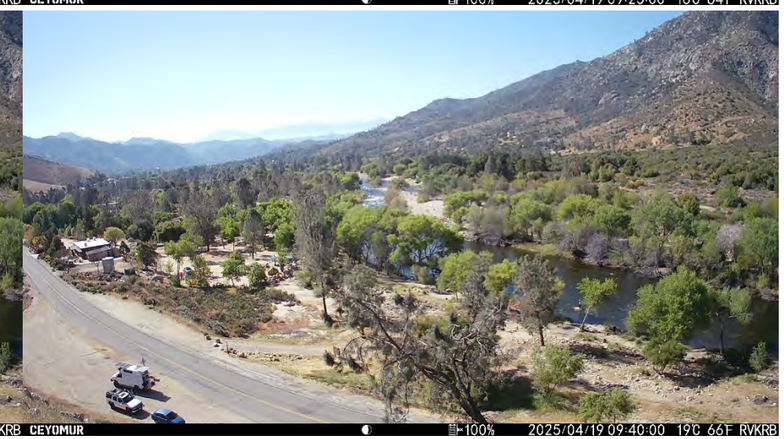

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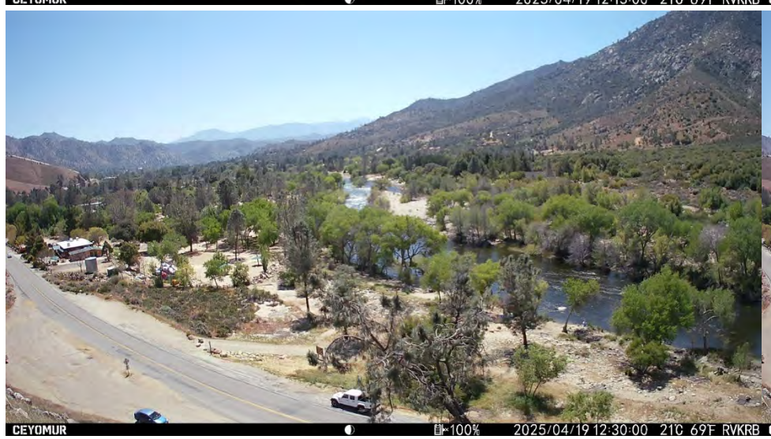

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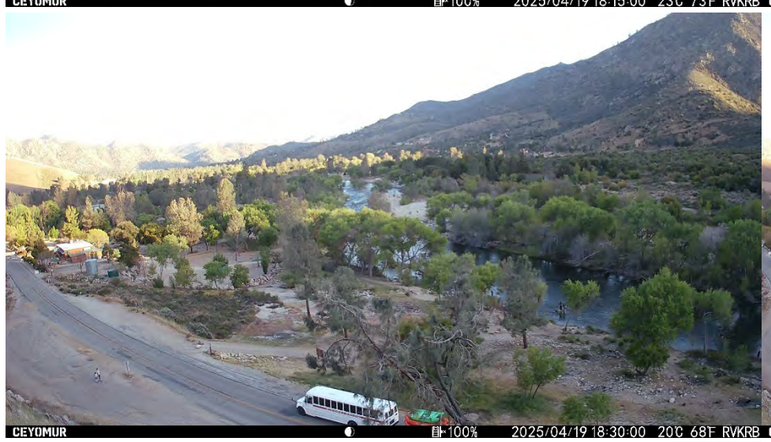

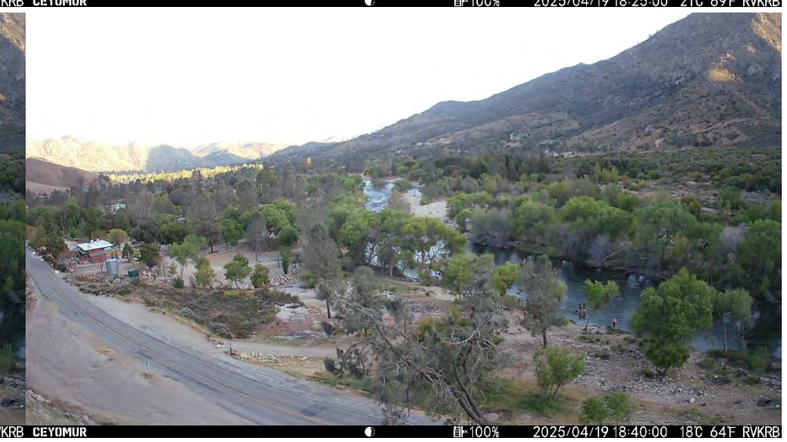

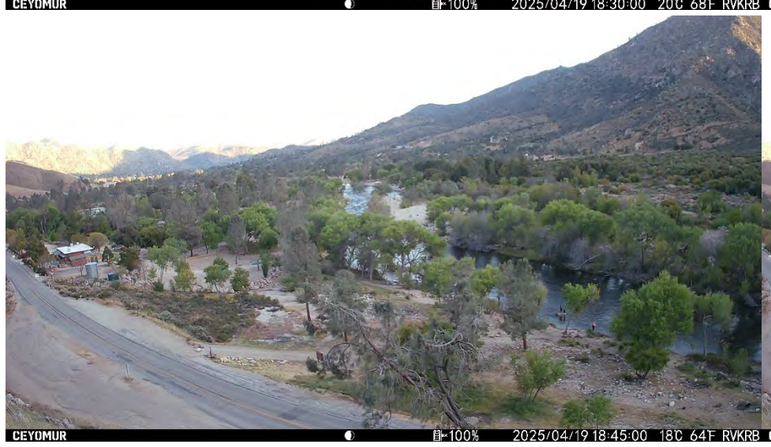

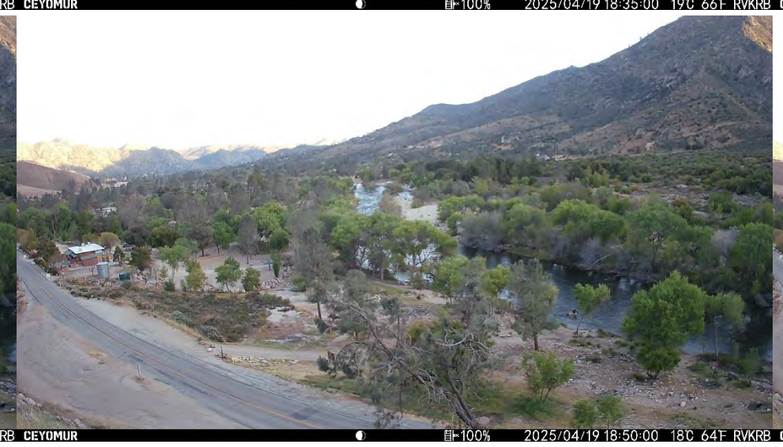

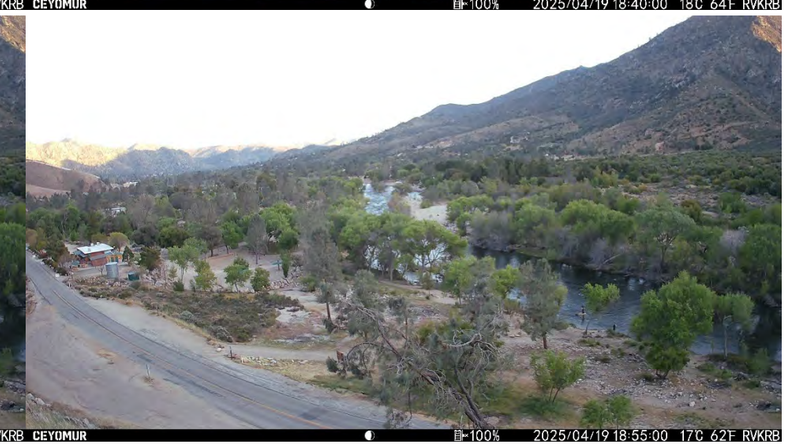

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