

## MONTE CRISTO'S CASTLE

Much attention has been given to the scenic area outside Tonopah, Nevada known as Monte Cristo's Castle. Monte Cristo's Castle is not a Nevada State Park, despite what is being conveyed to the public in news articles and on the web. The supporters of making the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) site a State Park have a web site that promotes the site and there has been numerous articles written in support of adding the area to Nevada's State Parks system. It has never been transferred from the BLM to the State of Nevada.

The Division of State Parks evaluated the site for inclusion into the state park system. The 2007 Legislature appropriated funds to assist the division in evaluating the feasibility of a land transfer from the BLM to Nevada State Parks. Due to the budget crisis that Nevada is experiencing, the legislative funding was eliminated as part of the division's required budget cuts.

Like so many wonderful BLM sites, Monte Cristo's Castle is open to anyone who is willing and able to travel a couple of miles over unimproved roads and trails to enjoy some very unique topography and even a mountain goat or two. We suggest that anyone interested in visiting the site, contact the Tonopah Field Office of the BLM at (775) 482-7800, for information.