THE ORGAN SAINT TRAVERSE
25-27 April 2014
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Total Elevation Gain: 9118 feet
Total Elevation Loss: 8961 feet
Total Mileage: ~10 miles
Total Peaks: 22
Begin the Organ Saint Traverse at the climber parking lot at the end of Modoc Mine Road. Ascend 2nd and 3rd class terrain north to the Retaining Wall and then to the Organ Needle. Continue north from the Organ Needle through the remainder of the Organ/Squaretop Complex and the High Horns Complex. For a two day traverse, there are bivy spots in the saddle between the High Horns and Low Horns.
Continue through the six Low Horns, cross Big Windy Saddle, and summit the Rabbit Ear Massif via the 2nd class hike. Returning to the base of South Rabbit Ear, continue north through the three remaining Rabbit Ears. Recommended to summit Middle Rabbit Ear via the Southeast Corner route (5.6+) for the path of least resistance to the top. After four rappels from the North Rabbit Ear, scramble off east to Aguirre Springs.
“Organ Saint: By definition, a person so enamored of the harsh beauty of the Organs that, far from minding the length of the approaches and the hostility of the terrain, he actually lies down with the cholla and blesses the rattlesnakes.”

-Dick Ingraham, Father of Organs Mountaineering