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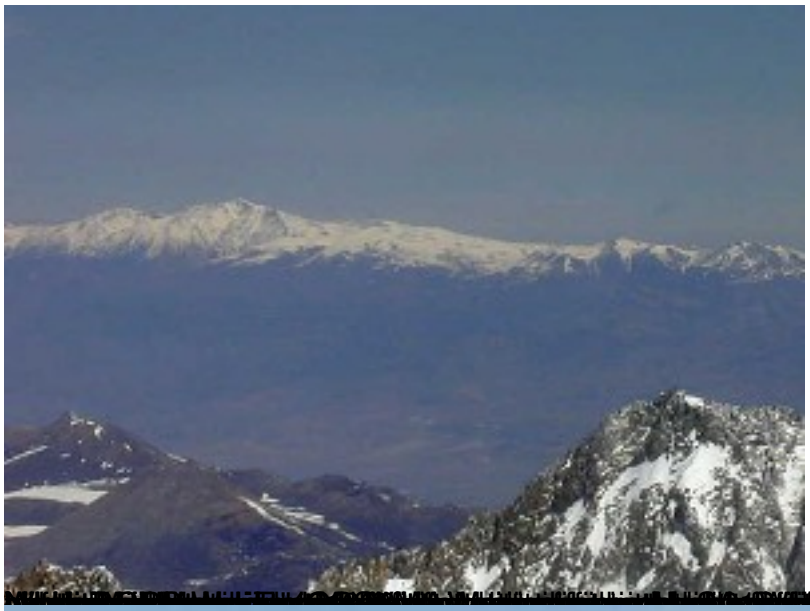
"For the past 50 years, there has been some speculation that White Mountain might be higher than Mt. Whitney," wrote award winning surveyor Robert Nielsen of Reno's Summit Engineering in Professional Surveyor. Nevadans and Californians near the state line continue to question why Mt. Whitney in the Sierra Nevada, and not White Mountain in the White-Inyo Range east of Bishop, has been identified as the highest point in the continental United States for more than 100 years.