

# Peak of political incorrectness in Alpine County?



A Google Earth satellite image of Jeff Davis Peak in Alpine County.

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Jefferson Davis never set foot in California or Nevada, but two peaks – one in each state – bear the name of the president of the Confederacy.

One, the third-highest mountain in Nevada at 12,771 feet high, towers over Great Basin National Park. The other, 444 miles to the west, is a little known and rarely climbed volcanic plug near Lake Tahoe in Alpine County.

The latter's rugged, near-vertical slopes seem out of place with the surrounding terrain. They look like they belong in Arizona's Monument Valley.

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