

= Wilkins Peak =

Wilkins Peak is a small mountain located in Sweetwater County , Wyoming , between the cities of Green River and Rock Springs . It is primarily used for radio and television station transmitters , but it also serves radio needs of the FAA , EMS , and local businesses such as Questar Gas . In 2003 , a tower on the peak was knocked down by a vehicle delivering propane to customers . The tower was owned by Wyoming Public Radio and was serving the local area with programming from National Public Radio . There are numerous access roads to the peak and it is not gated and open year round , weather permitting . Along with the radio uses , the mountain is also a popular location for mountain biking and hiking . The mountain contains geology typical of its location in southwestern Wyoming .

= = Geology = =

Along with other mountains in southwestern Wyoming , Wilkins Peak is part of the Green River Formation , a formation of the intermontane Lake Gosiute environment during the Eocene epoch . Similar to its neighboring Aspen Mountain , Wilkins Peak is part of the Rock Springs Uplift , and some of the largest oil shale and trona beds in the region are located near the mountain . Wilkins Peak also has its own distinct segment of the Green River Formation , which is known as the Wilkins Peak Formation . The peak itself is 7 @, @ 650 feet (2 @, @ 332 m) in elevation and is located 8 @. @ 18 miles (13 km) from Rock Springs , Wyoming and 6 @. @ 3 miles (10 km) from Green River , Wyoming .

= = Radio and television uses = =

Wilkins Peak holds radio towers for several FM radio and television stations . Stations include KYCS (95 @. @ 1 FM) and its sister stations KFRZ (92 @. @ 1 FM) and KZWB (97 @. @ 9 FM) . Also on the mountain is the tower for the station KTME 89 @. @ 5 , which signed on the air in September 2010 . KTME is an affiliate of Pilgrim Radio . Several television translators transmit their signals from two small towers located in the center of Wilkins Peak . Additionally , the religious television network TBN has a translator known locally as K35CN , broadcasting from the mountain . Prior to 2009 , K22BK , the local PBS television translator , carried its signal from Wilkins Peak . K22BK was moved across the interstate to White Mountain to the same tower as its digital counterpart . In late 2009 , a new television station signed on the air from the peak . It is known as K33IX @- @ D on channel 33 (UHF) and carries programming from EICB TV , a Christian religious broadcast and production company , based in Cedar Hill , Texas . K35CN and K22BK have been off the air since the digital television transition in the year 2009 .

= = = FM translators = = =

Among high powered FM radio stations , Wilkins Peak is also currently host to three lower powered FM translators . K205FE carries a Gospel format on 88 @. @ 9 FM . K285FG retransmits programming from AM station KUGR on 104 @. @ 9 FM . Finally , K290BJ carries programming from KZWB 97 @. @ 9 FM .

= = = Other radio related uses = = =

Wilkins Peak also has repeater towers for local police , fire , and EMS services . The emergency radio repeaters on the mountain are used in conjunction with other repeaters located on nearby Aspen Mountain and Mansface Hill .

In September 2003 , a commercial truck delivering propane to customers on the peak knocked down the then @- @ existent K UWZ tower after the vehicle 's brakes failed . The collapse of the tower knocked out power to the mountain for several hours , and while K UWZ borrowed space from

neighboring towers for several months thereafter , the station ultimately relocated its transmitter to nearby Aspen Mountain .

= = Accessing the peak = =

Wilkins Peak is not gated , and it can be reached via an unpaved road known as Wilkins Peak Road that starts on U.S. Route 191 southwest of Rock Springs , Wyoming . The mountain can also be accessed via another unpaved road that begins in the Scott 's Bottom Nature Area in Green River , Wyoming . The peak is accessible year @-@ round , weather permitting . The Green River access road is in worse shape than the Rock Springs side , and it has several road hazards such as steep grades , poor grading , and off @-@ road vehicle traffic . Along with serving radio needs , the peak also is a popular hiking and mountain biking location in the area . There are many smaller roads and trails that spring from the peak that offer varied degrees of challenge .