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*Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains - Senses Overload*

*In March, I traveled to photograph the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains (the "Sierras"). I spent only 5 days in this area, including an evening at the sand dunes of Eureka Hills in Death Valley National Park. I had planned on spending another 11 days, but was called home for a family matter. Those days resulted in a few special photographs.*

*Featured Photograph No. 1*



*Owens River in the Owens Valley, California*

*My Featured Photographs this month were shot on different days, many miles from each other, and at sunrise with the full moon going down. I think they*

*both reflect how photogenic, colorful and majestic this area is.*

*The Sierras run approx. 400 miles north to south and approx. 70 miles across east to west, and mainly lie in California. Within the Sierras lies Mount Whitney, the highest point in the lower 48 United States, Lake Tahoe and home to National Parks such as Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon, 20 wilderness areas and 2 National Monuments.*

*The Sierras are diverse in many ways. Their varied altitudes, terrain and climates result in a wide range of trees and plants, both kind and size. Sierra Nevada is Spanish for snowy range, and normally receives an abundant amount of snowfall each winter. The snowfall is greater in the mountains and falls less and less as it approaches the valleys that lie to the east. This, coupled with the varied vegetation and colors in the Sierra foothills and valleys, makes this area a photographer's paradise, and my senses remained on overload.*

*At this time of year there is normally abundant snowfall, but this past winter resulted in the lowest amount of snowfall ever recorded. Fortunately for me, about 3 weeks before I arrived, this area had a snowfall that lasted a couple days. This snow was about the only accumulation that was visible, but was just enough to result in some spectacular scenery.*

*Although I didn't spend as much time as I had planned, and wanted to photograph in many more places, I doubt if any amount of time would be sufficient. However, I hope to return again soon.*

#### *Featured Photograph No. 2*



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Lone Pine Peak as Viewed From Moffat Ranch Road, California*

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