Emigrant wagon trains heading to Oregon turned right toward Fort Hall and California emigrants turned left toward Fort Bridger.
Echo Canyon

Emigrant wagon trains bound for Utah and California passed through Echo Canyon as they approached Utah's Wasatch Mountains from the east.
Great Basin Desert

greatbasin.nbii.gov/

http://www.nps.gov/
Humboldt River

Humboldt Sink

http://patriot.lib.byu.edu/

www.fws.gov
Forty mile desert:  
3 photos taken in the 1940s
Eastern flank of the Sierra Nevada Mountains from space


http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov
Donner Summit and Donner Pass
An early snowfall trapped the ill-fated Donner & Reed wagon train near this location in late October of 1846.
Mitchell’s Map of 1846


Example of type of map available for overland travelers’ use