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Eldorado Wilderness

Bureau of Land Management

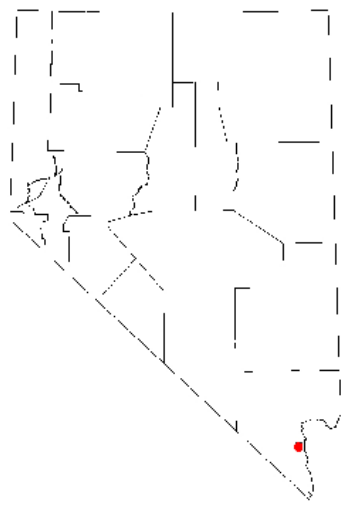
Southern Nevada District Office
4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89103
http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.1.html

Size: 31,950 acres
Elevation Range: 650 - 3,858 feet
Designation: Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002

BLM

Area Description

The Eldorado Wilderness is a rugged maze of peaks and side canyons. The Eldorado Range is volcanic rock with basalt flows on a base of metamorphic rock. A bajada, or wide, gentle slope, extends northwest of the mountains. This forms a stark and colorful landscape bridging the expanse between U.S. Highway 95 and the Colorado River 40 miles south of Las Vegas.



Creosote bush, scrub oak, clump grass, and various cacti cover the intense terrain. This creates a natural habitat for bighorn sheep in the higher elevations. Despite a long history of tribal habitation, abandoned mine sites are the only evidence of human activity in the region. Aside from the Colorado River, water is scarce, and summer temperatures can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Directions

Dirt roads off of U.S. Highway 95 and State Route 165 provide access from the west and south, respectively. The eastern border can be reached from the Colorado River. The northern reaches can be reached from Burro Wash Road, which runs along power lines and ends at the Colorado River. High-clearance is required, with four-wheel drive needed to safely pass parts of the road.

To reach Burro Wash Road, drive east on Buchanan Boulevard from U.S. Highway 93 in Boulder City. Drive past the gate at the substation where the road turns to dirt along the power lines. There is a parking area at a scenic overlook about six miles past the substation. This is the boundary of the wilderness area. From here, four-wheel drive is needed, as the road deteriorates severely for the last six miles.

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Recreation

The Eldorado Wilderness provides a stunning stage for hiking, horseback riding, and camping. Wildlife is abundant, with bighorn sheep in the mountains and migrating birds near the river. Hunting is allowed with proper licensing; however, target practice is prohibited.

Contained largely within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Eldorado Wilderness is managed jointly by the BLM and the National Park Service. Backcountry permits are not required. Camping is limited to a total of 14 days in one location, and no more than 90 days total within any consecutive 12-month period.

Motorized vehicles, mechanized equipment, and mechanical transport are not permitted in designated wilderness.

Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Boulder City, Boulder City SE, Nelson, Ringbolt Rapids, Willow Beach, and Fire Mountain.

Additional Information

- Campsites must be at least a half-mile off of designated roads and 100 feet from any spring, water hole, seep or watering device.
- Campsites must be more than 100 feet from any archeological site, including rock art.
- Disposing of debris and garbage is prohibited.
- Maximum group size: 12 members
- Maximum length of stay: 14 days
- Campfires are allowed, except during regional fire restrictions, with the use of a fire pan and/or fire blanket. All firewood must be packed in. Visitors are encouraged to use camp stoves.
- Geocaching is not permitted in this wilderness area.
- Dogs and other pets are prohibited.
- Other than incidental browsing, riding and pack stock animals may be fed only packed-in, certified, weed-free feed.

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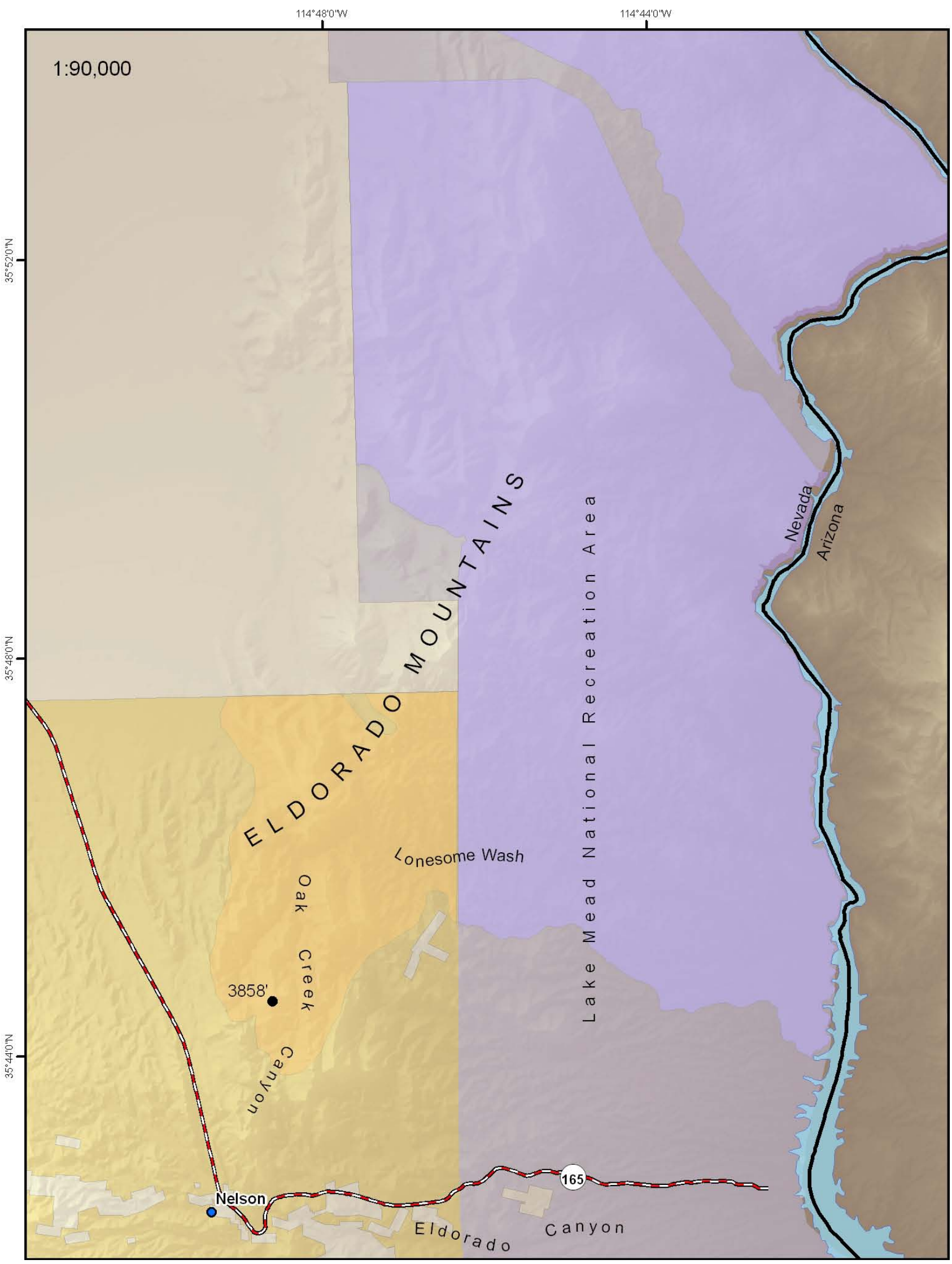

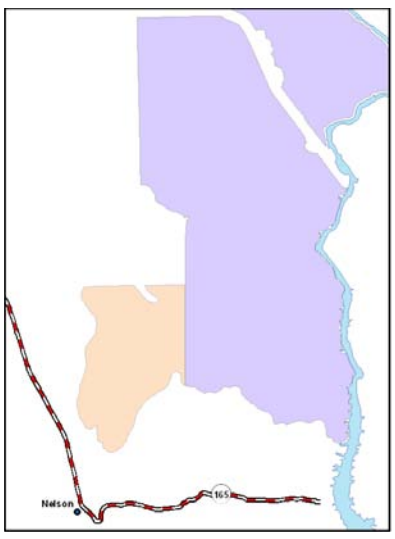

Legend

- State Highway
- City/Town
- Highest point
- Bureau of Land Management Wilderness
- National Park Service Wilderness
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- Private
- Colorado River

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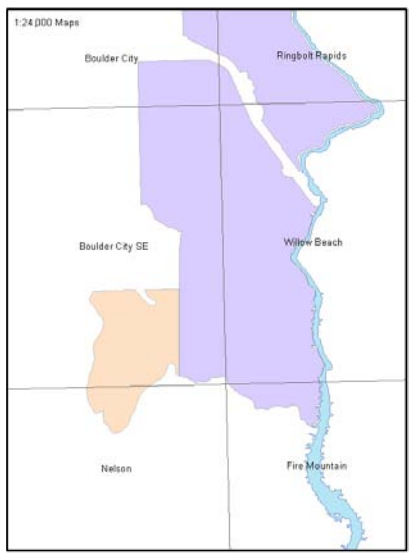

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