



Ireteba Peaks Wilderness

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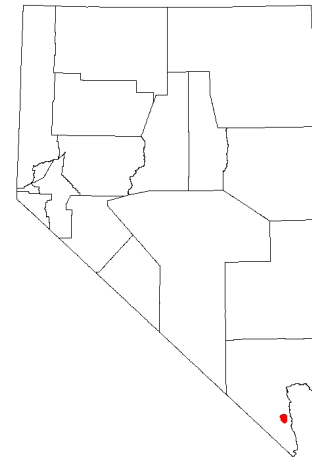
Size: 32,745 acres
Elevation Range: 650 - 5,060 feet
Designation: Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002

Area Description

The Ireteba Peaks Wilderness includes the southern portion of the rugged, volcanic Eldorado Mountains. Named after Irataba, leader of the Mojave people in the mid-1800s, Ireteba Peak rises to 5,060 feet above sea level, offering a stunning view across the wilderness and Lake Mohave. Pinyon and juniper trees dot the higher elevation areas where bighorn sheep roam.

As the range drops off to the east, short, steep canyons cut down the eastern side of the ridge. Rolling hills give way to a series of shallow washes across a broad bajada. From here, the land gently runs out to the north end of Lake Mohave. Creosote, yucca, cholla, desert willow, and various cacti sprawl across the lower desert where jackrabbits, side-blotched lizards, rattle snakes, and desert tortoises make their home.

Petroglyphs and pictographs can be found, as well as old mines. Beyond the shore of Lake Mohave, water is scarce in this wilderness area, and summer temperatures can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit.



Directions

The Ireteba Peaks Wilderness lies 45 miles south of Las Vegas, between Nelson and Searchlight, Nevada. The northern boundary is a power line corridor that runs from the end of the Ireteba Peaks ridge to Lake Mohave. The crest of the Ireteba Peaks ridge marks the western border. Dirt roads running west from Lake Mohave between Opal Mountain and the Rockefeller Mine cut around the south end of the Ireteba Peaks ridge to mark the southern border. The shore of Lake Mohave forms the eastern border.

Visitors can access the Ireteba Peaks Wilderness from dirt roads leading off of State Route 165 from the north, U.S. Highway 95 from the west, Cottonwood Cove Road from the south, or Lake Mohave from the east.



Recreation

The Ireteba Peaks 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. Visitors are reminded to not disturb archaeological resources and stay out of open mine shafts.

Contained largely within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Ireteba Peaks 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.

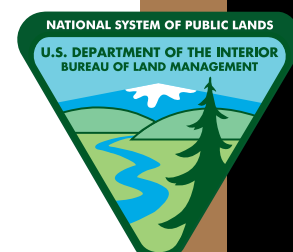
Motorized vehicles, mechanized equipment, and mechanical transport are not permitted in designated wilderness.

Maps

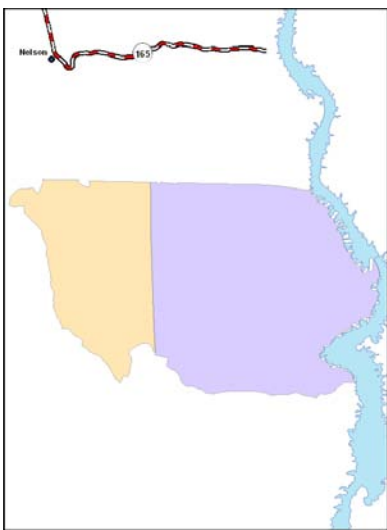
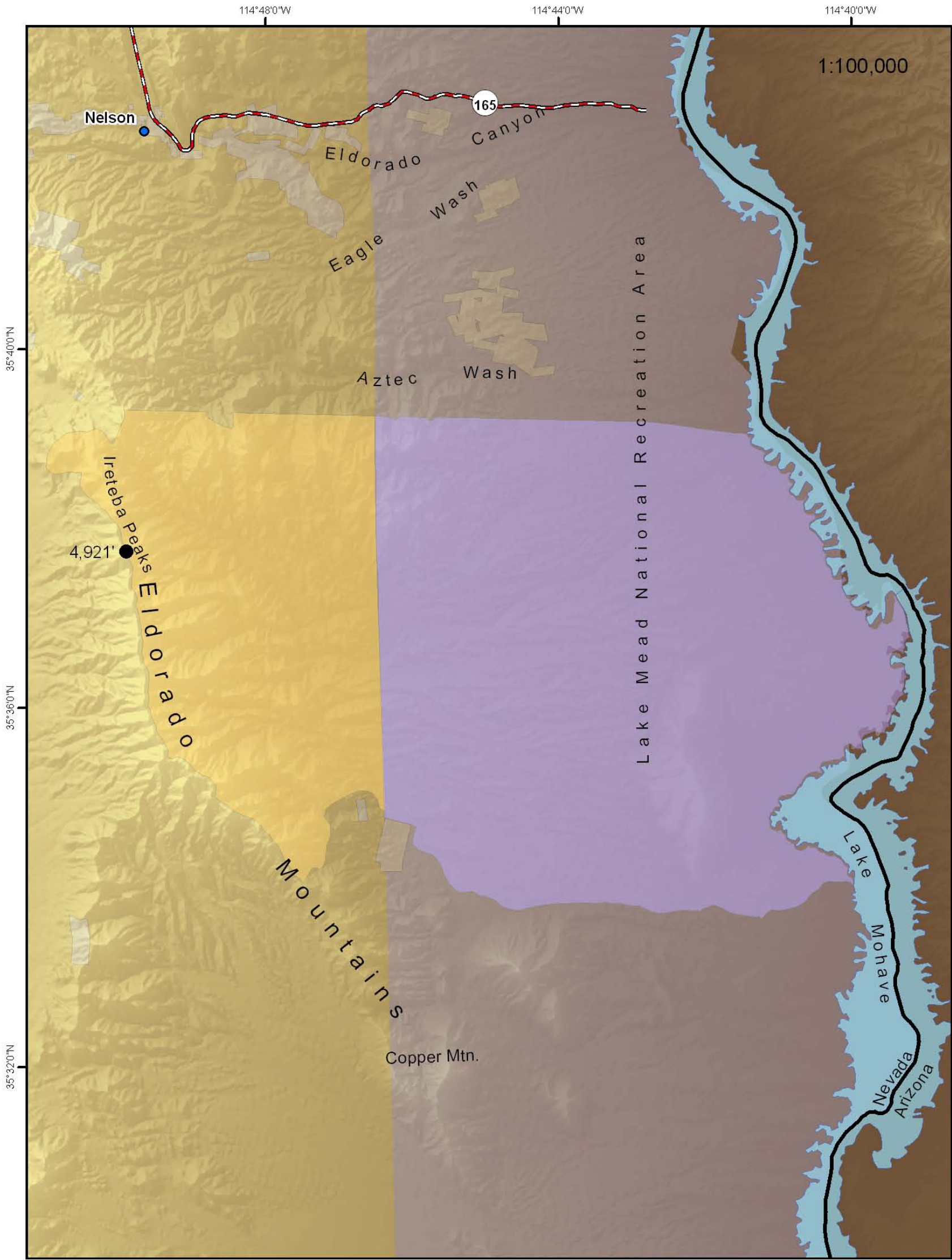
USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Nelson, Fire Mountain Ireteba Peaks, Mount Davis

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.



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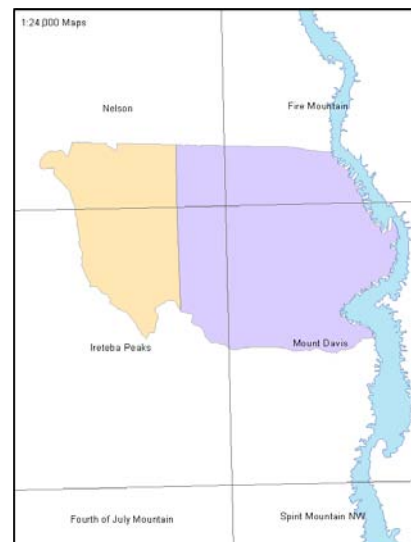


Legend

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



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