



Meadow Valley Range Wilderness

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Size: 124,799 acres

Elevation: 2,100 - 5,022 feet

Designation: Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2004)

Directions

The Meadow Valley Wilderness is located in Southern Lincoln County fifty miles northeast of Las Vegas. In order to access to this wilderness from Alamo, Nevada drive south on U.S. Highway 93 for 30 miles. Turn east onto Kane Springs Road, a maintained dirt road. This road provides access to the northwestern boundary of the wilderness.



Area Description

The Meadow Valley Range is boomerang-shaped, measuring approximately ten miles east to west, and arching about 36 miles from north to south. It consists of three major landforms: the long ridgeline of the Meadow Valley Mountains, a large bajada beginning high on the main ridge sloping easterly towards Meadow Valley Wash, and finally Bunker Hills five miles from the southern section of the central bajada.

The various climates and elevations in the area provide important habitat for wildlife. The low elevations provide habitat for the desert tortoise, the banded Gila monster, the white bearpoppy, Clark mountain agave, desert banded gecko, the sidewinder and the long-nosed leopard lizard. Higher in the mountains, it's possible to spot desert bighorn sheep, or possibly mountain lion. An impressive diversity of raptors live in the area. Burrowing owl, golden eagle, ferruginous hawk, prairie falcon, Cooper's hawk, merlin and American kestrel are some of the birds of prey that have been spotted in the region.

Vegetation consists of low desert shrub with the exception of the northern section of the Meadow Valley Mountains, which is pinyon and juniper forest. Fossils in the limestone hills give us snapshots of life hundreds of millions of years ago, when these high inland mountains were merely sediments accumulating at the bottom of the sea. And the mountains themselves give a bird's-eye view of nature's erosional forces at work. Conical buff-based Sunflower Mountain (shown below, at left) sits astride the main ridgeline.

Recreational Opportunities

The long ridgeline offers many peaks, narrow canyons and passes to explore. Sunflower Mountain makes a focal point, with colors and textures that contrast with the surrounding terrain. Grapevine Spring (shown above) on the west end is a common hiking destination. On the east side, Hackberry and Virgo Canyons make good day hiking areas. Backpackers will find numerous loops and through routes. Rock scrambling terrain abounds. The expansiveness of this wilderness area provides excellent opportunities for solitude.

If horseback riding in the area you may need to carry feed. Hay should be certified weed free. Hunting and non-commercial trapping are allowed under state and local laws within the wilderness. Remember camping is limited to 14 days and campsites are primitive. Remember that cutting or removing vegetation is not permitted. Gathering wood for campfires, when permitted, is limited to dead and down material. Please help preserve Nevada's fragile environments, park your vehicle and set up camp in previously used sites. Impact to the area can be minimized by practicing Leave No Trace ethics.

Mechanized and motorized vehicles are NOT PERMITTED in wilderness.

Additional Information

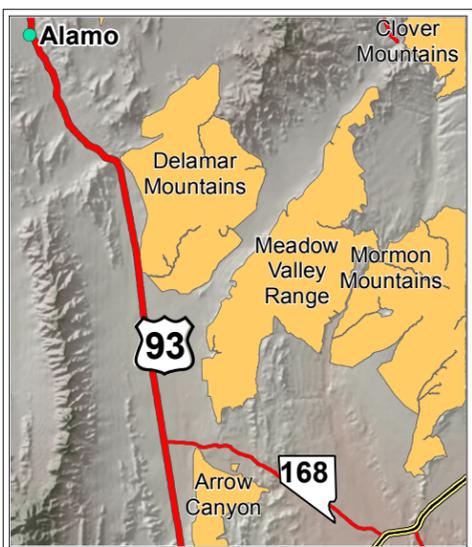
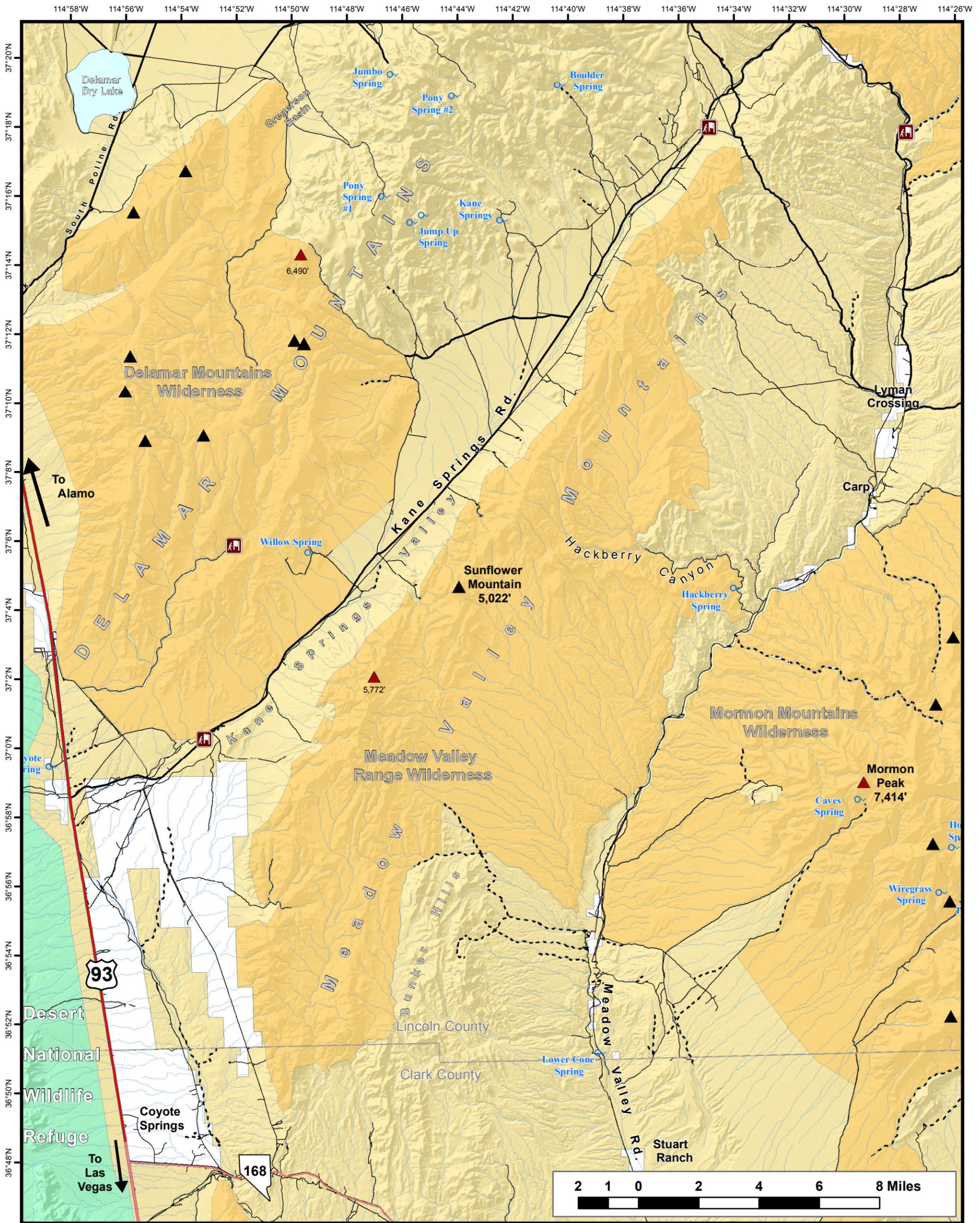
- Signs indicating "Wilderness" and "Closed Road" are placed at various intervals.
- Vehicles can be parked outside the wilderness boundary.
- Pets are allowed, but please keep your pets under control at all times.
- Removal, disturbance, or attempting to remove archaeological materials is a felony.
- Retrieving game or checking traps may only occur by foot or horseback within wilderness.
- Contact the Caliente BLM Field Office for current road conditions, and hazards.



Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Elgin, Vigo NW, Vigo NE, Kane Springs Valley, Sunflower Mountain, Vigo, Wildcat Wash NE, Rox and Rox NE
BLM 1:100,000 Map: Clover Mountains

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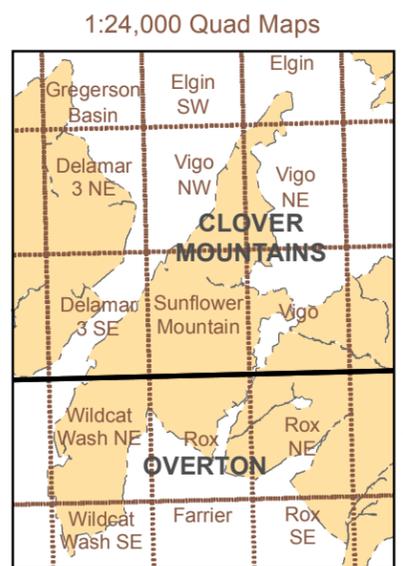
Legend

- City
- ▲ Highest Point in Wilderness
- Kiosk
- Main Routes
- Route: 4WD or better
- Route: ATV
- BLM Wilderness
- Land Managed by BLM
- Land Managed by USFWS
- Private Land



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