



Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area

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: 10,240 acres
Elevation Range: 1,550 - 4,052 feet
Designation: Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA)

Area Description

The Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area (ISA) can be found eight miles east of Las Vegas. Encompassing 10,240 acres, the Sunrise Mountain ISA includes both Sunrise and Frenchman Mountains. Flanked to the north by Nellis Air Force Base and cut by State Route 147, access is easily available to visitors.

Spanning an elevation range of nearly 2,000 feet, the Sunrise Mountain ISA is home to several colorful mountain ranges rising out of the desert lowlands. In the northeastern corner of the ISA, Gypsum Cave holds some of the earliest evidence of human inhabitation in the western United States. Low desert scrub sprawls across the region, with several BLM special status plant species found here as well.



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Directions

The Sunrise Mountain ISA is located south of State Route 604 and Nellis Air Force Base. Easy access is provided by State Route 147, along with several other dirt and paved roads crossing the ISA. To reach State Route 147, follow East Lake Mead Boulevard east and through the ISA.

Recreation

Visitors to several areas of the Sunrise Mountain ISA will find ample grounds for rockhounding, with agate, jasper, and amethystine strewn about the landscape. The area is also ripe for nature study, with the Las Vegas bearpoppy found in gypsum soils of the northeastern portion of this ISA.



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Maps

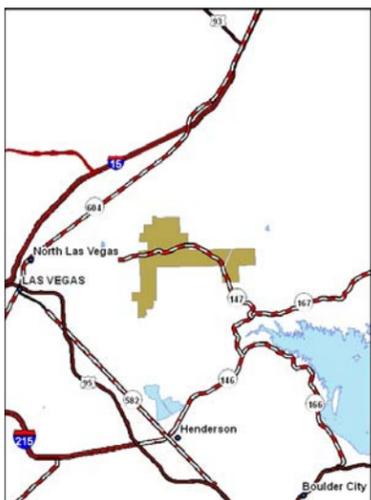
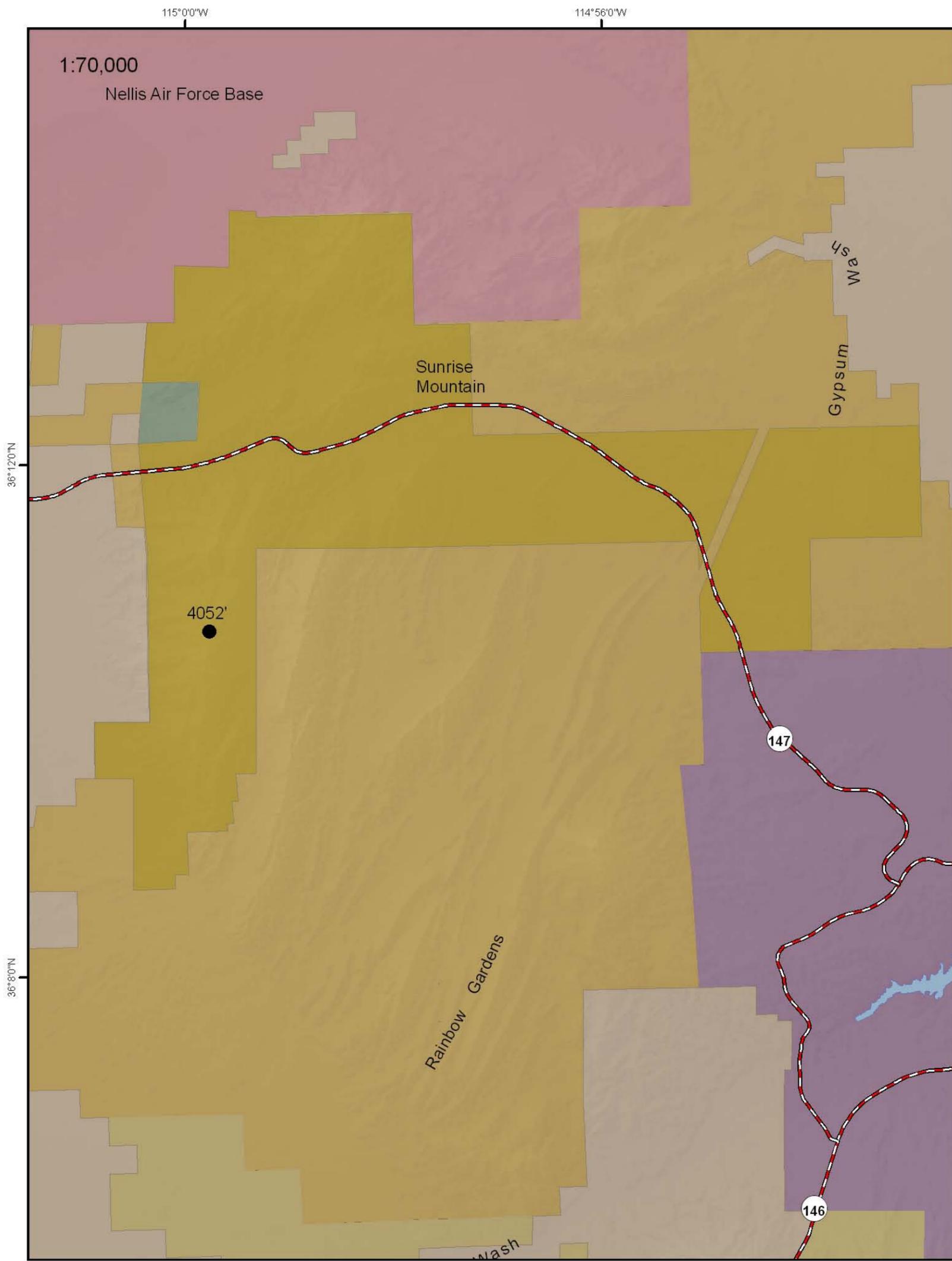
USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Las Vegas NE and Frenchman Mountain.

Additional Information

- Please limit group sizes to 12 members.
- Maximum Length of stay: 14 days.
- Signs indicating "Wilderness Study Area" and "Closed Route" are placed at various intervals. Obey all posted signs.
- Motorized and mechanized vehicle use is limited to designated roads and trails.



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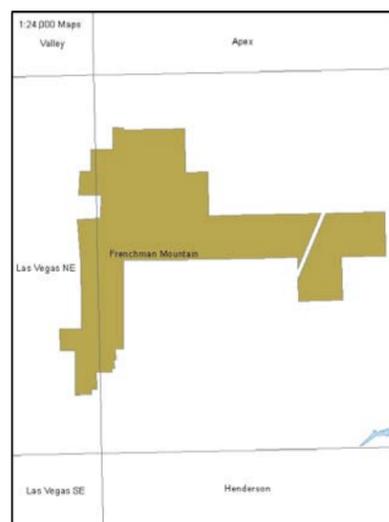


Legend

- State Highway
- Highest point
- Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Area
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Clark County, NV
- Department of Defense
- National Park Service
- Nevada State
- Private
- Lake Mead



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