

11. JIGGS RESERVOIR

History - Jiggs Reservoir, also known as Zunino Reservoir, is an irrigation impoundment built in 1912. The dam itself is built on private land, while the majority of the shoreline lies on BLM land.

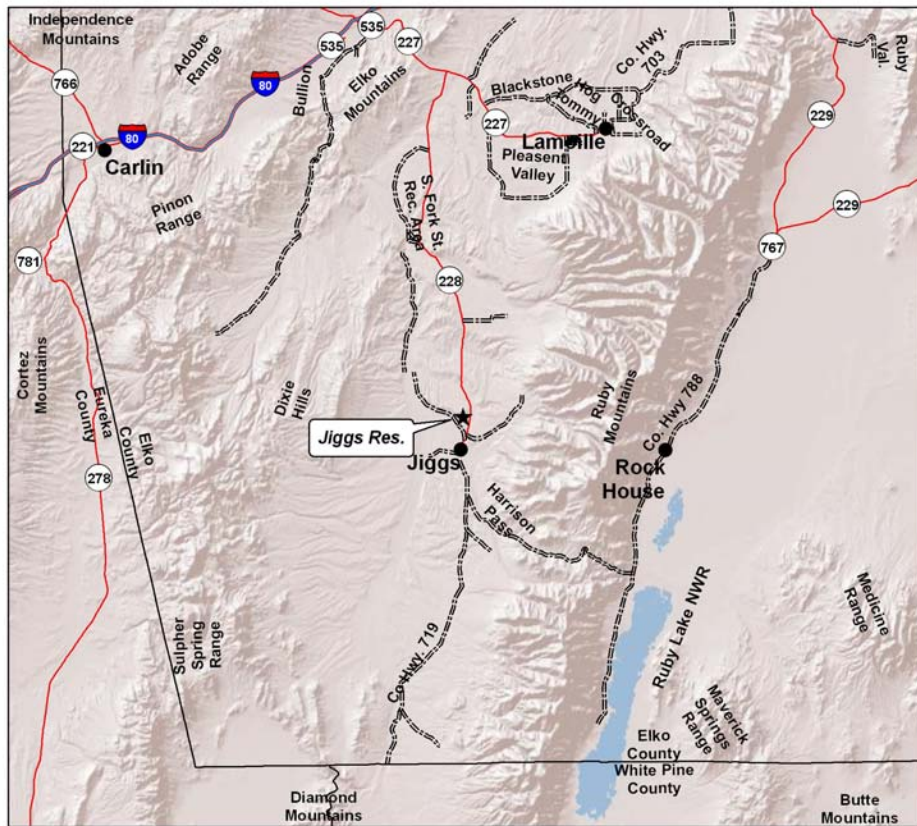
Pertinent Information - The reservoir covers 45 surface acres with a maximum depth of 10 feet. Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, and an occasional wild brook trout are found in the reservoir. Catch rates usually produce nearly 2 fish per hour and 10 fish per angler day. The rainbow trout average 11 to 13 inches, reaching a maximum size of 20 inches. Most forms of bait, such as worms, Power Bait and salmon eggs are successful on the trout as well as small lures and flies. Typical bass fishing techniques such as spinner baits, surface plugs and rubber worms work on the largemouth. Spring through early summer and during the winter ice period is the most productive time to fish for the trout. **Note of Caution:** There may be thin ice due to the operation of aerators used to prevent winter fish loss. Bass fishing is best in the late spring and early summer. The entire perimeter of the lake is fishable, however, the north and south sides of the dam are the easiest to access. Float tubing is a popular way to fish the reservoir. Camping - There are no developed camping facilities, but there are numerous primitive sites adjacent to the reservoir.

Stocking - Approximately 2,000 rainbow trout are scheduled for stocking in April-May and 2,000 are scheduled for fall stocking, that's if the reservoir fills and remains full. Largemouth bass might also be re-introduced.

Regulations - Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout and 10 largemouth bass.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 - The reservoir went dry by August of 2008 and is expected to be dry for all of 2009. Repairs to the reservoir should occur this year.

Boating Regulations - No special boating regulations. Boating is permitted and, although there is no size restriction, only small boats are recommended. There are no improved boat ramps available.



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Access - From Elko, travel approximately 30 miles south on State Highway 228. The reservoir is adjacent to the highway.