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### SILVER CREEK RESERVOIR

History - Constructed by Fred Baker in 1955, Silver Creek Reservoir is privately owned and used primarily to store water for irrigation. Angler access is allowed under an informal agreement with the Baker Ranches. The reservoir was dredged in 1993, restoring it to original capacity.

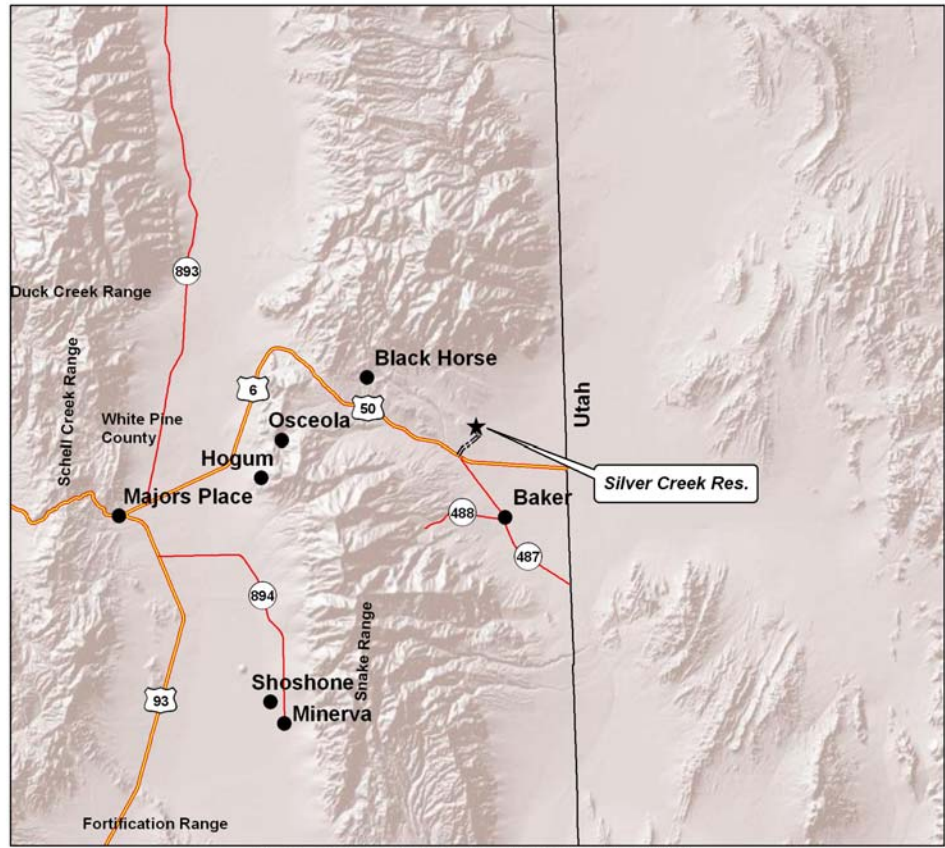
Pertinent Information - Silver Creek Reservoir is managed as a put-and-take rainbow trout fishery, but also contains brook trout and brown trout. The reservoir covers 15 surface acres with a maximum depth of 30 feet. The angler questionnaire in 2007 found a catch rate of 8.3 fish per angler day. Fish generally average 10.5 inches for rainbow trout and 12 inches for brown trout. Although open year around, the best fishing is from April through June and September through October. Due to its small size, most anglers fish from shore. The normal baits such as worms, salmon eggs, and Power Bait are productive when fished off the bottom. Spinners such as Mepps and Panther Martins work well as do nymphs and wooly buggers for the spin and fly fishermen. Dark colored lures and flies seem to catch more fish due to the turbidity (dark color) of the reservoir water. Facilities - A very primitive boat launch is available. No toilets are provided and no camping is allowed.

Stocking - Silver Creek Reservoir is to be stocked with 4,500, 9-inch rainbow trout in the spring and an additional 1,500 rainbow trout in the fall.

Regulations - The season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limit is 5 trout.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 – Prior to the warmer summer months, Silver Creek Reservoir should be full and provide a good spring fishing opportunity to anglers who want to get away from the crowds and try a new fishing hole. Rainbows are expected to be small, 9 to 10 inches, but there are a few larger brown trout.

Boating Regulations – A vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour. Float tubes, pontoon boats, and small boats without motors are allowed.



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Access - Drive 60 miles east of Ely on Highway 50, turn north (left) at the junction of Highway 50 and State Route 73 and proceed 2 miles to the reservoir.