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COLD SPRINGS RESERVOIR

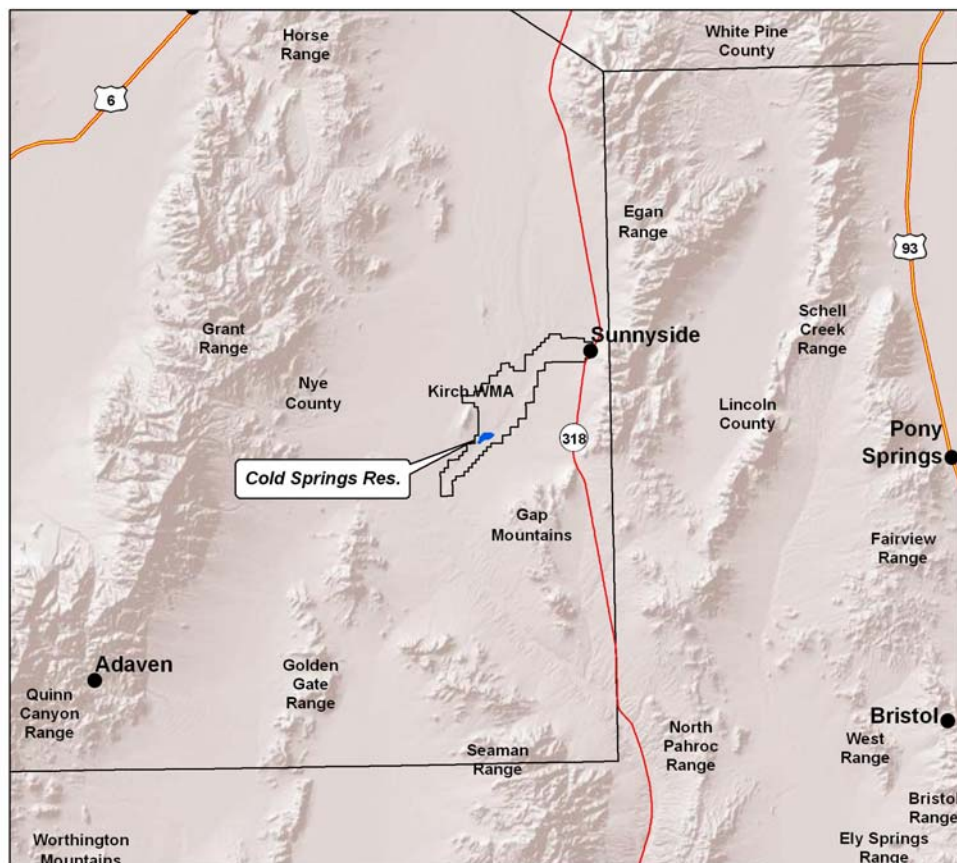
History - Cold Springs Reservoir is a man-made reservoir located on the Kirch Wildlife Management Area (formerly Sunnyside). The reservoir was completed in October of 1980 and is the most recent reservoir on the management area.

Pertinent Information - The reservoir is 275 surface acres at full capacity. This reservoir is managed at a high, stable level to maintain a natural bass and stocked rainbow trout fishery. The average depth is 6 feet, with a maximum depth of 9 feet. Angling for largemouth bass is slow until water temperatures reach 60° F, usually around mid-May. Recent creel census found that bass averaged 11.74 inches in length. Artificial lures, spinner baits and rubber worms are the most commonly used methods for bass. Minnows and crayfish are not allowed. Water temperatures drop below 60° F in October and the bass fishing slows. The stocked rainbow trout, on the other hand, are available year around, with the best months (highest success rates) being March through June and September through October. If and when the ice becomes thick enough to support anglers, winter trout fishing can produce fish. Growth for the trout can be good, often producing trophy fish up to 20-inches in length. The water record is an 8 pound 4 ounce, 25.5 inch rainbow trout captured in 1993. The largemouth bass water record is 7 pounds 10 ounces and 23.5 inches in length. The angler questionnaire survey data from 2007 found an average catch rate of 6.8 fish per angler day. Favorite rainbow trout baits include Power Bait, spinner type lures and flies. Black bullhead catfish are also found in the reservoir and, so far, are an underutilized resource. Camping - Camping is allowed at Dave Deacon Campground located four miles northwest of the reservoir.

Stocking - The largemouth bass fishery is self-sustaining, hence stocking is not needed. Approximately 14,000 rainbow trout will be stocked in March and April with another 14,000 planned to be stocked in the fall. The trout are expected to run between 9 and 10 inches in length.

Regulations - The limit is ten largemouth bass daily and in possession. The bass must be a minimum length of 10 inches total length. In addition to the bass, 15 other warmwater game fish species are allowed. Trespass onto the upper end is prohibited between February 15 and August 15 due to waterfowl nesting. Five trout may be taken daily.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 - Angling should be good for largemouth bass 10-inches or more in length. Trout fishing should be good in the spring and fall, with the usual slowing in July and August, at which time the bass fishing picks up. There is usually a 30% carryover of rainbow trout from one year to the next and with a growth rate of as much as 1-inch per month, 15 inch or larger fish should not be unusual. Water storage should be about average this year with good success for boat angling. Shore angling access is best off the lower dike south of the boat ramp.



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Boating Regulations - A vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case can be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour.

Access - From Ely, travel 23 miles west on Highway 6 to the junction of Highway 318. Turn south and travel 44 miles until arriving at Kirch Wildlife Management Area. Cold Springs Reservoir is about 3 miles west of Highway 318 and 2 miles south of Adams-McGill Reservoir.

From Las Vegas, travel 21 miles north on I-15 until coming to the Highway 93 junction. Travel north on Highway 93 for 86 miles. At the junction of Highway 93 and 318, continue north on Highway 318 for 67 miles to Kirch Wildlife Management Area. The reservoir is 3 miles west of Highway 318 and 2 miles south of Adams-McGill Reservoir.