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TRAIL CANYON RESERVOIR

History - Trail Canyon Reservoir is located on Rock Creek in the White Mountains of western Esmeralda County. The reservoir was constructed for livestock watering and to supply small mining operations, but the exact date of construction is unknown. In the early 1990s, the dam spillway was rebuilt by volunteers, which has allowed the reservoir to maintain an adequate pool to support fishing. The reservoir is located within the Inyo National Forest.

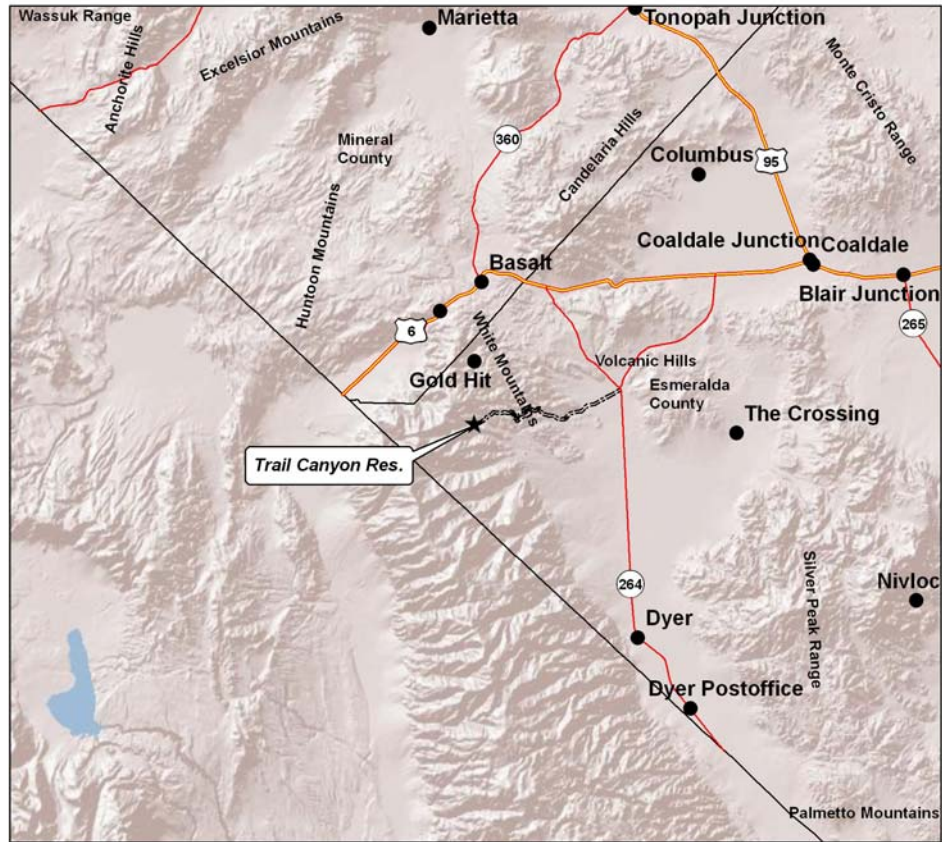
Pertinent Information - Trail Canyon is a small reservoir approximately 1.5 acres in size with a maximum depth of about 20 feet. The shoreline is lined with dense vegetation in places, but there is adequate access for shore angling. The pond is fed by spring flow and surface flows from Rock Creek and water quality is usually very good. Access is best in late spring through fall, but the site is generally inaccessible by vehicles in the winter months because of snowfall. The best fishing is generally from May through October, although angling success in late July and August can be slow. Fly fishing, small spinners and still baits such as salmon eggs can all be effective, depending on conditions. Camping - There are no improved campsites at Trail Canyon Reservoir, but camping is allowed at unimproved sites within the Inyo National Forest. There is no fee for use at Trail Canyon Reservoir.

Stocking - Trail Canyon Reservoir is stocked with approximately 4,000 catchable-sized rainbow trout in the spring and early summer months, usually beginning in mid-May depending on spring runoff and road conditions.

Regulations - General regulations for Esmeralda County waters apply to Trail Canyon Reservoir. The daily and possession limit is 10 trout. The use of live bait is prohibited in Trail Canyon Reservoir.

Biologist Forecast For 2009 – Access and fishing conditions should be similar to 2008, with average water levels and good success on stocked trout through mid-summer.

Boating Regulations - There is no suitable facility to launch boats at Trail Canyon Reservoir. The use of other flotation devices, including float tubes, is allowed.



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Access - From SR 264 at the junction with SR 773, 15 miles north of Dyer, drive west on the Rock Creek road approximately 8 miles to Trail Canyon Reservoir. NOTE: Rock Creek Road is unimproved and rarely maintained. It is advisable to check at the Dyer store for current road conditions. Access to this area via the Chiatovich Creek Road is no longer possible due to private land closures.