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**MARTIN CREEK**

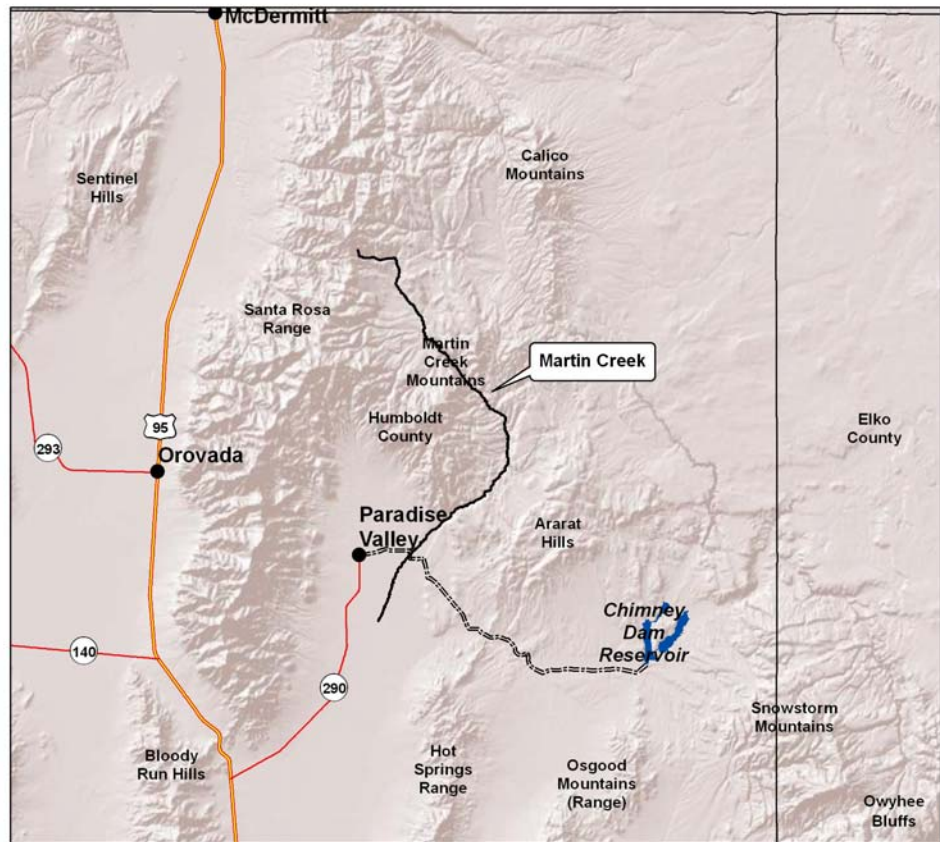
History - Martin Creek originates on the east side of Buckskin Mountain in the Santa Rosa Range of the Humboldt National Forest at an elevation of 8,000 feet. The stream flows for approximately 48 miles before ending in Adams Slough in Paradise Valley.

Pertinent Information - The average water width is 10 feet and the average depth is 4.8 inches. Spring runoff can reach 30 cfs. Base flows during the summer average 3.6 cfs. The total stream length is 48 miles, of which approximately 12 miles is considered fishable (upper section). Brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, and bowcutts (rainbow x cutthroat hybrid) are found in the stream. Numerous species of minnows such as redbreast shiner, Lahontan speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, and Lahontan sucker also exist in the stream. Angler Questionnaire data from 2007 found 67 anglers fishing 140 days to capture 787 fish for 5.62 fish per angler day. Fish populations vary widely from year to year depending on the winter snow pack. Population estimates have varied from 657 fish per mile to a recent high of 3,780 fish per mile. Camping - all camping facilities along the stream are primitive. Best Time of Year to Fish - depending on the snow pack and runoff, angling usually begins improving by the month of May, slowing down during the heat of the summer and picking up again during the early fall and winter. Productive Fishing Methods - bait fishing using worms or eggs and fly fishing with nymphs or dry flies.

Stocking - Trout historically have been stocked into this drainage including brook trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout. Annual spring plantings are usually 1,500 rainbow trout, although up to 1,000 brown trout and 1,200 brook trout are stocked at times.

Regulations - General regulations apply to this water of ten fish per day and in possession.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 - The Martin Basin watershed received a normal snowpack for the 2009 fishing season. Normal base flows are expected throughout the summer months and drop a little by late summer into the fall. Catch rates should remain just as good as the past several years.



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Access – Travel north on Highway 95 (approximately 20 miles) out of Winnemucca turning right onto Highway 290, then follow the signs to Martin Creek.