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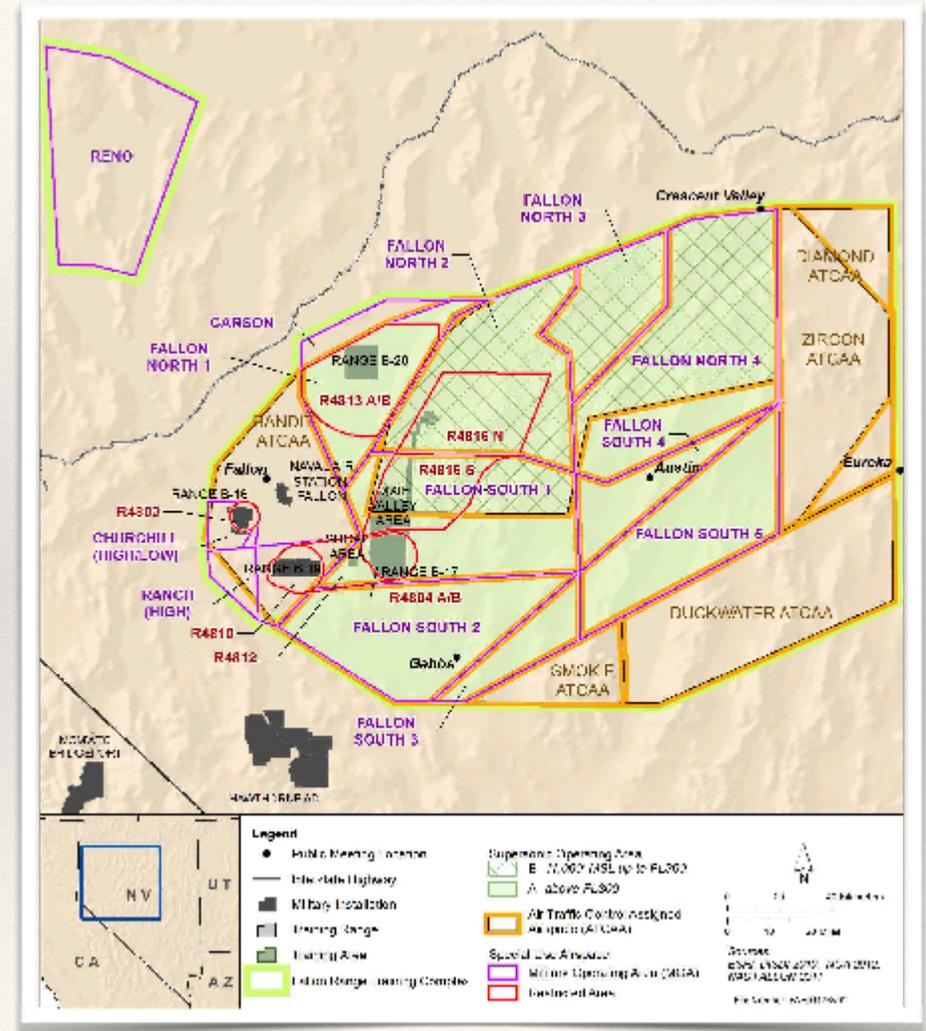
Fallon Naval Air Station Public Land Withdrawals Overview

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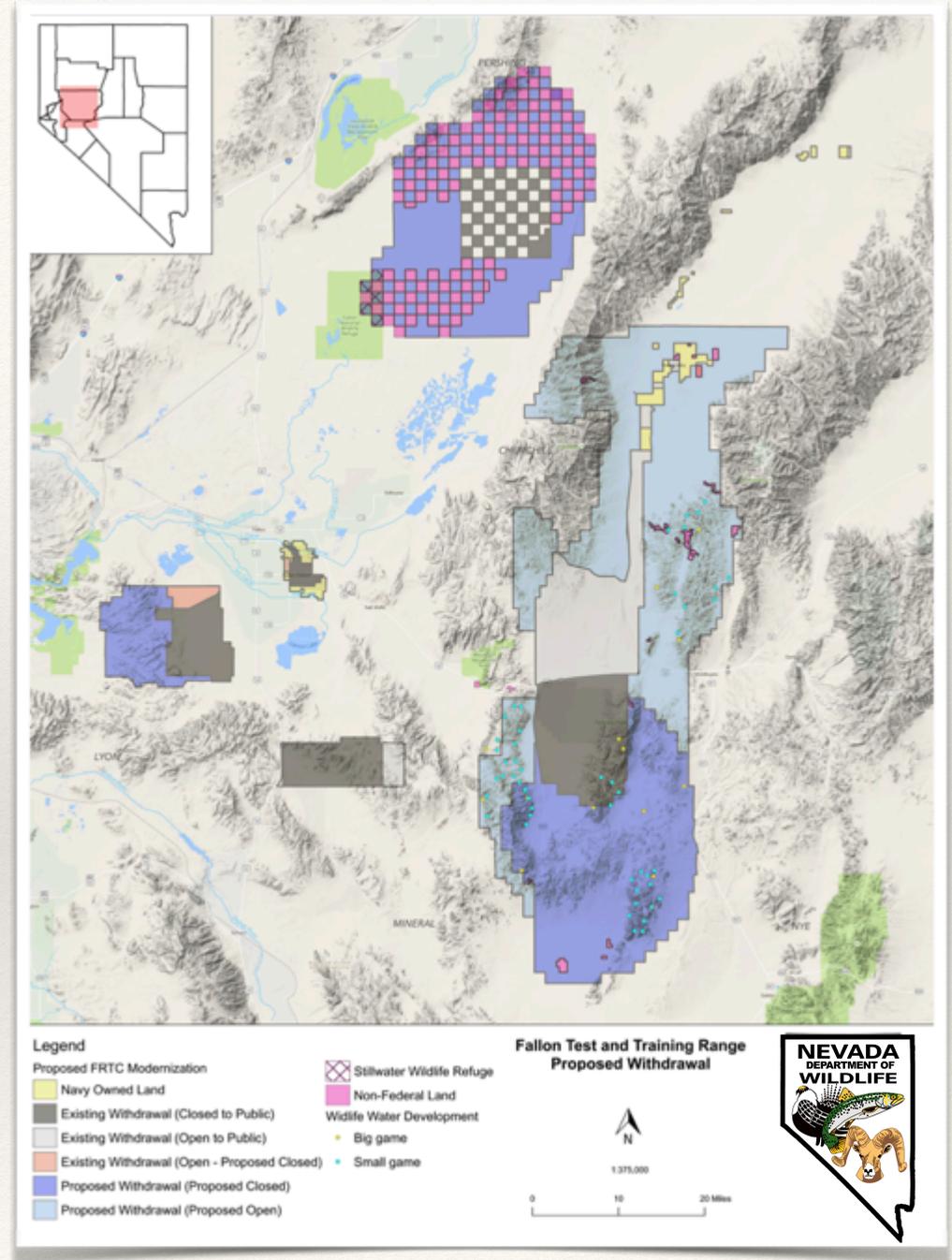
FRTC Renewal and Expansion

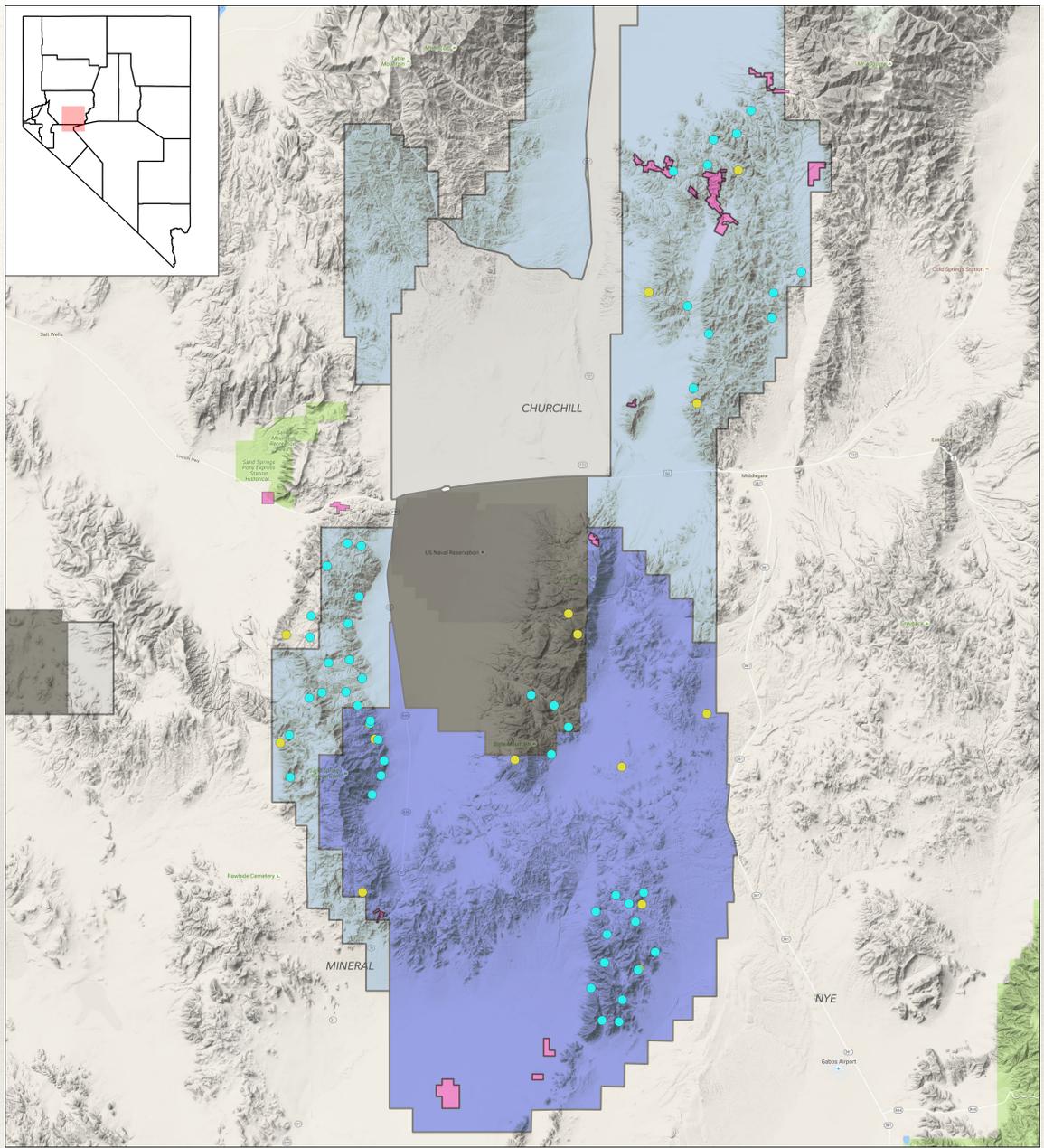
- ❖ Renew 202,859 acres currently withdrawn
- ❖ Withdraw and reserve for military use additional 604,789 acres
- ❖ Acquire 65,160 acres of non-federal land
- ❖ Modify vertical airspace



Wildlife Water Developments

- ❖ 65 wildlife water developments within proposed expansion boundaries
- ❖ 10 of 15 big game guzzlers in areas proposed to be closed to public access
- ❖ 23 of 50 small game guzzlers in areas proposed to be closed to public access





Legend

Proposed FRTC Modernization

Navy Owned Land

Existing Withdrawal (Closed to Public)

Existing Withdrawal (Open to Public)

Existing Withdrawal (Open - Proposed Closed)

Proposed Withdrawal (Proposed Closed)

Proposed Withdrawal (Proposed Open)

Stillwater Wildlife Refuge

Non-Federal Land

Wildlife Water Development

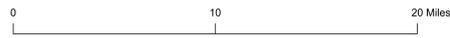
Big game

Small game

**Fallon Test and Training Range
Proposed Withdrawal**

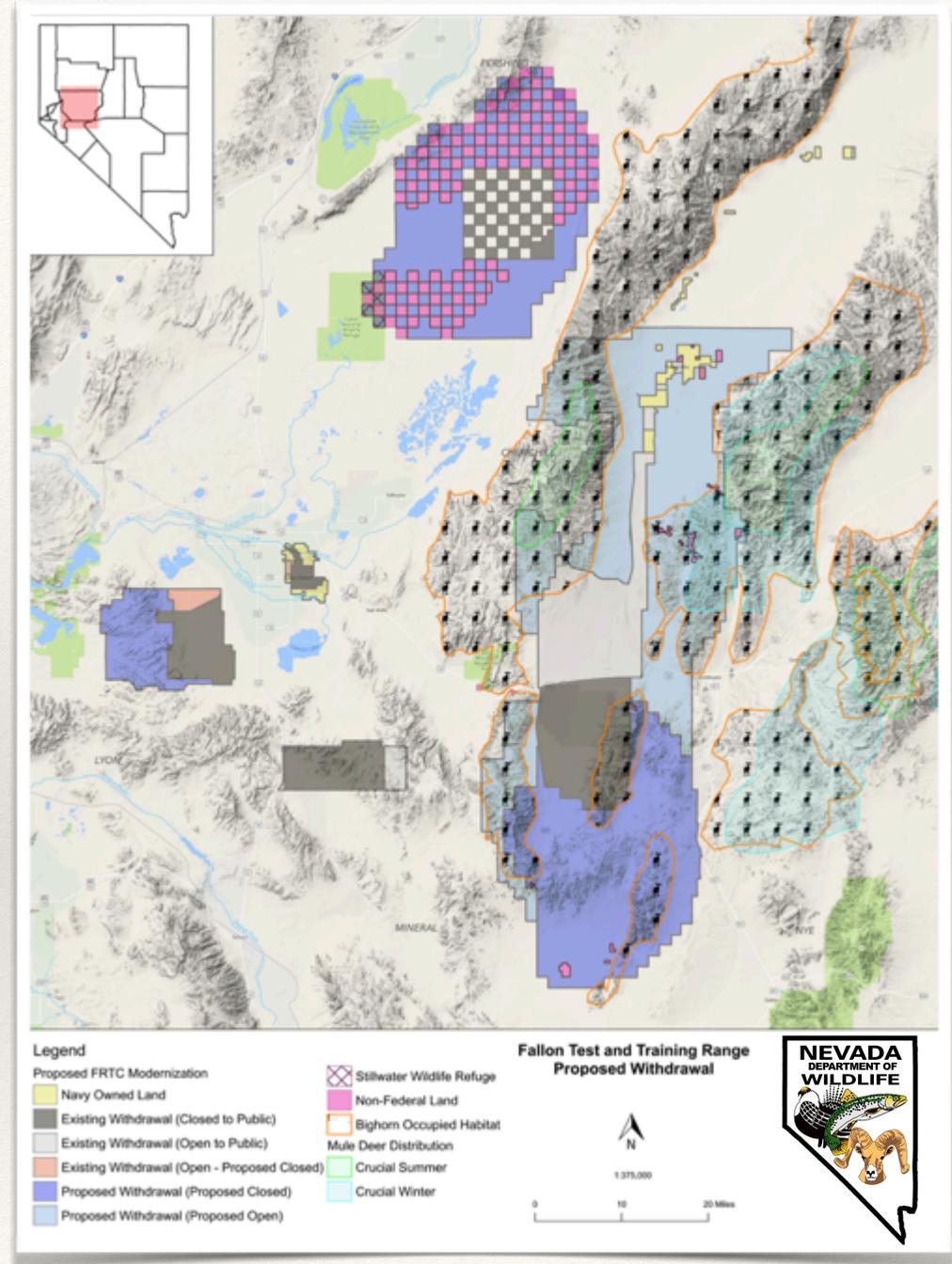


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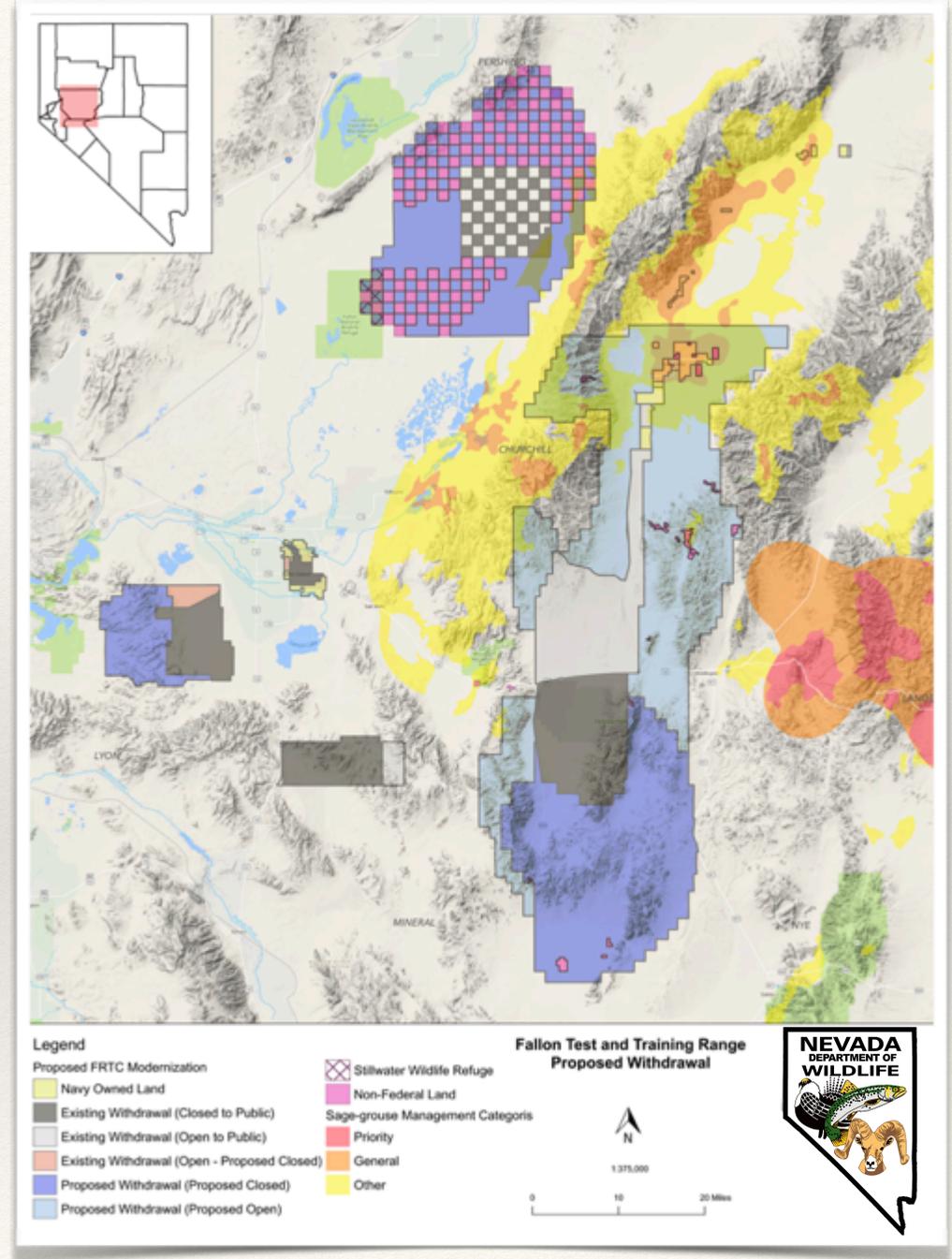
Big Game

- ❖ Bighorn Sheep
 - ❖ Sand Springs Range and access
 - ❖ Monte Cristo Mountains and access
 - ❖ Fairview Range and access
 - ❖ Potential access issues with Stillwaters and Clan Alpines
- ❖ Mule deer crucial winter and summer: Stillwaters and Clan Alpines
- ❖ Pronghorn: Bell Flat



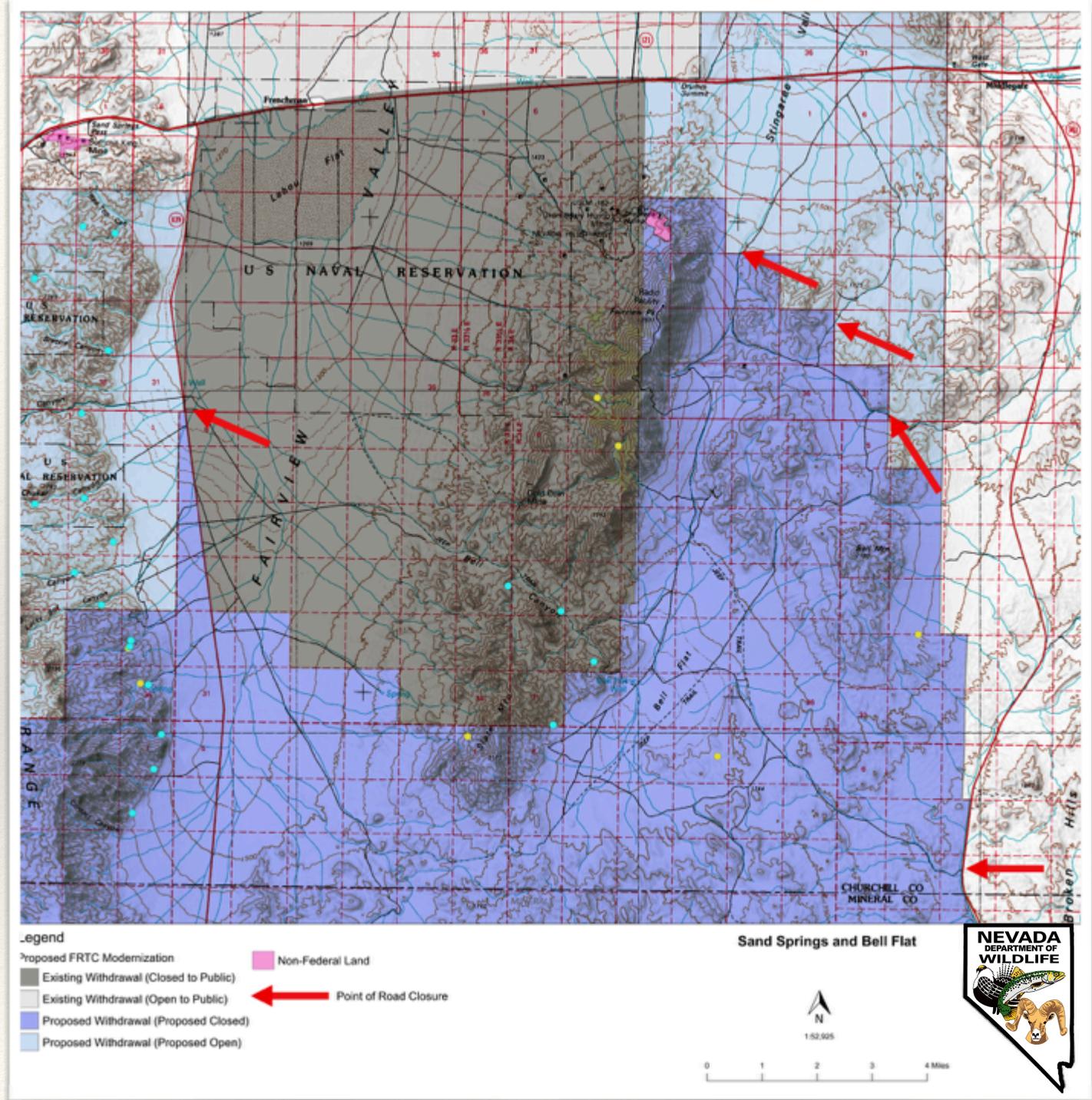
Greater Sage-grouse

- ❖ Direct impacts to sage-grouse appear to be limited
- ❖ General and Other Habitat Management Categories in Stillwaters and Dixie Valley



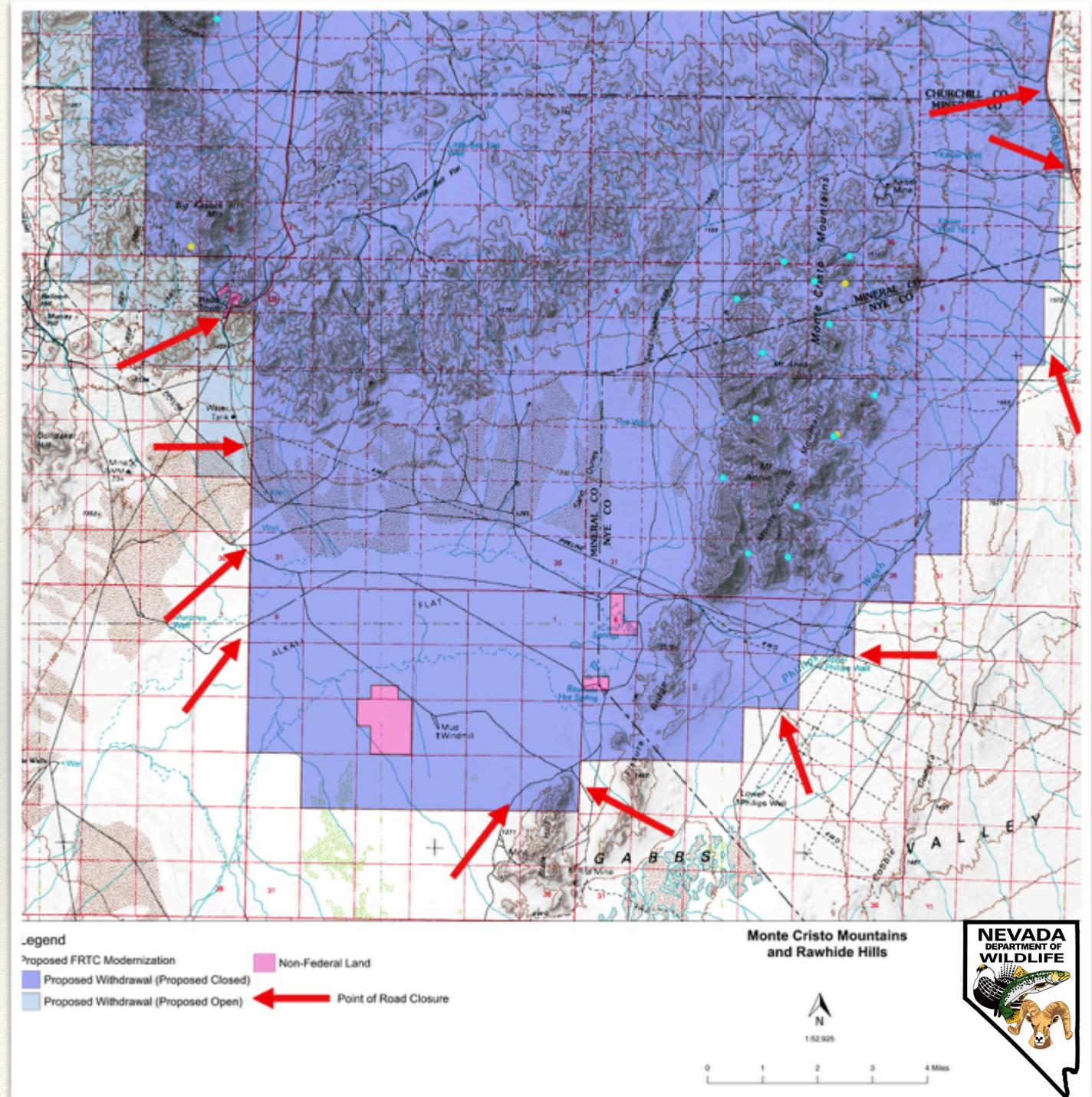
Access

- ❖ State Route 839 – Sand Springs Range access closed 4-mi in
- ❖ Secondary routes off US-50 and State Route 361 closes access to Fairview Range, Bell Flat and Monte Cristo Mountains



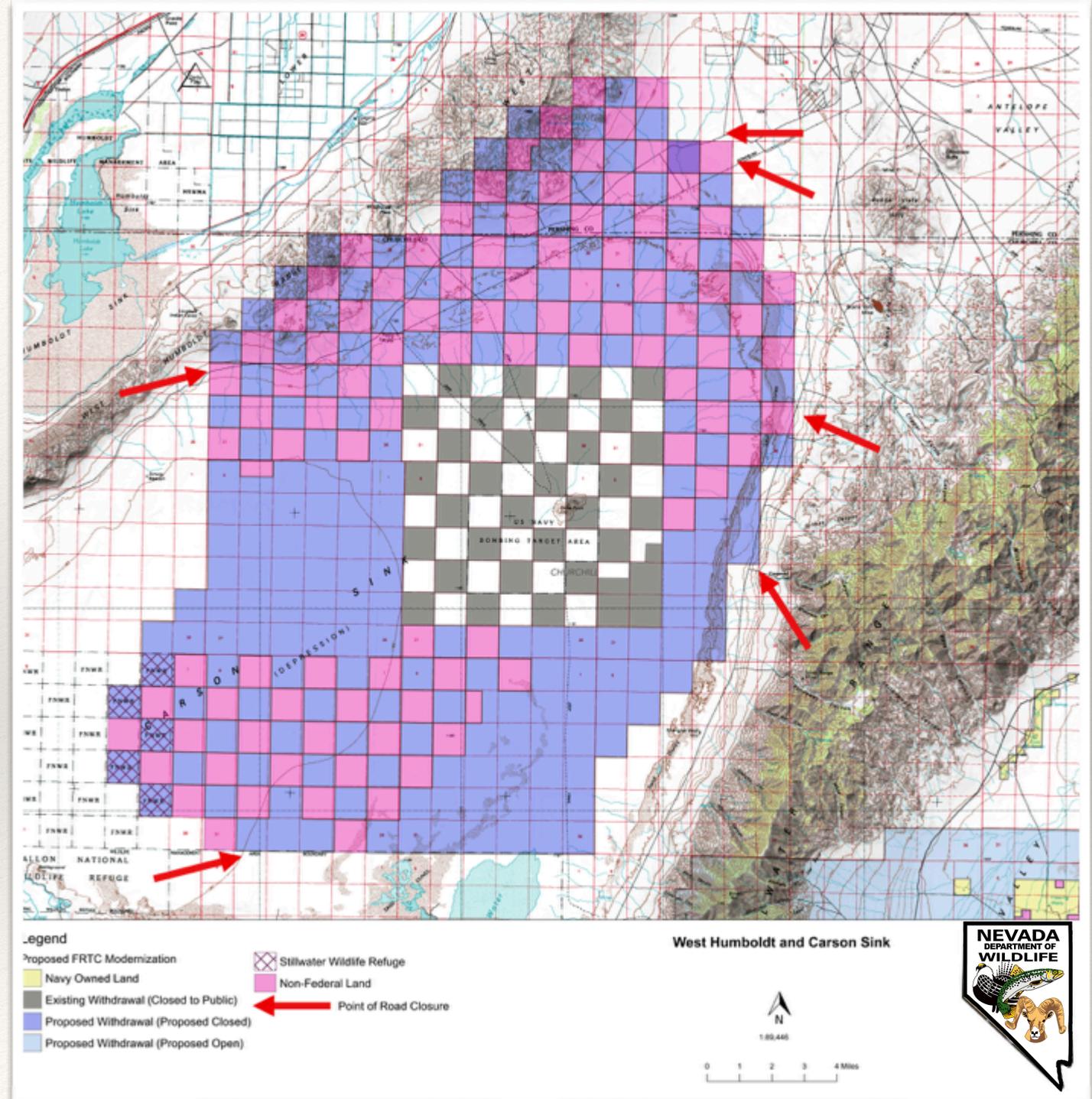
Access

- ❖ Numerous routes accessing the Monte Cristo Mountains, Rawhide Hills, Bell Flat, and the south end of the Sandhill Springs



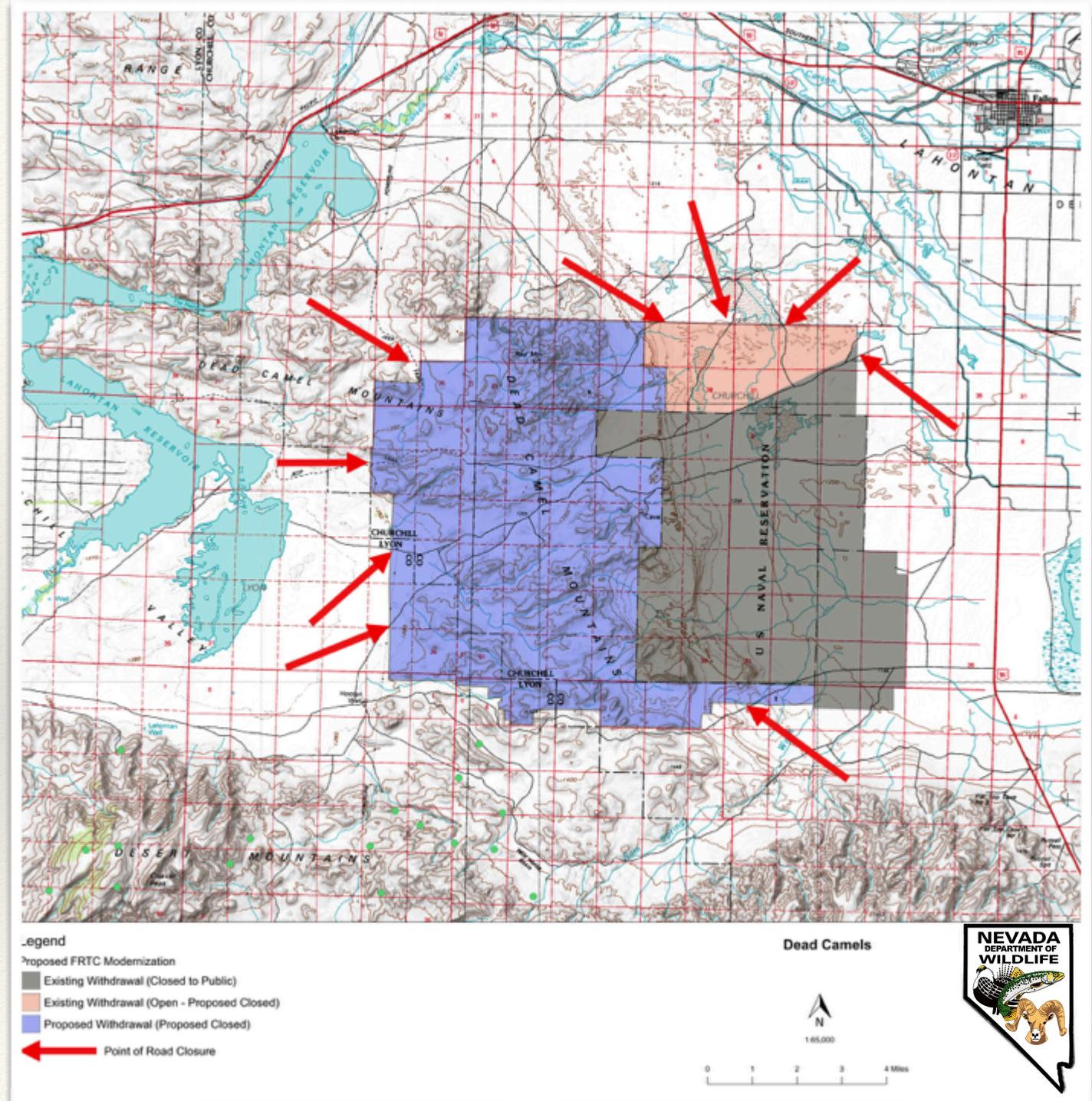
Access

- ❖ West Humboldt Range
- ❖ Stillwater Range and Refuge?
- ❖ Carson Sink



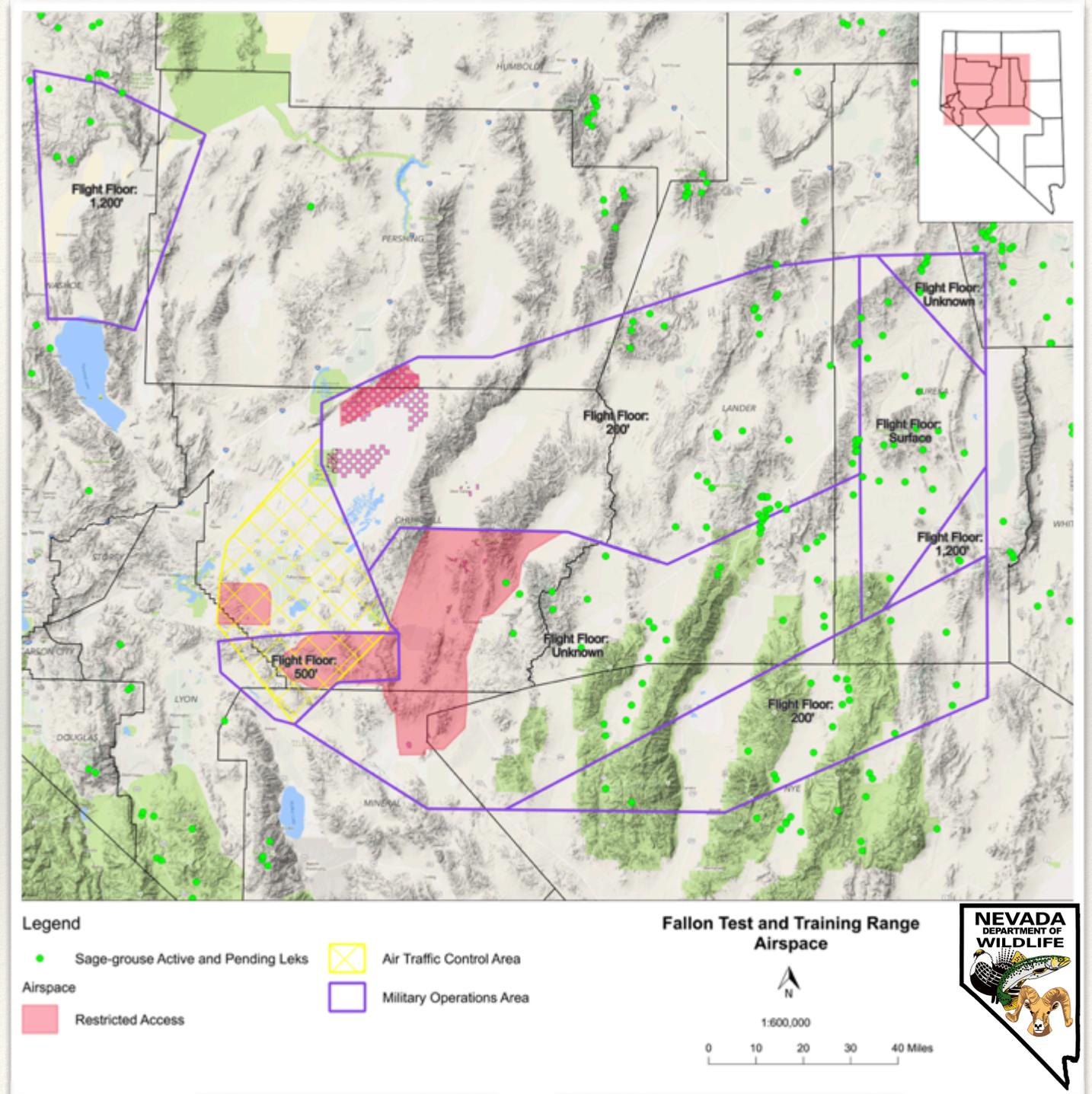
Access

- ❖ Dead Camels
- ❖ East Lahontan Reservoir
- ❖ May displace OHV users causing habitat degradation elsewhere



Airspace

- ❖ Requesting 250' flight floor
- ❖ 129 active and pending leks
- ❖ Seasonal restrictions?
- ❖ Unknown noise-related impacts to all wildlife



Summary of Issues

- ❖ 65 wildlife water developments within FRTC bounds
- ❖ Associated losses of hunter opportunities, habitats and wildlife populations
- ❖ Sand Springs BHS herd has shown unique adaptations and possible disease resistance – range-wide value
- ❖ Approximately 41 ram tags in the three bighorn units, six reserved for non-resident hunters (13% of DBHS, 19% non-resident tags)
- ❖ Since 2001, 353 BHS, 4,865 mule deer and 575 pronghorn tags issued for hunt areas overlapping the FRTC boundary



Summary of Issues

- ❖ Loss of wildlife viewing opportunities
- ❖ Unknown impacts to Stillwater NWR waterfowl hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities
- ❖ Concern over closed access to areas proposed open to the public
- ❖ Wild horse management concerns (e.g., Hawthorne and lack thereof)
- ❖ Displacement of OHVs causing new areas of use and habitat degradation
- ❖ Airspace effects on aerial operations for NDOW (e.g., surveys, capture operations, water development activities)



Recommendations

- ❖ Relocate the Fairview Valley bombing site away from the Sand Springs Range and closer to US-50
- ❖ Reduce the maximum distance from target for ordnance releases
- ❖ Reduce the planned radius for operations
- ❖ Adjust activity areas to minimize road and land closures
- ❖ Provide guarantees that open areas will remain open
- ❖ Analyze effects of OHV displacement, relocate to suitable site



