

DORSEY RESERVOIR

History - Originally constructed in 1952, the reservoir was reconstructed in 1999. Dorsey Reservoir is privately owned for irrigation and stock water storage. Public access is allowed.

Pertinent Information - The reservoir covers 20 surface acres, stores 180 acre-feet of water, is 24 feet deep at maximum capacity, and can experience large seasonal drawdowns. As a put-grow-and-take rainbow trout fishery, the trout range from 8 to 10 inches when stocked and can grow to 16 inches. The best times to fish are in the early morning or late evening during May and June. When the reservoir fills during good water years, fall fishing can also be good. Small lures, flies, nightcrawlers, and Power Bait usually produce fish and make this a good place to take young or beginning anglers. Primitive camping is allowed, but there are no facilities. Boat launching is from the shore.

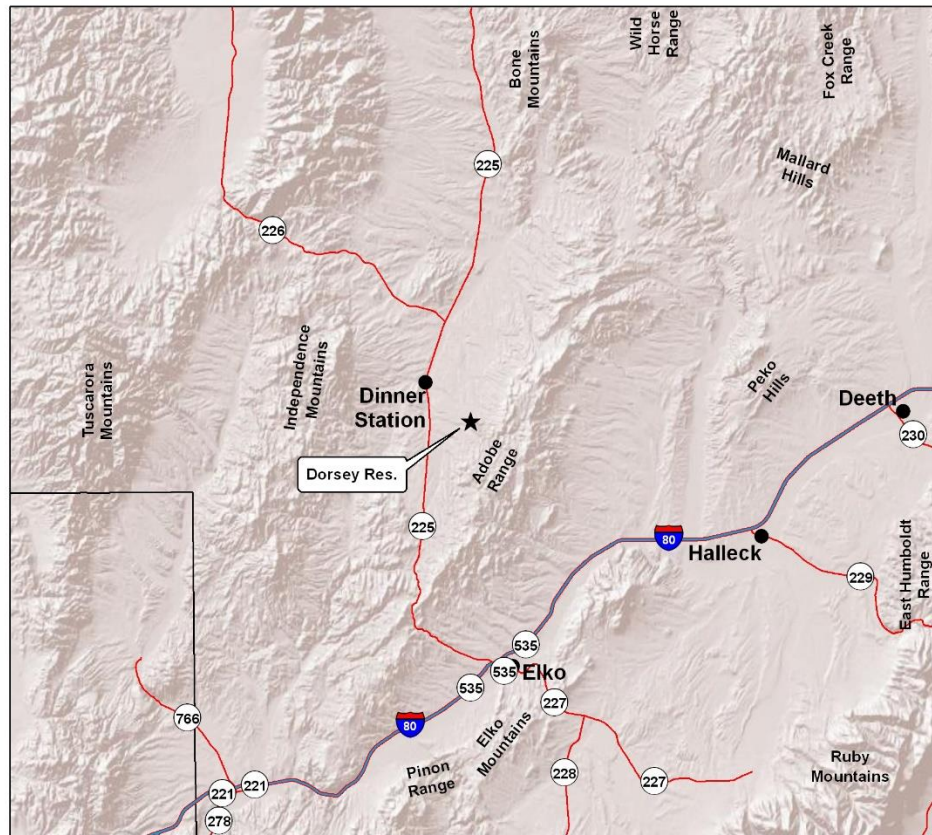
Stocking - Catchable Tiger Trout are stocked in spring to late spring.

Regulations - Open year-round, any time of the day or night. The limit is 5 trout. The capture, possession, or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive or parts thereof, including commercially prepared and preserved baitfish is prohibited other than preserved salmon eggs. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

Biologist Forecast for 2023 – Fishing will be good the month or so following trout stocking (late April to early May), but summer fishing will slow as water temperatures increase. There could be some carryover fish from last year that could be reaching 14-16 inches, but most fish will be recently stocked hatchery fish.

Boating Regulations – There are no special boating regulations, but car-top boats, canoes, and float tubes are easiest to use.

Access - Travel north from Elko on Star Route 225 (Mountain City Highway) for 18 miles. Turn right at the reservoir sign onto a dirt road and continue for 3 miles to the reservoir. The dirt road may be muddy in wet weather and is normally closed due to snow in the winter.



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DO YOUR PART – Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

Clean – Remove all mud, plants, and animals from every part of your boat, trailer, and equipment (waders, boots, landing nets, gloves, etc.).

Drain – Before you leave the recreation area, eliminate all water from your equipment and boat including live-wells, ballast, hull, and engine-cooling water.

Dry – Allow time for your equipment (waders, boots, landing nets, gloves, etc.) and boat to dry completely before you enter or launch in any other waters.