

JIGGS RESERVOIR

History - Jiggs Reservoir, also known as Zunino Reservoir, is an irrigation impoundment built in 1912. The dam is located on private land, while most of the shoreline is BLM. The public can access the entire reservoir. The reservoir was improved in 2015 by deepening to allow a stable low pool area and sealing to reduce leaking.

Pertinent Information - The reservoir covers 45 surface acres with a maximum depth of 10 feet. Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, and bluegill sunfish occur in the reservoir. Most forms of bait such as nightcrawlers, Power Bait, and salmon eggs are successful for trout as well as using small spinners, spoons, or flies. Typical bass fishing techniques such as throwing spinner baits, topwater lures, and rubber worms work best. Spring through early summer and ice fishing in winter are the most productive times to catch trout. Bass fishing is best in late spring and early summer. The entire perimeter of the lake is fishable and the north and south sides of the dam are easier to access. Using a float tube, canoe, or car top boat is a easy way to reach open water. There are no developed camping facilities, but there are numerous primitive sites and restrooms adjacent to the reservoir.

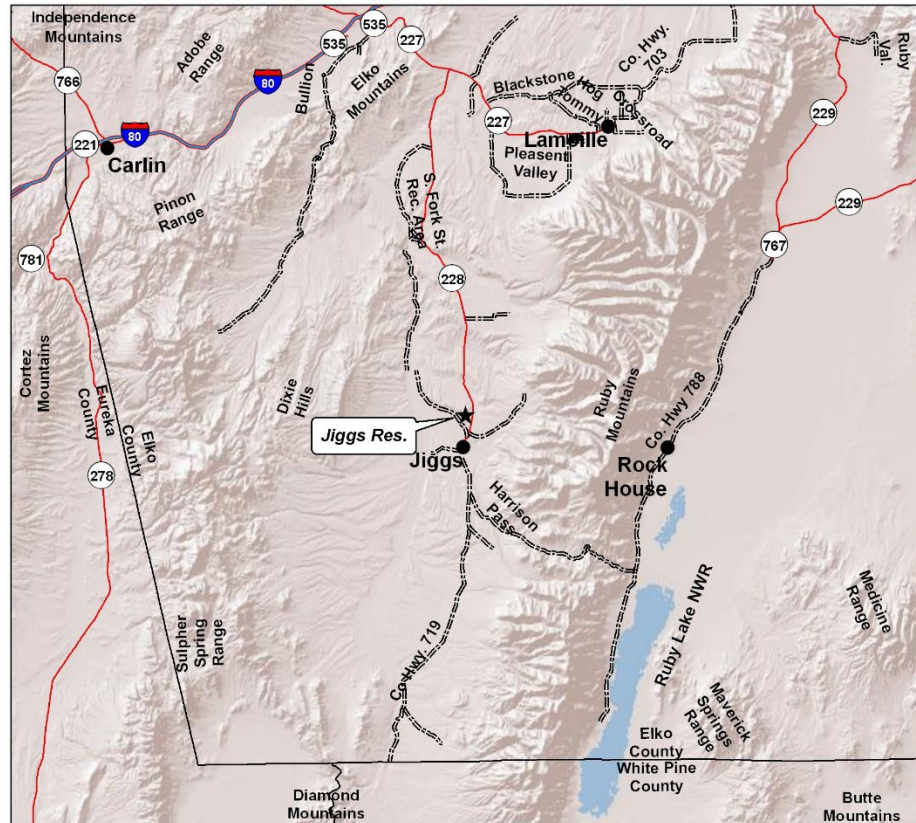
Stocking –Rainbow trout are stocked in the spring.

Regulations - Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. The limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater fish of which not more than 10 may be largemouth bass. 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 – Although it was a good water year this winter, getting water delivered to the reservoir is not guaranteed. If suitable water conditions are present, Rainbow Trout will be stocked in the spring. Jiggs Reservoir was dry in 2021 and 2022.

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

Access - From Elko, travel approximately 30 miles south on State Highway 228. The reservoir is adjacent to the highway.



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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.