

## **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 area was initially the Santa Rosa National Forest that was designated by President William H. Taft in 1911. The Forest Service's present status was designated in 1951. The creek has been historically important for irrigating lands in Paradise Valley.

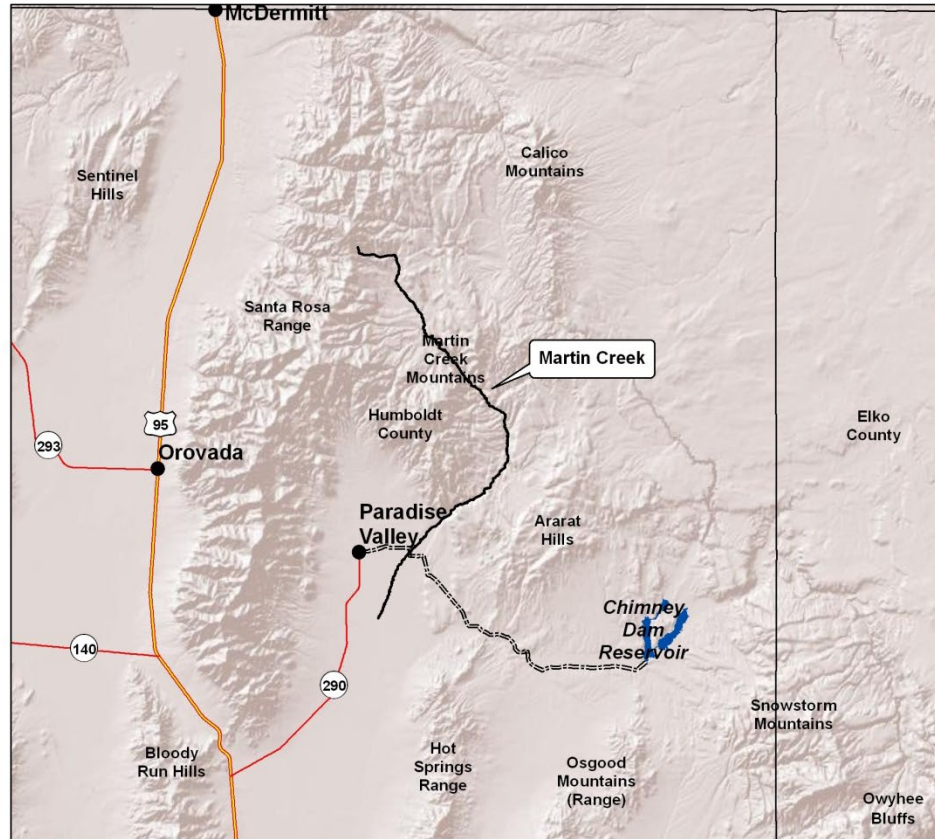
Pertinent Information – The average stream width is 10 feet and depth is about 5 inches. Spring runoff can reach up to 30 cubic feet per second (cfs), but base flows during the summer average about 3.5 cfs. Total stream length is 48 miles, of which approximately 12 miles of the upper section is considered fishable. The stream ends in Paradise Valley. Brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, and bowcutt trout (rainbow x cutthroat hybrid) occur in the stream. The time of year to fish depends on the amount of winter snowpack and runoff, but in general, angling is best in May and slowest during the heat of summer. Fishing picks up again during early fall and winter. Productive fishing methods include using nightcrawlers, salmon eggs, and flies in nymph or dry fly patterns. Camping along the stream is primitive.

Stocking – Trout are stocked during the spring.

Regulations – Martin Creek falls under the general limit of 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye. The capture, possession, or use of baitfish, whether dead or alive or the parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs and commercially prepared and preserved baitfish is prohibited. Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

Biologist Forecast for 2023 – Spring and summer flows are forecast to be above average in 2023. The best fishing should occur just after spring runoff and before temperature increases in summer. Trout are typically stocked in the headwater streams that flow into Martin Creek. Early summer fishing should be fair to good throughout the year for Rainbow and Brown Trout.

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



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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.