Area Description

The Resting Springs Wilderness Study Area (WSA) can be found along the Nevada-California border, about 15 miles west of Pahrump, Nevada and nearly 60 miles west of Las Vegas in Nye County. The western boundary of this small WSA, consisting of just 3,850 acres, meets the Resting Spring Range Wilderness at the state line. The eastern border is less obvious, meandering along the base of the foothills of the Resting Spring Range off of Ash Meadows and Stewart Valley Ranch Road.

The Resting Springs WSA offers wide vistas of undeveloped land covered in creosote, blackbrush, and other desert shrubs. Numerous wide washes cut the narrow expanse of this WSA, allowing easy access for open exploration of the desert lowlands.

Directions

The Resting Springs WSA is located south of U.S. Highway 95 between State Routes 168 and 373 on the Nevada-California border. Ash Meadows Road provides access to the WSA, several miles to the east. To reach Ash Meadows Road, follow Bell Vista Road west out of Pahrump, Nevada. A maintained dirt road leads west from Ash Meadows Road, bisecting the WSA and offering easy access to visitors.

Recreation

Visitors will enjoy views of Shadow Mountain to the southwest or witness the beauty of wild horses roaming the open range. The gentle slope of the landscape allows for easy hiking. Given the smaller size of the Resting Springs WSA, this area is best suited to day hiking and horseback riding.

Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Bole Spring and High Peak.

Additional Information

- Please limit group sizes to 12 members.
- Maximum length of stay: 14 days.
- Non-commercial hunting, trapping and casual collection of wildlife is allowed subject to applicable state regulation.
- Motorized and mechanized vehicle use is limited to designated roads and trails.
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