

White Rock Range

Findings

INVENTORY UNIT ACRES		
Federal	State	Total
With Wilderness Characteristics		
0	200	200 (7%)
Without Wilderness Characteristics		
2,000	600	2,600 (93%)
Inventory Unit Total		
2,000	800	2,800
Contiguous Area-Wilderness Characteristics		
White Rock Range WSA (UT-040-216/NV-04-202)		24,065

Only a small part of State Section 2 (200 acres) south of the White Rock Cabin Springs Road has wilderness characteristics. This portion of the White Rock Range inventory unit is in a natural condition with little or no evidence of human presence. Opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation are outstanding in this portion when considered in conjunction with the contiguous White Rock Range Wilderness Study Area (WSA).

The portion of the inventory unit north of the White Rock Cabin Springs Road, about 2,600 acres, does not have wilderness characteristics. It is separated from the White Rock Range WSA by the road and does not meet the size criteria. The area north of the White Rock Cabin Springs Road does not provide outstanding opportunities for either solitude or primitive recreation. Several abandoned house trailers, abandoned vehicles, scattered trash, large stock tanks, and chainlink-fenced springs have significantly reduced the natural character of an area around Ripgut Creek, east of Ripgut Spring.

Unit Description

The White Rock Range inventory unit is on the eastern slope of the White Rock Mountains in Beaver County. It is on the Nevada-Utah border about 54 miles west of Cedar City. Elevations range from 6,440 feet to 8,325 feet. The area is contiguous to the north end of the White Rock Range WSA, most of which is in Nevada. It is bounded on the west by the Nevada-Utah state line, on the north by private land and a road, on the east by the Reeds Cabin Summit Road, and on the south by the WSA. Several springs and small streams are within the inventory unit. The largest, White Rock Cabin Springs, is in State Section 2. Vegetation includes piñon-juniper woodland, with aspen on some slopes and valley bottoms. There is an historic log cabin at White Rock Cabin Springs. Many names and dates have been carved into the large, hand-hewn logs used to construct the cabin; the oldest inscription is more than 90 years old, dating back to 1907.

Wilderness Characteristics

Naturalness

Most of the White Rock Range inventory unit retains its natural character, except for that portion of the area near Ripgut Creek and Spring, where naturalness is lost in the confusion of the abandoned vehicles, mobile homes, stock tanks, chain-link fence, and junk scattered throughout the trees and in the meadows.

Outstanding Opportunities

Solitude

Opportunities for solitude are outstanding in that portion of the unit south of the White Rock Cabin Springs Road when considered in conjunction with the contiguous WSA. However, the remainder of the area north of the White Rock Cabin Springs Road does not provide outstanding opportunities for solitude. Opportunities for solitude are available north of the road (except for the unnatural area around Ripgut Creek and Spring) because of thick piñon-juniper woodland cover, but these opportunities are not outstanding.

Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

That portion of the White Rock Range inventory unit south of the White Rock Cabin Springs Road and contiguous to the WSA provides outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation in combination with, and as a logical extension of, the WSA. However, the area north of the White Rock Cabin Springs Road does not possess these outstanding opportunities.

Supplemental Values

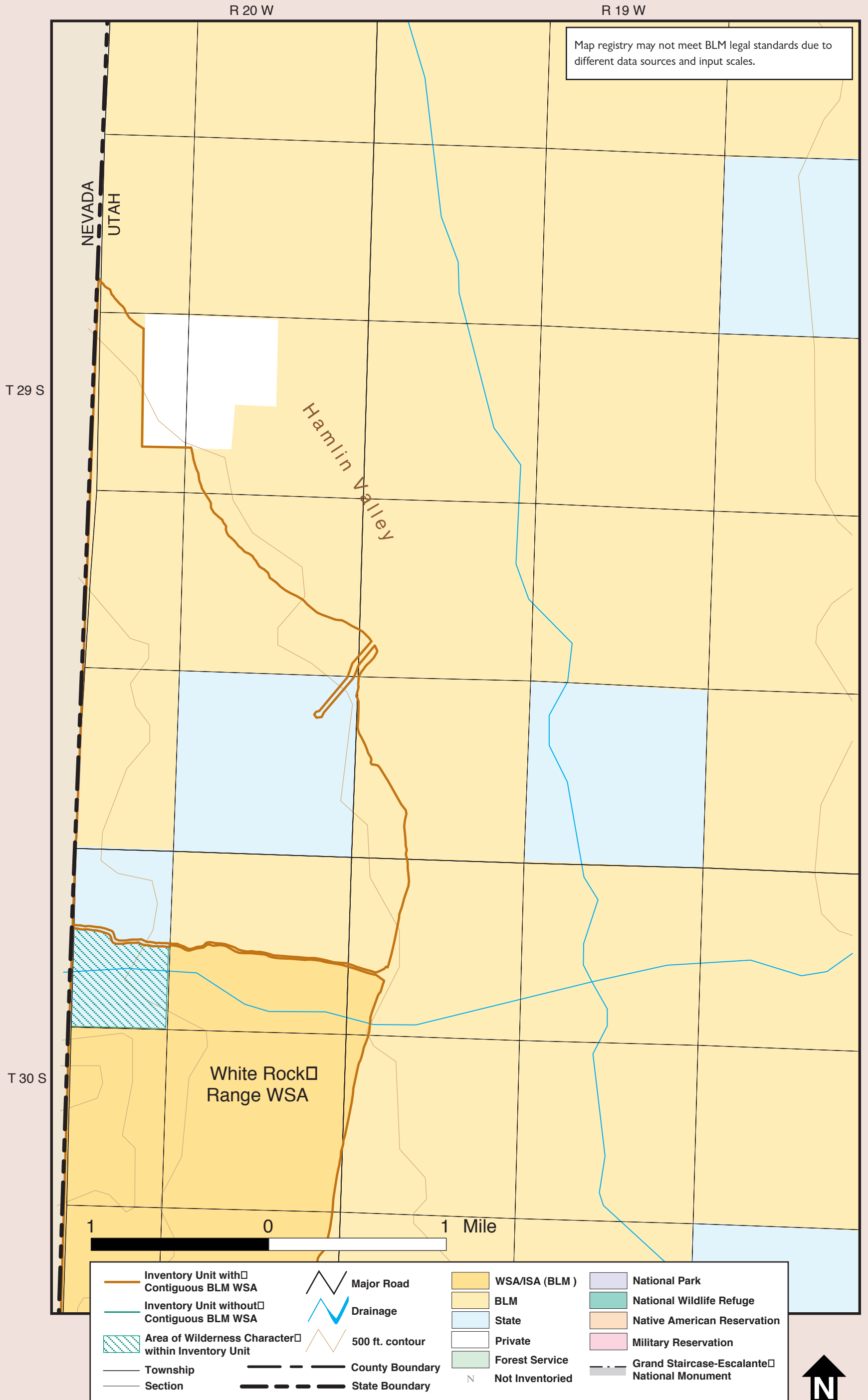
An historic log cabin at White Rock Cabin Springs dates back to the turn of the century. The large wetlands and numerous springs in the area are habitat for a wide variety of animals and plants. Stands of aspen and fir ramble across the slopes south of the spring.

WHITE ROCK RANGE—A log cabin at White Rock Cabin Springs dates back to the turn of the century, adding a historical element of interest to the inventory unit.



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