

Castle Mountain Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA)

RMA/RECREATION MANAGEMENT ZONE (RMZ) OBJECTIVE(S) DECISIONS

Management Objective: Designate this area as an Extensive Recreation Management Area. Manage for outstanding views and dispersed recreational use. Castle Mountain ERMA is the tear-shaped expanse of BLM lands bordered by the Mojave National Preserve (MNP) at the east, south, and west, and on the north by the California/Nevada state line. From California access passes through the Mojave National Preserve. Traveling south out of Nevada is another option. Equestrian camping and visitation to the old community of Hart are the two major forms of recreation in the area. The historic town site of Hart and several corals are in the area. Higher elevation, existing livestock amenities, and well defined routes have led to an increase in equestrian use.

Primary Activities: Back Country Touring, Equestrians, Hunting, Photography, Star gazing, Camping, Hiking, Permitted commercial and organized events

Experiences: Enjoyment of Horseback Riding

Benefits:

Personal: Increased sense of exploration in an area designed to encourage environmental education through non-motorized recreation.

Community/Social: Increases tourism and supports local economy

Environmental: Greater protection for the historical area and a reduction of area vandalism through developed facilities designed to blend naturally into the unique landscape while preventing visitor impacts on the surround habitat.

Management Actions and Allowable Uses

Recreation and Visitor Services Program:

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will manage the Castle Mountain Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA) in a manner to ensure quality of dispersed recreation experiences and opportunities;
2. Routine maintenance of the Mojave Adventure Trails System shall include installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, water bars, barriers, gates, or cattle guards on/or adjacent to system roads and trails.
3. Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impact no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads and trails designated open in the land use plan (LUP) or accompanying activity level plans.
4. Establishment of alternate recreation sites in a similar, suitable location would mitigate for any developed recreation sites that renewable energy development would impact.
5. Interpretive developments and materials will be maintained to enhance recreation opportunities and public enjoyment and to create better appreciation of the significance of this historic site.

Acres on BLM Lands:

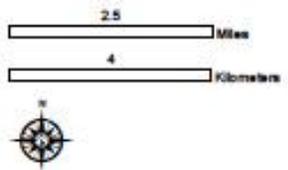
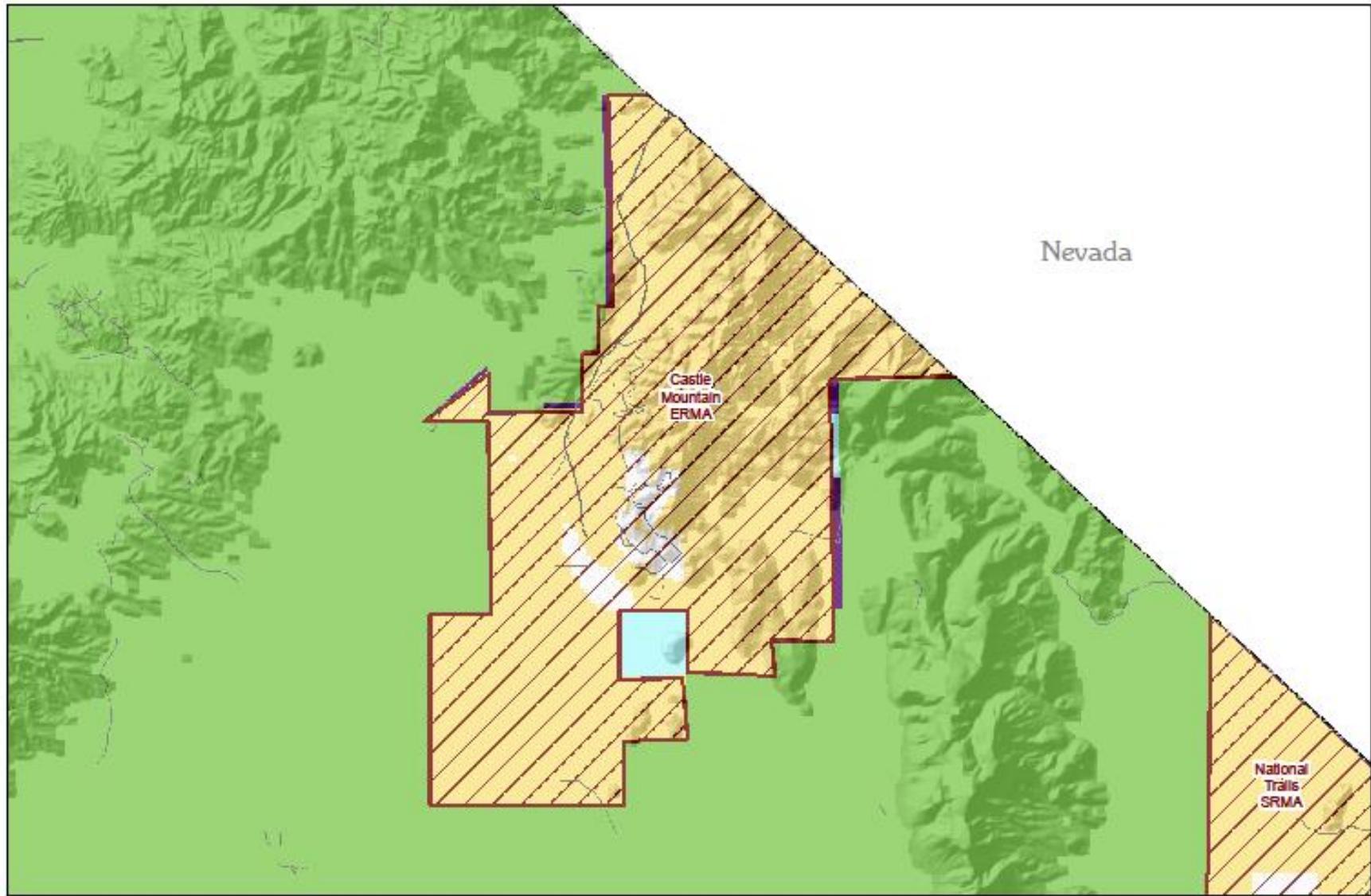
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Other Programs:

Visual Resource Management Class II

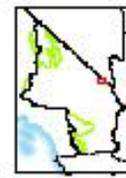
Wildlife Game Guzzler Program

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Preferred Alternative SRMAs and ERMAs
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ACEC Layers	Cities	Land Status	GTLP
Proposed SR MA	Cities	Bureau of Land Management	Interstate
Design Focus Areas	CDCA Boundary	State	US Hwy
OHV Areas	DRECP Boundary	Other Federal	CA Hwy
Legislatively and Legally Protected	BLM Field Office	Military	County Hwy
		Private	



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