

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nevada
COUNTY: Clark
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ENTRY DATE ... DEC 24 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Mormon Well Spring

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *n of Las Vegas on*
Approximately 30 miles northeast of Corn Creek Station via the Mormon Well Road

CITY OR TOWN: Las Vegas *vic.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Nevada

STATE: Nevada CODE: 32 COUNTY: Clark CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. AGENCY

U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE RANGE

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

CITY OR TOWN: Portland, OREGON

STREET AND NUMBER: 1500 N.E. Irving Street

STATE: Oregon CODE: 41

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
None

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

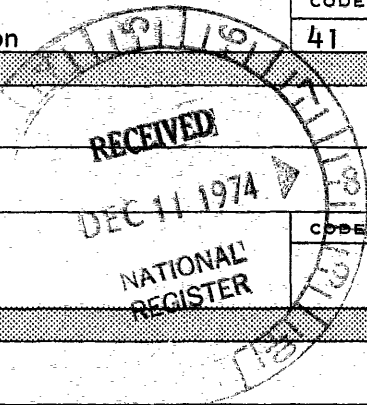
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

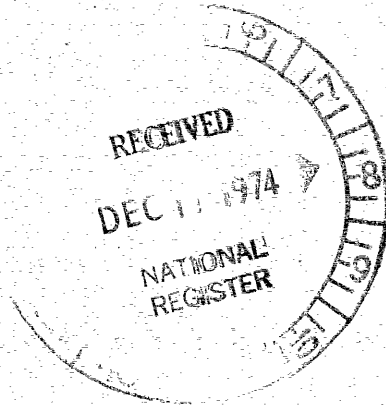
Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mormon Well Spring area is located at 6400 feet elevation on the slopes of the Sheep mountains of southern Nevada. The major plant community of the area is the pinyon-juniper tree type. The major geologic formation of the area is limestone with a bed of shale running through it. This bed of shale collects the ground water that percolates through the limestone. A fault in the shale bed allows the water to seep to the surface - forming a spring.

The two major items of interest in the proposed site are the Mormon Well Spring and the Mormon Well corral. The spring has been developed over the years until now it has buried underground storage tanks and drinking troughs for use of the wildlife in the area.

The Mormon Well corral is an old circular structure constructed by standing juniper tree posts one against another and 'weaving' them together with old style barbed wire. The actual date of construction is unknown. There is also a loading chute that was used in conjunction with this structure. The corral is not used today.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Cattle and horse</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>ranching</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

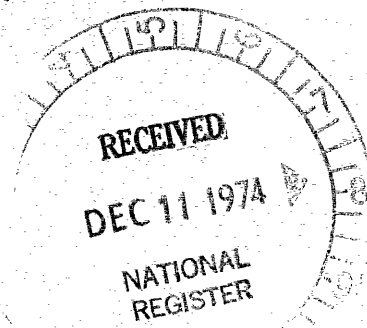
The Mormon Well Spring site had been used by the Paiute Indians, a nomadic tribe of southern Nevada, for centuries before white explorers came into the region. The use of this site was seasonal. In the fall the Paiutes came to the area to collect pine nuts and hunt bighorn sheep. They probably used the spring site as a base camp. Little is known about the use of the site by pre-Columbian cultures.

The spring is the only reliable water source for the surrounding vicinity of the Desert National Wildlife Range. Therefore the area was used by the early travelers and prospectors during the late 1800's and early 1900's. A Mr. John Thomas was the first white man to claim the spring's water for a sawmill, but this project was abandoned before any development was done on the spring.

Beginning in the early 1900's Mr. Joe Perkins, who then owned the Pickett Ranch in what is now part of the Moapa Indian Reservation, bought the water rights for the spring from Mr. Thomas and began grazing cattle and horses in the Mormon Well area. The cattle had to be moved often as the forage was scarce, but the horses did well and many horses were raised there. Over the years the spring was developed to provide more water for the livestock and the corral was constructed, but little was gained by the efforts.

In 1936 the area became part of the Desert Game Range and grazing was allowed but controlled by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management. In 1966 the area was changed to a Wildlife Range under the sole jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife Service. At that time grazing was eliminated and the water became the sole right of the native wildlife again.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Desert National Wildlife Range files, 1938 to present.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

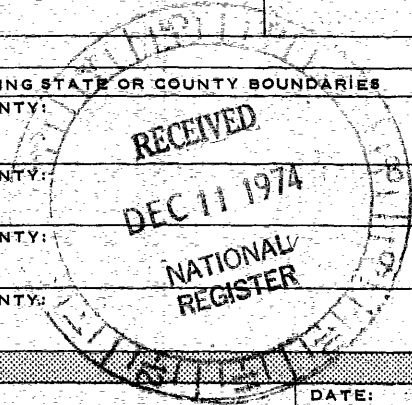
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: George M. Constantino, Wildlife Biologist DATE: 11/13/74

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Desert National Wildlife Range

STREET AND NUMBER: 1500 North Decatur Boulevard PHONE: 702-878-9617

CITY OR TOWN: Las Vegas, STATE: Nevada CODE: 32

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- Yes
- No
- None

State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

Federal Representative Signature Date

Title

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Anderson
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

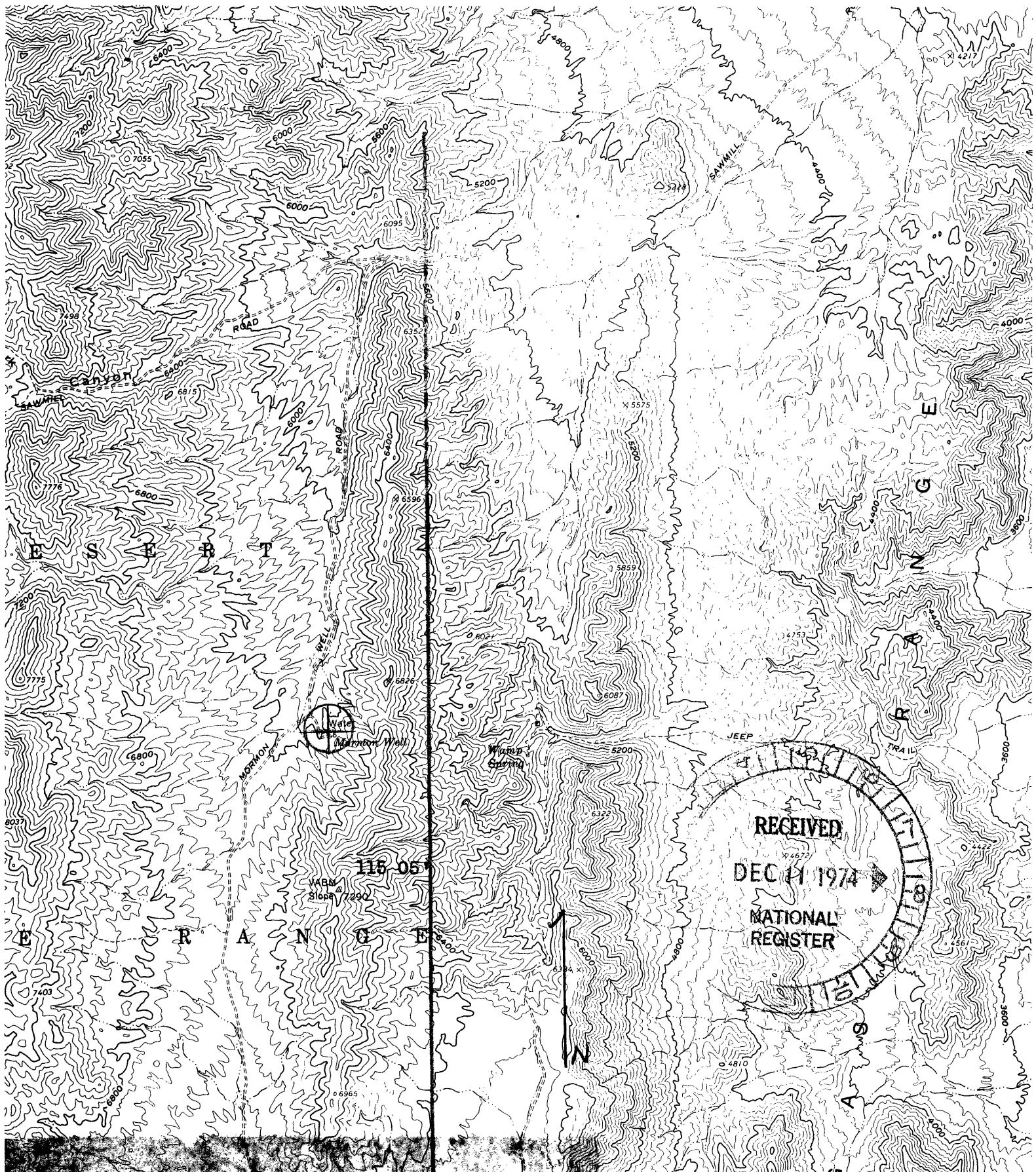
Date: 12/24/74

ATTEST:

George M. Constantino
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 12.24.74

See other sheet for State & Fed - Sigs 12/24



Mormon Well Spring

Map Ref. USGS Hayford Peak 1960. Scale 1:62,500

Latitude Longitude
36 38' 39" 115 05' 45"

36 35'

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Juniper 2895

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	
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1. NAME

COMMON: Mormon Well Corral

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: W

Approximately 30 miles northeast of Corn Creek Station via Mormon Well Road.

CITY OR TOWN:

Las Vegas

STATE:

Nevada

CODE

32

COUNTY:

Clark

CODE

003

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

USGS Hayford Peak Quadrangle.

SCALE: 1:62,500

DATE: 1960

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

