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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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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.

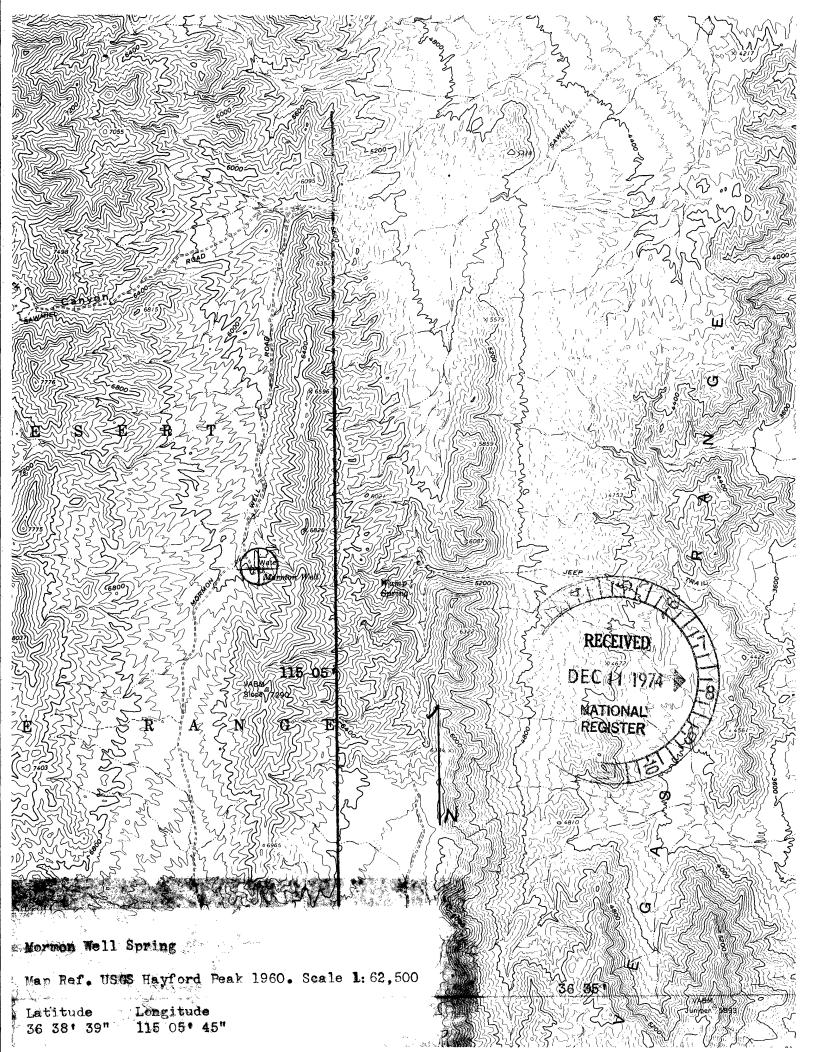
In 1936 the area became part of the Desert Game Range and grazing was allowed but controlled by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management. In 1966 the area was changed to a Wildlife Range under the sole jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife Service. At that time grazing was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

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