

Ivanpah Windsailing Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)

To preserve and maintain the surface of the Ivanpah Dry Lake and support the national and international community which utilizes the area for the enjoyment of wind powered non-motorized sports. (This applies to both RMZs below.)

The Ivanpah Dry Lake is considered one of the top wind sailing sites both nationally and internationally. The International championship land sailing racing, and land sailing high speed records by a wind-powered vehicle have both been set on Ivanpah Dry Lake.

Within the Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert Management Plan (NEMO) six dry lakes were addressed under recreation, of those, three were identified as open, but only the Ivanpah Dry Lake was recognized as an area ideal for the pursuit of wind powered recreational activities. Due to the level of activity associated with the lakebed, the BLM also identified Ivanpah as an area appropriate for development and improvement.

Bisected by Interstate 15 at the California/Nevada border, its close proximity to a major traffic corridor and urban amenities such as fuel, hotels, restaurants and casinos makes the lake bed an ideal location for the wind-dependent recreationists who travel to Ivanpah from around the world.

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

Objective Statement: Designate this area as a Special Recreation Management Area.

RMZ: East Dry Lake

1. Lake Bed: Non-motorized sports area
2. Entry Station: Fee station, gate, and Interpretation area, turn around
3. Staging Area 1East: Group Camping Area
4. Staging Area 2East: Group Camping Area
5. Staging Area 3East: Group Camping Area (not available for organized event staging)
6. Staging Area 4East: Group Camping Area (not available for organized event staging)
7. Interpretation Site: Located at Yates Well Road adjacent to locked gate and fence line.

RMZ: West Dry Lake Bed

1. Entry Station: Fee station, gate, and Interpretation area, turn around off playa staging
2. Staging Area 1West: Group Camping
3. Staging Area 2West: Group Camping
4. Staging Area 3West: Group Camping

Activities:

Participate in windsailing Activities (e.g. Kite Buggy, Land Sailing, and Land Boarding), Hobby Rockets (small non-FAA required), World Disc Throwing Contests, Remote Control Airplanes and Landsailing boats, Long Distance Archery, and Photography.

Experiences:

To enjoy a large open space where groups of family and friends can congregate in order to meet the challenge of harnessing the wind for non-motorized sports

Benefits:

Personal: To unwind in a fun, relaxing, stress-free activity with friends and family.

Community/Social: Increased tourism and revenue for the local economy, and create advances in wind powered technology.

Environmental: Protect the surface of the dry lake bed from motor vehicle damage thereby protecting the cultural and biological concerns located below the surface in fine sediment. Protect the visual resource by designing facilities which blend naturally into the surrounding landscape.

RECREATION SETTING CHARACTERISTICS (RSC) DESCRIPTIONS

Physical Components: Rural, Front and Middle Country

Social Components: Rural and Front Country

Operational Components: Rural and Front Country

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS & ALLOWABLE USES

Acres by Alternative on BLM Lands:

No Action	Preferred Alternative	1	2	3	4
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Recreation and Visitor Services Program: Amend CDCA plan to allow the authorization of Windsailing events and all associated staging activities throughout the SRMA. Manage the facility site as an educational outreach and interpretation site for the visiting public. Allow for Administration Vehicle Access for care and maintenance of site. Develop of a campground with restrooms, ramadas, firerings, picnic tables and garbage service/Development of all-weather access route adjacent to playa. 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 or accompanying activity level plans.

Continue with agency natural resource multiple use management practices within the area. Allow all types of activities to occur within the area, except those with unacceptable safety concerns or degrade the environment. Manage all routes of travel as open, limited or closed, as designated in the Local TTMP.

Renewable Energy: Renewable energy development is not an allowable use in SRMAs due to the incompatibility with the values of the SRMA. Two exceptions to this management action are: 1)

geothermal development is an allowable use if a geothermal-only DFA overlays the SRMA designation and complies with a “no surface occupancy” restriction; and, 2) in the Preferred Alternatives if a DRECP variance land designation overlays the SRMA, renewable energy may be allowed on a case-by-case basis if the proposed project is found to be compatible with the specific SRMA values. VRM: The Ivanpah Windsailing SRMA will be managed as a VRM Class II.

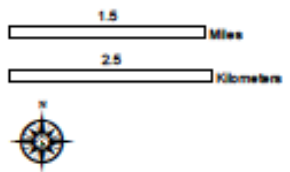
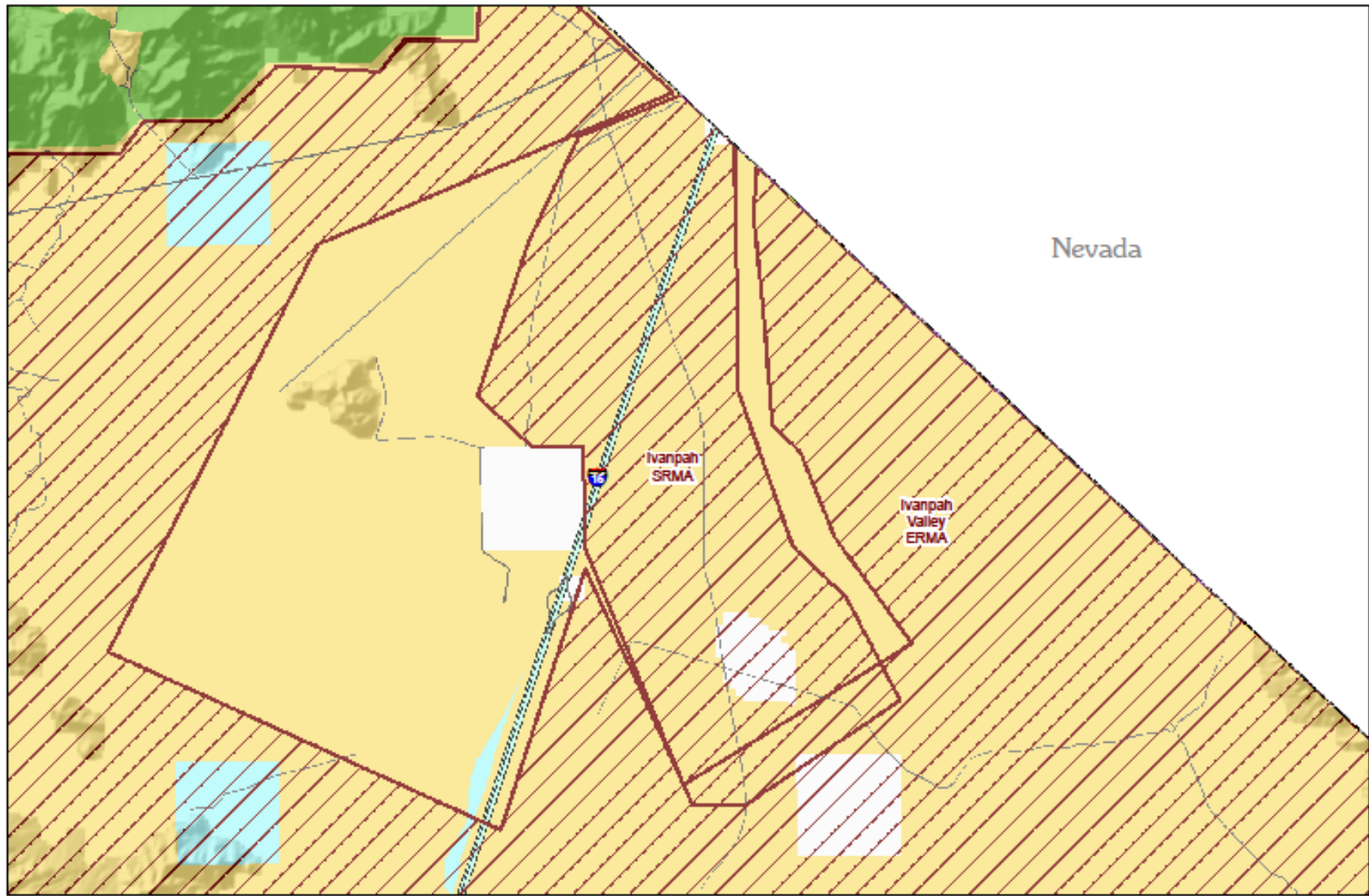
Implementation Decisions: Prohibit the development of any commercial and industrial project upon or within 1 mile of the dry lake bed. Allow for routine maintenance of the Mojave Adventure Trails System shall occur including installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, water bars, barriers, gates, or cattle guards on/or adjacent to system roads and trails.

An activity level plan would be developed to identify and designate current and future recreational opportunities, appropriate facilities to provide for and manage the proposed uses, parameters for streamlined Special Recreation Permitting of recreation events, staffing and funding needs, parameters for facility and road/trail maintenance, partnerships, possible recreation fee considerations, and an implementation schedule.

Mitigation:

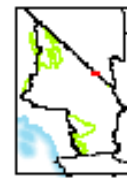
1. Maintain through traffic motorized route network connectivity with roads and trails leading into and through the Ivanpah Wind Sailing SRMA.
2. Manage renewable energy development on adjacent and nearby lands to avoid traffic conflicts with visitors & permitted uses.

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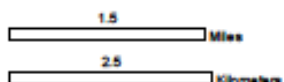
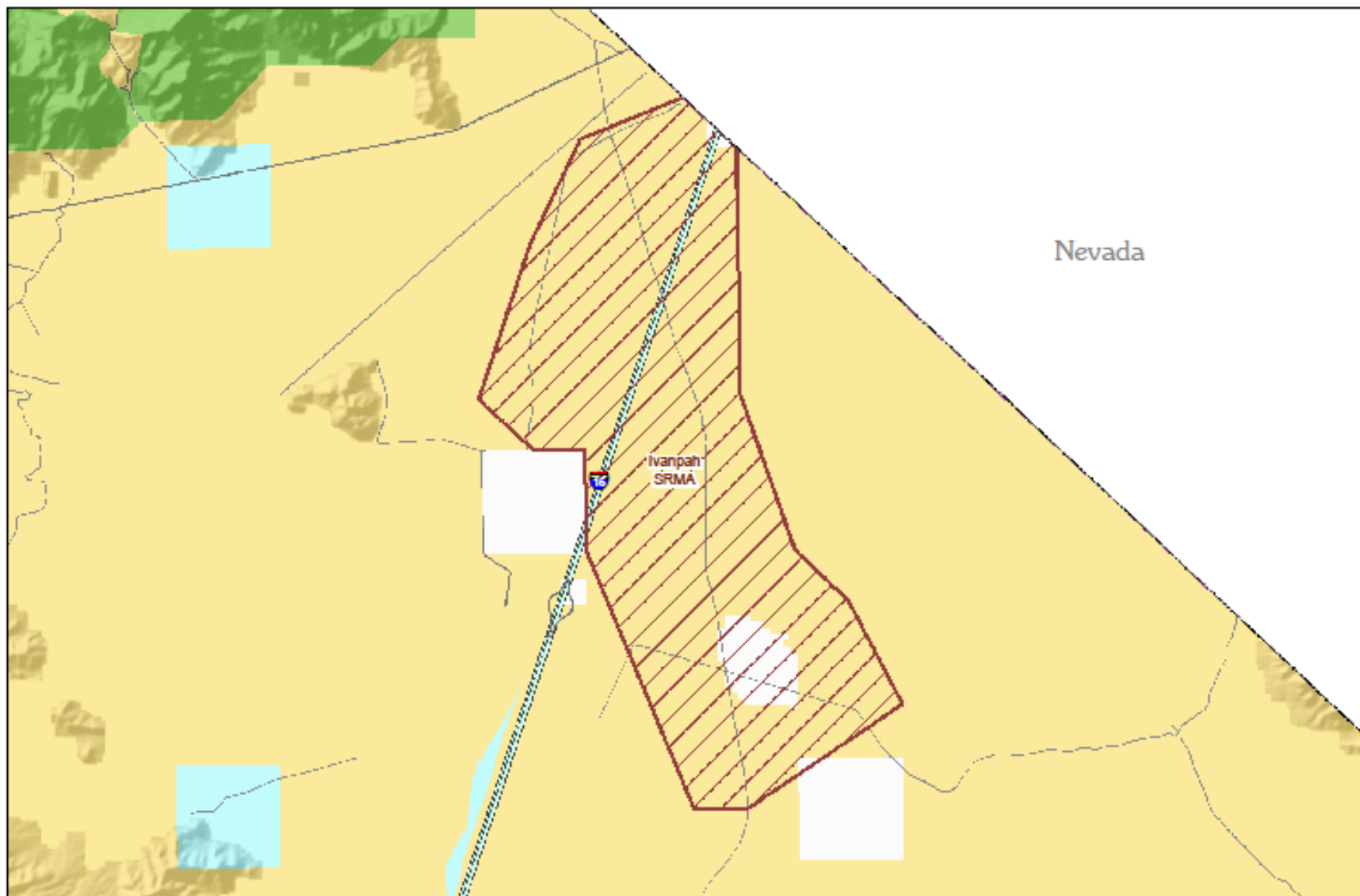
Preferred Alternative SRMAs and ERMAs
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OHV Areas	Other Federal	CA Hwy
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Cities	Private	
CDCA Boundary		
DRECP Boundary		
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Alternative 1 SRMAs

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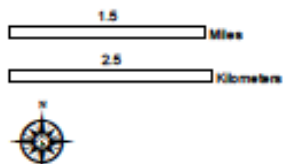
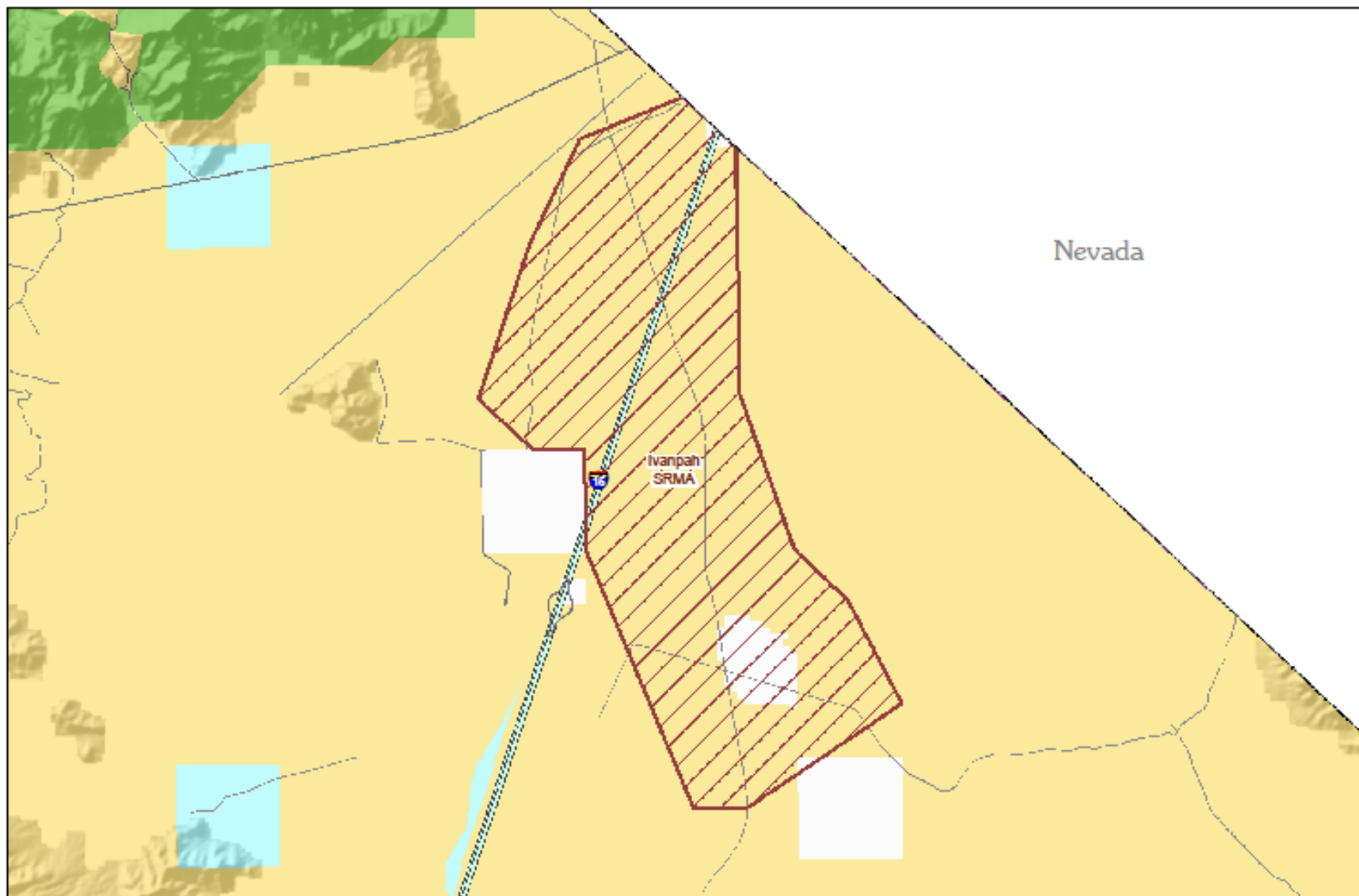
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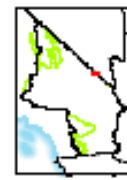
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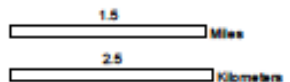
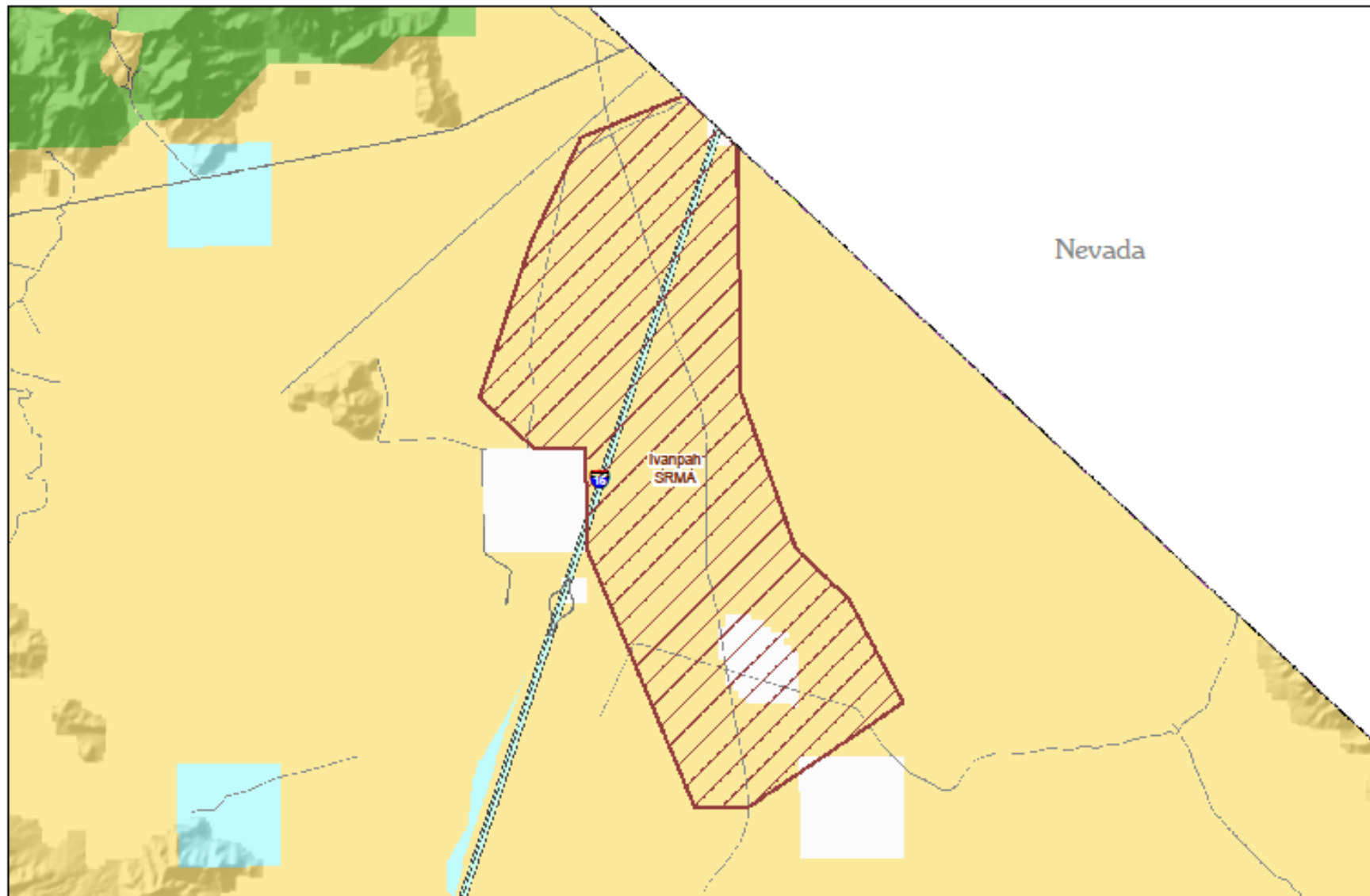
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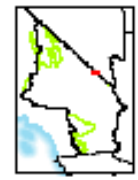
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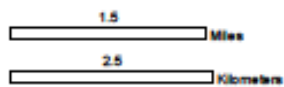
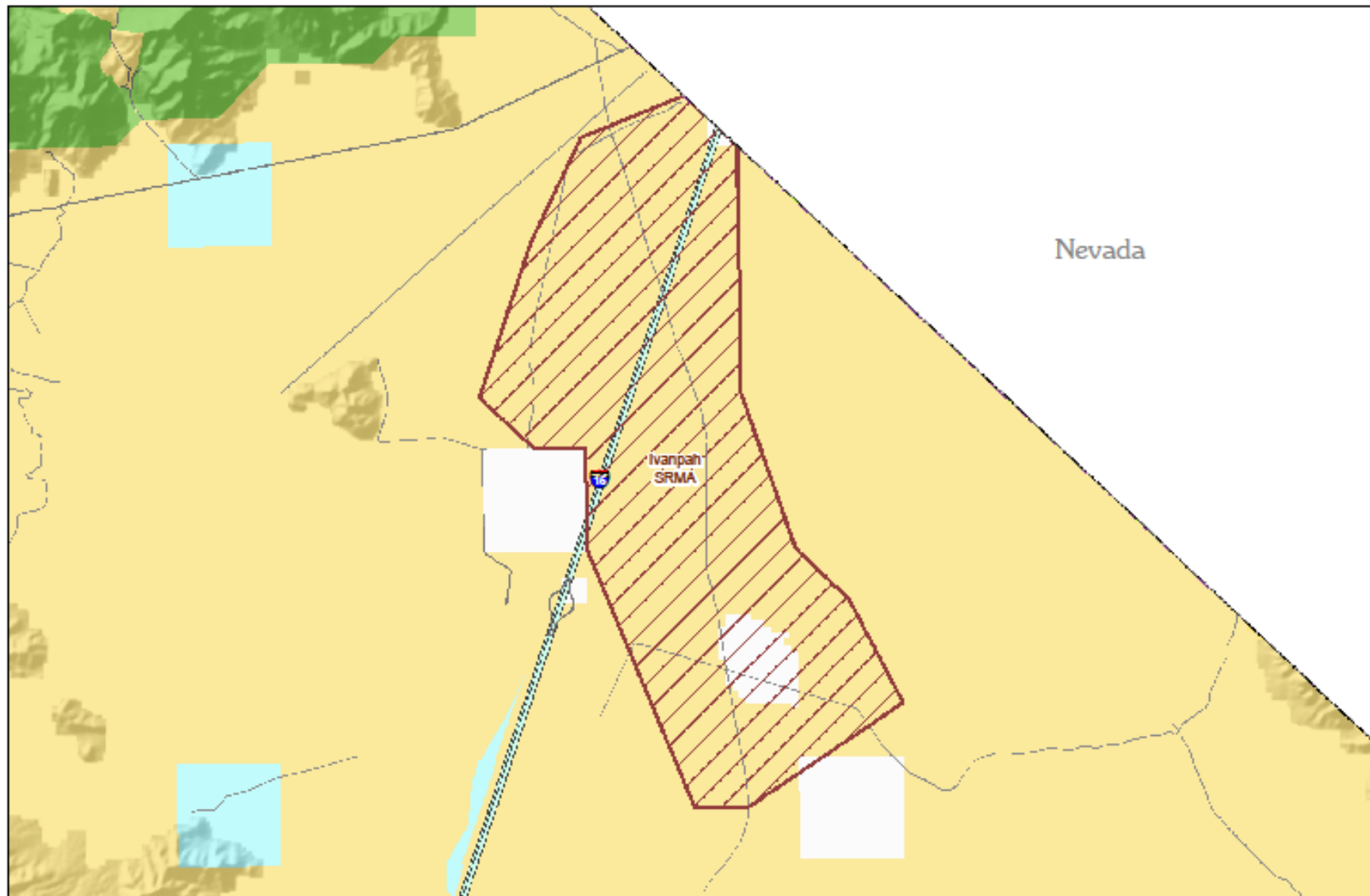
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