



Springer Lake, OG.165



Permitted Activities: Fishing. *See property rules.*

Hours: Access allowed 24 hours per day.

Information: Springer Lake, located just off I-25 and the historic Santa Fe Trail, is approximately 4 miles northwest of Springer, NM in GMU 55B. The lake is fed by the Cimarron River through an extensive system of canals and ditches, and averages 330 surface acres. Springer Lake provides valuable fishing opportunities for northern pike, catfish, and bass. One of New Mexico's record-breaking northern pike, weighing in at 36.0 lbs., was taken at Springer Lake in 1978. A vault toilet and dumpsters are available on the property.

Please help keep the area clean and keep wildlife safe by properly disposing of your trash and fishing line !

Permitted Activities	Available Dates	Remarks
Fishing	<p>Open year-round.</p>  <p>Please see the 2025-2026 Fishing Rules and Information.</p>	<p>See property rules for special use restrictions.</p> <p>No ice fishing.</p> <p>Anglers 11 years of age and younger are not required to hold a fishing license. You may fish without a license on free fishing days.</p>

Open Gate is a program that leases private lands to improve public access for hunting, fishing, and trapping. Open Gate leases are funded exclusively by hunters, anglers, and trappers through the purchase of the Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV).

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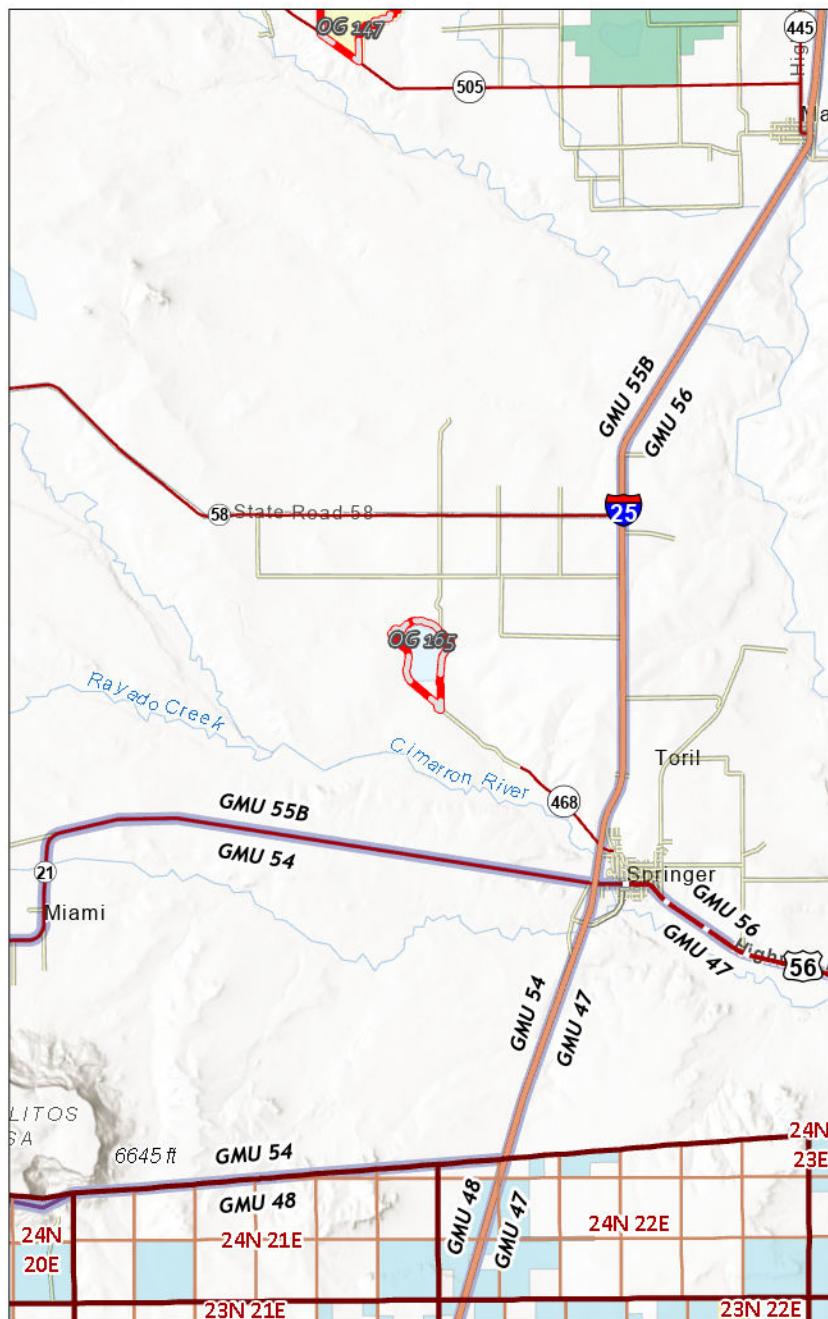
Property Rules. The following rules will be posted onsite and online on the Agency's website and will be enforced at the discretion of the Agency:

- Use of this Open Gate Property is restricted to properly licensed sportspersons for the following **Permitted Uses: [Fishing]**.
- Fish size, bag, and possession limits will be set at the discretion of the Agency and posted on the property.
- No entry unless you are a properly licensed angler or are accompanied by a properly licensed angler or are license-exempt.
- No motor vehicle travel except in designated parking areas or roads.
- No destructive acts including vandalism, graffiti, theft, removal or defacing natural features, resources or signs.
- Boats, canoes, kayaks, or other floating devices are allowed.
- Motorboats are allowed only when water levels are at or above 2,000 acre feet.
- Swimming, wading and water-skiing are at your own risk.
- No entry into closed areas.
- No ice fishing allowed.
- No discharge of firearms.
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs.
- Camping and campfires are allowed only in designated areas.
- No littering.
- Fishing access is allowed 24 hours per day.

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- Road



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