## Nevada's Evolving Public Trust

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## The Public Trust

By the law of nature these things are common to mankind—the air, running water, the sea and consequently the shores of the sea.

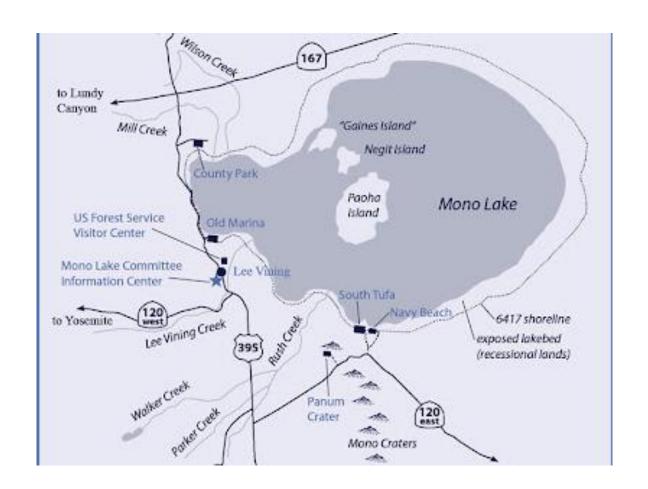
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Mono Lake, California





**Mono Lake Location and Tributaries** 





Significant drawdown due to LAW&P Diversions



## States applying the public trust to water rights

- North Dakota
- California
- Hawaii
- Idaho





**Lawrence v. Clark County** 

Is Nevada next?



## NRS 533.025

The water of all sources water supply within the boundaries of the state whether above or beneath the surface of the ground belongs to the public.

