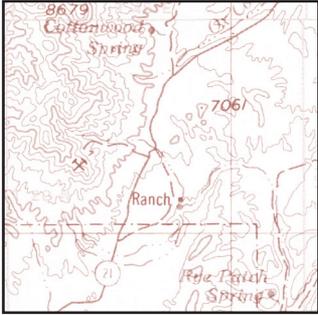


# Two Previously-Unknown Nevada Hot Springs



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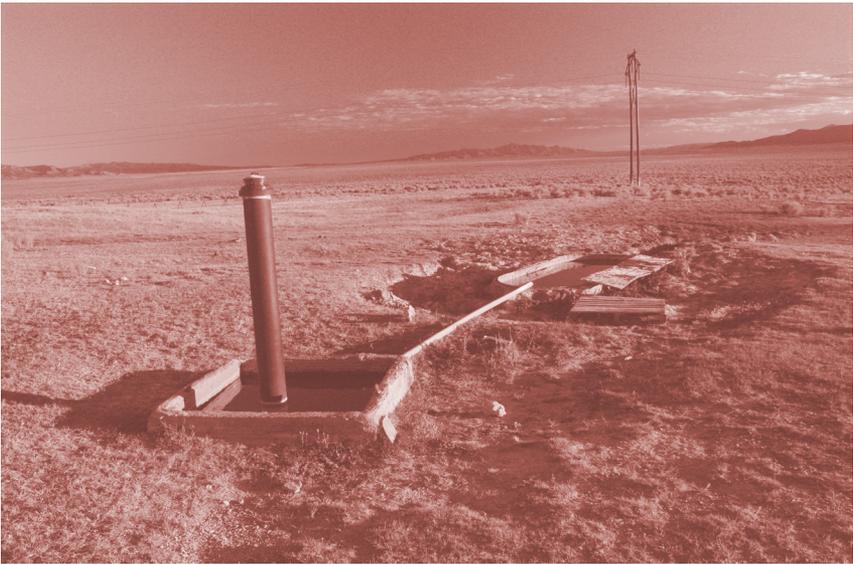
her commitment to the quieter sites and less-traveled roads of  
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\* previously-unknown to Library staff

\*\* not all springs technically located inside Nevada

In October of 2015, personnel from the Library of Approximate Location carried out an expedition to transport the Library from its home in Oakland, Calif. to an installation at High Desert Test Sites: Epicenter in Green River, Utah and back. This endeavour covered approximately 2000 miles and crossed the Great Basin twice, facilitating many new discoveries. One of the most notable was the location of two hot springs, both of which were previously unknown to the library in spite of our extensive research in this area.

Significant as combined sites of adventure, relaxation, and commons-based resource management, the discovery of these springs is an important event for the Library. Even more remarkable was the fact that neither had appeared on any previous map or guide known or unknown to the Library.

This publication then, is meant to serve as a preliminary inquiry into the sites in question, as well as a source for the physical details necessary to find and explore the springs. Shared only with Library confidants, this information should be considered valuable and privileged, and as such should only be passed on to individuals known to be trustworthy and of good character.

The nature of un-regulated recreational hot springs throughout the Arid States of the American West is a phenomenon of great interest to the Library. These sites represent small instances of cooperative resource management carried out in an informal and vernacular fashion. Failures as often as successes, they help to humanize a landscape usually approached on purely economic or scientific terms. And yet these locations also introduce us back to these same terms – their value based in scarcity, natural hot water being rare, and their existence dictated by geology and hydrology. As points of confluence between cultural and natural phenomena they have inherent value only enhanced by the pleasure of actually sitting in one.

This guide is only a brief scrape of the cultural and geologic crust which has built up over these sites, and is only based on initial visits with disappointingly little time available for truly exhaustive inquiry. It is hoped that Library affiliates introduced to these sites by this publication will consider forwarding any further documentation of the springs and their surrounding areas to the Library.

The rest of this publication will be devoted to the springs themselves.



Coordinates\_(approx): 39° 25' 04.029" N 120° 01' 47.875" W

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railroad\_vicinity: Union Pacific, the original.

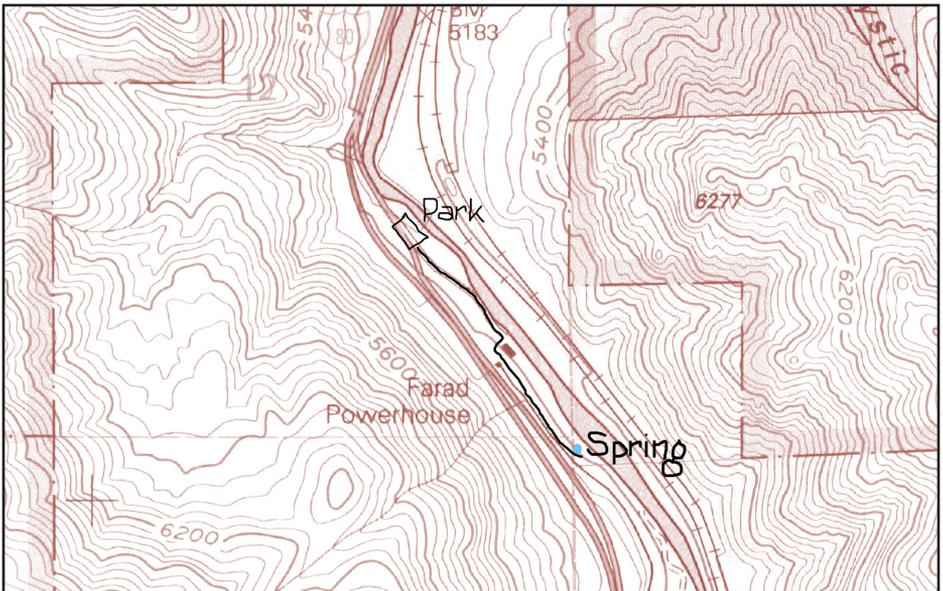
powerhouse: out of service, solid below wooden flume wooden penstocks, gravel supports, the flume gone, the flood above the high water mark, our economics

Materials: Earthen pit lined with blue tarp. Old wooden board for bench as dry place for clothes. Small brush present for cleaning of scum [USE NOT ADVISABLE BEFORE ENTRY].

Temperature: warm but not hot

Views: River; railroad; cliffs; the last rays of sunlight across the westward facing talus; the sun falls below the horizon

Directions: Exit I80 at Farad and continue downhill toward river, park in small lot in front of gate. From here walk down dirt road toward powerhouse, continue along Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway trail (signed) over bridge crossing penstocks (note presence of almost antique wooden pipes now made useless by drying of wood). Continue along trail following underside of wooden box flume, and where trail starts to go back down toward river look among reeds down to left of trail (towards river). Spring is located at end of faint trail among reeds.





Coordinates: 39° 33' 29.725" N 116° 21' 37.837" W

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trans\_Line: wooden pole

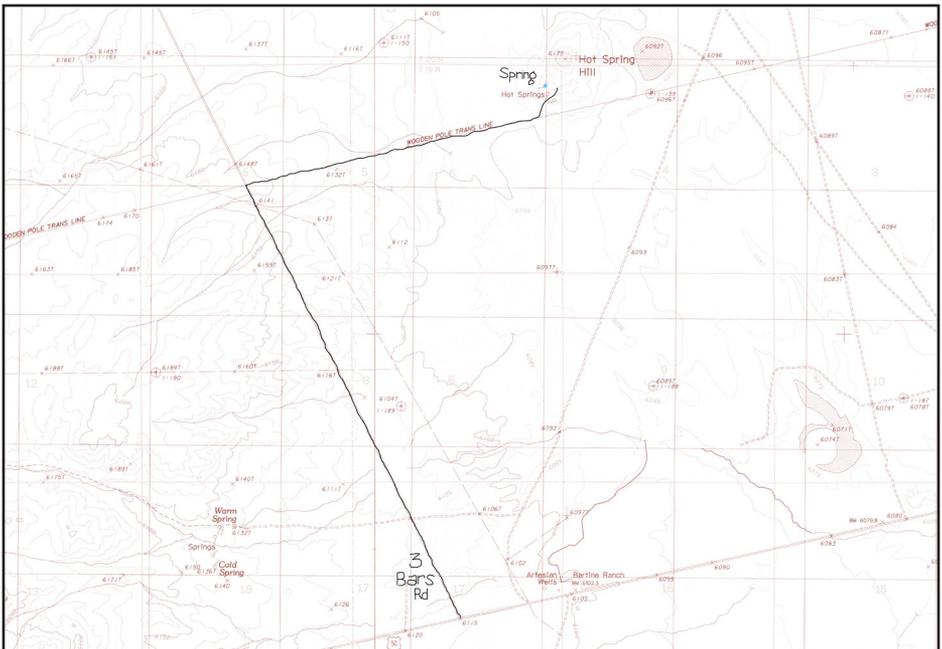
related\_Sources: warm springs, cold springs, twin springs, springs, artesian wells

Materials: natural turf; cement; paving stones; PVC; cattle trough; varying drain plugs; brush present for cleaning of scum (not present)

Temperature: too hot (naturally) [adjustable inflow]

Views: Cows; Sunset; plodding headlights of Highway 50; transmission towers into deepening purple and the Toiyabe Range

Directions: Turn north off why 50 onto 3 bars rd, following straight towards transmission line in distance. At transmission line, turn right (east) onto service road beneath towers, and follow road toward Hot Spring Hill (visible at this point), eventually wearing left when you arrive. Road pulls straight up to cattle trough spring, but walk about 250 feet to the northwest (around top of source spring) and you will find brand new heart-shaped masonry tub w/ seating for 3.



## About the Library

The Library of Approximate Location is an ongoing project exploring landscape, place, and the way we use information to define our relationships to the resources that enable modern life. The Library aims to use these themes to triangulate a common space for learning between them, and provide a venue for conversation and inquiry.

The library as installation has been chosen as model for this practice because it claims a physical space — one based not in commerce but in sharing and in non-monetized exchange — in which to practice the commons while we explore this relationship with land and resources, and tinker with our perceptions. The Library supplies the raw materials to learn, interpret, and create narratives in an open-ended way, and to construct or deconstruct our relationship to the landscapes which in turn supply the raw materials of life.

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