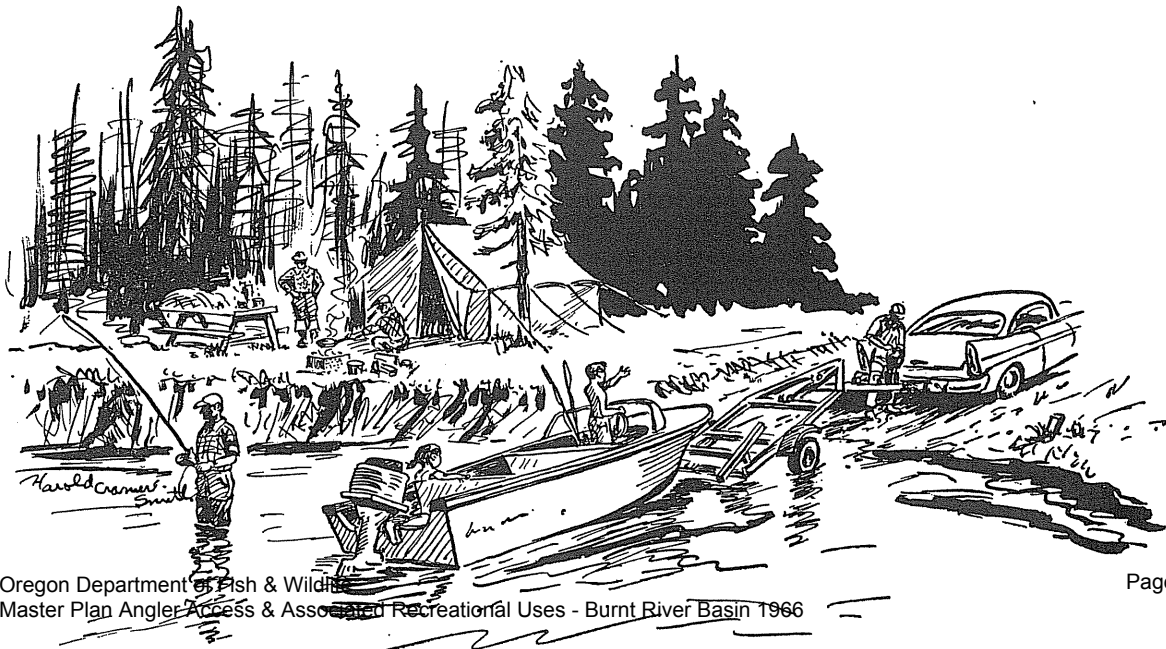


**BURNT  
RIVER BASIN**

**MASTER PLAN  
FOR ANGLER ACCESS AND  
ASSOCIATED RECREATIONAL  
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BURNT RIVER BASIN  
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and  
Associated Recreational Uses

The Burnt River headwaters along the southwestern Baker County line. The North, South, and Middle Forks join at Unity Reservoir about five miles north of the town of Unity. Below Unity Dam, the river makes its way through the Burnt River Valley. At the lower end of the valley, about 22 miles from Unity Dam, the river meets "the canyon" where it flows through sage-covered mountains for 15 miles before it enters the Durkee Valley. The river turns southeast at Durkee and flows toward Huntington and the mouth at Brownlee Reservoir. Through the Durkee Valley, Highway 30 and the new Freeway 80N parallel the river.

The  $63\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the main river below Unity Dam is heavily infested with rough fish. To produce a good fishery, the river would need rehabilitation that would include:

1. Chemical treatment of the river and tributaries to remove the rough fish population.
2. Reintroduction of suitable fish species.
3. Construction of a barrier at downstream end to prevent upstream migration of rough fish from lower impoundments; e.g., Brownlee Reservoir.

With the removal of rough fish, trout and warm-water game fish could be established and would produce good angling.

At present, the trout fishery is confined to Unity Reservoir and the area directly below the dam. Trout angling on the forks of the system is limited and restricted to the early spring. Warm-water game fish are taken in the lower river in early spring.

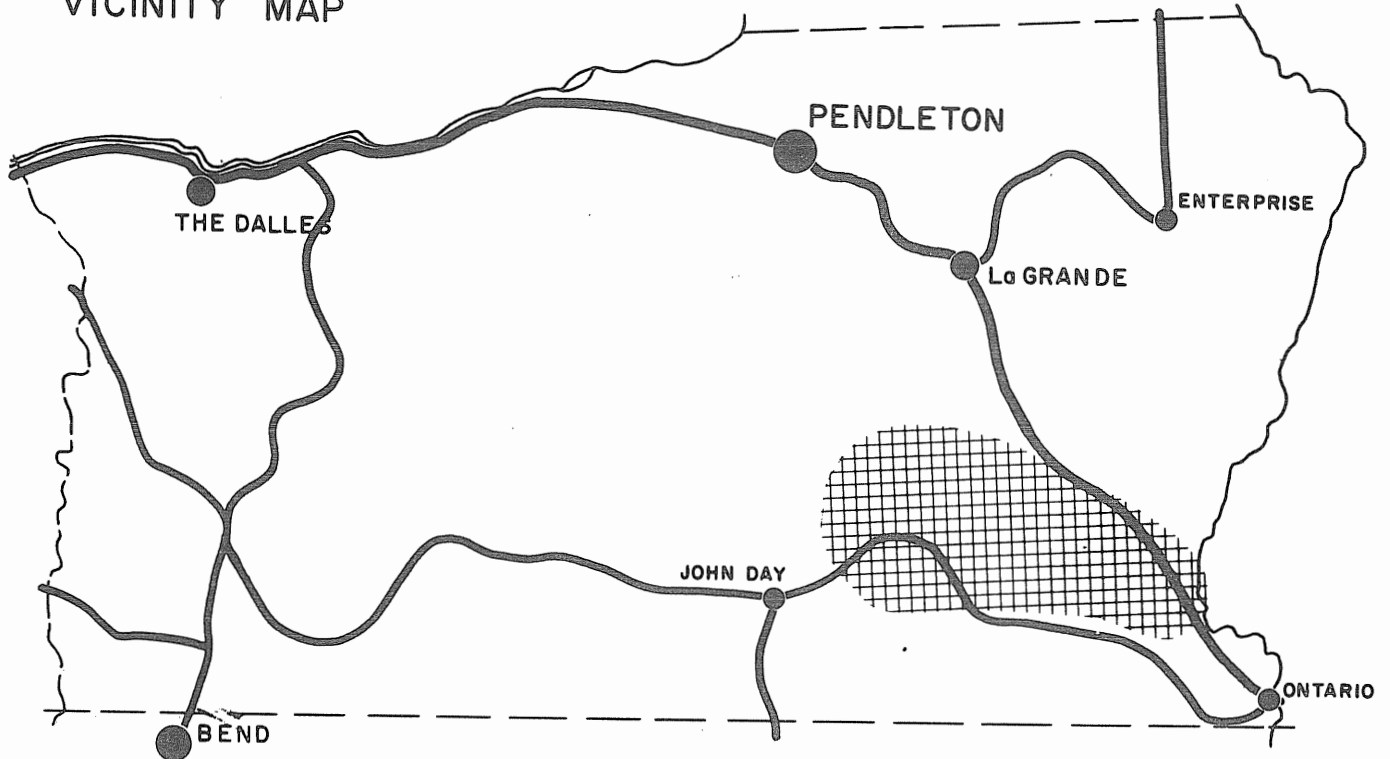
As with most rivers in southeastern Oregon, it is used extensively for irrigation; returning water from the fields keeps the river warm. However, with "the canyon" and the diversion free area below Unity Dam where water flows are good in summer and temperatures are not critical for trout, a good trout fishery could be established if rough fish were removed.

Access is not a major problem on the Burnt River except for Unity Reservoir. State highways parallel much of the river that is fishable, but as access demands increase the inaccessible areas that now exist will need to be opened up. Unity Reservoir gets heavy angling pressure each year. There is only one boat ramp and developed facility on the lake. Most of the shore line is not paralleled by roads and shore access is needed.

This report details a plan that we hope can be followed to solve the access problems of the Burnt River. Too, we hope that all agencies that are interested in retaining existing water access as well as providing additional facilities, whether they be municipal, county, or state will all join in a cooperative effort to carry out this plan in an orderly manner. It is probable that Land and Water Conservation Funds will be available on a 50-50 matching basis. In order to acquire these funds, it will be necessary to apply through the Oregon State Highway Department.

This river system has been broken into seven areas, each with its individual access needs and fishery differences. The following sections describe the areas in detail and the evaluation sheets illustrate the access problems and recommend development that will help to alleviate this problem.

## VICINITY MAP



The Burnt River begins on the east side of the Blue Mountains east of John Day and flows to meet the upper end of Brownlee Reservoir at Huntington.

Interstate 80N through La Grande and State Highway 26 connect western Oregon with the basin. Through La Grande the distance from Portland is 327 miles and takes about  $6\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Through John Day the distance is about 319 miles and takes about 7 hours. La Grande is 68 miles north of the basin; Ontario lies 48 miles to the south.



## AREA I

Area I includes the lower end of the Burnt River from its junction with Brownlee Reservoir to the town of Durkee. This area is paralleled by Highway 80N and old Highway 30. Road construction is in its peak of activity at the writing of this report; consequently, the geography along this section will change.

The backwater from Brownlee Reservoir extends one mile up the river toward Huntington and ends 1/2 mile from the city limits. The section above Huntington is all relatively slow-moving water with gradual riffles interspersed along the way. Willows predominate along the stream bank with large cottonwoods in a few places.

The area at the present time supports a small population of warm-water game fish--smallmouth bass, channel catfish, and brown bullheads. Rough fish populations are at the saturation point. This river needs to be rehabilitated, as explained in the introduction to this report. Upon rehabilitation, a good warm-water fishery could be developed and a trout fishery established during the spring months.

With the river in close proximity to highways, there is no access problem in this area. At the present time, the fishery is of little importance due to rough fish populations and extremely low flows during the summer months. All water in the river is return irrigation from the Durkee area.

One wayside has been recommended at the mouth of Dixie Creek to add comfort to hot and weary travelers through this dry part of our state. A description of this site can be found on the following evaluation sheet.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 1  
I Area Priority A

Name Dixie Creek Wayside

Location At the mouth of Dixie Creek along Highway 30, West Bank

T 13S, R 14E, Sec. 16; River Mile 11 County Baker

Ownership: Public State of Oregon

Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Narrow desert valley

Cover type Cheat grass with a few large cottonwoods along river

Road access Paved highway, Condition Good

Flows High - spring  
Low - summer and fall Water quality Poor

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 5 Acres, 500 Feet of frontage

Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_

Toilets x Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_

Parking area x; For 50 cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

This site will accommodate travelers along Highway 30 and warm-water game  
fish anglers in the Huntington - Durkee area.

AREA           I          

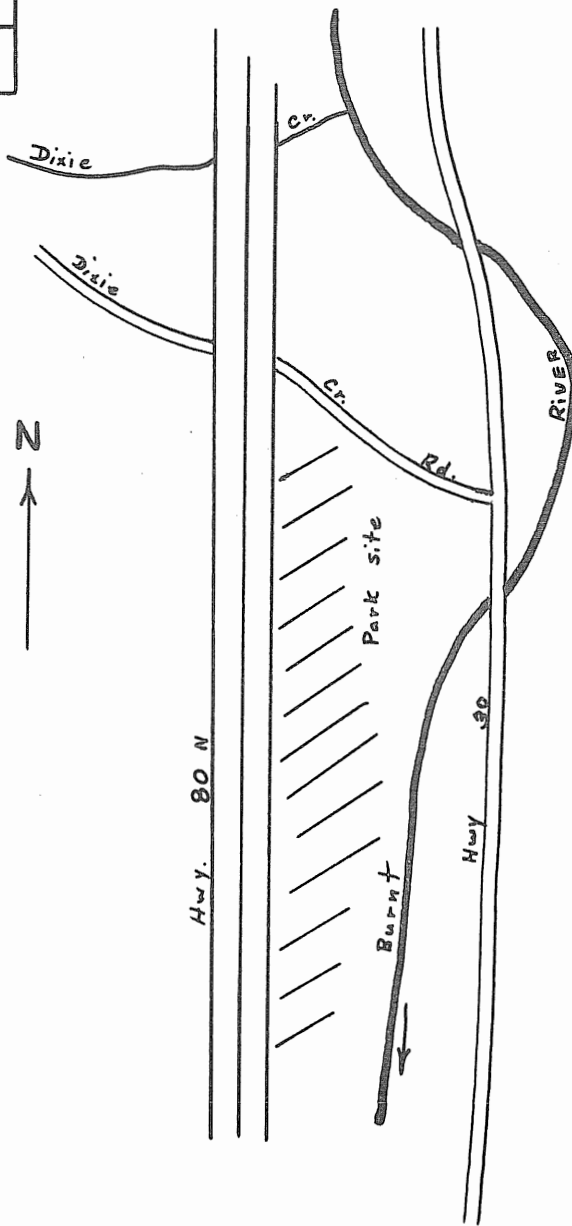
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FISHERY: Warm-water game fish - smallmouth bass, channel catfish, and brown bullheads.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	X	X	X	

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	

RECREATION  
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This recreation area would fill the need for this type of facility on this Burnt River area. Rattlesnake Springs wayside is located about seven miles north of this site, but does not furnish access to the river.

## AREA II

Area II lies between Durkee and Bridgeport, or the portion that is referred to as "the canyon." This is a rugged area with steep canyon walls covered with little vegetation. The river tumbles over boulders and bedrock and forms deep pools between rapids and falls. This is an area suitable for trout production. Water flows are good through the year and water temperatures remain well within the tolerance limits of trout. Upon rehabilitation (large populations of rough fish exist here now) this would produce excellent trout angling.

Access is no problem. State Highway 7 parallels the river all the way through "the canyon" making every foot of the way available to anglers. The spotting of wide shoulders along the highway would be advantageous to provide parking area for anglers.

Refer to the fold-out map for the location of this area.

### AREA III

Area III is the upper Burnt River Valley where the river meanders through hayfields; willow and cattail growth is heavy along the stream. The water is slow-moving with deep pools predominating. The area now has a large rough fish population; however, large trout from Unity Reservoir filter into the upper end of this section and produce some good angling in the spring.

No particular site has any advantages over another, so the area was put in the category "gain access whenever and wherever possible." However, access to the upper 1/3 of the area would be more desirable because of the trout fishery. Access sites should incorporate parking, camping, and picnic areas where possible.

Higgins Reservoir, a small body of water about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of the river and southwest of Hereford, is at the main forks of Camp Creek. The lake is approximately 80 surface acres and is stocked annually with 20,000 rainbow fingerlings. The reservoir produces nice trout and would be used more by anglers if roads were constructed to the lake and road access to the shore line were made available.

A further description of the areas and access needs are presented on the following evaluation sheets.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 1  
III Area Priority B

Name Upper Burnt River Valley

Location From lower end of canyon below Unity Reservoir/ to Bridgeport  
38E North Bank  
T 12S, R 39E, Sec. -; River Mile 41-62 County Baker  
40E  
Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private x Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Agricultural valley with hay meadows  
Cover type Hayfields with willows along river  
Road access Paved and gravel, Condition Good  
Flows Good Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, About 2 miles of frontage  
Type of conveyance Purchase or easement

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_  
Toilets x\* Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area x\*; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

This site will accommodate trout anglers along 2 miles of potentially  
good trout water.

\* Where possible

AREA III

SITE # 1

FISHERY: Rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	

SEE FOLD-OUT MAP

OTHER

Safety Problems:  
  
Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This area would provide some additional good trout angling in the vicinity of Unity Reservoir. The reservoir is already known as one of the top trout producers in the state.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 2  
III Area Priority A  
Name Higgins Reservoir

Location About 4 miles southwest of Hereford, - Bank  
T 13S, R 38E, Sec. 8<sup>4,5</sup>; River Mile - County Baker  
Ownership: Public U. S. Government and  
Private x\* Tax Lot No. 600 Number of owners 1  
\* Camp Creek Water Company

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Rolling mountains  
Cover type Sage and bunch grass  
Road access Single lane ruts, Condition Poor  
Flows Reservoir fills in winter Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: - Acres, Entire shore line of lake, and creek below dam.  
Type of conveyance Easement

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type Concrete plank Number of lanes 1  
Toilets x Trails - Roads x  
Parking area x; For - cars or 50 car-trailer units

This site will accommodate trout anglers in the early part of the trout season.

FISHERY: Rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
Light		Tr	Tr	

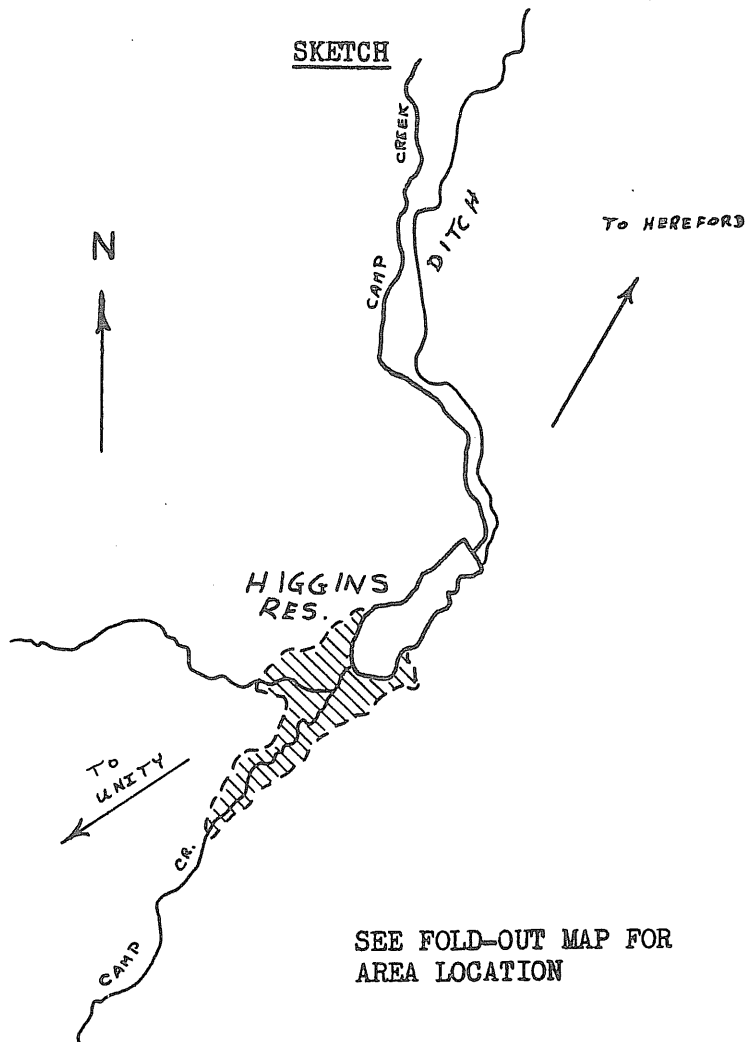
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Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	



SEE FOLD-OUT MAP FOR AREA LOCATION

REMARKS This is a very nice reservoir that sustains a good population of trout. Use would increase if the reservoir were made accessible. The existing road needs improvement and an additional road should be constructed from Hereford to the dam and a boat ramp should be built near the dam. Camping and rest facilities would be good near the boat ramp.

The creek below the reservoir offers good trout angling in spring and into early summer from fish that wash over the dam during high water.





#### AREA IV

Area IV includes the canyon below Unity Dam which is approximately two miles long. The stream is made up of boulders and bedrock, and the river forms deep pools and short sections of white water as it makes its way to the valley below. This section is above the irrigation diversions and water flows are excellent during the irrigation season. The deep pools are sufficient to hold trout through the periods of low flow.

A majority of the fish are large trout that flush over the spillway from Unity Reservoir during winter floods. This section is fished heavily during the first six weeks of the trout season and success is good.

Since the highway parallels the river it is quite accessible. However, parking areas are needed along the highway to accommodate anglers during times of heavy angling pressure.

Within a year the State Highway Commission will be developing a parking, sanitary, and picnic facility below Unity Dam on the south side of the river. Artesian well water will be piped to the area. This development will add parking area that is needed during the early spring trout season.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. -  
IV Area Priority A  
Name Canyon below Unity Dam

Location Directly below Unity Dam, North Bank  
T 12S, R 37E, Sec. 21,22, 23,27; River Mile 61.5-63.6 County Baker  
Ownership: Public U. S. Government and  
Private x Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Rolling mountains  
Cover type Sagebrush and bunch grass  
Road access Paved highway, Condition Good  
Flows Fluctuating Water quality Good  
Present stage of development A few wide shoulders along highway for parking

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, \_\_\_\_\_ Feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance \_\_\_\_\_

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area x; For 50 cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

This site will accommodate trout anglers along two miles of stream.

AREA IV

SITE # -

FISHERY: Rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr			
Medium		Tr		
Light			Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
X	X	X	

SEE FOLD-OUT MAP

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The level areas for parking near the river are very limited.



## AREA V

The lake formed by Unity Dam is nestled among grass and sage-covered mountains on the forks of the Burnt River. Unity is a typical southeastern Oregon reservoir. It is used primarily for irrigation, but it supports a good population of rainbow trout from the 300,000 fingerlings that are stocked each year. Its past history has been that of periodic rough fish infestations. It was chemically treated in 1954, again in 1962, and now at the writing of this report the rough fish are again dominating the fishery picture at the lake.

This body of water gets heavy use. In 1965, 40,000 angler days harvested 90,000 trout. The state park near the dam in 1960, a relatively poor angling year, recorded 60,000 visits from both anglers and travelers.

Access is needed at the lake. The one state park at the dam is the only developed site in the area. A local sportsmen's organization has installed temporary toilets on Middle Fork Point, but no running water or boat ramp is available. Road access is needed on South Fork Bay for bank anglers as well as along the north shore, and a park is needed on Middle Fork Point.

The following evaluation sheets illustrate the access problem and point out the location of needed roads and facilities. Unity Reservoir State Park is presented as site number one.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 1  
V Area Priority Complete

Name Unity Reservoir State Park

Location 4 miles north of Unity, South Bank  
T 12S, R 37E, Sec. -; River Mile 64 County Baker

Ownership: Public Oregon State Highway Commission  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Rolling mountains  
Cover type Sagebrush and bunch grass  
Road access Paved highway, Condition Good  
Flows Fluctuating Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, \_\_\_\_\_ Feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance \_\_\_\_\_

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_

Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_

Parking area \_\_\_\_\_; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

This site accommodates trout anglers that fish Unity Reservoir.

AREA           V          

SITE #           1          

FISHERY: Rainbow trout - the lake has been chemically treated twice in the last 12 years.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr			
Medium		Tr		
Light			Tr	

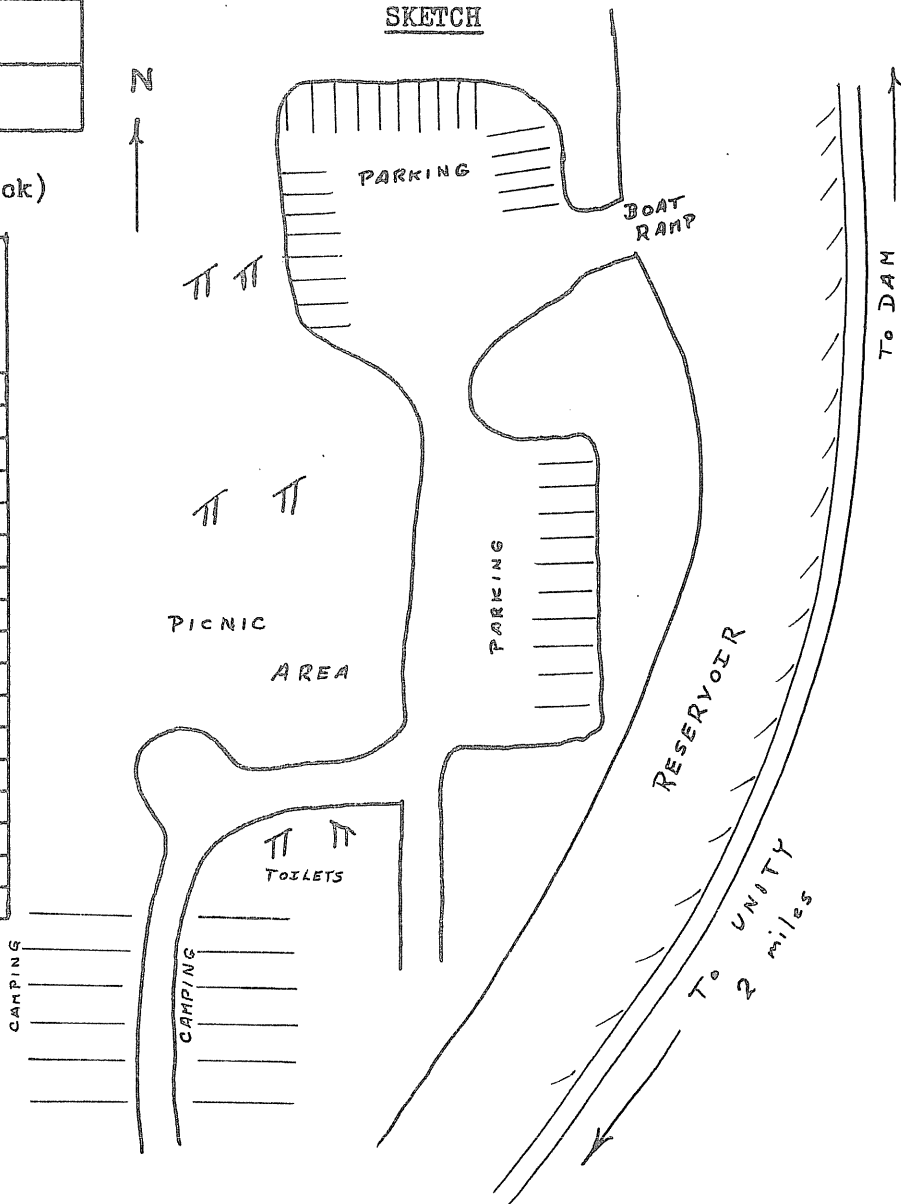
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Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
X	X	X		
X	X	X		
X	X	X		
X	X	X		
			X	
			X	
			X	
X	X	X		
X				
X				



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Picnicking, camping, parking for buses is limited.

REMARKS

Running water and stoves are provided. 75¢ for each nite camping.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 2  
V Area Priority A

Name Unity Reservoir

Location 4 miles north of Unity, Entire shore line  
T 12S, R 37E, Sec. -; River Mile 64 County Baker

Ownership: Public Bureau of Reclamation\* and  
Private x Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

\* The shore line is Bureau of Reclamation Land.

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Rolling mountains

Cover type Sagebrush and bunch grass

Road access Paved highway to part of lake, Condition Good

Flows Fluctuating Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, North and south shore line

Type of conveyance Purchase and/or easements

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type\* Concrete plank or asphalt Number of lanes 2

Toilets x Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads x

Parking area x; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 50 car-trailer units

This site will accommodate anglers on Unity Reservoir.

\*On Middle Fork Point

AREA       V      

SITE #       2      

FISHERY: Rainbow trout - the lake has been chemically treated twice in the last 12 years.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr			
Medium		Tr		
Light			Tr	

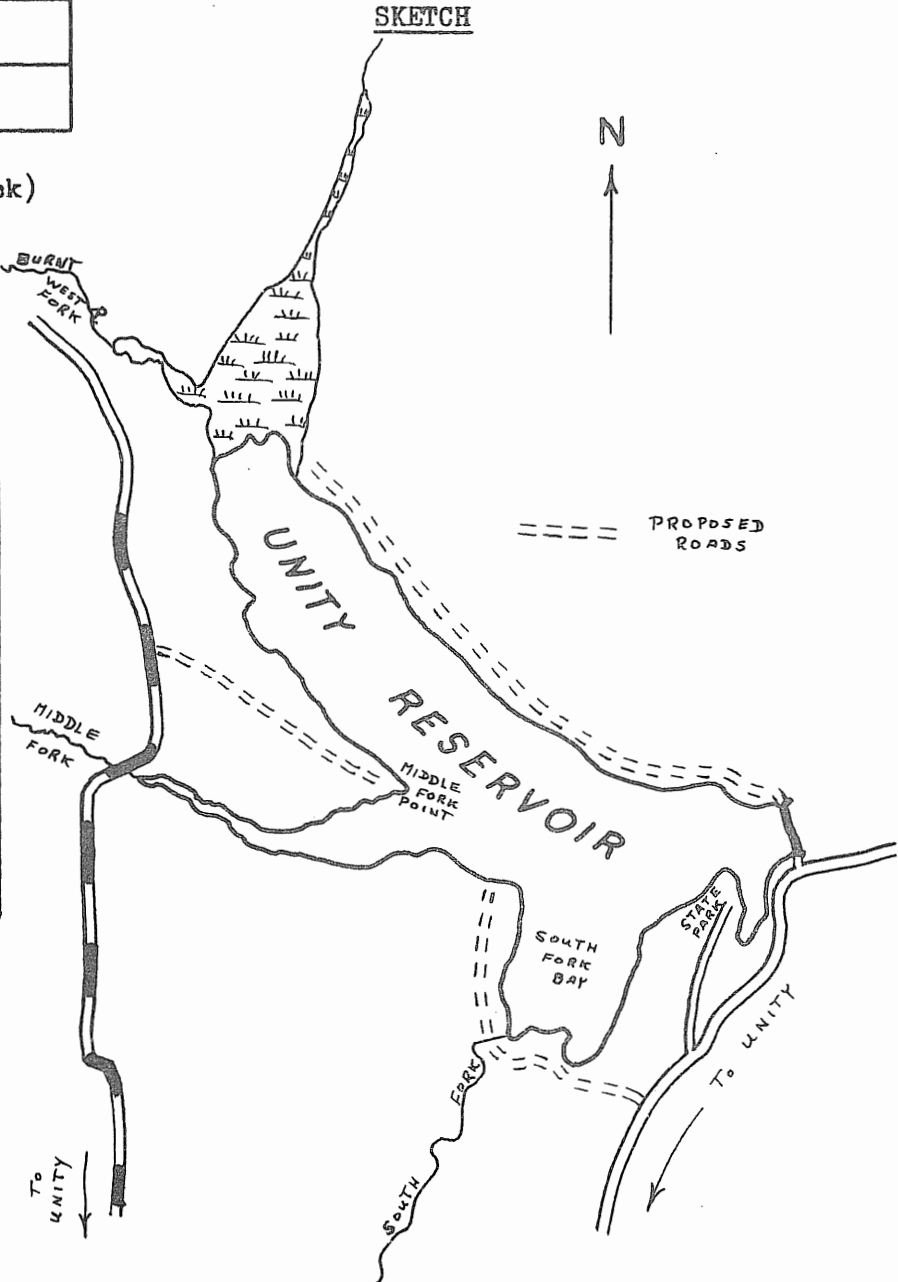
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Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
			X	
			X	
			X	
	X	X	X	
		X		
		X		



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The construction of roads along the shore line will open up quite a few more miles of shore line to bank anglers. A park with sanitary facilities and boat ramp is needed on Middle Fork Point.



## AREA VI

The upper reaches of the South Fork is a very beautiful area. The river is crystal clear and cold. The area is covered with mature pines with only a short grass understory. There is no brush to hinder anglers along the stream, but the mountain sides have sparse stands of brush under the large trees. It is heavily hunted for deer but is lightly fished for trout.

The stream is relatively shallow all the way and swift moving. There are no natural pools for trout to find shelter. An experimental project of check-dam construction has been started in the stream that has greatly enhanced the trout habitat. Since no hatchery releases are made on the South Fork, the entire trout population is composed of native fish.

The three Forest Service campgrounds serve the area well. A trout pond has been proposed at Mammoth Spring to enhance the trout fishery. These sites are explained more fully in the evaluation sheets that follow.

The only part of this area that needs access is the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of river below Whited Reservoir. This section receives good flows from the reservoir and supports big, sassy trout. However, all land adjacent to the river is privately owned. No sites have been recommended, but the area has been classed as "gain access whenever and wherever possible." A further description of this section can be found on the following evaluation sheet.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 1  
VI Area Priority A

Name River 1½ miles below Whited Reservoir

Location 1½ miles below Whited Dam, Both Bank

T 13S, R 36E, Sec. 12 & 13 River Mile - County Baker

Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private  Tax Lot No. 400 Number of owners 3  
1500

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Short canyon opening into fertile valley

Cover type Sage and pasture land

Road access Two lane gravel, Condition Good

Flows Good Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, as much as possible

Type of conveyance Easement

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_

Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_

Parking area \_\_\_\_\_; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

This site will accommodate trout anglers along 1½ miles of good trout water.

AREA VI

SITE # 1

FISHERY: Rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout,  
Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

Boating, motor  
Boating, non-motor  
Camping, tent  
Camping, trailer  
Fishing, boat  
Fishing, shore  
Hiking  
Horseback riding  
Hunting, big game  
Hunting, upland game  
Hunting, waterfowl  
Nature study  
Picnicking  
Sightseeing  
Skin and scuba diving  
Swimming  
Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	

SEE FOLD-OUT MAP

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The area is lightly fished now because of private ownership.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 2

VI Area Priority Complete

Name South Fork Campground

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Location 7 miles up the South Fork from Unity, Both Bank

T13S, R 36E, Sec. 28; River Mile 73 County Baker

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service

Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous with flat areas near river

Cover type Coniferous trees - pine, fir, larch

Road access Single lane gravel, Condition Fair

Flows Stable Water quality Excellent

Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, \_\_\_\_\_ Feet of frontage

Type of conveyance \_\_\_\_\_

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_

Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_

Parking area \_\_\_\_\_; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

This site will accommodate hunters and anglers on the South Fork.

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AREA VI

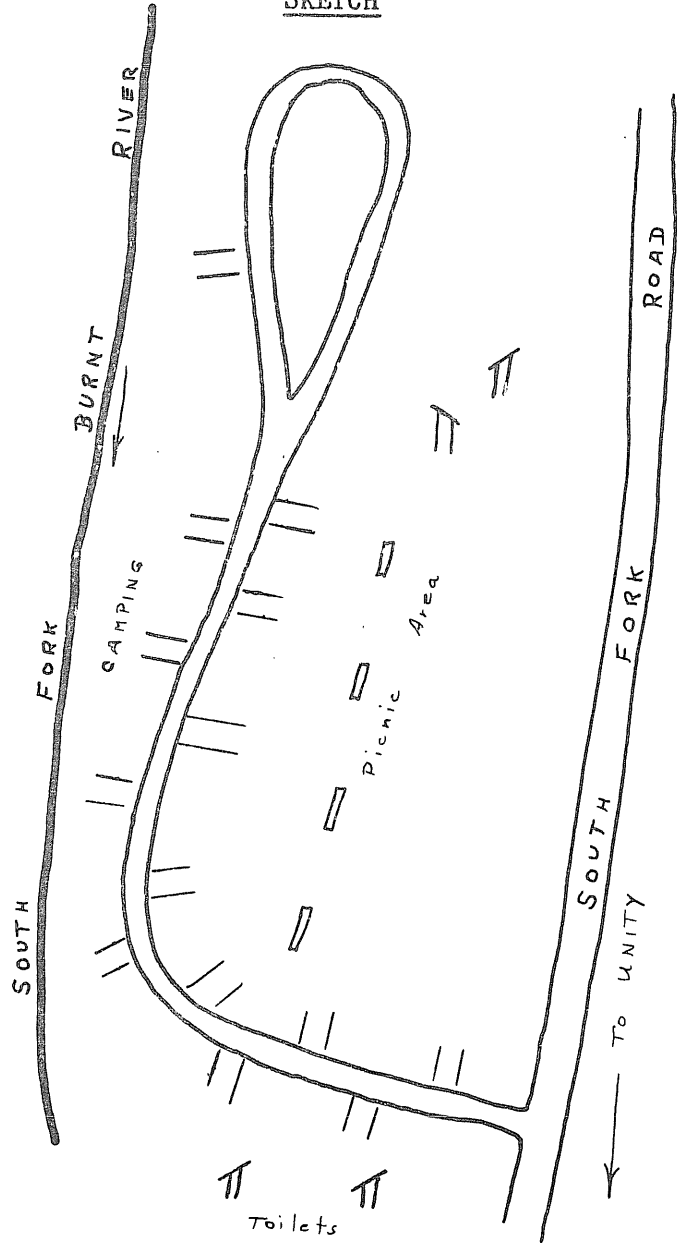
SITE # 2

FISHERY: Native Rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
Light		Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X		
			X	
			X	
	X	X	X	

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is a nice shaded campground adjacent to an excellent crystal clear stream.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 3  
VI Area Priority Complete

Name Elk Creek Campground

Location 8 miles up the South Fork from Unity, West Bank  
T 13S, R 36E, Sec. 32; River Mile 74 County Baker  
Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous with flat areas near river  
Cover type Large pine overstory with grass beneath  
Road access Single lane gravel, Condition Fair  
Flows Stable Water quality Excellent  
Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, \_\_\_\_\_ Feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance \_\_\_\_\_

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_

Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_

Parking area \_\_\_\_\_; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

This site will accommodate hunters and anglers on the South Fork.

AREA VI

SITE # 3

FISHERY: Native rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
Light		Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

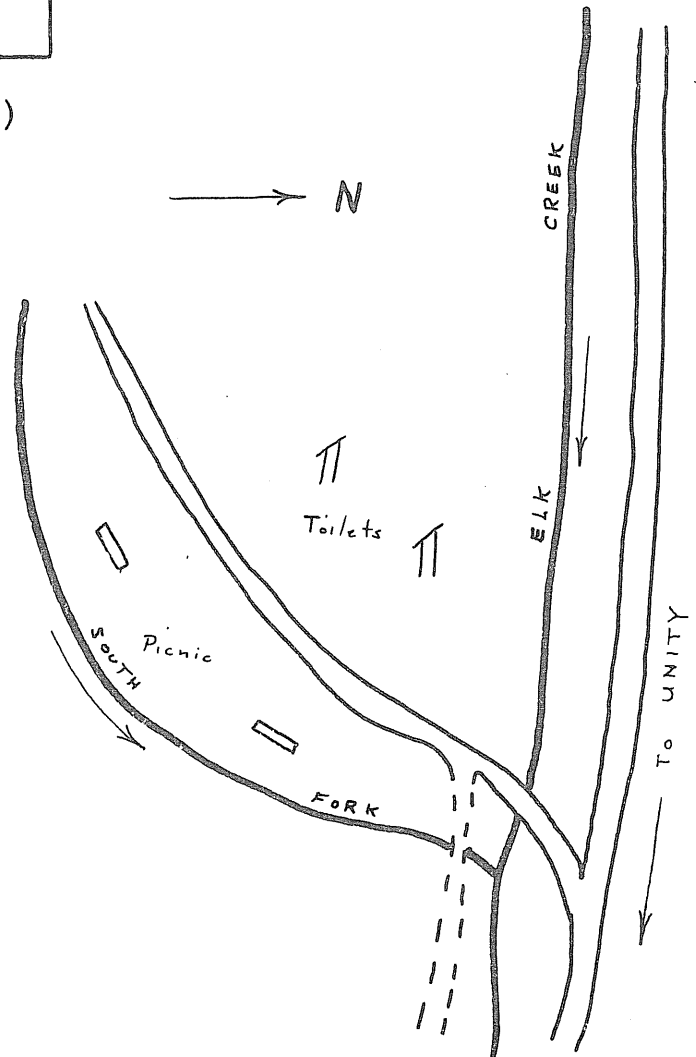
SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X		
			X	
			X	
	X	X	X	



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is just a flat at the forks with a couple of picnic tables and a pair of toilets.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 4  
VI Area Priority A

Name Mammoth Spring Campground

Location 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles up the South Fork from Unity, North Bank  
T 13S, R 36E, Sec. 30; River Mile 74 $\frac{1}{2}$  County Baker  
Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous with flat areas near river  
Cover type Large pine overstory with grass beneath  
Road access Single lane gravel, Condition Fair  
Flows Stable Water quality Excellent  
Present stage of development One primitive camp site

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, \_\_\_\_\_ Feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance \_\_\_\_\_

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area \_\_\_\_\_; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

This site will accommodate hunters and trout anglers on the South Fork.

AREA VI

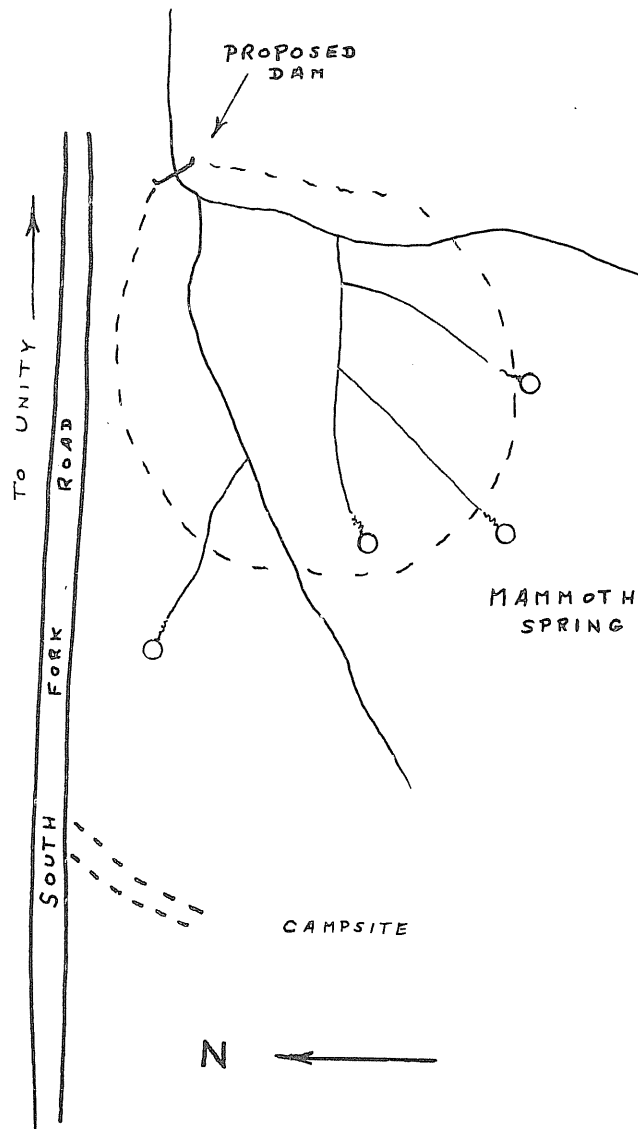
SITE # 4

FISHERY: Native rainbow trout - with the construction of this small pond it would afford additional trout angling.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
Light		Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

RECREATION (Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	
			X	
	X	X	X	

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The Forest Service recommends building about a 3-acre pond here. With the cold spring water it should make a nice cold trout pond.



## AREA VII

The North Fork is an area of low flows and inconsequential trout populations. Therefore, angler use is quite light. The area lies in the National Forest and is timbered with mature ponderosa pine with very little understory brush. There is a level valley along the stream with unlimited area for camping, but there is very little water. The North Fork is used heavily by deer and elk hunters in the fall.

The Whitney Valley is a large meadow with the North Fork flowing lazily through deep potholes that are formed by beaver dams. This is the fishing area, but activity is concentrated in the spring when stream flows are good.

The Forest Service has planned a campground just above the mouth of Fourth Creek on the North Fork. This facility will become a reality by 1976 and will provide camping and sanitary facilities for our anticipated increase in recreationists.

A very good dam site exists at the mouth of Trout Creek which would flood the Whitney Valley. This dam would form a good reservoir, create an additional trout fishery, and greatly improve the stream below the reservoir for trout production.

A more detailed description of this proposed impoundment can be found on the following site evaluation sheet.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Burnt River System Site No. 1  
VII Area Priority D

Name Whitney Valley Reservoir

Location In Whitney Valley at mouth of Trout Creek, --- Bank  
T10S, R 36E, Sec. -; River Mile - County Baker  
Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service and  
Private x Tax Lot No. 1600 Number of owners 2  
1800

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Meadow  
Cover type Grass and reeds  
Road access Two lane gravel, Condition Good  
Flows High - spring  
Low - summer Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: Entire valley Feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development: If reservoir is built

Boat Ramp: Type Concrete plank Number of lanes 1  
Toilets x Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area x; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 50 car-trailer units

This site will accommodate trout anglers on the North Fork.

AREA VII

SITE # 1

FISHERY: Rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game\*
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
		X	X	
		X	X	
		X	X	
		X	X	
		X	X	
			X	
		X	X	

SEE FOLD-OUT MAP

\* Deer and elk hunting is very popular in this area.

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The construction of this reservoir would create an additional trout fishery and would greatly improve the stream below the reservoir for trout production.



