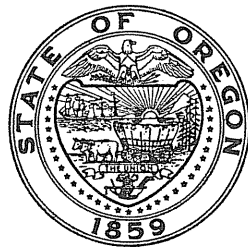


OREGON LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

GILLIAM, MORROW AND UMATILLA COUNTIES

**MASTER PLAN
FOR ANGLER ACCESS AND
ASSOCIATED RECREATIONAL
USES**



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Master Plan for Angler Access

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This report details a plan that we hope can be followed to solve access problems and provide additional recreational waters in Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla Counties. 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.

The areas covered in this report include Gilliam, Morrow, and Umatilla Counties. All three counties are located in the northeastern quarter of the state and encompass an area of 6,524 square miles. The climate of this region is temperate and semiarid, characterized by low annual precipitation, low winter temperatures, and high summer temperatures.

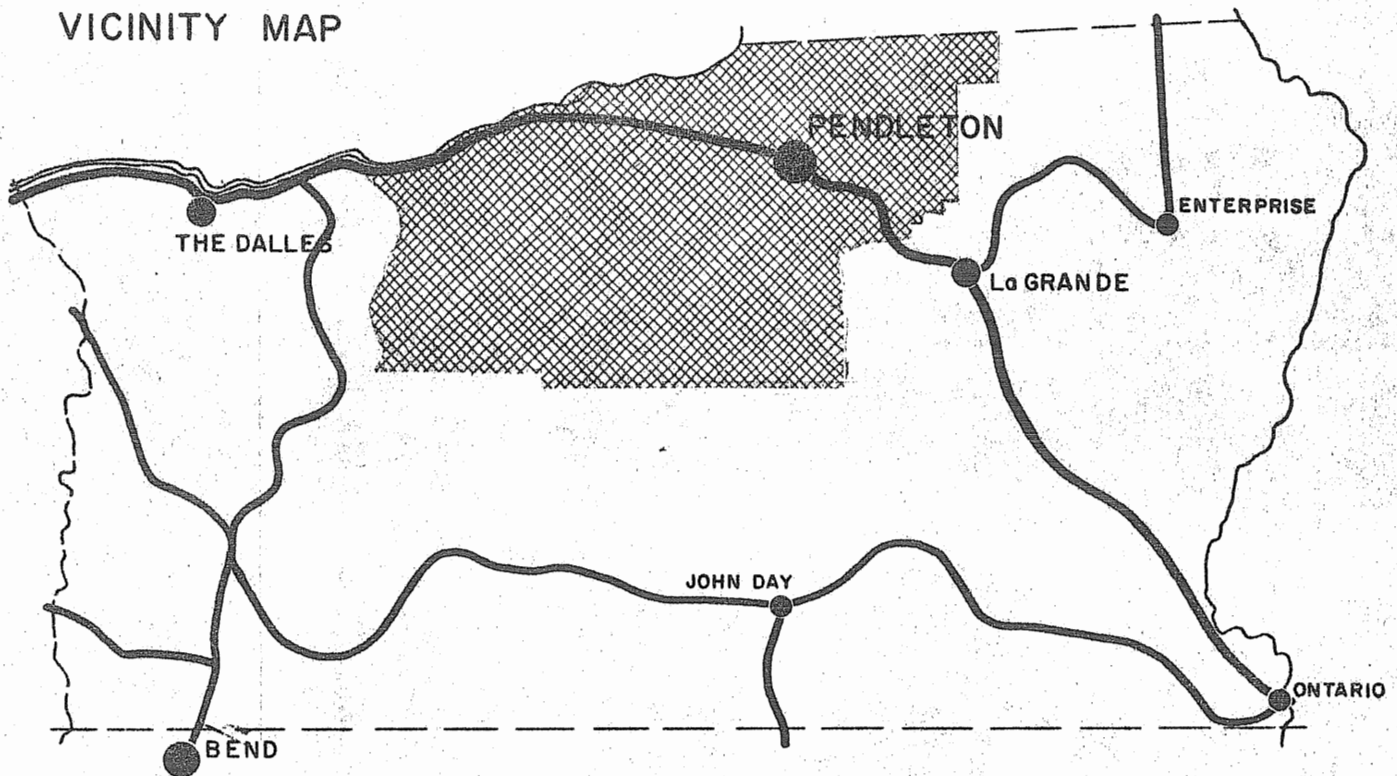
Since this area has only a limited supply of surface water, emphasis is being put on the construction of reservoirs which would impound runoff waters for angling and other recreation uses. At present, there are only six impoundments within the tri-county area and these come far from meeting the public demand. An additional 15 reservoirs have been recommended for future development in order to provide adequate public fishing access.

We realize in writing a plan of this type that we have not covered all of the potential impoundment sites available. What we have attempted to include are those existing and potential bodies of water that provide or could be developed to provide significant recreation at economically feasible costs. New sites or modifications of existing sites that fit this criteria may be added to this report by supplement in the future.

The fishery consists of warm-water game fish and trout. McKay and Cold Springs Reservoirs provide both types of fisheries while the remainder of the impoundments provide angling on stocked rainbow trout. The season is open the entire year on these waters with the exception of McKay and Cold Springs Reservoirs which are closed during the waterfowl nesting period.

This report has been divided into three sections and each has been handled according to its individual needs. The following sections describe these areas more fully and each access site is described in detail.

VICINITY MAP



This area is located in the northeastern quarter of the state and is connected with the centers of population in western Oregon by Interstate 80N and U. S. Route 30. The project area begins at the John Day River, approximately 125 miles east of Portland.

AREA I

Area I is the most westernly unit included in this report and encompasses Gilliam County, covering an area 1,218 square miles. It is bounded on the north by the Columbia River, on the west by the John Day River, on the south by Wheeler County and on the east by Morrow County.

Because of the low to moderate annual rainfall, the major portion of the county is either dry farm or range lands, which are completely void of public lakes or reservoirs. The access plan for this area includes two potential impoundment sites which are located on Eightmile Creek and Lost Valley Creek. These sites are badly needed and would enhance the counties' fishery tremendously. At the present time the fishery is limited primarily to the John Day River and the Columbia River with early fisheries in some of the tributary streams.

A description of the proposed impoundment sites can be found on the following evaluation sheets.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Willow Creek System Site No. 1
I Area Priority B
 Name Eightmile Canyon Site

Location 0.50 mile upstream from Rhea, Both Banks
 T 3 N, R 22 E, Sec. 26 & 27 County Gilliam
 Ownership: Public _____
 Private X Tax Lot No. 2200, 2500
 Number of owners 2

DESCRIPTION

Land type Rolling range land
 Cover type Sage and grass slopes with willow on the creek bottoms
 Road access County road, Condition Good
 Flows fluctuate seasonally Water quality Good
 Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 250 Acres, _____ of frontage
 Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete ramp Number of lanes 1
 Toilets X Trails X Roads X
 Parking area X; For 50 cars or 25 car-trailer units
 This site would provide a lake fishery in an area completely void of lakes.

AREA B

SITE # 1

FISHERY: Early fishery on trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

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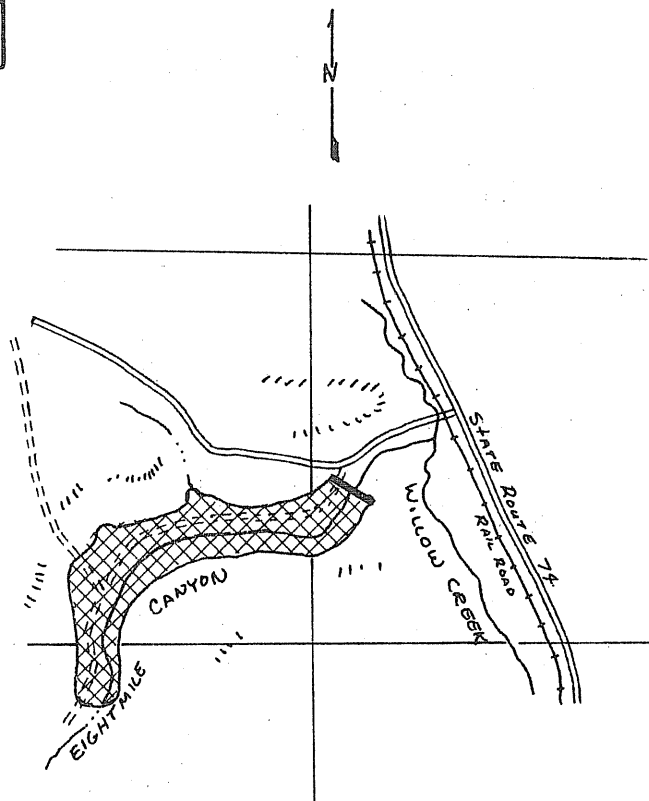
Seasons (Check)

* 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		

* Available if constructed



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This site is located approximately 8 miles south of the Heppner Junction. An impoundment of around 150 surface acres could be created by constructing a dam 50 feet x 2,640 feet in size. The impoundment would be long and narrow and would provide a maximum amount of shore area. There is also an adequate summer flow to maintain the pool level.

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Location Headwaters of Lost Creek, _____ Bank
T 5 S, R 23 E, Sec. 31 County Gilliam
Ownership: Public _____
Private X Tax Lot No. 2400
Number of owners 1

Land type Steep canyon

Cover type Grass slopes with brushy draws

Road access County road, Condition Good

Flows relatively stable Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

Acquisition: 30 Acres, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Boat ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____

Toilets X Trails X Roads X

Parking area X ; For 50 cars or _____ car-trailer units

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AREA I

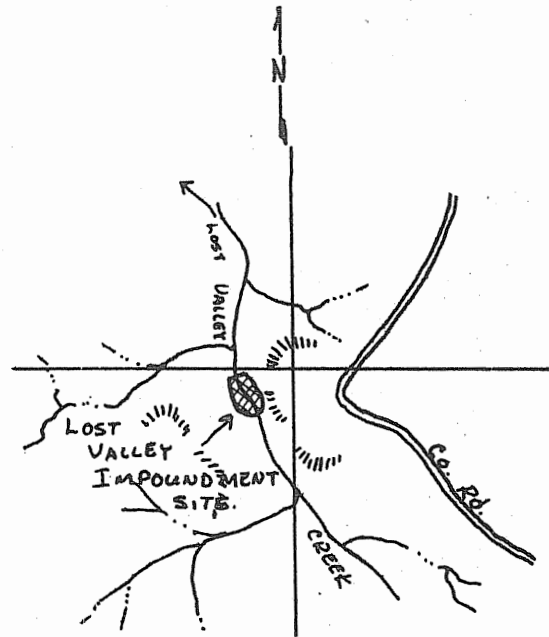
SITE # 2

FISHERY: The present fishery in Lost Creek consists of small resident rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
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	X	
	X	X	X	

* Available if constructed

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The construction of a dam would create a pool of approximately 16 surface acres. There is very little snow runoff; however, there are springs which flow the year around.

AREA II

Area II encompasses Morrow County, an area covering 2,059 square miles. It is a rich agricultural area with over 1,000,000 acres of fine farm lands and is noted for its grain crops and livestock production. The climate varies from semiarid in the northern portion to temperate in the southern forested area.

Natural lakes are nonexistent in Morrow County and only two small impoundments, totaling 0.75 surface acres in size, are available for public angling. In view of the situation, seven impoundment sites have been recommended for future development. Impoundments such as these are greatly needed in this area, and would not only provide substantial dividends to anglers but would also improve the economy of the county.

At present, the heaviest angling pressures are exerted in neighboring Grant County and on the Columbia River. There is also some early trout angling on Willow Creek and its tributaries.

A more detailed description of the recommended sites can be found on the following evaluation sheets.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

John Day River System Site No. 1
II Area Priority Complete
Name Anson Wright Memorial Park

Location 1 mile downstream from Chapman Creek, West Bank
T 5 S, R 26 E, Sec. 30 County Morrow
Ownership: Public Morrow County
Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____
Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous
Cover type Pine slopes with deciduous trees and shrubs along creek
Road access State Highway 207, Condition Paved
Flows fluctuate seasonally Water quality Good
Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ Acres, _____ 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 provides picnic and camping facilities as well as a pond fishery.

AREA II

SITE # 1

FISHERY: The fishery is on stocked rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr	Tr	Tr	
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

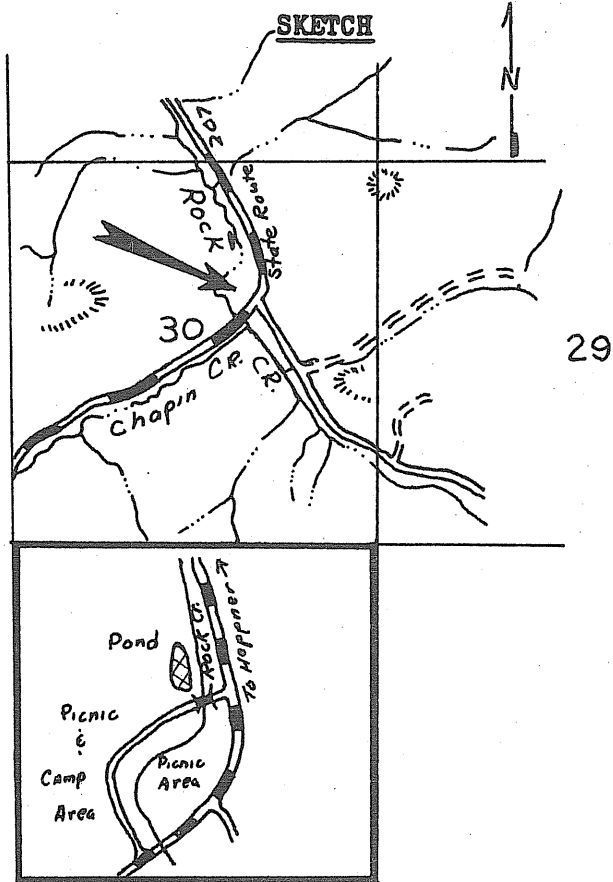
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RECREATION
(Check)

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	

SKETCH



OTHER

Safety Problems: Close proximity of highway

Group Facilities: Picnic and camping

REMARKS This is a county park which has been built on donated land. A limited amount of facilities are now available, however, additional camping areas are being constructed. The site is used heavily during both deer and elk season.
The pond is approximately 1/4 of a surface acre and provides a limited amount of angling on stocked trout.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

John Day River System Site No. 2
II Area Priority B
Name McDonald Meadow Site

Location Middle Fork Rock Creek headwaters, Both Banks
5 S 25 E 31, 32
T 6 S, R 25 E, Sec. 4 County Morrow

Ownership: Public _____
Private X Tax Lot No. 6
Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous with wet meadows
Cover type Meadow with pine covered slopes
Road access County and private, Condition Fair, dirt & gravel
Flows Dry during summer & fall Water quality Good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 100 Acres, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails X Roads Needs improved
Parking area X; For 200 cars or 100 car-trailer units
This site would provide a reservoir of approximately 50 surface acres.

AREA II

SITE # 2

FISHERY: There is a good spring fishery on rainbow trout ranging from 7 to 10 inches in length.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
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	X	X	
	X	X	X	
			X	
			X	
	X	X	X	
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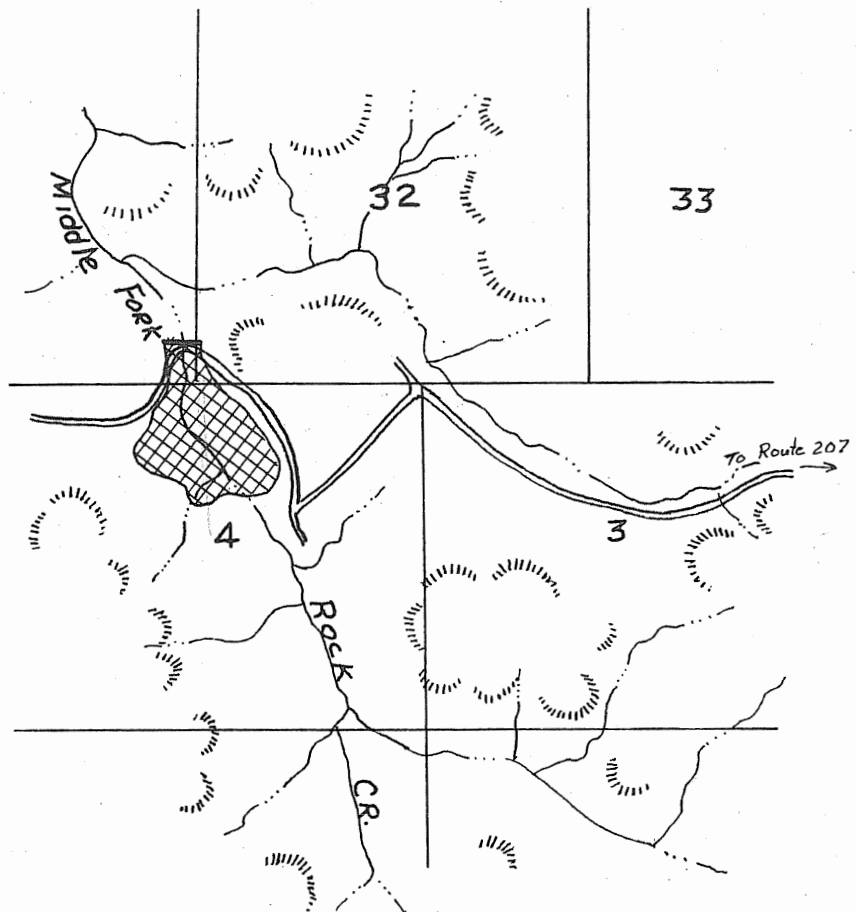
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OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This site is located in small valley 9 miles off Highway 207. A narrow canyon at the mouth of the valley provides an excellent site for a dam. By constructing a dam 20 feet by 200 feet in size, an impoundment of approximately 50 surface acres could be created. The surrounding terrain is also excellent for park developments.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

John Day River System Site No. 3
II Area Priority D
Name Parkers Mill Dam Site

Location Parkers Mill near the mouth of Board Creek, Both Banks
T 5 S, R 26 E, Sec. 34 County Morrow

Ownership: Public _____
Private X Tax Lot No. 40
Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous with wet meadow
Cover type Meadow with timbered slopes
Road access County Road, Condition All weather road
Flows Fluctuates seasonally Water quality Good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 60 Acres, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete Number of lanes _____
Toilets X Trails X Roads Relocate
Parking area X; For 100 cars or 50 car-trailer units
This site would provide an impoundment of approximately 30 surface acres.

AREA II

SITE # 3

FISHERY: There is an early fishery on both native and stocked rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr			
Medium				
Light		Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

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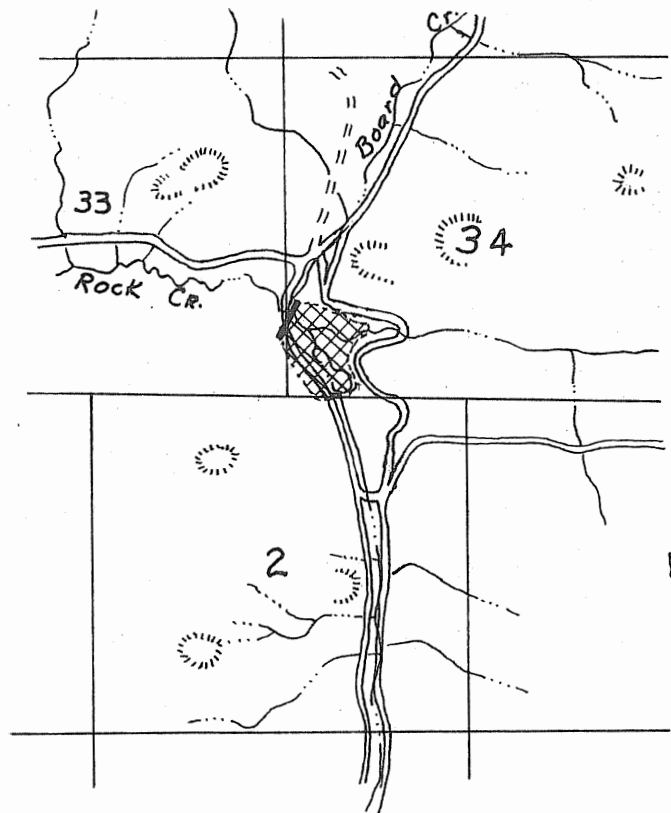
Seasons (Check)

* 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	x	x	

* Available if constructed



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This site is located four miles off Highway 207 near the mouth of Board Creek. There is an excellent dam site at the location but the gradient of the basin is relatively steep. A dam 30 feet by 200 feet would create a pool which would cover an area of approximately 30 surface acres. The road would also have to be relocated.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

John Day River System Site No. 4
II Area Priority C
Name Swale Creek Site

Location Headwaters of Swale Creek, Both Banks
T 5 S, R 28 E, Sec. 30 & 31 County Morrow
Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service lands
Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____
Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous
Cover type Lodgepole pine and wet meadow grasses
Road access Forest Service maintained, Condition Good
Flows fluctuate seasonally Water quality Good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ Acres, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance _____

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails X Roads Need relocated
Parking area X; For 100 cars or 50 car-trailer units
This site would provide an impoundment covering approximately 40 surface
acres.

AREA II

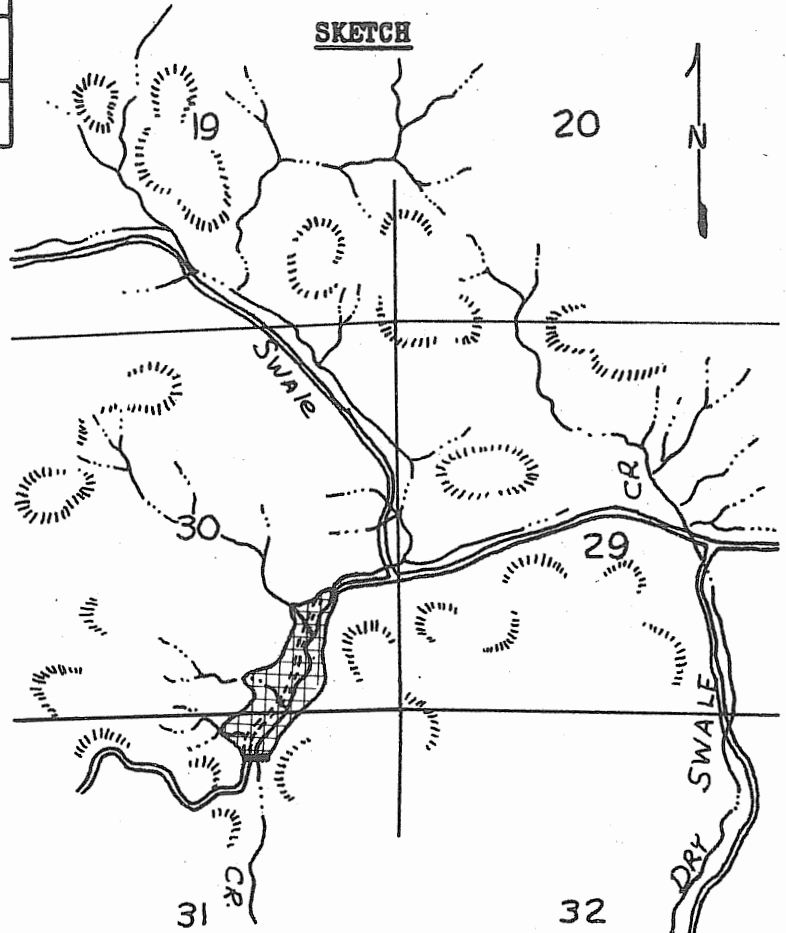
SITE # 4

FISHERY: There is an early fishery on rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
Light		Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

	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	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

* Available if constructed

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS There is a good site for a dam at this location. A dam 100 feet by 150 feet would create a pool of approximately 40 surface acres. The heavy stands of unmerchantable timber, however, may make this site unfeasible for an impoundment location.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

John Day River System Site No. 5
II Area Priority B
Name Linger Longer Site

Location North end of Porcupine Ridge near the
headwaters of Ditch Creek Both banks
T 5 S, R 28 E, Sec. 4 & 9 County Morrow
Ownership: Public _____
Private X Tax Lot No. 5
Number of owners 2

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous with wet meadow
Cover type Lodgepole pine and meadow grasses
Road access Forest Service maintained, Condition Good, all weather road
Flows Fluctuate seasonally Water quality Good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 50 Acres, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails X Roads Relocate
Parking area X; For 100 cars or 50 car-trailer units
This site would provide an angling area in the southeast portion of the
county.

AREA II

SITE # 5

FISHERY: There is a limited fishery on native rainbow trout in Ditch Creek.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

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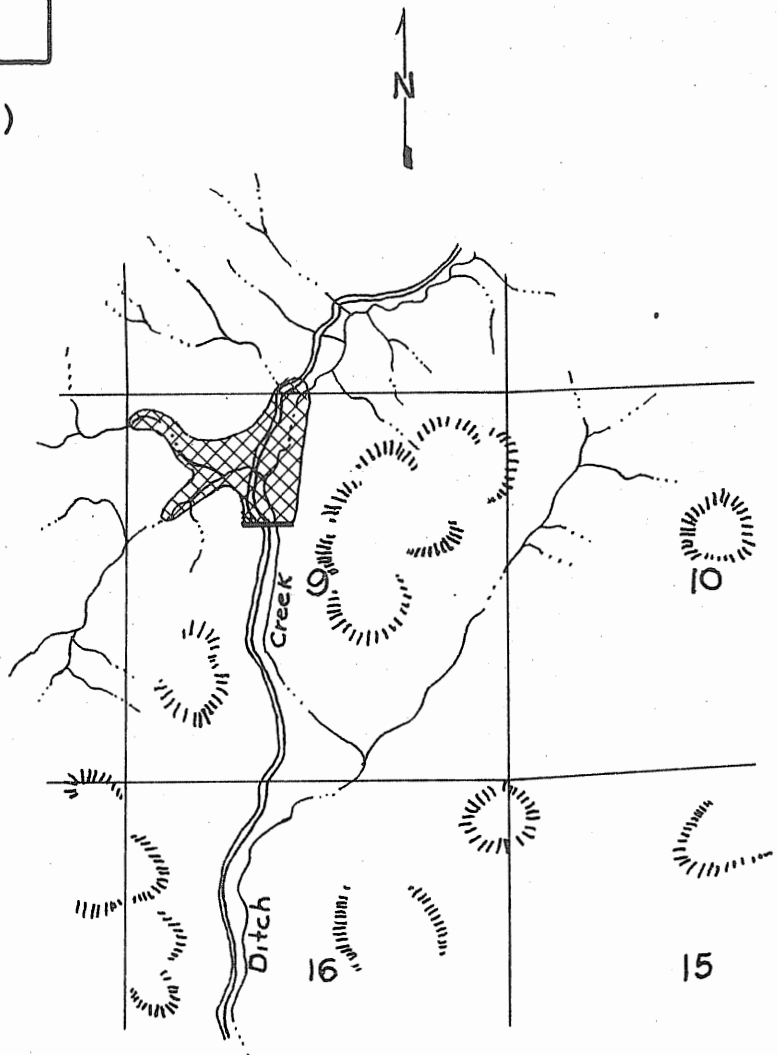
Seasons (Check)

* 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	X		

* Available if constructed



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This is an area with an excellent fishery potential. An impoundment of approximately 30 surface acres could be created by constructing a dam about 25 feet x 200 feet in size. The surrounding terrain is also ideal for a campground. Good hunting opportunities are available in the area.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Umatilla River System Site No. 6
II Area Priority Complete
 Name Cutsforth Park

Location Mouth of Herren Creek, Bank
T 4 S, R 28 E, Sec. 27 County Morrow
 Ownership: Public Morrow County
 Private Tax Lot No.
 Number of owners

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous
 Cover type Coniferous trees with grass and brush understory
 Road access Forest Service maintained, Condition All weather road
 Flows fluctuate seasonally Water quality Good
 Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: Acres, 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 provides a limited amount of angling but has good camping and
picnicking facilities.

AREA II

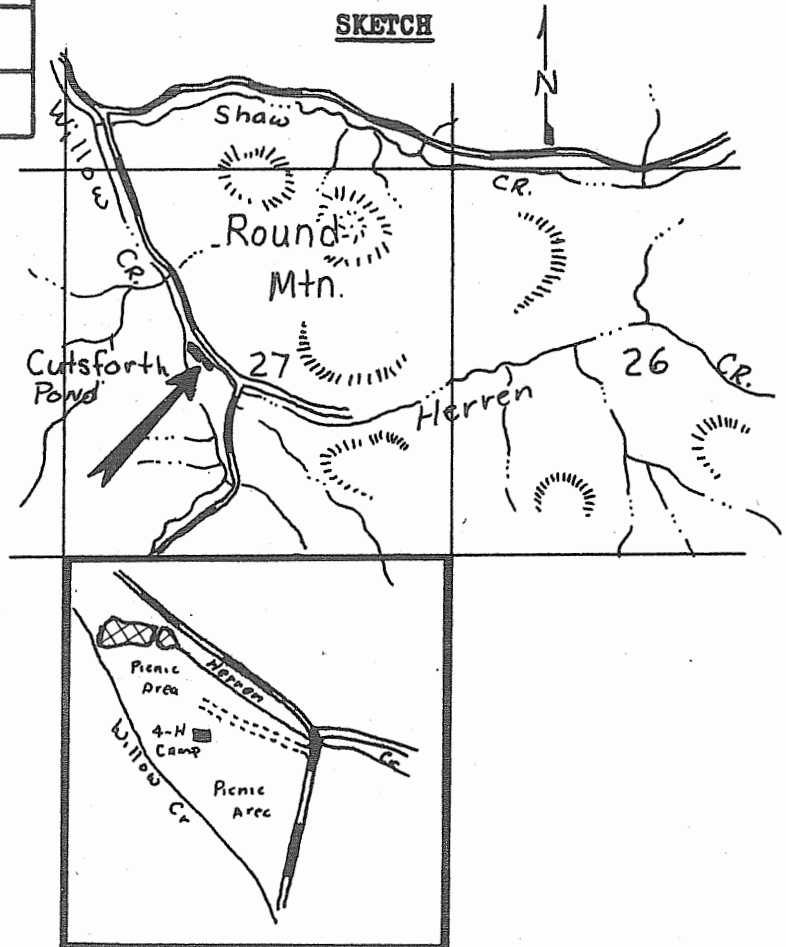
SITE # 6

FISHERY: There is a limited fishery on stocked rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr			
Medium				
Light		Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
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	
	X	X	X	
	X	X	X	

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Picnic and camping

REMARKS This site was donated to the county for recreational purposes. Both camping and picnic facilities are available for public use as well as a small fishing pond. Additional camping areas will be constructed in conjunction with the existing park.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

John Day River System Site No. 7
II Area Priority A

Name Penland Prairie Dam Site

Location Headwaters of Mallory Creek, Both Banks
T 5 S, R 28 E, Sec. 22, 23, 14, 15 County Morrow

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service
Private X Tax Lot No. 15
Number of owners 2

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous with wet meadow
Cover type Lodgepole pine with meadow grasses
Road access Forest Service maintained Condition Fair, dirt
Flows fluctuate seasonally Water quality Good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 150 Acres, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Paved Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails X Roads Relocate
Parking area X; For 200 cars or 100 car-trailer units

This site would provide a reservoir covering approximately 125 surface acres
for angling in southeast Morrow County.

AREA II

SITE # 7

FISHERY: There is a limited fishery on native rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
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	
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	X	X	X	
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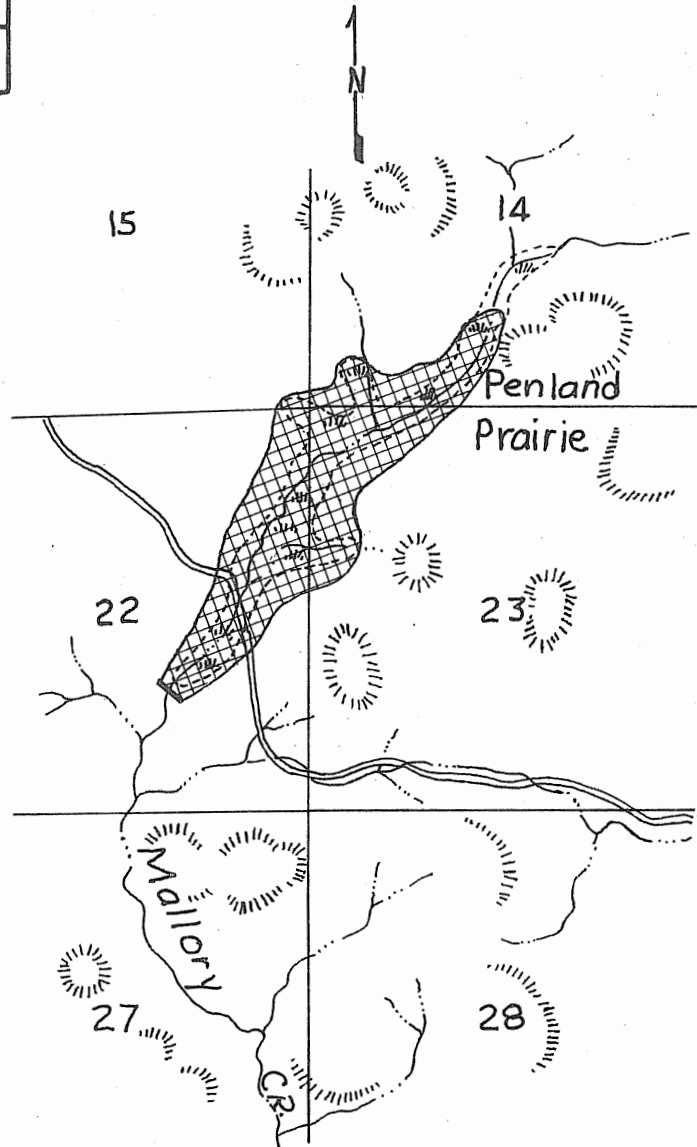
* Available if constructed

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS By constructing a dam 40 feet by 400 feet, an impoundment of approximately 125 surface acres would be created. This site has an adequate water supply and has an excellent fishery potential. Park developments could be incorporated to provide facilities for the public. The majority of the land lies on private property but there are fringe areas which would be on Forest Service land.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

John Day River System Site No. 8
II Area Priority A
 Name Kelly Prairie Site

Location Headwaters of Potamus Creek, Both Bank
T 5 S, R 29 E, Sec. 1-6-7-12 County Morrow
 Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service
 Private X Tax Lot No. Lot 2, Lot 3
 Number of owners

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous with wet meadow
 Cover type Lodgepole pine and meadow grasses
 Road access Forest Service maintained, Condition Fair - dirt
 Flows fluctuates seasonally Water quality Good
 Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 600 Acres, of frontage
 Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Paved Number of lanes 2
 Toilets X Trails X Roads Relocate
 Parking area X; For 200 cars or 100 car-trailer units
 This site would provide a reservoir covering approximately 492 surface acres.

AREA II

SITE # 8

FISHERY: A limited fishery on native rainbow trout is available at this time.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

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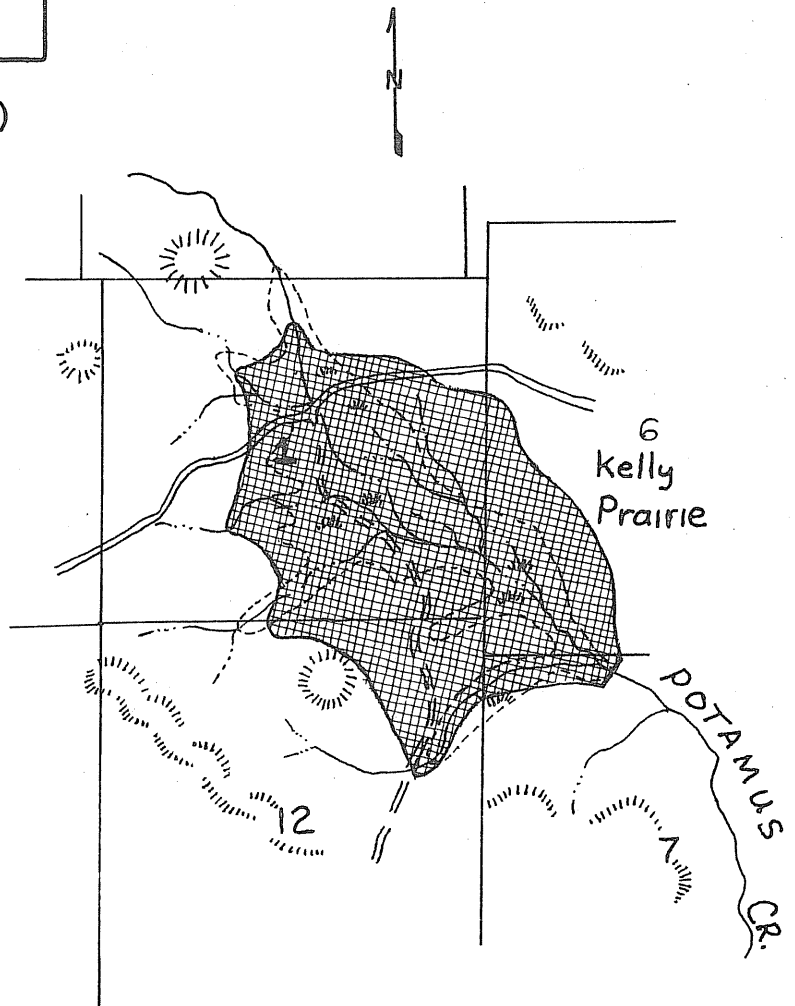
Seasons (Check)

* 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	
	X	X	X	X
		X		

* Available if constructed



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

By constructing a dam 100 feet by 650 feet, an impoundment covering 492 surface acres would be created. This site has an adequate water supply and an excellent fishery potential.

A major road is scheduled to be constructed in this area and will provide year-round access to the impoundment.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

John Day River System Site No. 9
II Area Priority D

Name North Jones Prairie Site

Location Headwaters of Fivemile Creek, Both Banks

T 4 S, R 29 E, Sec. 37 & 33 County Morrow

Ownership: Public _____

Private X Tax Lot No. 49

Number of owners 3

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous with wet meadows

Cover type Lodgepole pine and meadow grasses

Road access US Forest Service maintained, Condition All weather road

Flows Fluctuate seasonally Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 158 Acres, _____ of frontage

Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete Number of lanes 1

Toilets X Trails X Roads X

Parking area X; For 200 cars or 100 car-trailer units

This site would provide a reservoir of approximately 45 surface acres.

AREA II

SITE # 9

FISHERY: There is an early fishery on rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

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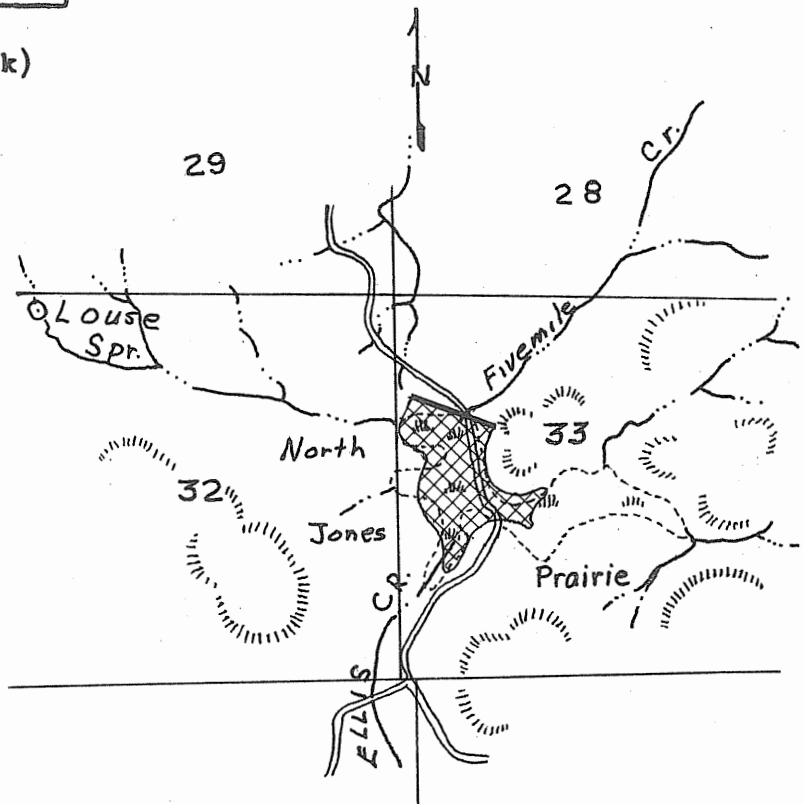
Seasons (Check)

* 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	x	x	

* Available if constructed



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This site has a good fishery potential; however, the construction of a dam may be too expensive. A dam 30 feet by 600 feet would create a pool of approximately 45 surface acres. The road through the site would also have to be relocated. The surrounding terrain would be ideal for a recreational development.

AREA III

This area encompasses Umatilla County. Like the two preceding areas, the climate is basically semiarid in the agricultural area and temperate in the forested areas.

At present there are four bodies of water available for public angling in this region. Of these, Cold Springs and McKay Reservoirs are the two major impoundments. Being in a semiarid region, the tributary streams of these reservoirs exhibit the typical large variations in annual yield and during some years of low annual rainfall, the reservoirs are drained or nearly drained for irrigation. Since neither impoundment has a minimum pool for fish life, the establishment of a continuing fishery has been impossible. In view of the poor existing angling conditions, an additional six sites have been recommended for future development to enhance the counties fishery.

The Bureau of Reclamation is also making a comprehensive study in the area and is formulating a plan which would provide a supplemental water supply for irrigation, fish and wildlife, flood control, recreation, water quality control, and municipal and industrial water supply. The plan includes the following sites: a 163,000 acre-foot Ryan Reservoir just above the Meachan Creek confluence; a 107,000 acre-foot Beacon Reservoir on Tutuilla Creek; a 73,000 acre-foot Stage Reservoir on Stage Gulch; and a 20,000 acre-foot reservoir on Lower Stage Gulch. Minimum pools and flows for fish requirements will be set on all these sites.

Trout and warm-water game fish angling is available to the angler throughout the county. McKay and Cold Springs Reservoirs provide both trout and warm-water fisheries while the Weston and McNary ponds provide angling on stocked rainbow trout.

A description of the proposed sites can be found on the following evaluation sheets.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Umatilla River System Site No. 1
III Area Priority C
 Name Butter Creek Site

Location Approximately 3 miles upstream from Vinson Both Banks
2 S 4 E 4
 T 1 S, R 30 E, Sec. 33 County Umatilla

Ownership: Public _____
 Private X Tax Lot No. 500
2200
 Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Rolling range land
 Cover type Grass and sage slopes, with brush along the creek
 Road access County road, Condition Good
 Flows Fluctuates seasonally Water quality Good
 Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 900 Acres, _____ of frontage
 Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete ramps Number of lanes 1
 Toilets X Trails _____ Roads _____
 Parking area X; For _____ cars or 50 car-trailer units

This site would provide fishing in an area of limited trout angling water.

AREA III

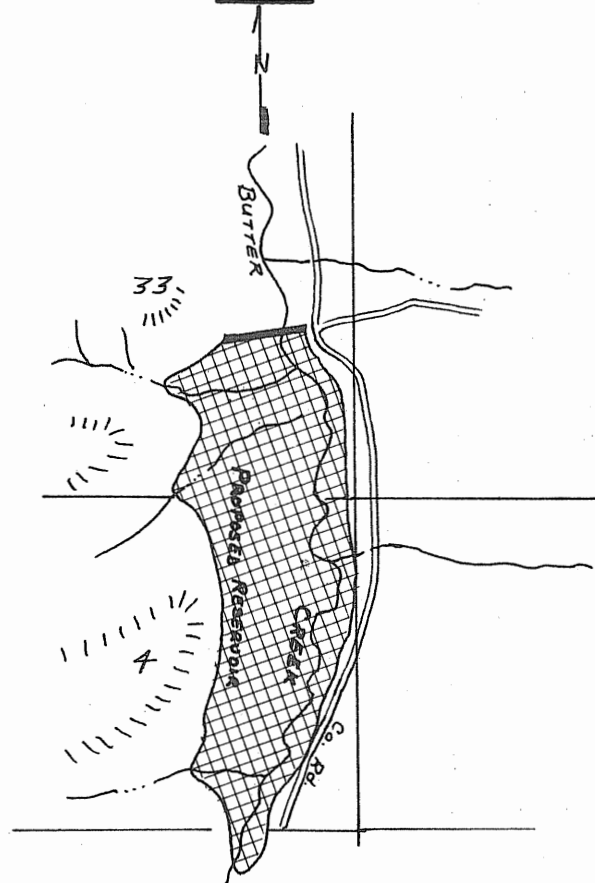
SITE# 1

FISHERY: There is an early trout fishery in the stream.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr		

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

* Available if constructed

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This site would provide an 800 surface acre lake if a dam 100 X 1700 feet were constructed. The project would be entirely on private land which may make it too costly to develop.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Umatilla River System Site No. 2
III Area Priority D
Name Ordinance Pond Site

Location West of Ordinance turnoff between the freeway and railroad

T 4 N, R 27 E, Sec. 27 County Umatilla

Ownership: Public State Highway Department

Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____

Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Flat - desert

Cover type Sagebrush and grasses

Road access State maintained, Condition Good, gravel

Flows None Water quality _____

Present stage of development Gravel pit

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 10 Acres, _____ of frontage

Type of conveyance Easement or purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____

Toilets X Trails _____ Roads _____

Parking area X; For 20 cars or _____ car-trailer units

This site would provide a pond of approximately 8 surface acres in the

ordnance area.

SITE # 2

FISHERY: None

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

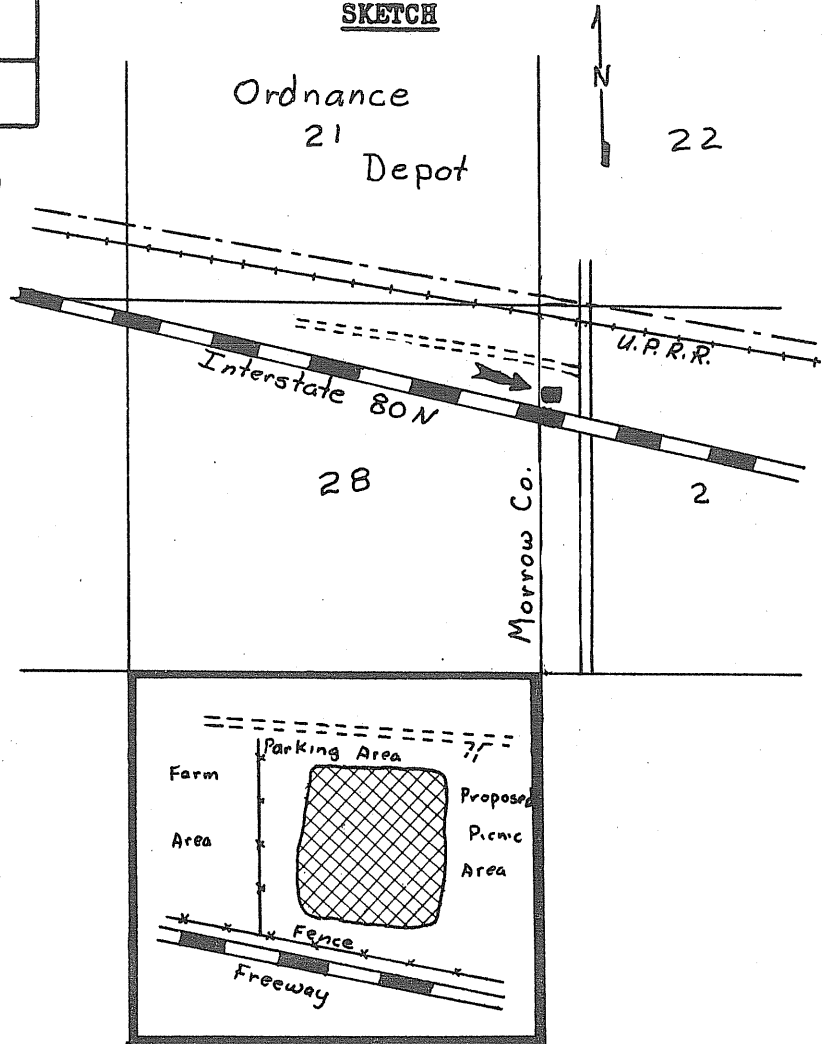
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Seasons (Check)

* RECREATION
(Cheek)

- 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

* Available if constructed



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This site is located near Ordnance and was used as a source of gravel for the Interstate 80 N project. The pit is approximately 6 to 8 surface acres in size and has an average depth of 15 feet. Wells would be the only source of water.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Umatilla System Site No. 3
III Area Priority A
Name Wink Pond site

Location Adjacent to the Hermiston sale yard, Bank
T 4 N, R 28 E, Sec. 31 County Umatilla

Ownership: Public
Private X Tax Lot No. 3490
Number of owners 2

DESCRIPTION

Land type Flat
Cover type Sagebrush and grasses
Road access Private, Condition Good, gravel
Flows Water quality
Present stage of development Gravel pits

ANGLER NEEDS

20 Acres, of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Number of lanes
Toilets X Trails Roads
Parking area X; For 30 cars or car-trailer units

This site would provide a pond of approximately 15 surface acres for
Umatilla County anglers.

SITE # 3

FISHERY: None

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

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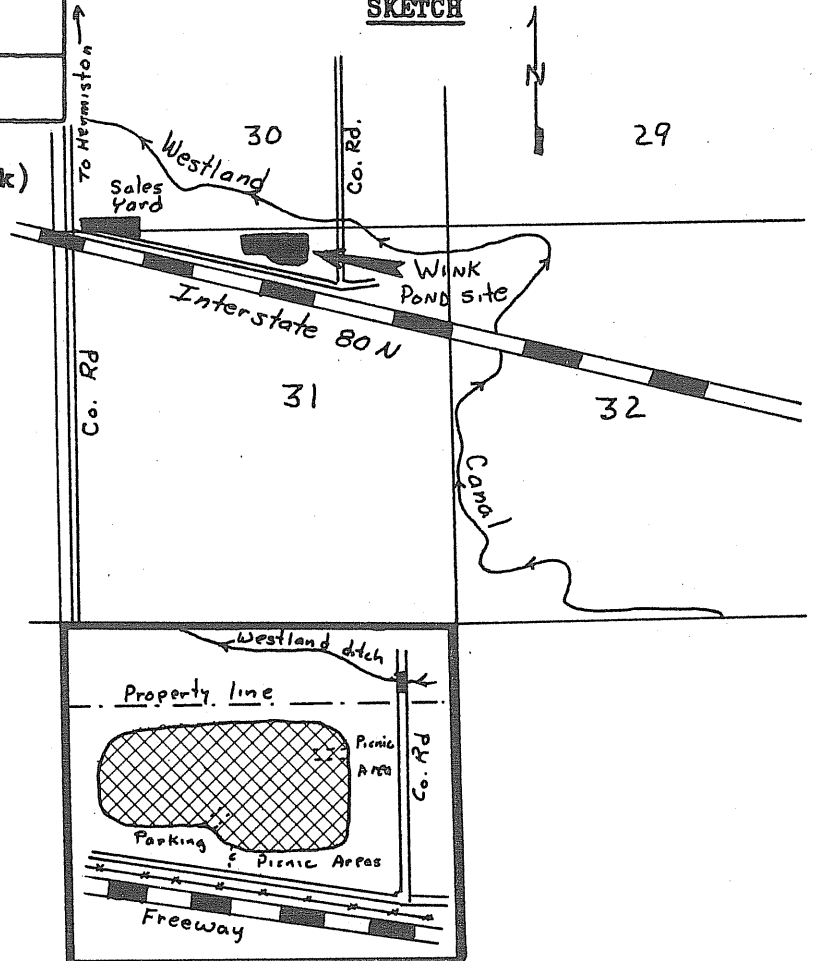
Seasons (Check)

* 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

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* Available if constructed



OTHER

Safety Problems: Steep banks

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This site is a gravel pit from which materials were removed for the construction of Interstate Route 80 N. The pit covers approximately 15 surface acres and has an average depth of 15 feet. A water supply may be available from the Westland Ditch which is adjacent to the northeast corner of the site.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Columbia River System Site No. 4
III Area Priority B
Name McNary Pond

Location Just above the Umatilla Bridge, Bank
T 5 N, R 28 E, Sec. 9 County Umatilla
Ownership: Public Corp of Army Engineers
Private Tax Lot No.
Number of owners

DESCRIPTION

Land type Flat
Cover type Deciduous trees and sagebrush
Road access , Condition Dirt and sand
Flows Subs from Columbia River Water quality Good
Present stage of development Pond

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: Acres, of frontage
Type of conveyance

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Number of lanes
Toilets X Trails Roads Need improved
Parking area X; For 40 cars or car-trailer units

This site provides angling in the Umatilla and Hermiston area.

AREA III

SITE # 4

FISHERY: The fishery is on stocked rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr			
Medium		Tr		
Light			Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

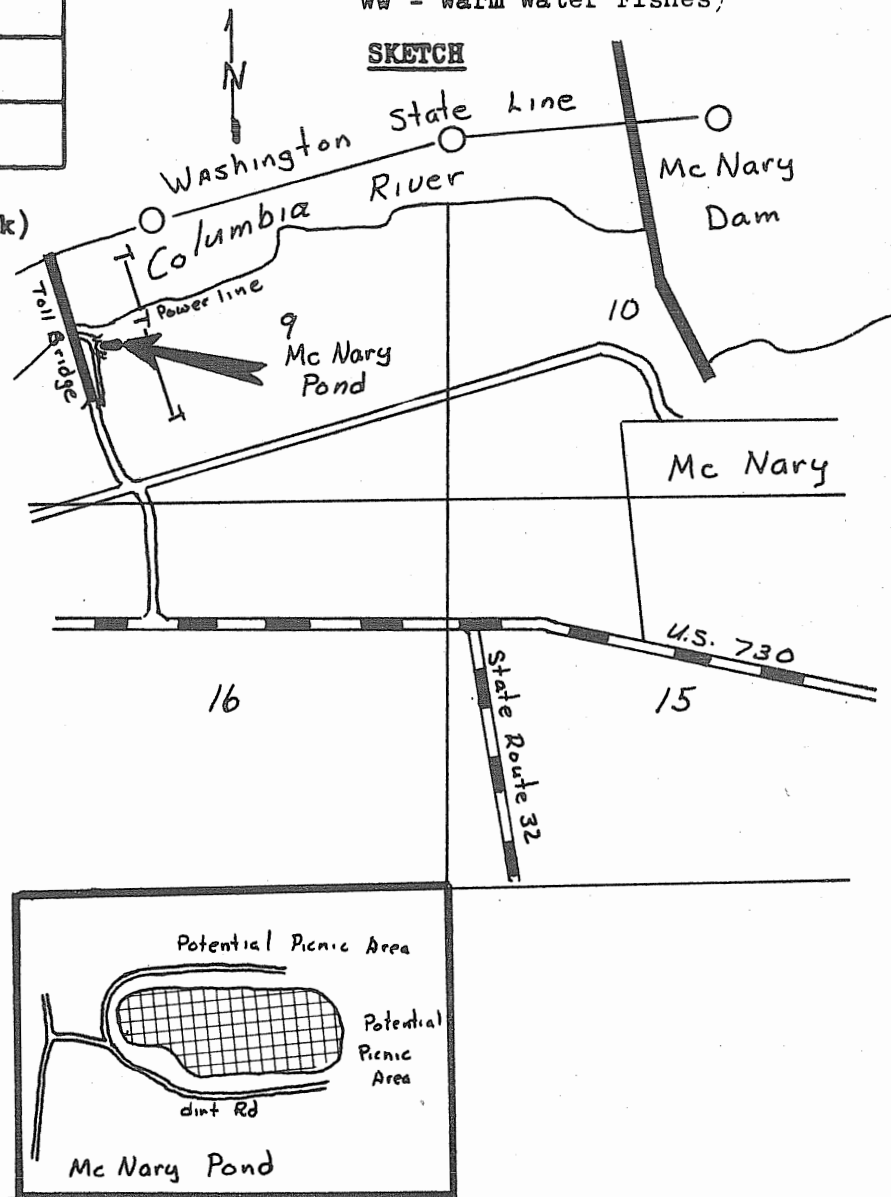
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Seasons (Check)

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

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 site has good potential areas for both picnic and camping.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Umatilla System Site No. 5
III Area Priority B
Name Cold Springs Reservoir

Location Four miles east of Hermiston, Bank
4 N 1, 2, 3
T 5 N, R 29 E, Sec. 34, 35 County Umatilla

Ownership: Public Bureau of Reclamation
Private Tax Lot No.
Number of owners

DESCRIPTION

Land type Flat
Cover type Deciduous trees and shrubs
Road access County road, Condition Fair, sand
Flows Fluctuate Water quality Good
Present stage of development Scattered picnic facilities

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: Acres, of frontage
Type of conveyance

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails Roads
Parking area X; For cars or 30 car-trailer units

This site provides angler access in the Umatilla area.

AREA III

SITE # 5

FISHERY: The fishery is on warm-water species which includes crappie, brown bullhead, catfish and largemouth bass.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Ww			
Medium		Ww		
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

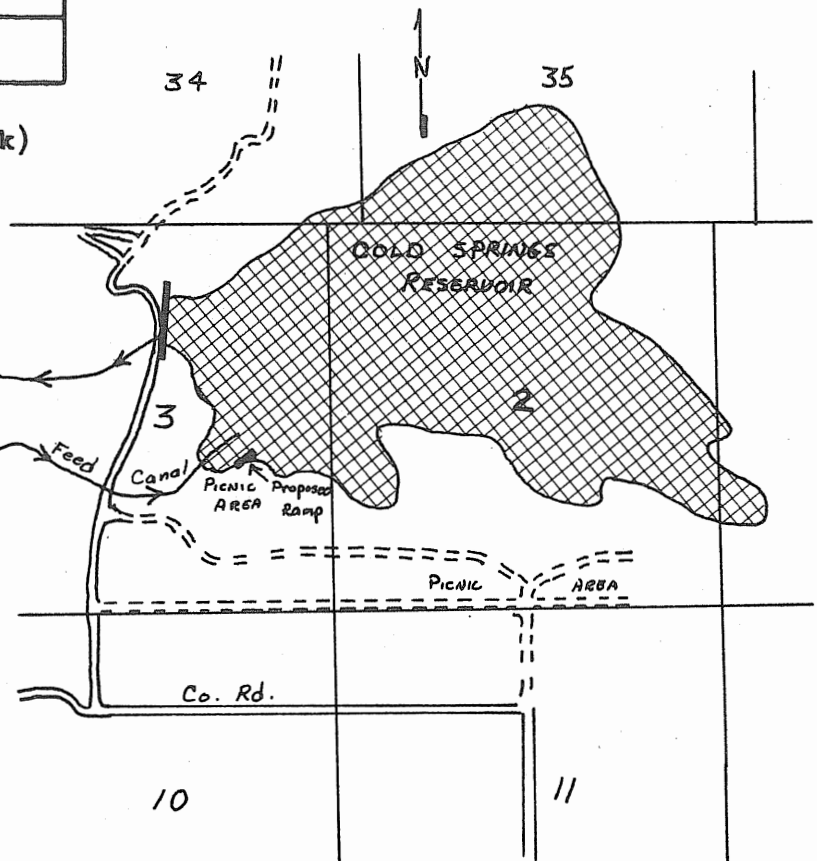
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Seasons (Check)

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	



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Picnic

REMARKS The reservoir is set aside for a wildlife refuge. Because of this no angling is allowed by motor boat or during the nesting season. The reservoir is used as a source of irrigation water and experiences a summer drawdown. There is a limited amount of picnic facilities available, but the extreme fluctuations make it impossible to establish permanent structures around the reservoir.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Umatilla River System Site No. 6
III Area Priority A
Name Oxbow site

Location Near mouth of McKay Creek, South Bank
T 2 N, R 32 E, Sec. 8 County Umatilla
Ownership: Public _____
Private X Tax Lot No. 2 N 32 08 - 1000, 1001
Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Flat valley between rolling hills
Cover type Hay crops
Road access City maintained, Condition Good
Flows Fluctuate seasonally Water quality Good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 20 Acres, 1,000 feet of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____
Toilets X Trails X Roads X
Parking area X; For 100 cars or _____ car-trailer units

This site would provide a public angling lake in the Pendleton area.

AREA III

SITE # 6

FISHERY: The present fishery is on rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
Light		Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

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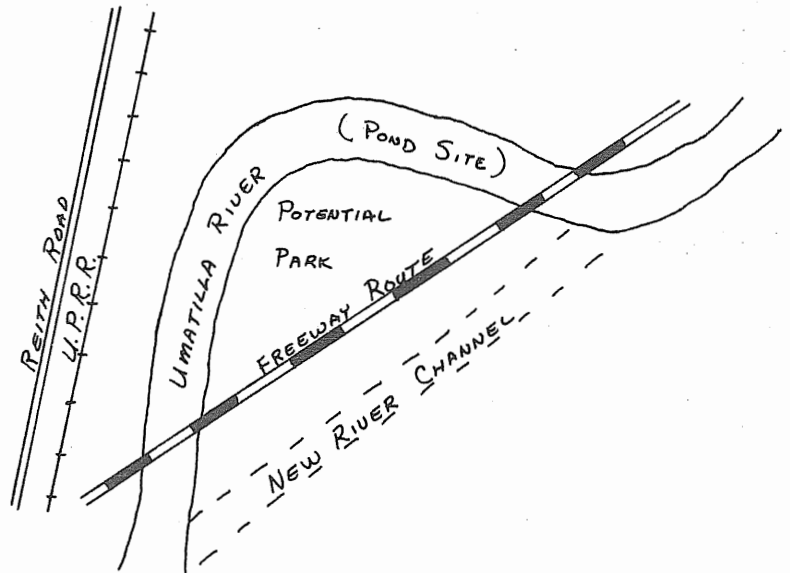


Seasons (Check)

* 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	



* Available if constructed

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This site is located just west of the Pendleton city limits. When the freeway is constructed through this area, the river channel will be re-located and will isolate the oxbow portion of the existing channel. This oxbow could be developed into a series of ponds which would provide an excellent put-and-take trout fishery. This point of land between the new freeway and the oxbow could also be incorporated in a plan to provide

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Umatilla River System Site No. 7
III Area Priority C
Name McKay Reservoir

Location Six miles south of Pendleton on McKay Creek Bank
2 N 35
T 1 N, R 32 E, Sec. 2, 3, 10, 11 County Umatilla

Ownership: Public U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____

Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Sloping

Cover type Deciduous trees and shrubs along shoreline

Road access U. S. F. W. S. maintained, Condition Good

Flows Heavy summer drawdown Water quality Good - Spring
Poor - Summer

Present stage of development One established picnic and ramp area

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ Acres, _____ of frontage

Type of conveyance _____

Development:

Boat ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____

Toilets X Trails _____ Roads _____

Parking area X; For 10 cars or _____ car-trailer units

This site provides picnic and camping facilities as well as bank and boat
access.

AREA III

SITE # 7

FISHERY: Mainly warm-water species with occasional trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Ww Tr			
Medium				Ww
Light		Ww Tr	Ww Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

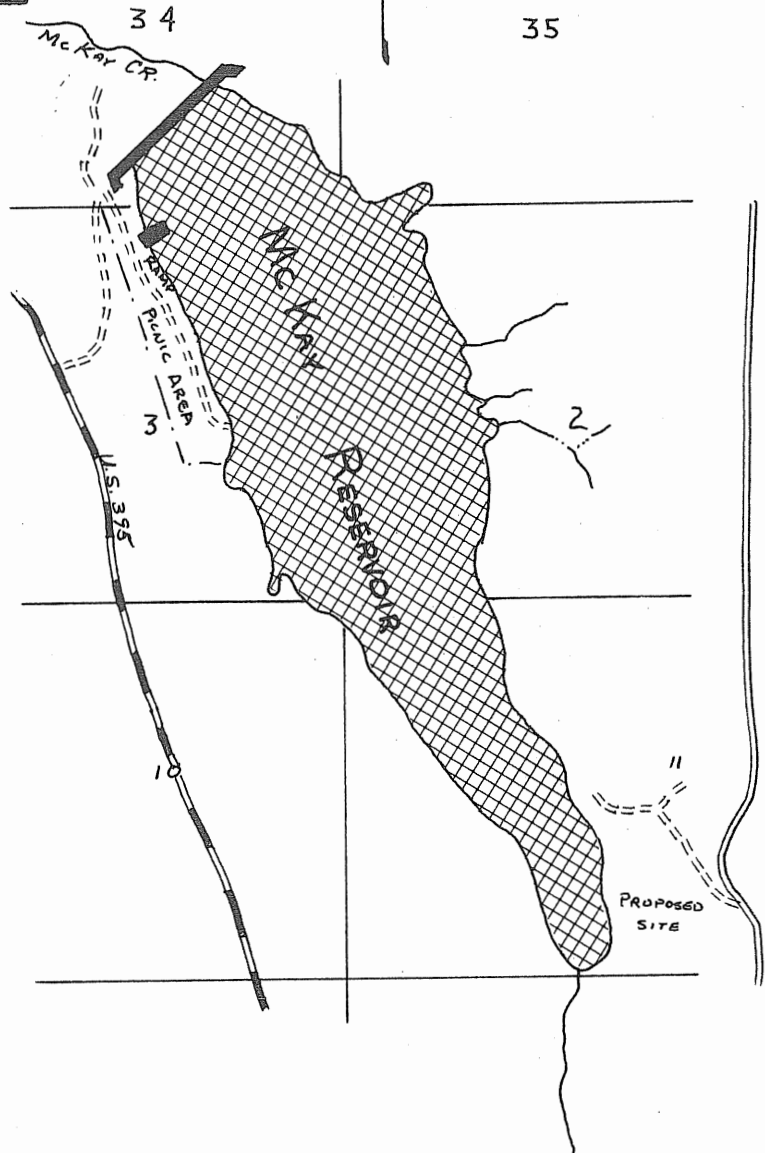
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Seasons (Check)

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



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

McKay Reservoir is a federal waterfowl refuge; however, it is open to angling. The repeated drawdowns in recent years have prevented the establishment of a continuing trout fishery. As a result the stocking of trout is being discontinued until such a time that the water picture improves.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Walla Walla River System Site No. 8
III Area Priority D
Name Poplar Springs Reservoir

Location Approximately 4 miles southeast of Weston
T 4 N, R 35 E, Sec. 35 and 36 County Umatilla
Ownership: Public City of Weston
Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____
Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous
Cover type Pine covered slopes with deciduous shrubs
Road access County maintained, Condition Fair
Flows Fluctuate seasonally Water quality Good
Present stage of development Old dam site and parking area

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ Acres, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance _____

Development:

Boat ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____
Toilets X Trails X Roads _____
Parking area _____; For _____ cars or _____ car-trailer units

This site would provide an impoundment of approximately 5 surface acres.

SITE # 8

FISHERY: There is an early fishery in Pine Creek on rainbow trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
Light		Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

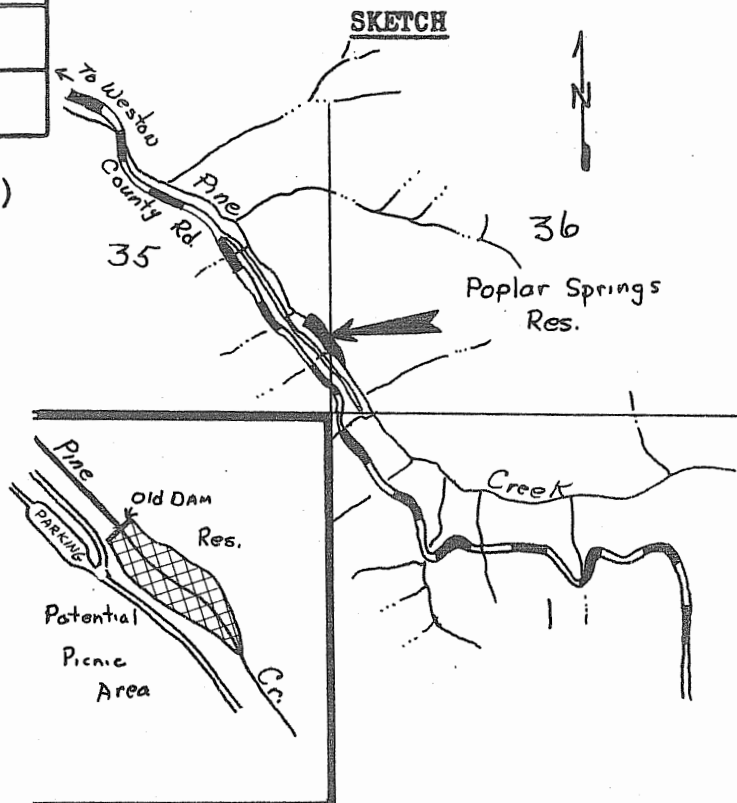
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Seasons (Check)

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				



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS	This site is the location of the old city intake and is situated in an ideal area for a park development. It was used for one year as an angling area and provided excellent local recreation. During the 1964 flood, the spillway was damaged and has not been repaired as yet.
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WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Umatilla River System Site No. 9
III Area Priority B
Name Weston Pond

Location 10 miles east of Weston on Highway 204, _____ Bank
T 4 N, R 37 E, Sec. 30 County Umatilla

Ownership: Public State Highway Department

Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____

Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous

Cover type Conifers and deciduous trees

Road access State maintained, Condition Good - paved

Flows _____ Water quality Good

Present stage of development 3/4 acre pond

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ Acres, _____ of frontage

Type of conveyance _____

Development:

Boat ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____

Toilets X Trails _____ Roads _____

Parking area _____; For _____ cars or _____ car-trailer units

This site provides angling in the northeast portion of the county.

AREA III

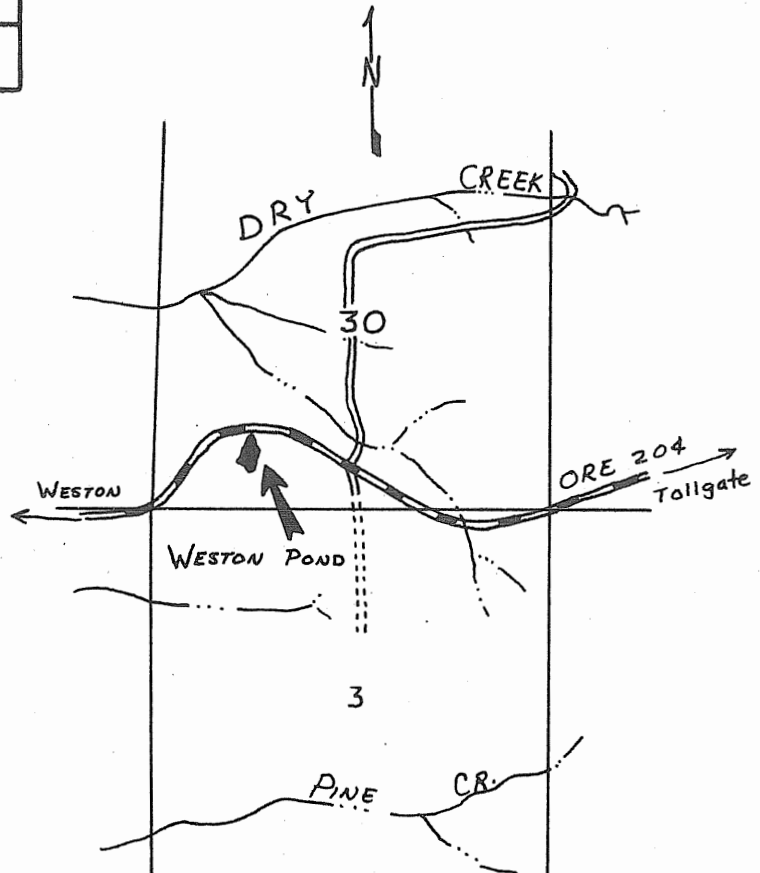
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FISHERY: The fishery is on stocked rainbow trout. Approximately 2,000 legal fish are stocked each year.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr			
Medium		Tr	Tr	
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout, 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	X	

OTHER

Safety Problems: Close proximity to the highway

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This site is located 10 miles east of Weston on Highway 204. It provides many angler hours and is managed primarily for public fishing and hunting. Sanitary and picnic facilities would enhance the area considerably.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

John Day River System Site No. 10
III Area Priority B
Name Granite Meadows

Location Headwaters of Lane Creek, Both Banks

T 3 S, R 32 E, Sec. 35 County Umatilla

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service

Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____

Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous with meadow

Cover type Grass meadow with lodgepole pine fringe

Road access Forest Service maintained, Condition Good

Flows No summer flows Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

30 Surface Acres, _____ of frontage

Type of conveyance _____

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete Number of lanes 1

Toilets X Trails X Roads needs relocated

Parking area X; For _____ cars or 50 car-trailer units

This site would provide a reservoir of approximately 30 surface acres for

both Umatilla and Union County anglers.

AREA III

SITE # 10

FISHERY: None

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,
Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

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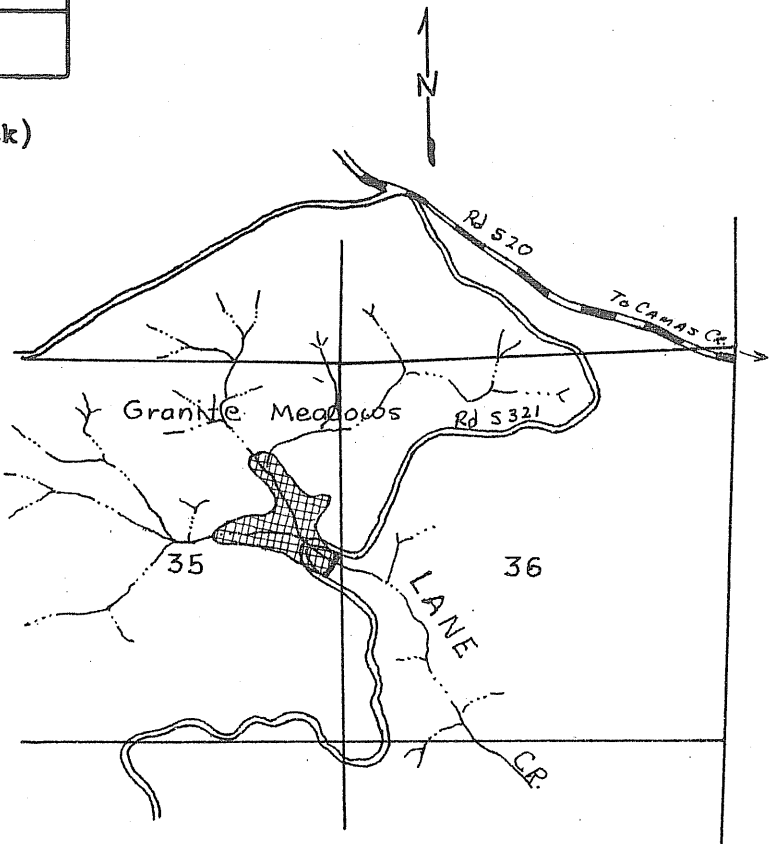
Seasons (Check)

* 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	X	X	
		X	X	

* Available if constructed



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS The location is ideal for the construction of a dam; however, the water supply may be marginal. Further investigation should be made of the watershed to determine the amount of available water. There would be a small amount of timber to be removed and the road would have to be relocated. A dam of approximately 30' x 400' would create a pool of about 30 surface acres with an average depth of about 10 feet.