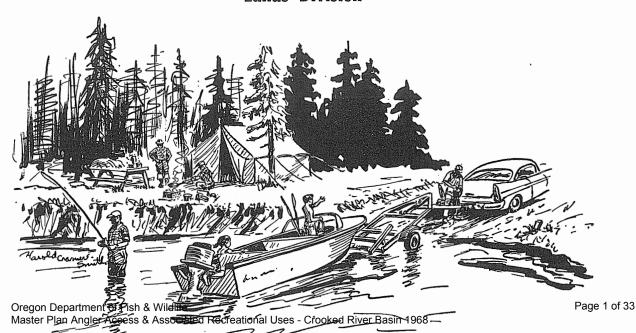
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This report details a plan that we hope can be followed to solve the access problems of the Crooked River Basin. Too, we hope that all agencies that are interested in retaining existing water access as well as providing additional facilities, whether 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.

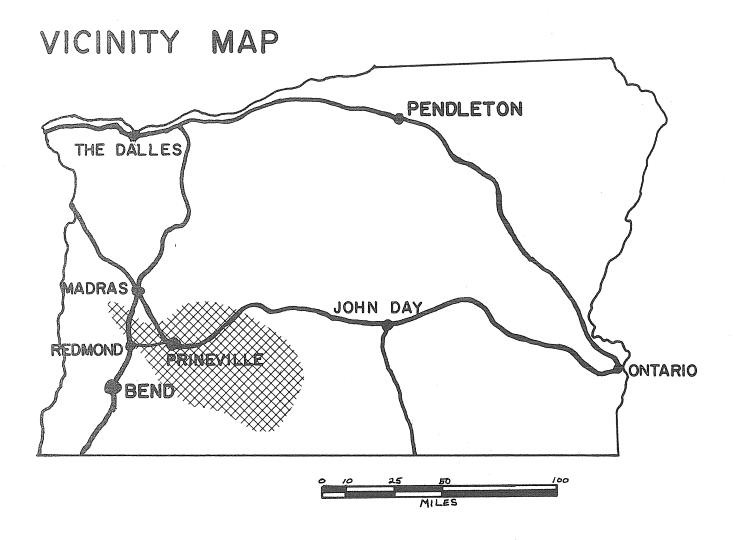
The Crooked River Basin is located in the central part of the state and covers an area of approximately 4,100 square miles. Included within the basin is nearly all of Crook County and portions of Deschutes and Jefferson Counties. The Crooked River heads in the Ochoco and Maury Mountains, flows through a wide valley near Prineville, and enters a deep canyon in the lower basin. It then joins the Deschutes and Metolius Rivers to form Round Butte Reservoir.

Agriculture and timber production are the major land uses within this semiarid basin. The Ochoco and Maury Mountains produce most of the timber, and the higher plateaus in the basin are used for either grazing or dry-land farming. Most of the lower lands adjacent to the rivers are used for cropland. In this area of low rainfall, additional water is needed during the summer to meet the agricultural needs. As a result nearly all the water in some areas is diverted for irrigation, leaving only a minimal amount for fish life.

The fishery within the basin is primarily for rainbow trout. Planted legal size rainbows are available in the upper river tributaries and large resident rainbows up to eleven pounds contribute to the fishery in the river below Prineville Reservoir. During the early part of the trout season this area receives extremely heavy pressure by anglers from the entire state.

During the summer and fall, the angling is mainly by local anglers.

Land ownership along the Crooked River is almost entirely private except for an eight-mile section below the Prineville Reservoir. At a number of places along the river, anglers are now gaining access by permission or implied consent. In order to assure access to fishermen throughout the angling waters of the basin, nine sites have been recommended for development. Two sites, at the present, provide access but need additional development; and seven are recommended for acquisition and development.



Crooked River, located in central Oregon, heads in the Ochoco National Forest and flows westerly to join the Deschutes and Metolius Rivers in forming the Round Butte Reservoir.

The major access routes to the basin are U. S. Route 26, U. S. Route 97, U. S. Route 126 and State Route 27.

CROOKED RIVER GORGE AREA

This area extends from the head of Round Butte Reservoir to river mile 30 at the head of the gorge. The river passes through a deep gorge of basaltic rock bluffs with a few small level benches along the river's edge. Due to the terrain and private lands, the access in this section of the river is limited to only a few locations.

The fishery in the gorge area of the Crooked River is for rainbow trout. Angling pressure is the greatest in the spring. In late May or early June when irrigation starts, most of the available water above the gorge is withdrawn leaving only a minimal amount to flow through the gorge area. With the reduced flow, higher water temperatures and high population of rough fish, the angling success is reduced considerably resulting in a decline of the trout fishery throughout the summer and fall.

Access in this section by necessity will be trails to the river bank from parking areas on the rim above the canyon walls. Four sites have been evaluated and are included in this section.

Crooked River	_ System		Site 1	To	11	
Crooked River Gorge	Area		Prior	ity	A	
Name Opal Springs						
Location 20 miles n	orthwest o	f Redmond	***************************************	East		Bank
T 12S, R 12 E, Sec	. 33	River	Mile 7	_ County	Crook	
Ownership: Public _	USA	2700				
Private	X	Tax Lot No.	2800			
Number o	f owners _	2				
		DESCRIPTION				
Land type Steep	canyon					
Cover type	er and sage	brush	and the same of th			
Road access Public	road	,	Condition	Gravel		ميون المحاس
Flows Affected by i	rrigation	Water qu	ality	Good		
Present stage of dev						
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Acquisition:	A	cres,	l mile		_ of from	ntage
			and trail e			
Development:						
Boat ramp: Type	1		Numb	er of lan	es	
Toilets X						
Parking area						
This site would have	e a parking	g area above	the rim with	ı trail a	ccess to	the
river.						

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FISHERY:	Rai	inbow t	rout		
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Safety Problems:

Horseback riding Hunting, big game

Nature study Picnicking

Sightseeing

Swimming Water skiing

Hunting, upland game Hunting, waterfowl

Skin and scuba diving

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

A few anglers are gaining access now by boating up to the end of the reservoir and walking up the river. Parking and trail access could be established wherever feasible along this section of the river.

Trail Access Needed

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AREA Crooked River Gorge

Crooked River	System		Site No.	2	
Crooked River Gorge	Area		Priority	A	
Name Crooked River F	Ranch Access				
Location Crooked Rive					
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	owners 3		0,300, 301, 30	50, 1700	
Land type Steep go	orge			an an air ann an	
Cover typeJuniper,	sagebrush a	nd rabbit b	rush		
Road access County &	c private	, Cor	nditionD	irt	
Flows Affected by irr	igation	Water qual:	ityG	ood	
Present stage of deve					
Acquisition: 6	Acre				frontage
Type of	conveyance _	Purchase a	nd/or easemen	t	
Development:					
Boat ramp: Type			Number o	f lanes	
Toilets X	Trail	X X	Roads	Х	
Parking area X	; For <u>30-</u>	50 cars	OF	_car-traile	er units
This site would provi	ide trail acc	ess to the	river at vario	ous points	through-
		COUNTRY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE	le gorge area e river at inc		

				SITE #2
FISHERY:	Rainbow trou	ıt		
Heavy	Spring Summ	er Fall V	Vinter	(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)
Medium	Tr Tr			SKETCH
Light	s	Tr casons (Cho	eok)	
RECREATION (Check)	4	Spring Summer Fall		(See Page 11)
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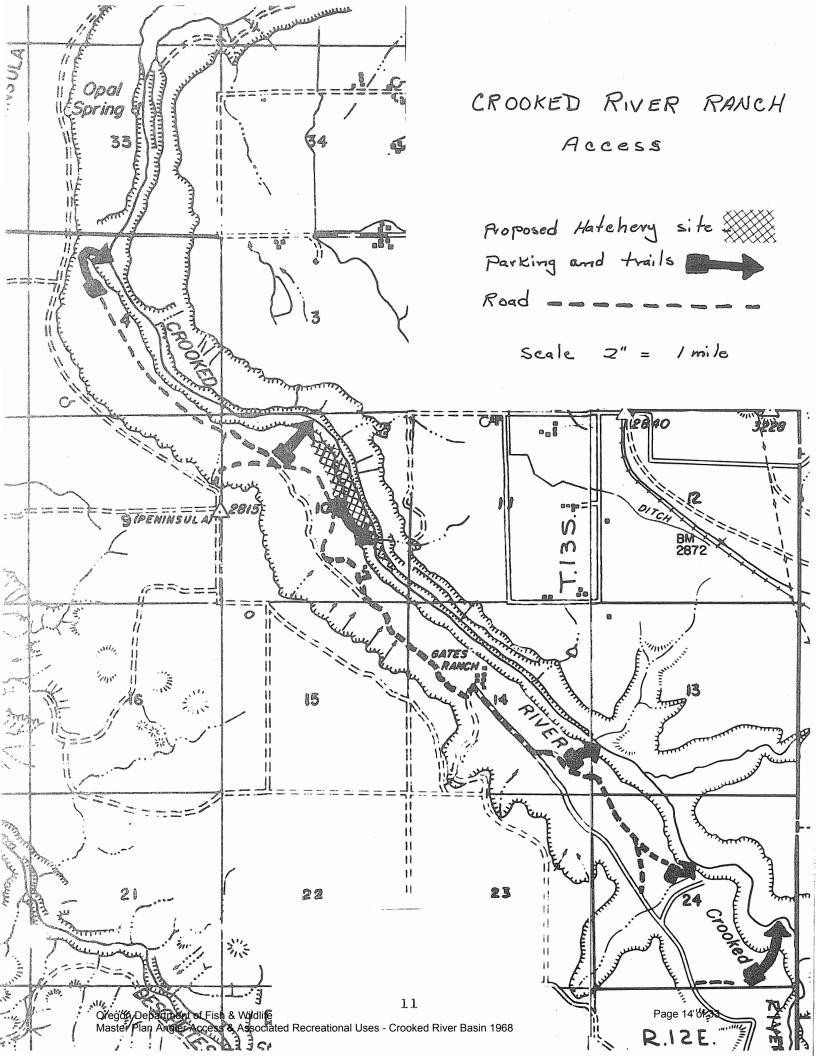
Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The Oregon State Game Commission has proposed a hatchery to be constructed on the site marked on the sketch map.

^{*} Fish hatchery if developed

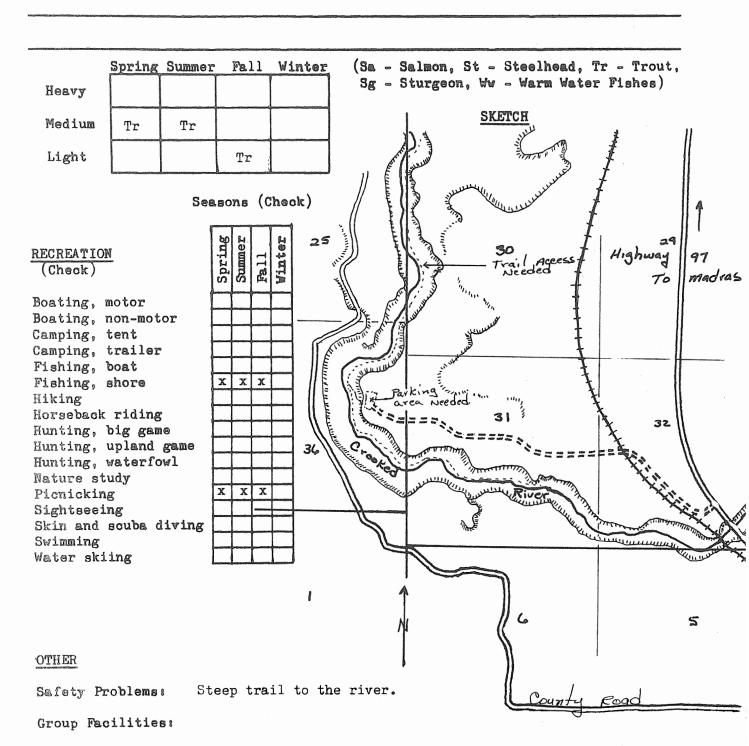


Crooked River	_ System	Site	No)
Crooked River Gorge	_ Area	Prior	rity	
Name Crooked River	Gorge Access			
Location 11 miles no 12 E Sec.	rth of Redmond		East	Bank
12 E Sec. T 13S, R 13 E, Sec.	25 & 36 . 30 & 31 R	iver Mile 15.5	County _C	rook
Ownership: Public _	U. S. A.			
Private	X Tax Lot	No. Many		
Number of	f owners3			
	DESCRIPT	ION		
Land type Steep g	orge			
Cover typeJuniper				
Road access Private	rrigation Wate	, Condition	Dirt	
Flows diversion	Wate	r quality * Fa	ir	
Present stage of dev	elopment Indistin	ct trail used b	y anglers.	
	ANGLER NE	EDS		
Acquisition: 1	Acres,	2 miles of front	age and roa	d easement.
Type of	conveyance Purc	chase and road e	asement	
Development:				
Boat ramp: Type	medicinals of the same street and the control of the same street and the same street a	Numb	er of lanes	
Toilets X	Trails	X Road	is X	
Parking area	X , For15	cars or	car-tr	ailer units
This site would prov	ride parking and a	trail into the	gorge area.	

^{*} High water temperatures in the summer.

AREA	Crooked		
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FISHERY	9	Rainbow	trout



REMARKS Most of the road is on public land. The parking area is on private land.

Crooked Ri	ver	System		S	Site No.		4	
Crooked Ri	ver Gorge	Area			Priority]	В	
Name Smith	Rock Sta	te Park						
Location _ 9) miles no	rth of Red	mond	-	-,	South		Bank
T14S, R	3 E, Sec.	11	Rive	er Mile 2	5.5 C	ounty _	Crook	
Ownership:	Public	State	Highway D	epartment				
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	Number of	owners _	1	•	Maganian de la Palación de Antonio		ter dan derenigen den Steren	****
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Cover type	Juniper	and sagebr	ush					Marian Carlona abasa
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Present sta	ge of deve	lopment _	Completed	day use p	ark			
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^{*} High water temperatures in the summer limits the trout fishery.

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Skin and	scuba (diving							

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Swimming Water skiing

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Bus parking and picnic facilities.

Some people boat this section of the river with rubber rafts both for REMARKS pleasure and angling.

LOWER CROOKED RIVER AREA

Included in this area is the Crooked River from river mile 30 at the head of the gorge to the Prineville Reservoir dam at river mile 72.5. The only major tributary in this section is Ochoco Creek which joins the river two miles below the city of Prineville. The stream gradient from the reservoir to Prineville is moderate with numerous pools and riffles. Below Prineville the stream slows and meanders through the valley with a minimum of fast water.

The fishery in this area is for rainbow trout. Construction of Prineville Reservoir and chemical treatment to reduce the rough fish population have contributed to an excellent fishery on large trout up to eleven pounds. Most of the angling pressure occurs on the 15-mile section of stream between the Prineville Reservoir and the Stearns diversion dam. Water conditions in this area are ideal for fish life as the water coming from the bottom of the reservoir remains at a constant temperature and even flow.

From Stearns diversion dam down to the Montgomery diversion dam, three miles below the town of Prineville, angling success is reduced because the lower flows and higher water temperatures are not as favorable for trout production. From Montgomery Dam downstream to the gorge, the river is marginal for trout production due to low flows, high water temperatures, and a high population of rough fish.

River frontage in this section is predominantly in private ownership except for 8.5 miles of BLM lands below Prineville Reservoir. Below this point access is gained either by permission or trespassing over posted lands. To assure access in this section of the Crooked River five sites have been chosen. In addition to providing bank access, two of these sites will provide parking; one will provide parking and limited camping. The remaining two will be fully developed campgrounds with camping and picnicking facilities, as well as bank access. These sites are described in detail on the following evaluation forms.

Crooked River	System	Site No). <u>l</u>
Lower Crooked Rive	er Area	Priorit	в В
Name Lone Pine Br	ridge		
Location 10 miles	s northeast of Redu	ond	Both Banks
T <u>15S</u> , R <u>14 E</u> , S	ec. <u>17 & 20</u>	River Mile30	County Crook
Ownership: Public			
Privat	e X Tax Lo	t No 1 and 2	
Number	of owners 2		
	DESCRI		
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Land type Flat	low bench		
Cover type Juni	per and willow		
Road access State	e highway	, Condition	Paved
	y irrigation rsion Wa	ter quality * P	oor
Present stage of d	evelopment No	ne	
	ANGLER	NEEDS	
Acquisition:	2 Acres,	4 miles	of frontage
Туре	of conveyance	Purchase and trail	easement
Development:			
Boat ramp: Ty	pe	Number	r of lanes
			car-trailer units
			ring the gorge area.
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^{*} In the spring, the water temperature is suitable for trout, but in the summer when flows are reduced and the temperature rises, the trout leave the area and are replaced by rough fish.

AREA	Lower	Crooked	River
SITE	#	1	

FISHERY:				
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Heavy						Sg - Stu	rgeon, Ww - Warm Water	Fishes)
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Swimming				Ì			,	
Water ski	iing			I				

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Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

Warm summer temperature and trash fish limit trout fishery potential.

Crooked Hiver	System			Site No.		
Lower Crooked River	Area	e de la Companya de l		Priority	С	
Name Elliot Bridge		•				
				,	٠.	
Location 5 miles no	orthwest	of Prineville	e	<u>.</u> , :	Both	Banks
T <u>14 S</u> , R <u>15 E</u> , Sec	21 & 2	22 Rive	er Mile _	44 C	ountyC	rook
Ownership: Public _		niconthillioniconscionicon (southern southern				and the state of t
Private	X	_ Tax Lot No.	Sec. 2	1, Lot #	1	
Number o	of owners	3	Sec. 2	2, Lot #	3 and 4	
		DESCRIPTION				
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Land type Flat fa	rmland					
Cover type Farm cr						
Road access Cour	ıty		, Conditi	on	Gravel	
Affected by f	irrigation sion	Water o	nuality	Fair (Hi	oh water	temnerature
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Development:						
Boat ramp: Type						
Toilets X		Trails X	ζ	_Roads _		
Parking area _	; For	15	cars or _		car-tra	iler units
The fishery in this	section	of the stream	m is aff	ected by	the irri	gation
diversion. The flo	w in the	summer is re	duced co	nsiderab]	ly result:	ing in
high temperatures.	The trou	t are moving	out.of	this sec	tion and l	nave been
replaced by rough f	ish.					

FISHERY:	Rainbow	+2011+
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	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
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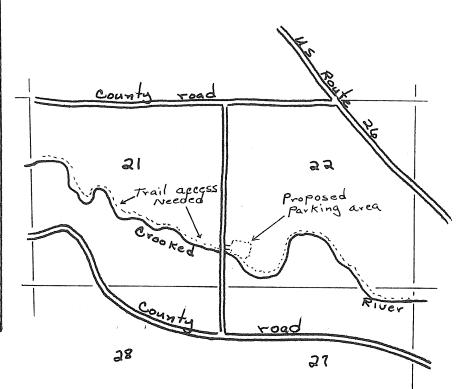
(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

(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

RECREATION (Check)	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor				
Boating, non-motor				
Camping, tent				
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat				
Fishing, shore	x	x	х	
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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Safety Problems:

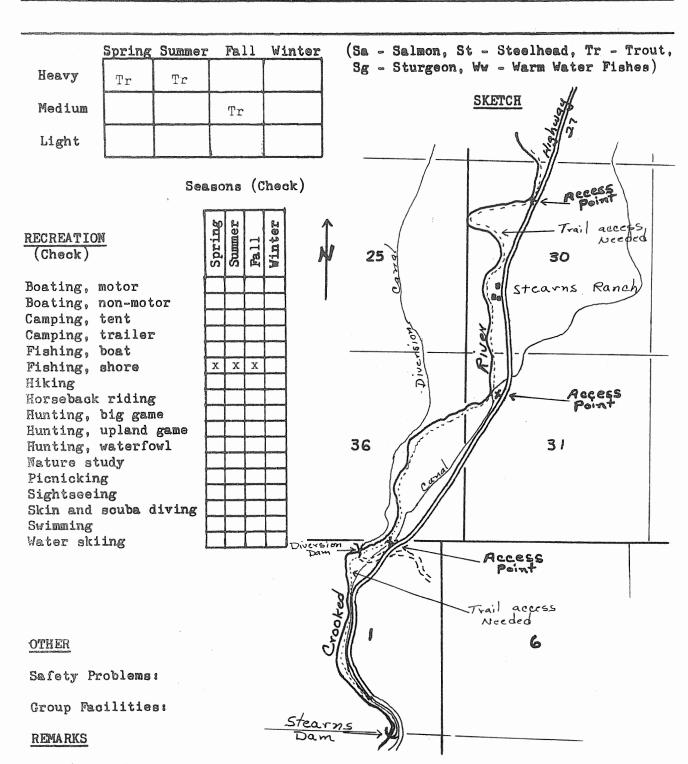
Group Facilities:

REMARKS

Crooked River	System		Site No.	3	
Lower Crooked River	Area		Priority .	A	
Name Stearns Ranch A	ccess				
Location 7 miles sou	th of Prinevi	lle	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	East	_ Bank
T 16S, R 16E, Sec.	36, 31, 1,	6 River Mil	e <u>57 - 60</u> Cor	unty Crook	
Ownership: Public					
Private _	X Tax	Lot No1	, 14	TRANSPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF T	
Number of	owners 1				
Land type Flat fa	rmland				
Cover type Farm cr	ops				
Road access State Hi	ghway 27	, Cond	ition Pav	ed	
Flows Seasonal fluct	uation	Water qualit	y Goo	d.	
Present stage of deve					tions
		er needs			
Acquisition: 3			miles of riv	rer frontage	for
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	rail access to	o ne ourcoase	50 ,		
Development:					
Boat ramp: Type			Number of	f lanes	
Toilets	Trails	X X	Roads		
Parking areaX	For	cars o	r	_car-trailer	units
This site would assu	re access ald	ong the porti	on of stream	which is no	W
open to fi	shing by the	landowner.			

AREA		Crooked	
SITE	#	3	

FISHERY: Rainbow trout	nemeter (
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Parking would be off the highway at the 3 access points with trails to the river as indicated in the sketch.

This section of the river receives heavy angling pressure throughout the summer.

Crooked	System		Site No	•4	
Lower Crooked River	Area		Priorit	yA	
Name Swartz Canyon				·	
Location 10 miles	south of	Prineville	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	East	Bank
T16 S, R 15 E, Sec	13	River	Mile 61	County Crook	
Ownership: Public					
Private	X	Tax Lot No.	15 & 16		
Number of	f owners	2			
		DESCRIPTION			
Land type Flat ber	ich				naharaga yaka kaja maga kak
Cover type Juniper	and sage	brush			
Road access State Hi	ghway	9	Condition	Paved	
Flows Seasonal fluo	tuation	Water que	ality	Good	-
Present stage of dev	elopment	None			
		ANGLER NEEDS			
Acquisition: 5	http://doi.org/10.1000/10.0000/10.0000000000000000000	Acres,	2 miles	of f	rontage
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Development:					
Boat ramp: Type			Number	of lanes	
Toilets X					
Parking area	; For	30 ca	rs or	car-traile	r units
This site could be	leveloped	l into a small	park and camp	ing area as w	ell as
providing	access t	to the stream.			

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Rainbow trout

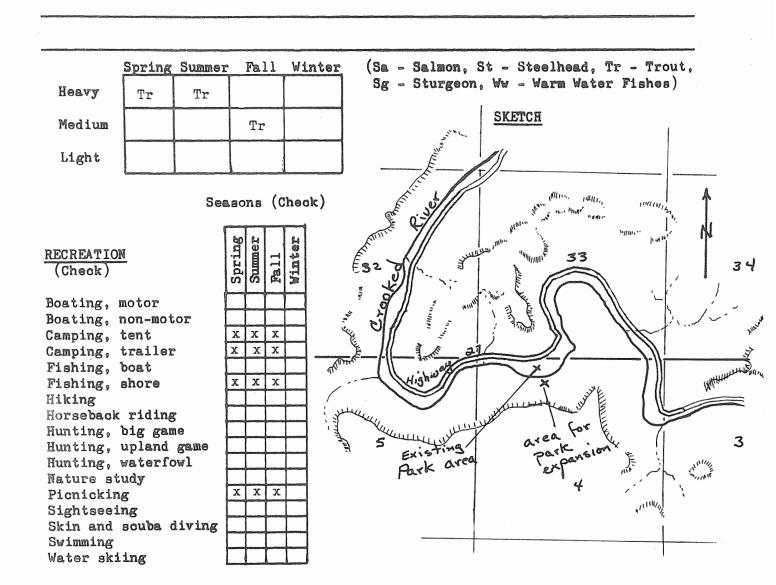
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Group Facilities: Bus parking, camping and picnic facilities when parking and camping area is developed.

REMARKS This section of the river receives heavy angling pressure throughout the fishing season.

Crooked River		System		Site No.		5		
Lower Crooked River		Area		Prior	ity	В		
Name Chimn	ey Point	интерительного поставляющий при на при н При на при н			•			
Location 1	5 miles s	outh of P	rineville	ė	Bot	h	Banks	
			River					
			eau of Land M					
			Tax Lot No.					
	Number of	owners	1					
			DESCRIPTION					
Land type _	Low flat	bench w	ith steep can	yon walls			-	
Cover type	Juniper	and sage	brush			na waasaa zamaya waa ka ya		
Road access	State Hi	ighway 27	,	Condition _	Gravel			
Flows Seas	onal fluct	tuation	Water qu	ality	Good		T Manadakkin men	
Present sta	ge of dev	elopment	Partially	completed p	ark			
			ANGLER NEEDS					
Acquisition	1:		Acres,			of fro	ntage	
	Type of	conveyan	ce					
Development	;							
Boat 1	amp: Type			Num	per of la	nes		
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This site	provides b	ank acces	s on BLM land	ds from rive	r mile 6	to the	reservo	

		,	AREA		Crooked	
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SHERY	Rainbow trout					



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Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Bus parking and picnic facilities when developement is completed.

REMARKS Proposed development plans include a bridge across the river and developement of additional campgrounds on the south side of the river.

UPPER CROOKED RIVER AREA

Included in this area is the Crooked River drainage above Prineville Reservoir and Ochoco Creek above Ochoco Reservoir.

Under present conditions, angler access is adequate as the North Fork Crooked River is the only drainage that has a substantial fishery. Most of the adjacent lands are public so access is not a problem except in areas where the roads are a considerable distance from the river. The Bureau of Land Management's future plans are to construct roads along the ridges and develop trail access to the river in these areas.

South Fork Crooked River and Ochoco Creek, as well as the main stem of Crooked River above Prineville Reservoir, are of little value as a fishery. During the summer when these streams are diverted for irrigation, the reduced flows and high water temperatures make these waters unsuitable for a trout fishery.

Unless a fishery can be established in these waters through a water storage and release program, future access is not needed.