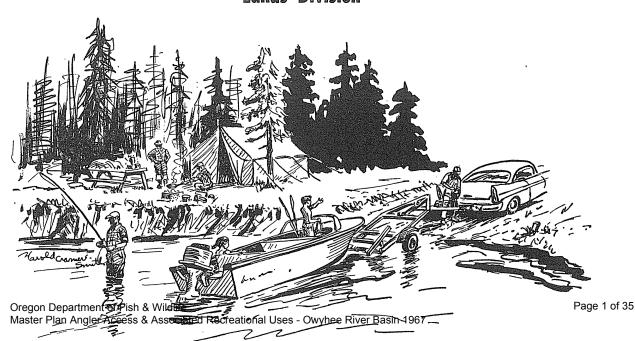
OWYHEE RIVER BASIN

MASTER PLAN FOR ANGLER ACCESS AND ASSOCIATED RECREATIONAL USES



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This report details a plan that we hope can be followed to solve the access problems of the Owyhee 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 Owyhee River and its tributaries drain the southeastern-most portion of the state. This is a high mountain desert with elevations above 4,000 feet. Vegetation is sparse with short sage predominating. Bunch-grass and juniper are found in areas where adequate soil has covered the lava and rocky terrain.

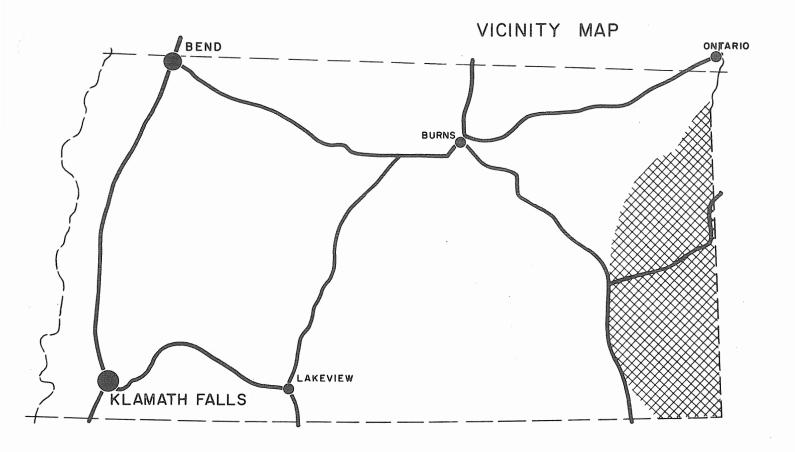
The Owyhee Canyon is a deep gash in the earth's surface. Between Three Forks and Rome the canyon is the roughest and the river is nearly impassable by boat. From Rome to Owyhee Reservoir the canyon is deep and rugged but quite navigable at moderate stream flows.

The fishery in the river above the reservoir is nearly nonexistent because of overpopulations of rough fish. Chemical treatment is needed to restore the area. The reservoir has a good population of crappie and bass, and an overabundance of carp. The fishing is good in the spring but drops off considerably as the season progresses.

The river below the reservoir was chemically treated in the spring of 1967; fingerling rainbow were planted, and by fall the trout had attained a length of 10 inches.

This only confirms that these rich eastern Oregon streams will produce excellent trout when competition is removed. It is hoped that the river above the reservoir will be treated soon so a fishery can be developed.

Since the topography is so rugged and the river flows through steep rimrocked canyons, access is limited. Distances are extreme from one point to another and roads are nothing but "parallel ruts" through sagebrush flats. This plan recommends improvement of existing sites but only to a minimum degree. This is a desolate area and one which should remain undeveloped so the beauties of the high desert will remain unspoiled.



The north and the south forks of the Owyhee River have their source in southern Idaho but the west fork originates in the southeastern corner of Oregon. The river flows northward to join the Snake River just south of Nyssa. Oregon Highway 78 links Burns with the middle part of the Owyhee at Rome. The distance is 105 miles. The lower Owyhee and Owyhee Reservoir can be reached through Ontario.

THE LOWER OWYHEE RIVER

In the section below Owyhee Dam the river flows through a deep canyon. A paved road, that follows an old railroad grade, parallels the river above the old Owyhee diversion dam.

Access along this portion is considered complete and adequate, since a majority of the land bordering the river is in public ownership. Only the lower two or three miles and several small scattered tracts of land farther upstream are under private ownership.

During the non-irrigation season, stream flows in the river section range from approximately 4 cfs below the Owyhee Dam to approximately 10 cfs at the old diversion dam. All water is allowed to pass downstream by way of the natural channel. In the regular irrigation season, from mid-April through October, water is released from Owyhee Reservoir and diverted into the main canal at the old diversion dam. Flows at this time will attain several hundred cfs depending on the irrigation demand in the valley below. Only a small flow of 1 or 2 cfs is allowed to flow in the natural channel below the old diversion dam during the irrigation season. For this reason, there can be no fishery maintained in the $ll\frac{1}{2}$ -mile section below the irrigation diversion.

Prior to the construction of the Owyhee Dam in 1932, salmon and steel-head migrated up the Owyhee River to the spawning areas located in the head-water tributaries. With the construction of Owyhee Dam these migratory runs were blocked.

The salmon and steelhead runs gradually died out. Through the years, rough fish and warm-water game fish escaping from Owyhee Reservoir populated the river. Trout, salmon, and steelhead became scarce.

During the past few years angling pressure on the lower Owyhee River has declined even though angler success has remained good. This fishery was dependent upon the 3,000 to 9,000 legal trout that were stocked annually.

In March of 1967 this section of river was chemically treated by the Oregon Game Commission. Great quantities of large carp and other rough fish were removed. Fingerling rainbow trout were planted in April. Since there are numerous large pools and cold water being flushed from the Owyhee Dam during summer months, these fingerlings grew well. By September, the trout had attained a length of 9-10 inches and were providing a good fishery.

Two sites have been proposed on the lower Owyhee and they are described on the following evaluation sheets.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Owyhee	System			Site N	То	1	
Lower Owyhee	Area			Priori	ty	A	a storeta e constitución
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						site #	1	
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Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS The road to the river passes the rancher's house and goes through a rancher's field. It would be desirable to purchase a strip along the Owhyee to the mouth and a plot of land at the mouth of the river. Small boats can now be put in the river on the sandy bank at the mouth of the Owhyee.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

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Lower Owyhee	Area			Priority	<i></i>	A	
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OTHER

Safety Problems:

Fishing, shore

Nature study

Picnicking Sightseeing

Swimming Water skiing

Horseback riding Hunting, big game Hunting, upland game

Hunting, waterfowl

Skin and scuba diving

Hiking

Group Facilities: Picnicking, parking for buses

REMARKS The BLM has made a survey for a campground development. It is hoped that construction will begin in the near future.

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WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

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	remove	rough	fish in	spring	1967 and then planted with rainbow
	finger	ling.			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout,
Heavy					Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)
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RECREATION (Check)

Boating, motor

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Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Picnicking, camping, parking for buses.

REMARKS This area has a caretaker. It is kept green by irrigation and provides a picnicking and camping area near the dam.

OWYHEE RESERVOIR

Owyhee Reservoir is situated in a steep, rocky canyon. The concrete dam backs water for 40 miles.

This is a remote and desolate area. The rimrocks in many places emerge from the depths of the reservoir and the hillsides are bare except for thin stands of short sage and bunchgrass. In places the topography looks as if it had been transplanted from the "craters of the moon".

Fishing is mainly a spring operation when the crappies and bass are active. Angling pressure is considered moderate by southeastern Oregon standards.

The only boat ramps on the reservoir are in the vicinity of the dam and resort. The county maintains a paved ramp and small parking area about one-half mile above the dam. There is a paved ramp near the Gordon Gulch Picnic Area and a gravel ramp at the V. W. McCormack Picnic and Camping Area. The resort also has a paved ramp.

Drift boating the section from Rome to the reservoir is becoming more popular every year. There is one take-out point at Leslie Gulch. The other point is at the Morcom Ranch, about 10 miles above the head of the reservoir.

Dry Creek, Deadman Gulch, and the head of the reservoir at one time were accessible by road, but roads are now poor or washed out. The only access to the east side is down Leslie Gulch from the Succor Creek road. The Morcom Ranch is accessible via Cow Lakes and "The Craters".

All in all this is a remote and desolate canyon that has been filled with life-giving water for irrigation of the Vale-Ontario agricultural area. Some access improvement is recommended; and, in one instance, preservation of a natural geological phenomenon is advocated. The following evaluation forms describe the area in more detail.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Owhyee	System				
Owyhee Reserve	oir Area	ŀ	riority	Complete	
Name County Boa	t Ramp	,	County _	Malheur	
Location $\frac{1}{2}$ mile	up reservoir fro	m the dam			
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Terrain Rim	rocks				
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	AN	IGLER NEEDS		•	
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Typ∈	of conveyance				
Development:					
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	Trails				
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This site was de	veloped before th	e State Park and	l at that	time was	the
onl y r	amp on the reserv	oir.			

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Ww			
Light		Ww	Ww	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,

Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH

(See Lower Owyhee River Basin map for location)

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION (Check)	Spring	Sumer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor	х	x	х	
Boating, non-motor	х	X	Х	
Camping, tent				
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat	х	Х	x	
Fishing, shore	Х	Х	X	
Hiking				
Horseback riding			-	
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game		<u></u>		
Hunting, waterfowl				
Nature study	L			
Picnicking	_			
Sightseeing				
Skin and souba diving	_	_		
Swimming				
Water skiing		X	X	

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This ramp was built by the Oregon Game Commission when a ramp was desperately needed years ago before the development of the State Park. Parking is limited at a lot on the hill above the ramp.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

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Owyhee Reservoir	Area	Priority	Complete
Name Lake Owyhee S	tate Park	County	Malheur
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Township 22 S	Range 45 E Se	c. 28 Tax Lo	t No.
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Terrain Rolling	g hills at base of r	imrocks	
Cover type Shade	trees and grass in p	ark	
Existing access	Paved highway		ngu ggyydi cashwalacalla adalah aha aha aha aha aha aha aha aha aha
Surface acres 12,7	40 Water quality	Good	Levels Fluctuate
Present stage of de	evelopment	Complete	
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	of conveyance		•
Development:	CRESCULAR SERVICE CONTROL CONT		
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	Trails		
Parking area	for commencement	cars or	_ car-traller units
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the highway	ay on the reservoir		

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Ww			
Light		Ww	WW	

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

SKETCH

(See Lower Owyhee River Basin map for location)

Seasons (Check)

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RECREATION (Check)	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor	х	х	х	
Boating, non-motor	х	X	х	
Camping, tent	х	x	х	
Camping, trailer	x	Х	X	
Fishing, boat	Ж	Ж	X	
Fishing, shore	Х	х	ж	
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game		side de directi		
Hunting, upland game			compressor.	
Hunting, waterfowl				
Nature study				
Picnicking	х	Х	х	
Sightseeing	Х	Х	Х	
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming		х	Х	
Water skiing		x	х	

(1) Gordon Gulch Picnic Area

This area is for picnicking only. It has shade trees, lawn, running water, toilets and picnic tables. A boat ramp is located about 100 yards to the south of the picnic area.

(2) V. W. McCormack camping and picnic area

This area has facilities for camping and picnicking with shade trees, lawn, running water and toilets and picnic tables. A gravel boat ramp is located on the south edge of the area and the lodge is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away.

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Picnicking, camping, bus parking

REMARKS

This is a very dry and desolate area. These picnic and camping areas are like an "oasis" in the desert.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Owyhee System	
Owyhee Reservoir Area	Priority Complete
Name Lake Owyhee Resort	County Malheur
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Location At the end of the Lake Owy	hee access road
Township 22 S Range 45 E	Sec. 29 Tax Lot No.
Ownership Private	Number of owners
DESC	RIPTION
Terrain Rolling hills at base of	rimrocks
Cover type A few shade trees and a	
Existing access Paved highway	
Surface acres 12,740 Water quality	Good Levels Fluctuate
Present stage of development	Complete
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ANGL	ER NEEDS
Acquisition: acres,	of frontage
Type of conveyance	
Development:	
-	Number of lanes
Toilets Trails	Roads
Parking area; for	cars or car-trailer units
This resort provides the needed cond	pessionary facilities at the lake.
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	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Ww .			
Light		Ww	Ww	

(Sa - Salmon, Tr - Trout,

Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH

(See Lower Owyhee River Basin map for location)

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION (Check)	Spring	Sommer	Fall	Vinter
Boating, motor	\mathbf{x}	\mathbf{x}	x	
Boating, non-motor	х	X	х	
Camping, tent	x	х	х	
Camping, trailer	х	х	x	
Fishing, boat	Х	x	X	
Fishing, shore	x	X	х	
Hiking				of residence
Horseback riding		-		-
Hunting, big game		age and the same	x	
Hunting, upland game			х	Х
Hunting, waterfowl			X	X
Nature study				
Picnicking	x	X	x	
Sightseeing	X	x	X	<u> </u>
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming		X	<u>x</u>	ļ
Water skiing	L	x	X	

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Parking for buses.

REMARKS

This is a modern lodge with motel type units. The lodge provides a boat ramp, marina, moorage, boat rental, restaurant, store and tackle shop.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Owyhee System	
Owyhee Reservoir Area	Priority C
Name Dry Creek Arm	County Malheur
Location 10 miles up the reservoir and $l\frac{1}{2}$ mile	s up Dry Creek Arm
Township 23 S Range 43 E Sec. 13 & 2	4 Tax Lot No.
Ownership BLM & Bureau of Reclamation	Number of owners 2
DESCRIPTION	
Terrain Rolling mountains and rimrocks	MATERIAL CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF THE STAT
Cover type Short sage and grass	RC LIST DUAL LINEARCH ACLUSE LINEARCH AND AN ARM THE BANK AND ACT THE BANK AND AN ARM AND AN ARM AND AN ARM AND AN ARM AND
Existing access Poor dirt road	
Surface acres 12,740 Water quality Good	Levels Fluctuate
Present stage of development None	
ANGLER NEEDS	
Acquisition: acres,	of frontage
Type of conveyance	
Development: Campground	
Boat ramp: Type	Number of lanes
Toilets X Trails Ro	oads Improvement
Parking area X; for 10 cars or	car-trailer units
This site will give the only road access to the	

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Ww	WW	Ww	

(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

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Dry creek Arm

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Water skiing

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

At Twin Springs, about 5 miles north of the end of the arm, there is a BLM campground that can be reached by car. From there to the reservoir, the road is poor. It is recommended that the road from the spring to the reservoir be improved and a campground be built at the reservoir.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Owyhee	System					
Owyhee Reservoir	Area			Pri	ority _	A
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Location 21 miles	up the res	ervolr				
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and bass	s are active	е.				

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Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The road that branches off the road from Dry Creek to the head of the reservoir is washed out. The air strip is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile up the reservoir from the gulch. It is recommended that the road be repaired and improved and a camping area be built on the reservoir at the gulch or near the air strip.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Owyhee	System		
Owyhee Reservoir	Area	Priority	Complete
Name Leslie Gulch	1 Solvening Generalist State Control	County _	Malheur
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Location 8 miles	from the head of the rese	rvolr	
Township 26 S	Range 44 E Sec.	Tax Lot	No.
Ownership	Bureau of Land Management	Number	of owners
	DESCRIPTION		
Terrain Steep	, rocky canyon		
Cover type Short	sage and grass	other allique (School) all all all all all all all all all a	
Existing access	Single lane dirt road		
Surface acres 12,7	40 Water quality Good		Levels Fluctuate
Present stage of de	evelopment None)	
	ANGLER NEEDS		
Acquisition:	acres,		of frontage
Туре	of conveyance	and provide the state of the st	
Development:			
Boat ramp: Ty	pe	Numbe	er of lanes
	Trails		
	; for cars		
This gulch is extr	emely scenic and should no	ot be improved	. •

Name	Leslie	Gulch	

Heavy Medium Light	Spring Summe	Fall Win	(Sa	- Salmon,	Tr - Trout, Ww - Warm Water Fishes) SKETCH
Camping, Camping, Fishing, Fishing, Hiking Horseback Hunting, Hunting, Hunting, Nature s Picnickit Sightsee	motor non-motor tent trailer boat shore k riding big game upland game waterfowl tudy ng ing scuba diving	Sons (Cheol	CAN PER PESSON (3)	3,	aslie Sie Sie Sie Sie Sie Sie Sie Sie Sie S
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REMARKS

This is a very scenic area and should not be disturbed. The road branches off the Succor Creek road and is about 21 miles down the gulch to the reservoir. The bottom 10 miles is the most scenic. There is a nice spring about 5 miles up the gulch from the reservoir. Drift boaters from Rome either take out here or at the Morcom Ranch, 10 miles above the head of the reservoir.

UPPER OWYHEE RIVER BASIN

The upper Owyhee River Basin is a vast area. It includes that part of the system above the reservoir.

From the head of the reservoir to Rome the river makes its way through a deep, narrow canyon, and again from Rome to Three Forks lies an even steeper and more rugged canyon. Above Three Forks the tributaries again flow through deep canyons that are generally inaccessible by road.

An aerial view of the upper river and tributaries reveals a vast area of rolling sage-covered hills and mountains broken by rock outcroppings and rims. The streams flow through deep trenches that drop beneath the surrounding terrain. The canyon walls are sheer rock cliffs or jagged lava flows. This is a big and beautiful country and road access is minimal.

Hunting is the main recreational activity that takes place in this area along with just plain sight-seeing. Arrowhead and Indian artifact hunters frequent the area when weather permits. Deer, antelope, and chukar hunters come in the fall when the weather is usually hot and dry. They usually seek camp sites where water is available.

The fishing above the reservoir is nearly nonexistent and the river is infested with hordes of rough fish. The Oregon Game Commission has future plans to chemically rehabilitate this area and plant trout and warm-water game fish.

Jordan Creek would be excluded from this treatment project because of the topography. The stream is choked with willows and has pockets that could never be effectively treated with the fish toxicants now in use. The main river and upper tributaries should prove to be excellent trout and warm-water game fish producers, as have other streams in south-eastern Oregon.

Two access points have been recommended for this area. The first is at Rome. This site is in need of a boat-launching ramp for drift boat access to the canyon between Rome and the reservoir. The second point is Three Forks, a wide spot in the network of canyons where the North Fork and South Fork merge to form the main stem of the Owyhee. The area is level adjacent to the river and would provide an area for camping. About two miles up the South Fork, but over the ridge by road, there is a hot spring and small level area that would also make a nice camping area.

These two sites are more fully described on the following evaluation forms.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Owhyee	System	Site No.	1
Upper Owhyee	Area	Priority	A
Name Mouth of Jordan	n Creek (Dowell Ranch)		
Location $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles down	wnstream from Rome	,E	Cast Bank
T 31 S, R 41 E, Sec.	River M	file Count	y Malheur
Ownership: Public			
	X Tax Lot No.		
Number of	owners 1		
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	lopment None		
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			AREA Upper Owhyee
			SITE # 1
FISHERY: None, but	there are future plans	by the Game	e Commission to rehabilitate
the river	from the Idaho border	to the reser	rvoir.
Spring Sum			St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, n, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)
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Horseback riding			
Hunting, big game Hunting, upland game			A 1 1 3
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Swimming Water skiing

Safety Problems:

Skin and scuba diving

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is a much needed boat launching site. Pressure has increased each year and will continue to increase in the future. Guides from western Oregon take parties through the canyon now. The landowner will permit boat launching at his barnyard now if you ask permission.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Owyhee	System		Site :	No.	2
Upper Owyhee	Area		Prior	ity	В
Name Three Forks	indicated and the contract of				
Location 40 miles	south of Jor	dan Valley	· · ·		Bank
T <u>35 S</u> , R <u>45 E</u> , Sec	34, 35; 2	2, 3 River	Mile	County	Malheur
Ownership: Public _	Bureau o	of Land Man	agement		
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Number of	of owners			eranga palkathin kanga danp-	ON THE BUILDING WAS TO STREET ON THE STREET OF THE STREET
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Land type Steep ca	nyon with fl	at area at	forks		
Cover type Sagebrus	sh and grass				
Road access Single-	-lane dirt	Transferritorio socioni di cuato acumpora 9	Condition	Public	
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	ANO	GLER NEEDS			
Acquisition: 5	Acı	res,			_ of frontage
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Development:					
Boat ramp: Type			Numb	er of lan	es
Toilets	Tra	ils	Road	8	
Parking area	; For	ca.	rs or	car-	trailer units
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AREA	Three	Forks
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FISHERY: There is no fishery in this part of the river, however, the Game

Commission has plans to chemically treat this part of the system.

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Light	27 3 26	//
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