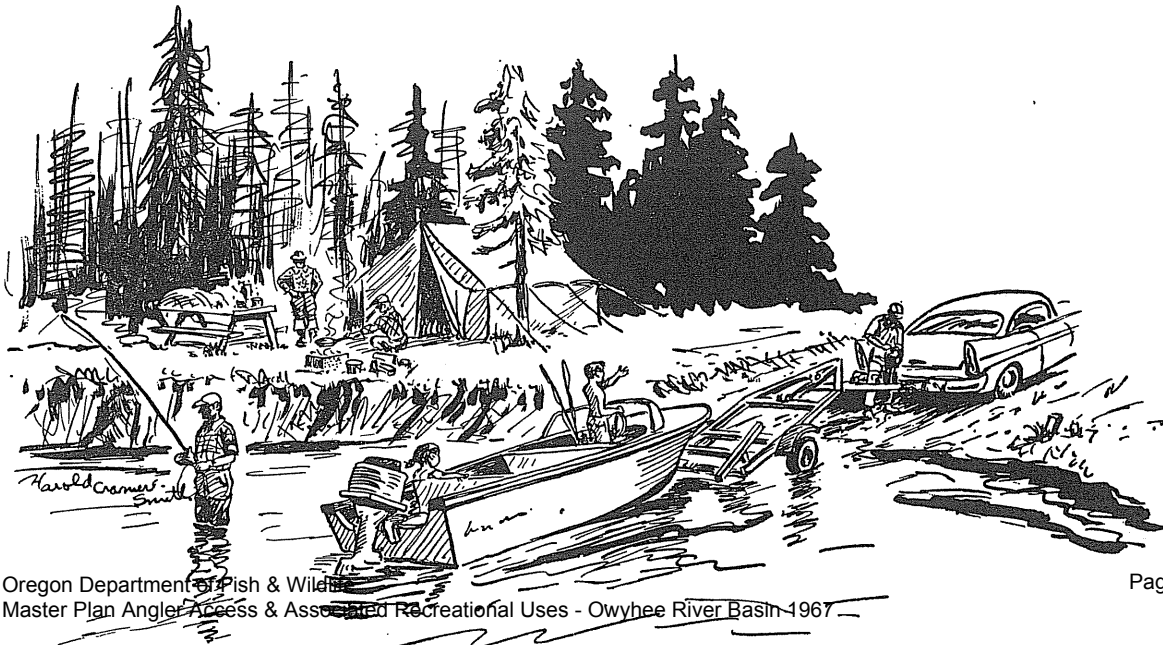


**OWYHEE
RIVER BASIN**

**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.

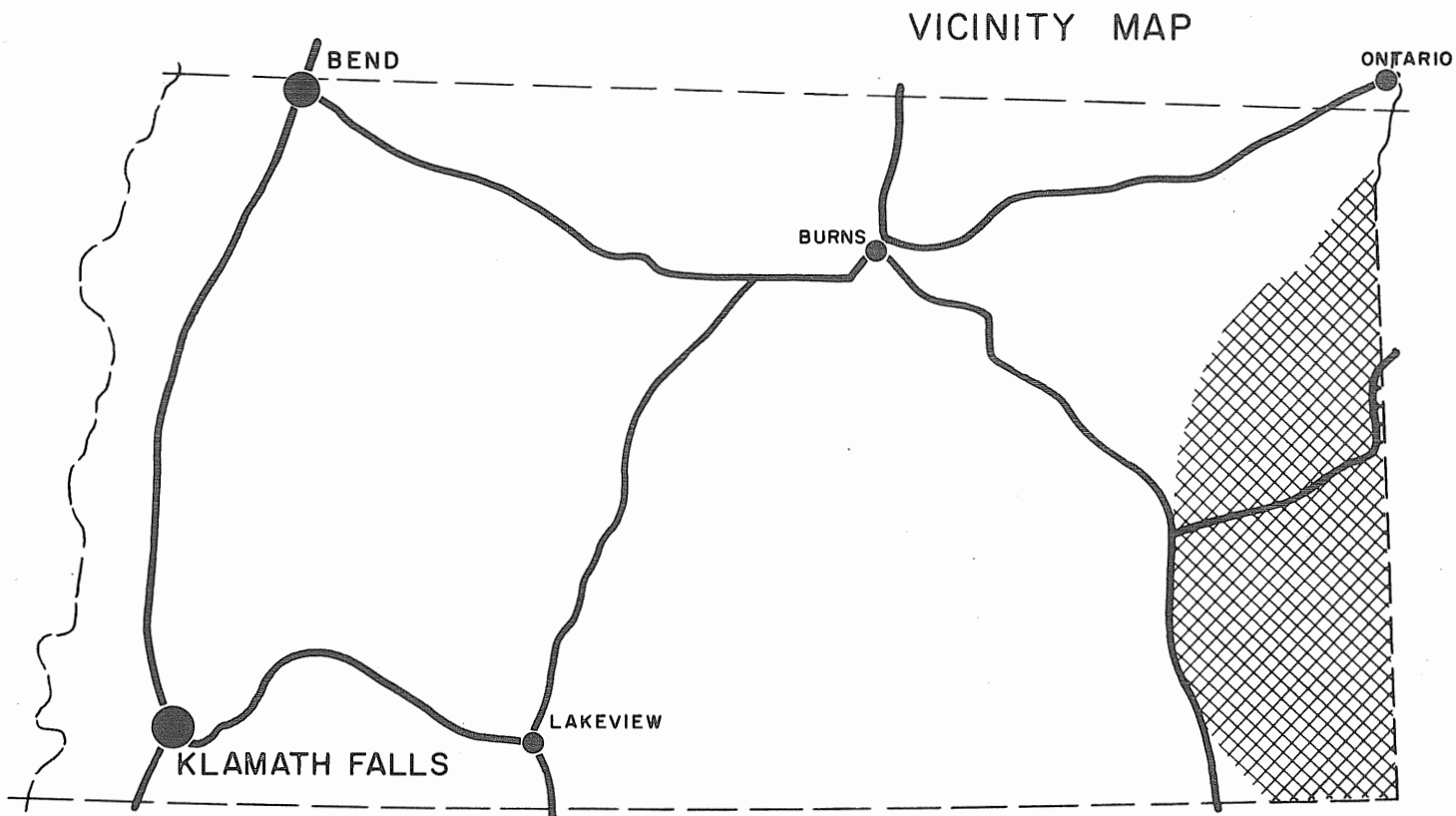
The Owyhee Canyon is a deep gash in the earth's surface. Between Three Forks and Rome the canyon is the roughest and the river is nearly impassable by boat. From Rome to Owyhee Reservoir the canyon is deep and rugged but quite navigable at moderate stream flows.

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 $11\frac{1}{2}$ -mile section below the irrigation diversion.

Prior to the construction of the Owyhee Dam in 1932, salmon and steelhead migrated up the Owyhee River to the spawning areas located in the headwater 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 No. 1
Lower Owyhee Area Priority A
Name Mouth of Owyhee River

Location Off Beet Dump Road, West Bank
T 20 S, R 47 E, Sec. 19 River Mile 0 County Malheur

Ownership: Public _____
Private X Tax Lot No. 600
Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Land type Agricultural
Cover type Willows and elms along river
Road access Single-lane dirt, Condition Fair
High - Spring Good in spring
Flows Low - Summer Water quality Polluted in summer
Present stage of development Undeveloped

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: One Acre, 200 feet of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase with easement access

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails _____ Roads Improved
Parking area X; For _____ cars or 25 car-trailer units

This site will accommodate anglers at the mouth of the Owyhee River and
boat access to the Snake River.

AREA Mouth of Owyhee

SITE # 1

FISHERY: Bass, crappie, bullheads, bluegill, channel catfish

Spring Summer Fall Winter

Heavy				
Medium	Ww			
Light		Ww	Ww	

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

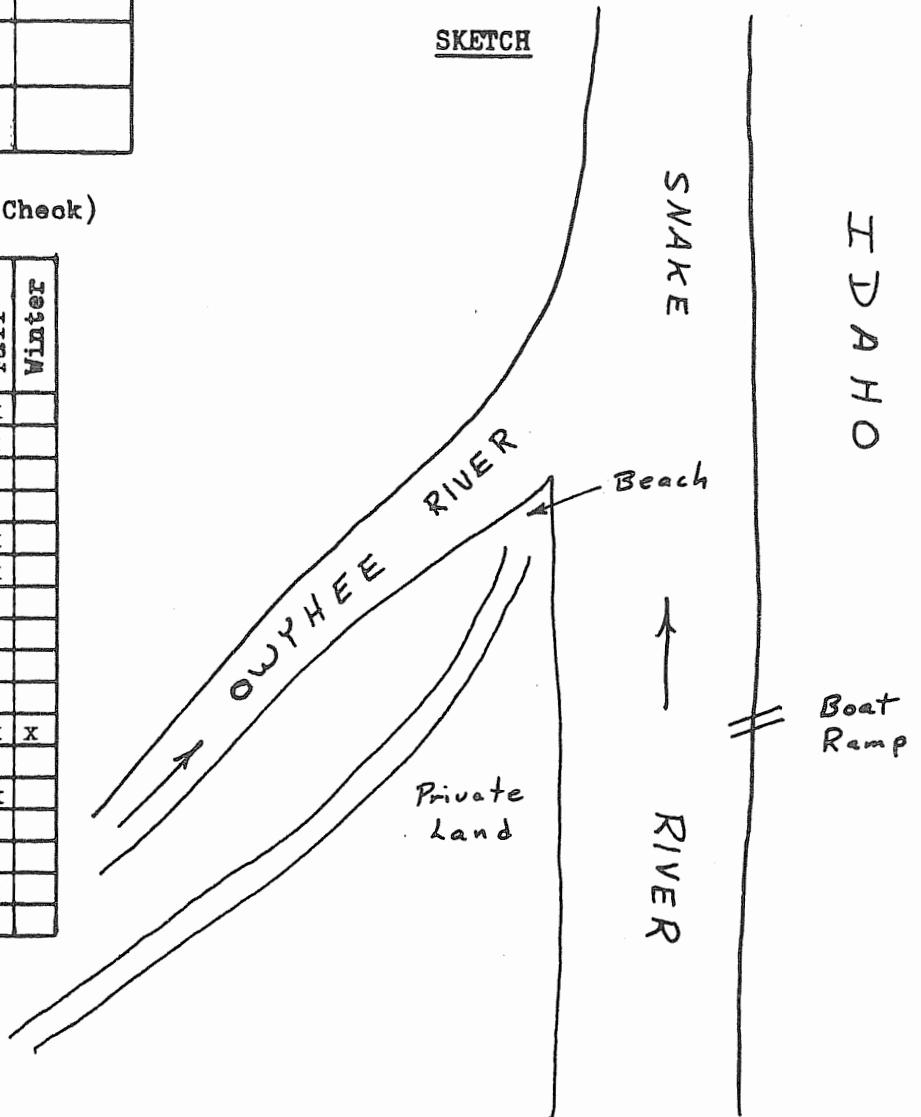
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Seasons (Check)

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



OTHER

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 Owyhee 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 Owyhee.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Owyhee System Site No. 2
Lower Owyhee Area Priority A

Name Snively Gulch Hot Spring

Location 13 miles downstream from dam, West Bank

T 21 S, R 45 E, Sec. 22 River Mile 16 1/2 County Malheur

Ownership: Public Bureau of Land Management

Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____

Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Rocky Canyon

Cover type Sagebrush, Cottonwoods and grass

Road access County paved, Condition Good

Flows Fluctuate Water quality Good

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 _____ Roads X

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

This site would provide a recreation site on the Owyhee River below Owyhee

Dam,

AREA Snively Gulch

SITE # 2

FISHERY: Rainbow trout, crappie, largemouth bass. This section of the river was chemically treated in the spring of 1967.

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

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

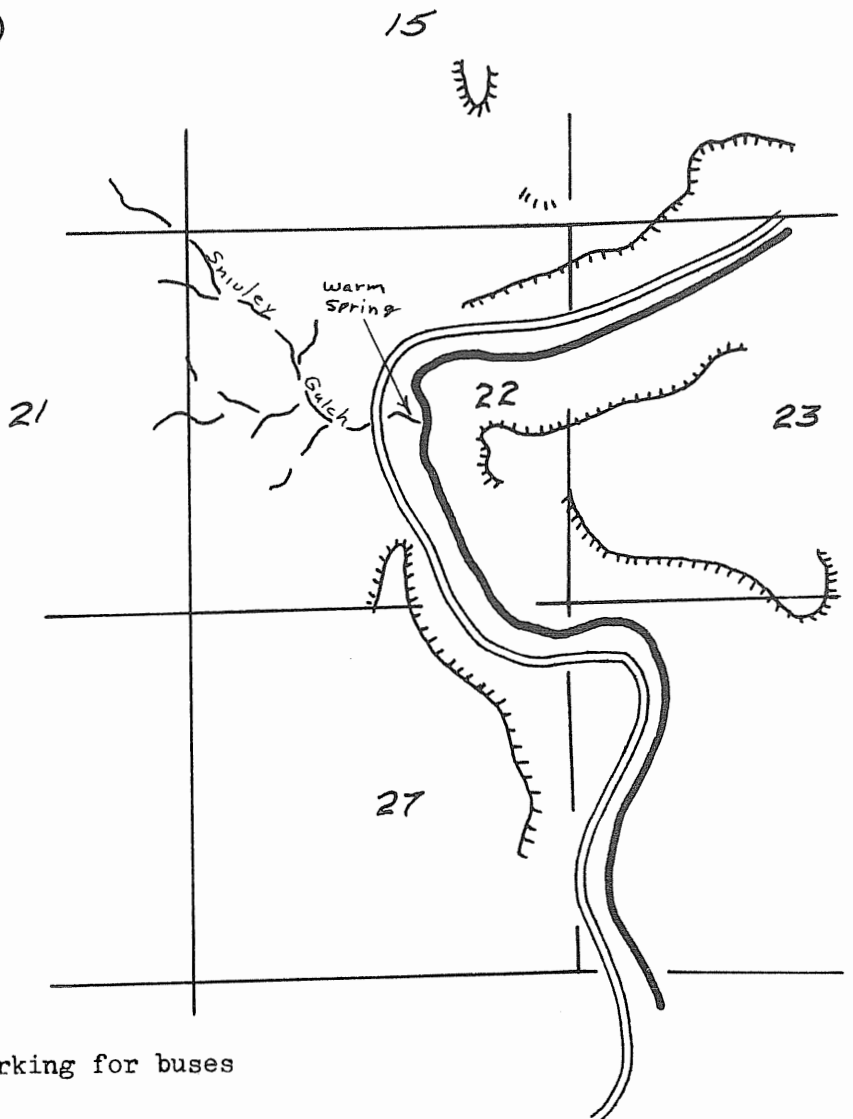
SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION
(Check)

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

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



OTHER

Safety Problems:

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.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Owyhee System Site No. 3
Lower Owyhee Area Priority Complete
Name Owyhee Dam Picnic Area

Location Just below Owyhee Dam, West Bank
T 22 S, R 45 E, Sec. 20 River Mile 28.25 County Malheur
Ownership: Public Bureau of Reclamation
Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____
Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land type Rocky Canyon
Cover type Cottonwood trees and lawn in area
Road access Gravel, Condition Good
Flows Stable in summer 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 camping and picnic area at Owyhee Dam.

AREA Lower Owyhee

SITE # 3

FISHERY: Rainbow trout. This part of the river was chemically treated to remove rough fish in spring 1967 and then planted with rainbow fingerling.

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

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

SKETCH

(See Lower Owyhee River Basin map for location)

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	

OTHER

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

Owyhee System
Owyhee Reservoir Area Priority Complete
Name County Boat Ramp County Malheur

Location 1/2 mile up reservoir from the dam
Township 22 S Range 45 E Sec. 21 Tax Lot No. _____
Ownership Malheur County Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Rimrocks
Cover type None
Existing access Paved highway
Surface acres 12,740 Water quality Good Levels Fluctuate
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 was developed before the State Park and at that time was the
only ramp on the reservoir.

FISHERY: Crappie and bass

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

Owyhee System
Owyhee Reservoir Area Priority Complete
Name Lake Owyhee State Park County Malheur

Location 2 miles up from the dam on the east side.
Township 22 S Range 45 E Sec. 28 Tax Lot No. _____
Ownership Oregon State Highway Department Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Rolling hills at base of rimrocks
Cover type Shade trees and grass in park
Existing access Paved highway
Surface acres 12,740 Water quality Good Levels Fluctuate
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

These sites provide a picnicking and camping area at the end of
the highway on the reservoir.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Owyhee System
Owyhee Reservoir Area Priority Complete
Name Lake Owyhee Resort County Malheur

Location At the end of the Lake Owyhee access road
Township 22 S Range 45 E Sec. 29 Tax Lot No. _____
Ownership Private Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Rolling hills at base of rimrocks
Cover type A few shade trees and grass
Existing access Paved highway
Surface acres 12,740 Water quality Good Levels Fluctuate
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 resort provides the needed concessionary facilities at the lake.

Name Owyhee Reservoir

FISHERY: Crappie and bass

	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	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				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game			X	
Hunting, upland game			X	X
Hunting, waterfowl			X	X
Nature study				
Picnicking	X	X	X	
Sightseeing	X	X	X	
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming		X	X	
Water skiing		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 1 1/2 miles up Dry Creek Arm
Township 23 S Range 43 E Sec. 13 & 24 Tax Lot No. _____
Ownership BLM & Bureau of Reclamation Number of owners 2

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Rolling mountains and rimrocks
Cover type Short sage and grass
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 _____ Roads Improvement
Parking area X; for 10 cars or _____ car-trailer units

This site will give the only road access to the west side of the reservoir.

Name Dry Creek Arm

FISHERY: Crappie and bass in the reservoir.

Spring Summer Fall Winter

Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Ww	Ww	Ww	

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

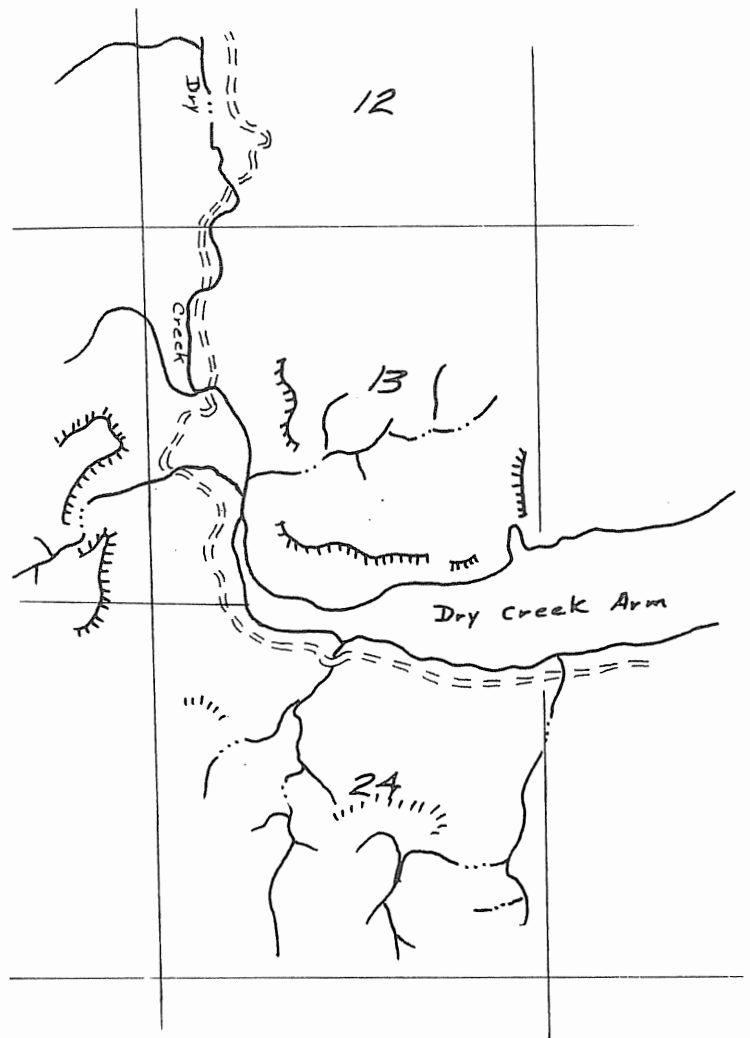
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Seasons (Check)

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



OTHER

Safety Problems:

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 Priority A
Name Deadman Gulch County Malheur

Location 21 miles up the reservoir
Township 24 S Range 44 E Sec. 3 2 Tax Lot No. _____
Ownership Bureau of Reclamation Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Rolling mountains
Cover type Short sage and grass
Existing access None - road is washed out
Surface acres 12,740 Water quality Good Levels Fluctuate
Present stage of development Unimproved road

ANGLER NEEDS

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

Development:

Boat ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____
Toilets X Trails _____ Road improvement
Parking area X; for 20 cars or _____ car-trailer units

This site provides the best angling during the spring months when crappie
and bass are active.

FISHERY: Crappie and bass

Spring Summer Fall Winter

Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Ww	Ww	Ww	

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

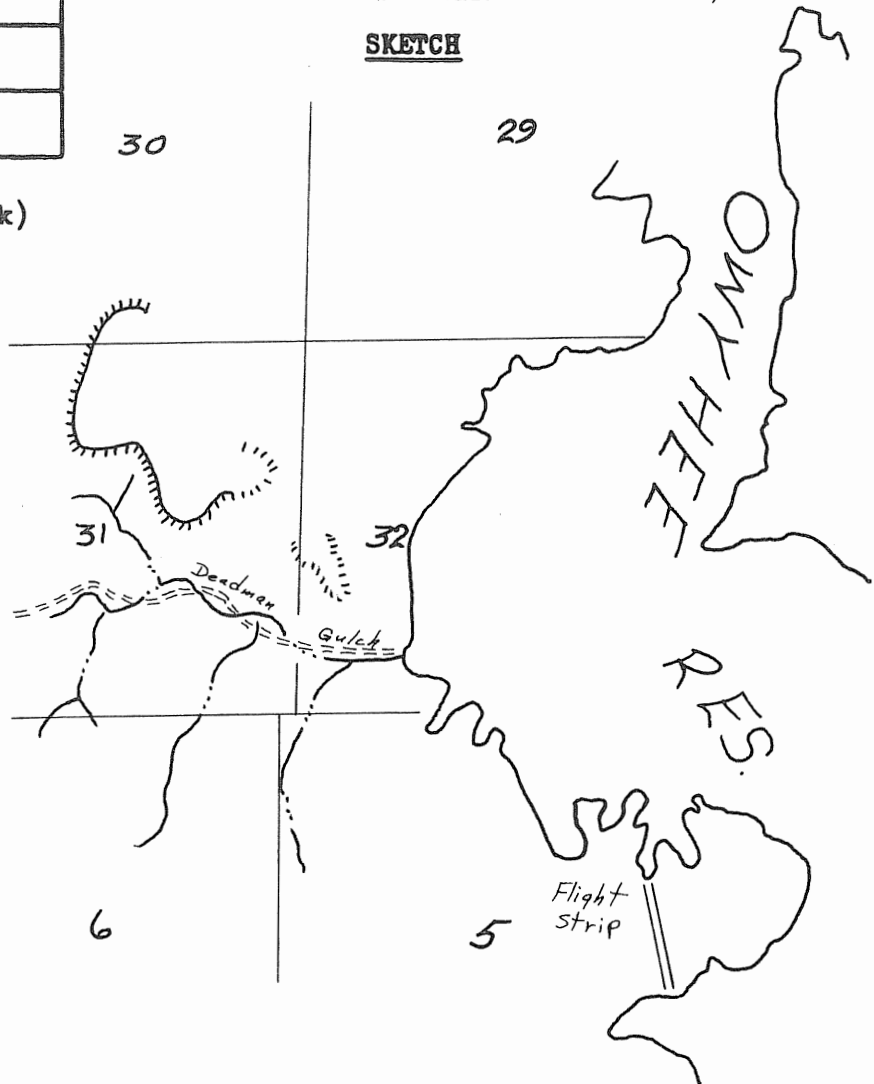
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Seasons (Check)

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	X	X	X	
		X	X	
		X	X	



OTHER

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 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 County Malheur

Location 8 miles from the head of the reservoir
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
Existing access Single lane 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:

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

This gulch is extremely scenic and should not be improved.

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 southeastern 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 Creek (Dowell Ranch)

Location 2 1/2 miles downstream from Rome, East Bank
T 31 S, R 41 E, Sec. 13 River Mile _____ County Malheur
Ownership: Public _____
Private X Tax Lot No. _____
Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Land type Level along river, rimrocks to the east
Cover type Sagebrush and pasture land
Road access Single-lane gravel, Condition Private
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 1 Acre, _____ of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete plank Number of lanes 1
Toilets X Trails _____ Roads X
Parking area X; For _____ cars or 10 car-trailer units

This site will accommodate boaters as a put-in site for trips through the
Owhyee Canyon.

AREA Upper Owhyee

SITE # 1

FISHERY: None, but there are future plans by the Game Commission to rehabilitate the river from the Idaho border to the reservoir.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

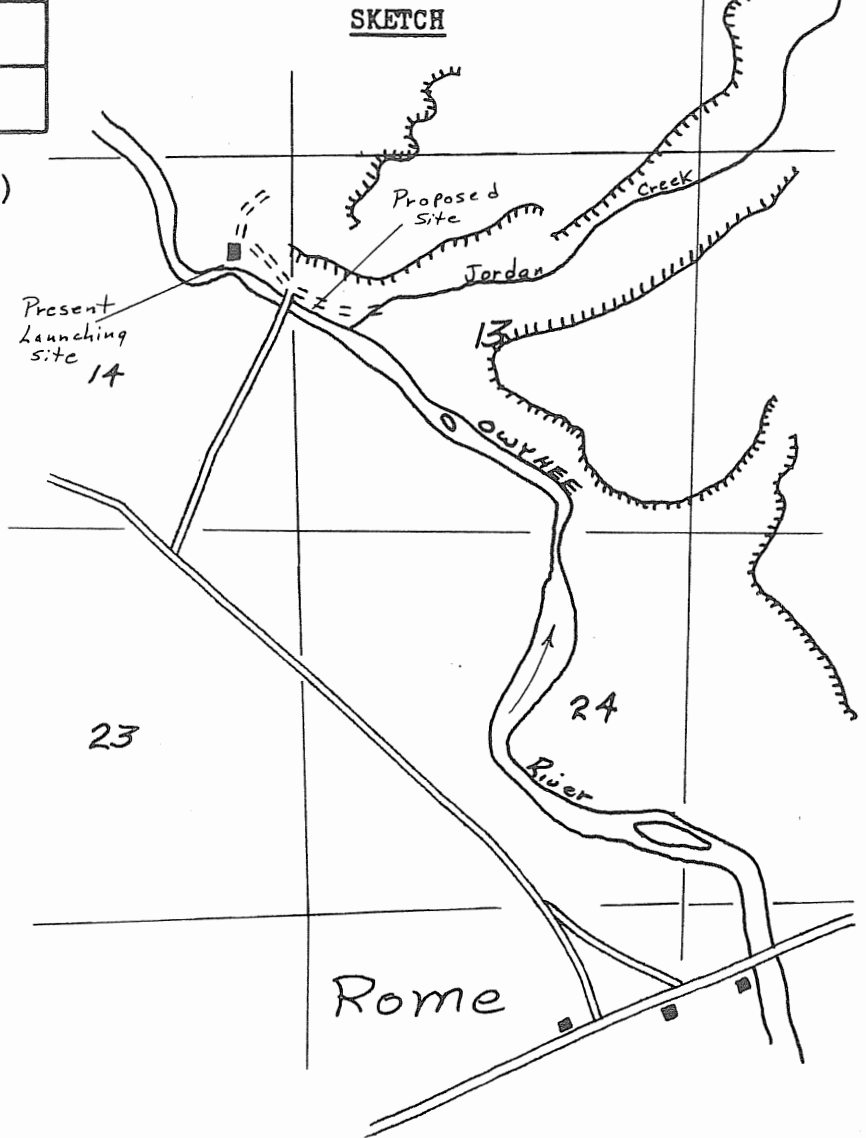
(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

Seasons (Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor				
Boating, non-motor		x	x	
Camping, tent				
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat				
Fishing, shore				
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Hunting, waterfowl				
Nature study				
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Sightseeing				
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(Check)

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OTHER

Safety Problems:

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.

