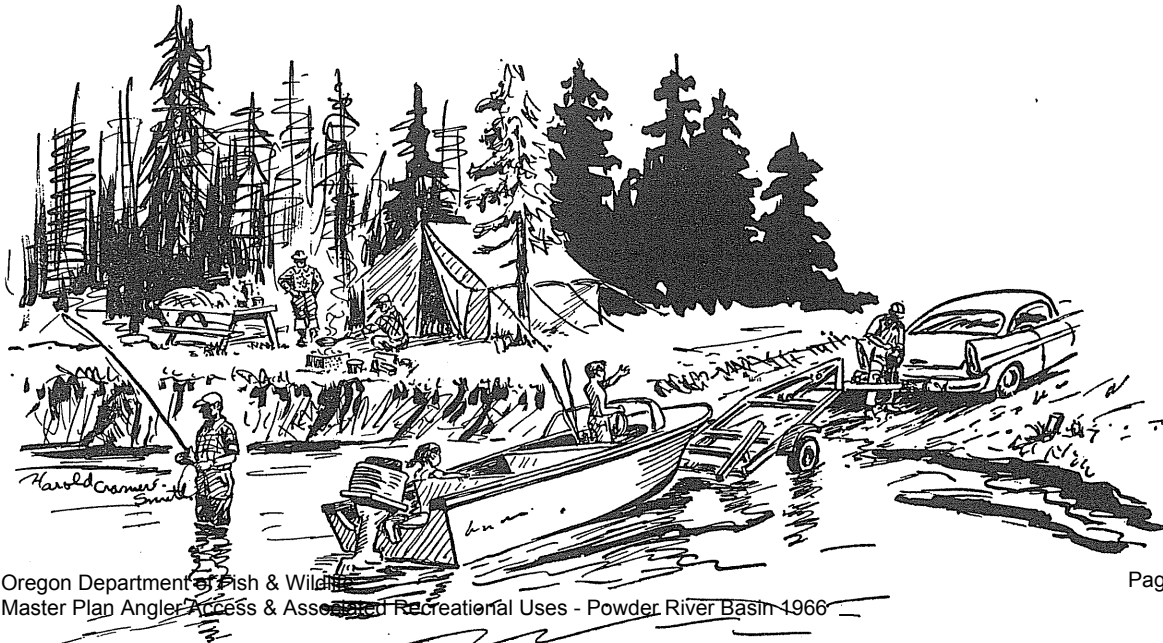


**POWDER  
RIVER BASIN**

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



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POWDER RIVER BASIN  
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The Powder River headwaters in the Blue Mountains west of Baker and drains the Baker and Powder River Valleys. In the middle section, the river forms an "S" curve as it heads north through the Baker Valley and then turns east at Thief Valley Reservoir. From here it continues east to meet the Powder River Arm of Brownlee Reservoir at Richland.

In the headwaters at the upper end of the Sumpter Valley, rolling hills, timbered with second growth ponderosa pine, hem the valley on all sides. The valley itself is flat, open, and meadow-like; and the Powder River meanders through hay and grain fields as it flows generally eastward. At the upper end of the valley the stream has been dredge mined. The tailings resulting from this operation completely fill the valley floor and make a useless wasteland.

Below the Sumpter Valley, the river turns north and makes its long journey through the Baker Valley and the towns of Baker and North Powder. This is an agricultural valley and an area of many irrigation diversions and low summer flows. At North Powder, the North Fork joins the main Powder River just before it makes its swing to the east into Thief Valley Reservoir. Below Thief Valley, the river meanders through the Keating Valley and into the Richland area which is collectively known as the Powder Valley. This valley is a long section of geography which is broken by a rugged canyon that divides the Keating and Richland areas. It is surrounded by sage and bunch grass covered foothills, and is checkerboarded with irrigation ditches and hayfields.

Nearly the entire Powder River system is used for irrigation through diversions that begin in the Sumpter Valley with additional supplies of water being removed throughout the remaining length of the system. The headwaters, Cracker Creek, and McCully Fork above Sumpter provide an early spring fishery, but flows through the summer are not substantial to maintain good trout angling.

Ten thousand legal rainbows are released in the Sumpter area each spring to supplement natural stocks of fish.

The lower reaches of the system support only very small populations of trout due to the low flows and warm water temperatures. Fair populations of warm-water game fish--smallmouth bass, crappie, and channel catfish--are present from Baker to Richland. The main angling pressure exists along the accessible section of the river above Richland where Highway 86 parallels the river for about 14 miles. Thief Valley Reservoir supports a limited fishery in the early spring, but for only a short time before the pool is drawn down for irrigation.

To really produce good angling for either trout or warm-water game fish, depending upon the environmental situation, the Powder River would need to be chemically treated and a program of habitat improvement initiated. A program of fish rehabilitation and habitat improvement would include:

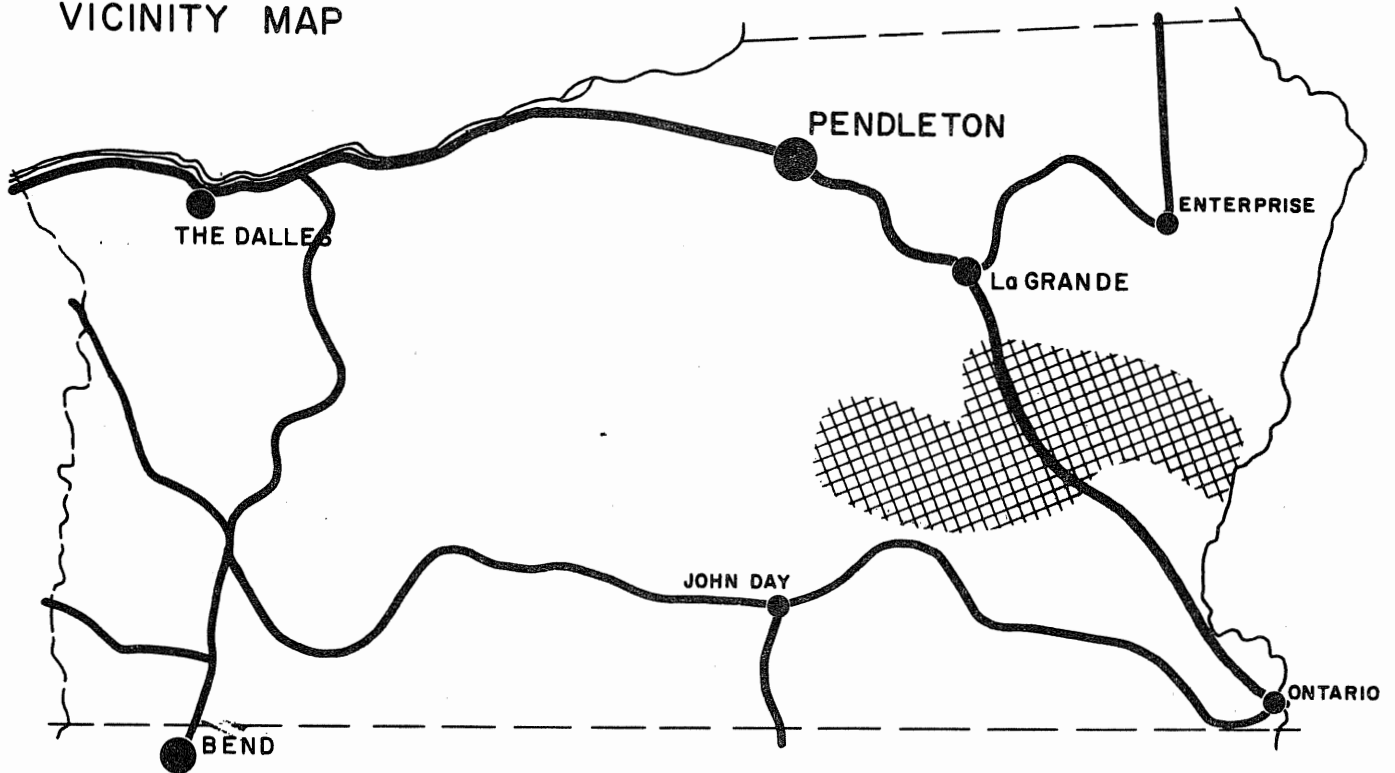
1. Chemical treatment of the river and tributaries to remove the rough fish population.
2. Reintroduction of suitable fish species.
3. Construction of a barrier at downstream end to prevent upstream migration of rough fish from lower impoundments; e.g., Brownlee Reservoir.
4. Streamside tree and cover planting to shade the stream which will lower water temperatures.

At the present time there is no access problem on the Powder River. Fish populations are not at optimum; rough fish populations are high and fishing is not considered good except in the early spring months when water flows are up. In the area near Richland, channel catfish, bass, and crappie move up the river during the spring high water periods and provide a good fishery for a short time. In the event of fish rehabilitation and habitat improvement, land along the river will be more in demand. Most of the system has been labeled "gain access whenever and wherever possible" since no particular site is any more desirable than another except those enumerated by area throughout this report. It is felt that angling access will be in demand if and when a rehabilitation program is undertaken and angling is improved. For this reason, it is specified that priorities be raised to "A" prior to a rehabilitation program.

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

The drainage basin has been divided into five areas, each with its individual characteristics and needs. The following area descriptions and site evaluation forms present the fishery and access picture in more detail.

## VICINITY MAP



The Powder River drains the Baker and Keating Valleys and joins Brownlee Reservoir near Richland.

Interstate Highway 80N through Pendleton links the western part of the state with the Baker Valley. The distance from Portland is 302 miles and takes about 6 hours of driving time. La Grande is 21 miles north of the basin; Ontario lies 95 miles to the south.

## AREA I

Area I of the Powder River consists of the section that lies between Richland and the Highway 203 crossing below Thief Valley Reservoir. This area is divided into two agricultural valleys that are separated by a long, narrow canyon.

For 9 river miles in the vicinity of Richland, the river flows through a fertile valley where hayfields predominate. Above the Richland Valley the river cascades through a canyon for a distance of 14 miles. The part of Area I above the canyon is known as the Keating Valley. It is very similar to the Richland Valley, but is nearly three times as large. Here the river meanders along among hayfields, and flows are at a minimum through the summer due to irrigation diversions out of the Thief Valley canyon.

A minimal warm-water fishery is maintained in the entire area due to large populations of rough fish. At the present time, the canyon area between the Keating and Richland Valleys is the only area that receives any fishing pressure, due to the inaccessibility of the privately owned land in the valleys, and here the angling intensity is only very light. Upon rehabilitation and fish habitat improvement, the river would support a good warm-water fishery and fishing access would be in demand. The Keating and Richland Valleys have been put under the category "gain access whenever and wherever possible" under priority "C" at the present time. Prior to a fish rehabilitation program, the priority in this section should automatically go to "A".

Access is no problem in the canyon since the state highway parallels the river all the way. If the highway were improved, it would be advantageous to incorporate wide shoulders and/or periodic off-the-highway parking areas for



anglers along this section. Since the Game Commission's successful introduction of the chukar partridge in 1953 and the first hunting season in 1956, this canyon has provided good shooting to many upland bird hunters throughout the state.

One site in the canyon area has been described and is included in the evaluation in this section of the report. The additional evaluations describe this area in more detail.

Balm Creek Reservoir, a small irrigation impoundment at the headwaters of Balm Creek, supports a moderate trout fishery. The reservoir is drawn down heavily each summer; consequently, angling pressure is concentrated in the early summer and then is only moderate.

Since the reservoir is bordered on the east side by Forest Service land, it is recommended that campgrounds be developed on this public land.

This reservoir is described in the following site evaluation section.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 1  
I Area Priority C  
Name Richland Valley

Location In the vicinity of Richland, Both Bank  
T 45E, R 9S, Sec. -; River Mile 9.5 - 20\* County Baker  
Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private X Tax Lot No. -- Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Level agricultural  
Cover type Hayfields with willows along river  
Road access Few gravel roads - county & private, Condition Good  
Flows Low Water quality Fair but warm  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, \_\_\_\_\_ Feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance Easements and/or purchase

Development:

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

This area will accommodate warm-water game fish anglers in the Richland-Halfway area.

\* The lower 9½ miles of river is inundated by Brownlee Reservoir.

AREA I

SITE # 1

FISHERY: Warm-water game fish - channel catfish, smallmouth bass, but primarily rough fish - carp, suckers, shiners.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Ww	Ww	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	

SEE FOLD-OUT MAP

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS Angling pressure in this section is mainly by the local landowners and residents. The mouth of the river on Powder River Arm is accessible by boat from the reservoir.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 2  
I Area Priority Complete

Name Bishop Springs Roadside Rest Area

Location 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles downstream from the end of Keating Valley North Bank  
T 9S, R 44E, Sec. 6: River Mile 26 County Baker

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

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Powder River Canyon  
Cover type Sagebrush and cheat grass  
Road access Paved highway - State, Condition Good  
Flows Low Water quality Fair but warm  
Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

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

Development:

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

This site accommodates tired and thirsty travelers through the lower  
Powder River canyon.

AREA I

SITE # 2

FISHERY: Warm-water - channel catfish, smallmouth bass, but primarily rough fish-  
carp, suckers, shiners.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Ww	Ww	Ww	

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

SKETCH

Toilets

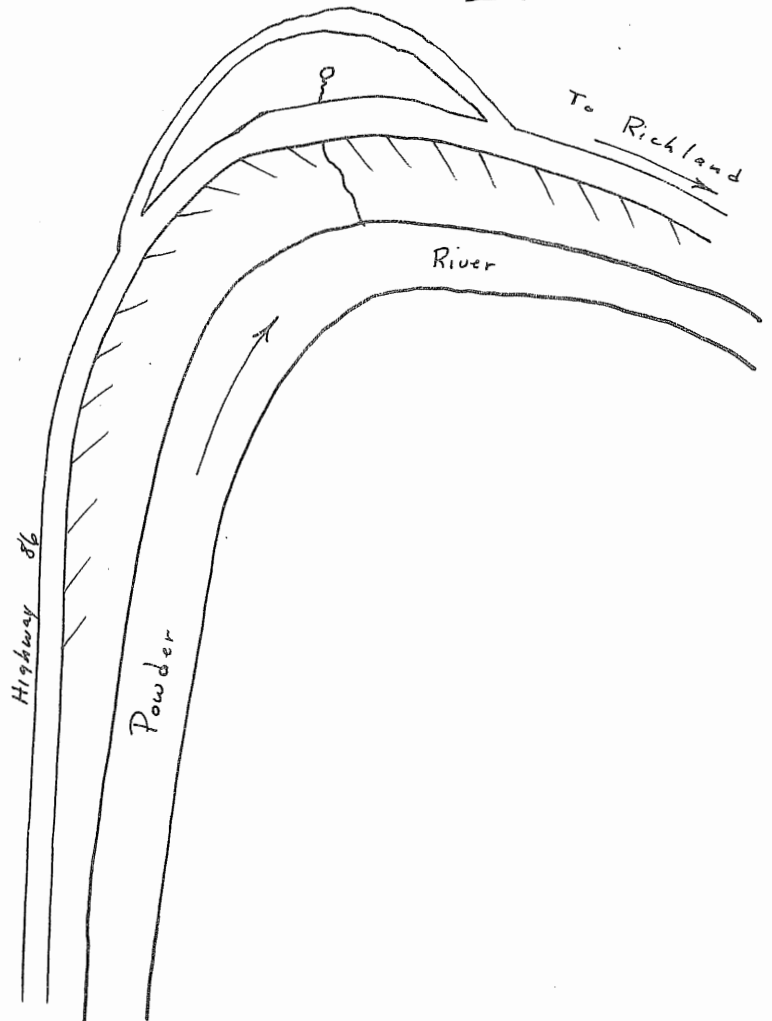


Seasons (Check)

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	



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is a roadside rest area with running water and toilets. The site is quite small and could accommodate only a few people at one time. This spring provides cool drinking water for hot travelers.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 3  
I Area Priority C

Name Keating Valley

Location Ten miles below Thief Valley Reservoir, Both Bank  
41E  
T 8S, R 42E, Sec. --; River Mile 31.6-50.4 County Baker  
43E

Ownership: Public

Private x\* Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

\* All land along river is privately owned

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Level valley

Cover type Hayfields

Road access Many two lane gravel - county, Condition Good

Flows Low Water quality Fair but warm

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, 2 miles of frontage

Type of conveyance Easements and/or purchase

Development:

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

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

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

This area will accommodate warm-water game fish anglers from the Keating area.

AREA       I      

SITE #       3      

FISHERY: Warm-water - channel catfish and smallmouth bass.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Ww	Ww	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	

SEE FOLD-OUT MAP

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

Access to this portion would open two miles of river to warm-water game fish anglers. If the river were rehabilitated it would provide a good warm-water fishery.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 4  
I Area Priority A

Name Balm Creek Reservoir

Location 12 miles northeast of Keating, - Bank

T 7S, R 43E, Sec. 7 : River Mile - County Baker

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service and

Private x Tax Lot No. - Number of owners 3\*

\*Jacobs Bros.

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous

Cover type Reservoir surrounded by timber

Road access Two lane gravel- public, Condition Good

Flows Fluctuating Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

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

Toilets x Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads along shore line

Parking area x ; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 30 car-trailer units

This site will accommodate trout anglers and some hunter camps.

AREA I

SITE # 4

FISHERY: Rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium*	Tr	Tr	Tr	
Light				

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

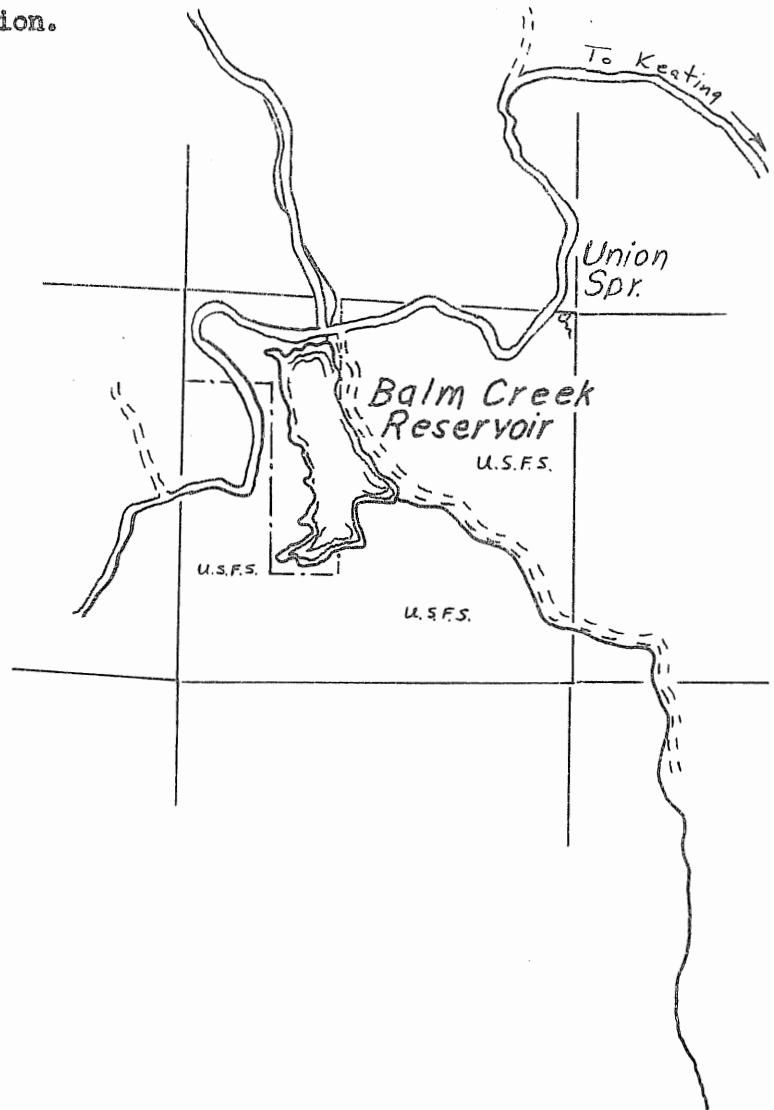
SKETCH

\* Medium because of pool fluctuation.  
Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

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



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This reservoir needs campground development on Forest Service land.  
This body of water is closed to angling from a motor driven craft.



## EAGLE CREEK AREA

Eagle Creek headwaters on the south side of the Wallowa Mountains and flows southeasterly to meet the Powder River at Richland. The topography varies from subalpine at West Eagle Meadows to mountain desert with sagebrush and rimrocks where the creek leaves the national forest.

The fishery is for rainbow trout in spring and early summer. The snow in the headwaters does not leave until the first part of July, but angling lower down in the watershed begins with the opening of the trout season in the latter part of April.

Access to the stream is complete and adequate on national forest land. However, the area between Tamarack Forest Camp and Main Eagle Bridge Camp is primarily privately owned and public entry is denied. Because of this, no hatchery trout liberations take place in this potentially good trout angling area. It is recommended that fishing easements be obtained in this area.

Two horse packers operate in the area and conduct pack trips in to the high lakes in summer and guide deer and elk hunters in the fall. They provide the needed access in to this side of the Wallowa Mountains and the Wilderness Area.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 1

Eagle Creek Area Priority Complete

Name Eagle Forks Campground

Location At forks of Little Eagle Creek and main Eagle Creek, West Bank

T 8S, R 15E, Sec. 6 & 7: River Mile - County Baker

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service

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

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous - camp on oxbow

Cover type Coniferous trees

Road access Single lane dirt - public, Condition Good

Flows High - spring  
Good - summer and fall Water quality Excellent

Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

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

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

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

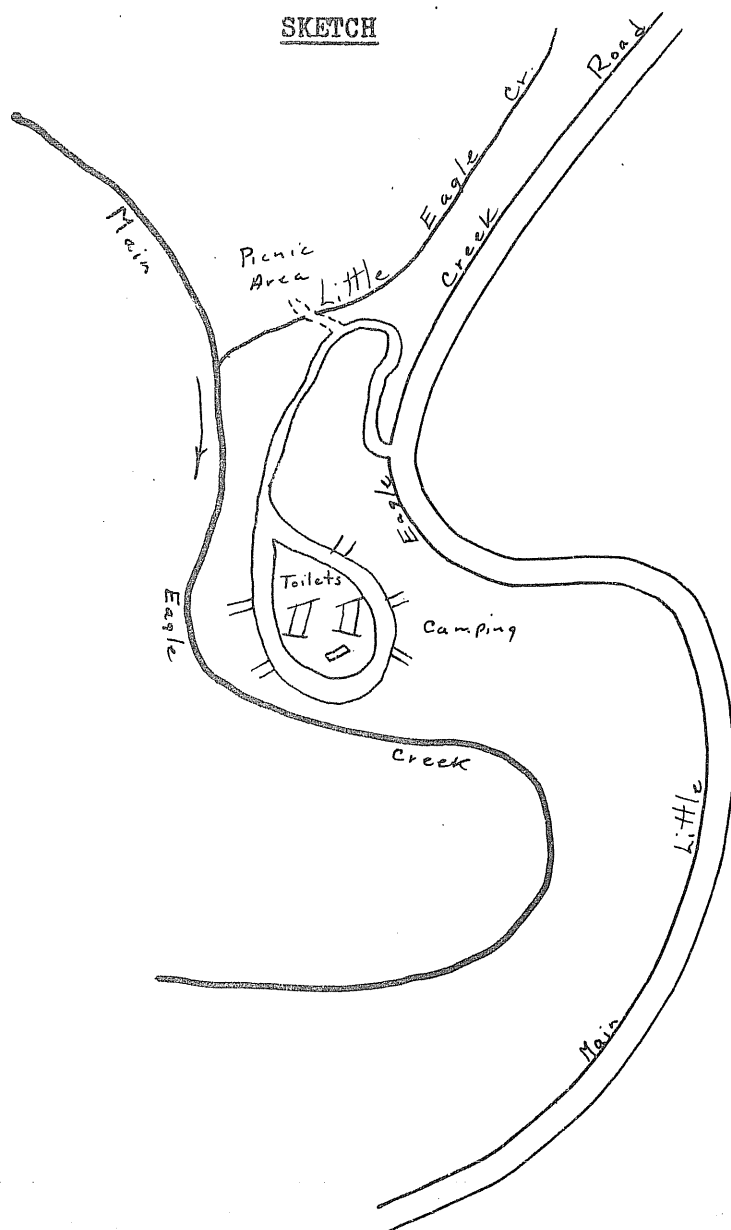
This site will accommodate trout anglers on Eagle Creek.

FISHERY: Rainbow trout and some Dolly Varden and whitefish

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy		Tr		
Medium				
Light	Tr		Tr	

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

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

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

RECREATION (Check)

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

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This campground is situated on a near level oxbow in the creek. Camping, picnicking, water, and sanitary facilities are furnished. This is a charge campground - no charge for picnicking.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 2

Eagle Creek Area Priority Complete

Name Eagle Creek Campground

Location 19 miles upstream from Richland, North Bank

T 7S, R 44E, Sec. 17: River Mile - County Baker

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service

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

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous

Cover type Coniferous trees

Road access Two lane gravel - public, Condition Good

Flows High - spring  
Good - summer and fall Water quality Excellent

Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

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

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

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

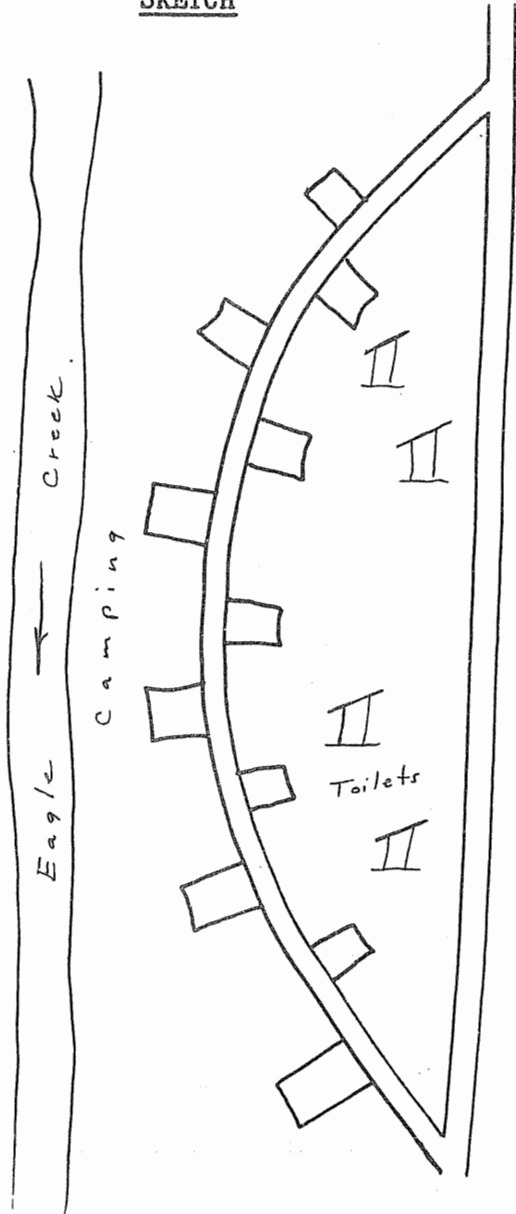
This site will accommodate trout anglers on Eagle Creek and deer and elk  
hunter camps in fall.

FISHERY: Rainbow trout and some Dolly Varden and whitefish

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy		Tr		
Medium				
Light	Tr		Tr	

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

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

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

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is a nice campground on Eagle Creek. Camping, picnicking, sanitary facilities, and water are furnished. A charge is made for camping - no charge for picnicking.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 3

Eagle Creek Area Priority Complete

Name Main Eagle Bridge Camp

Location 21 miles upstream from Richland, East Bank

T 7S, R 44E, Sec. 6; River Mile - County Baker

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service

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

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous

Cover type Coniferous trees

Road access Two lane gravel - public, Condition Good

Flows High - spring  
Good - summer and fall Water quality Excellent

Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

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

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

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

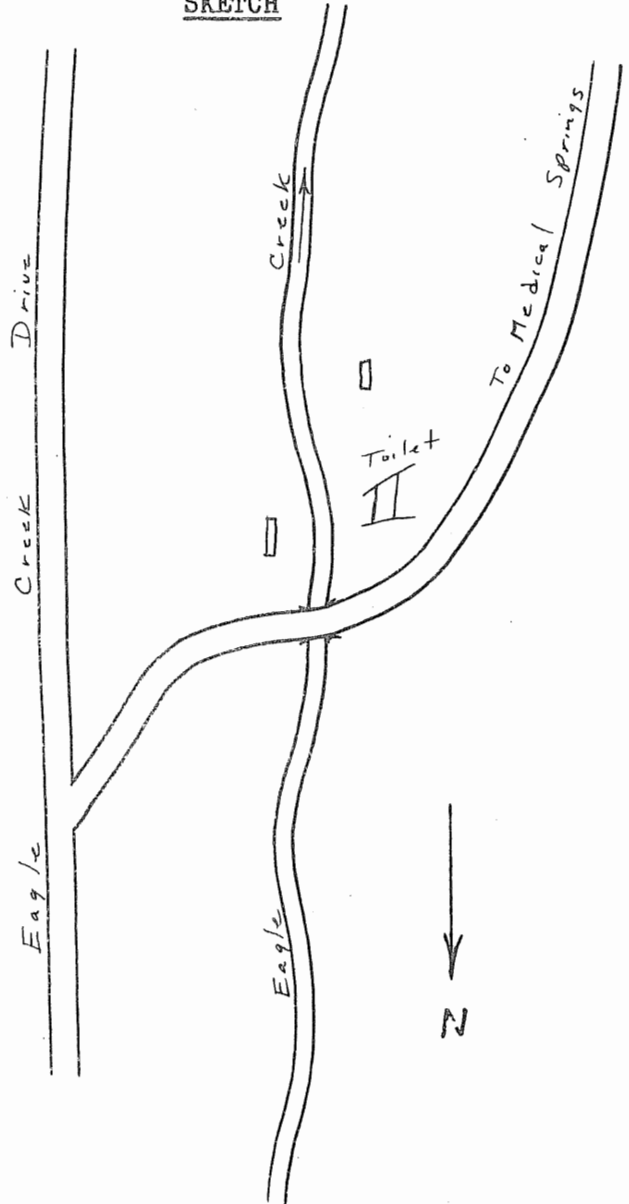
This site will accommodate trout anglers on main Eagle Creek and deer and  
elk hunter camping in the fall.

FISHERY: Summer rainbow trout, some Dolly Varden and whitefish

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy		Tr		
Medium				
Light	Tr		Tr	

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

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

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

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is just a level area near the creek with a couple of picnic tables, garbage cans, and a toilet.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 4  
Eagle Creek Area Priority Complete  
Name Kettle Creek Camp

Location End of road on east fork of Eagle Creek, East Bank  
T 6S, R 44E, Sec. 9: River Mile - County Baker  
Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous  
Cover type Coniferous trees  
Road access Two lane gravel - public, Condition Good  
Flows High - spring  
Good - summer and fall Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

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

Development:

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

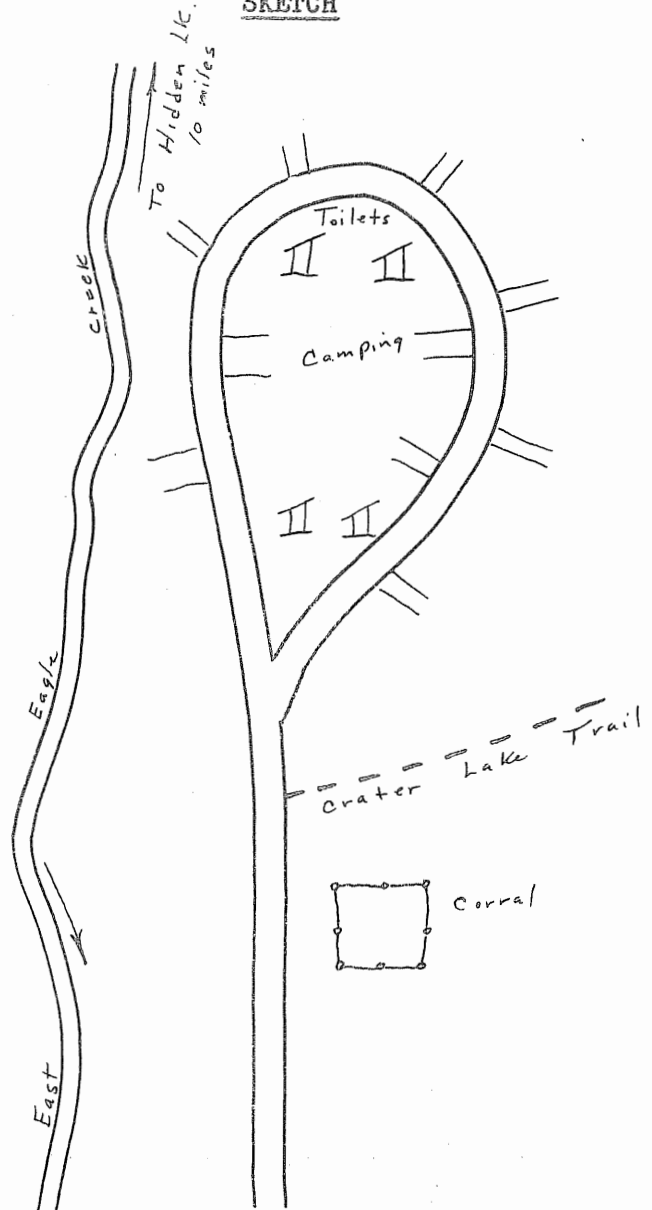
This site will accommodate anglers on east fork of Eagle Creek and deer and elk hunters in the fall.

FISHERY: Summer rainbow trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy		Tr		
Medium				
Light	Tr		Tr	

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

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

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

\*This is a very scenic area.

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

Public horse corrals and loading ramps at campground.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 5  
Eagle Creek Area Priority B

Name Middle Eagle Creek Easements

Location Above Main Eagle Bridge Camp, Both Bank

T 6S, R 43E, Sec. -; River Mile - County Baker  
7S 44E

Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private  Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Narrow mountain valley along creek

Cover type Pasture, deciduous trees along creek

Road access Two lane gravel - public, Condition Good

Flows High - spring  
Good - summer and fall Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, 3 miles of frontage

Type of conveyance Easement

Development:

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

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

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

This site will accommodate trout anglers on 3 miles of main Eagle Creek.

AREA Eagle Creek

SITE # 5

FISHERY: Summer rainbow trout, some Dolly Varden and whitefish



	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy		Tr		
Medium				
Light	Tr		Tr	

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

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	

SEE FOLD-OUT MAP

OTHER

Safety Problems:  
  
Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is a good fishing section of Eagle Creek and public access is denied by the landowner. Because of this, no hatchery trout are released in this potentially good fishing area.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 6  
Eagle Creek Area Priority Complete  
Name Tamarack Forest Camp

Location At mouth of West Eagle Creek, East Bank  
T 6S, R 43E, Sec. 21; River Mile - County Baker  
Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service  
Private          Tax Lot No.          Number of owners         

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous  
Cover type Coniferous trees  
Road access Two lane gravel- public, Condition Good  
Flows High - spring  
Good - summer and fall Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition:          Acres,          Feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance         

Development:

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

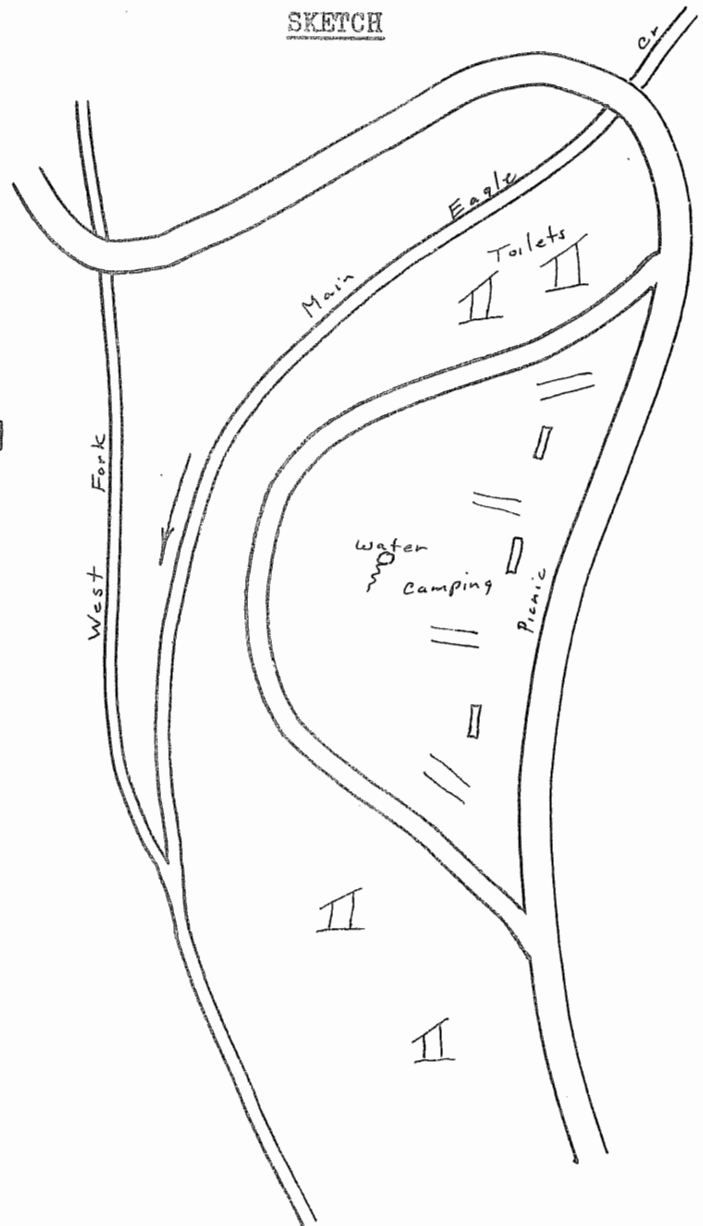
This site will accommodate trout anglers on Eagle Creek and deer and elk  
hunters on south side of Wallowa Mountains.

FISHERY: Summer rainbow trout, some Dolly Varden and whitefish

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy		Tr		
Medium				
Light	Tr		Tr	

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

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

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

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is a small camping area that is level along the Eagle Creek canyon. Picnic, camping, water, and sanitary facilities are furnished. It is a charge campground - no charge for picnicking.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 7  
Eagle Creek Area Priority Complete  
Name Two Color Campground

Location 1/2 mile above West Fork road junction, West Bank  
T 6S, R 43E, Sec. 16; River Mile - County Baker  
Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous  
Cover type Coniferous trees  
Road access Two lane gravel - public, Condition Good  
High - spring  
Flows Good - summer and fall Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

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

Development:

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

This site will accommodate trout anglers on Main Eagle Creek and deer and  
elk hunters on the south side of the Wallowa Mountains.

FISHERY: Summer rainbow trout, some Dolly Varden and whitefish

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy		Tr		
Medium				
Light	Tr		Tr	

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

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

\* Show-me trips are conducted here.

OTHER

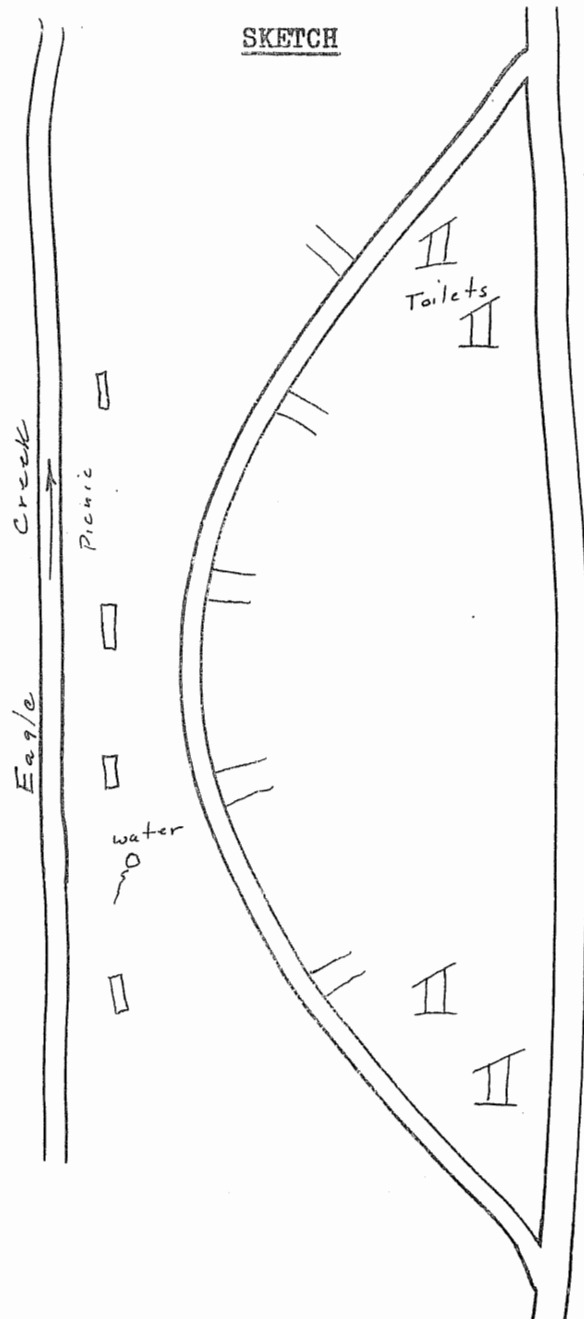
Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Picnicking, camping

REMARKS

This is a nice campground in tall fir trees. Picnic and sanitary facilities are provided. Deer and elk hunters use this campground in the fall. A charge is made for camping - no charge for picnicking.

SKETCH



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 8  
Eagle Creek Area Priority Complete

Name Boulder Park Resort

Location End of road on Main Eagle Creek, - Bank  
T 6S, R 43E, Sec. 2; River Mile - County Baker

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service

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

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous

Cover type Coniferous trees

Road access Two lane gravel - county, Condition Good

Flows High - spring Water quality Good  
Good in summer

Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

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

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

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

This site will accommodate anglers and hunters on the south side of the  
Wallowa Mountains.

FISHERY: Summer rainbow trout, Dolly Varden and whitefish

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy		Tr		
Medium				
Light	Tr			

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

Seasons (Check)

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

\*Tourists take trips into Wallowas.

OTHER

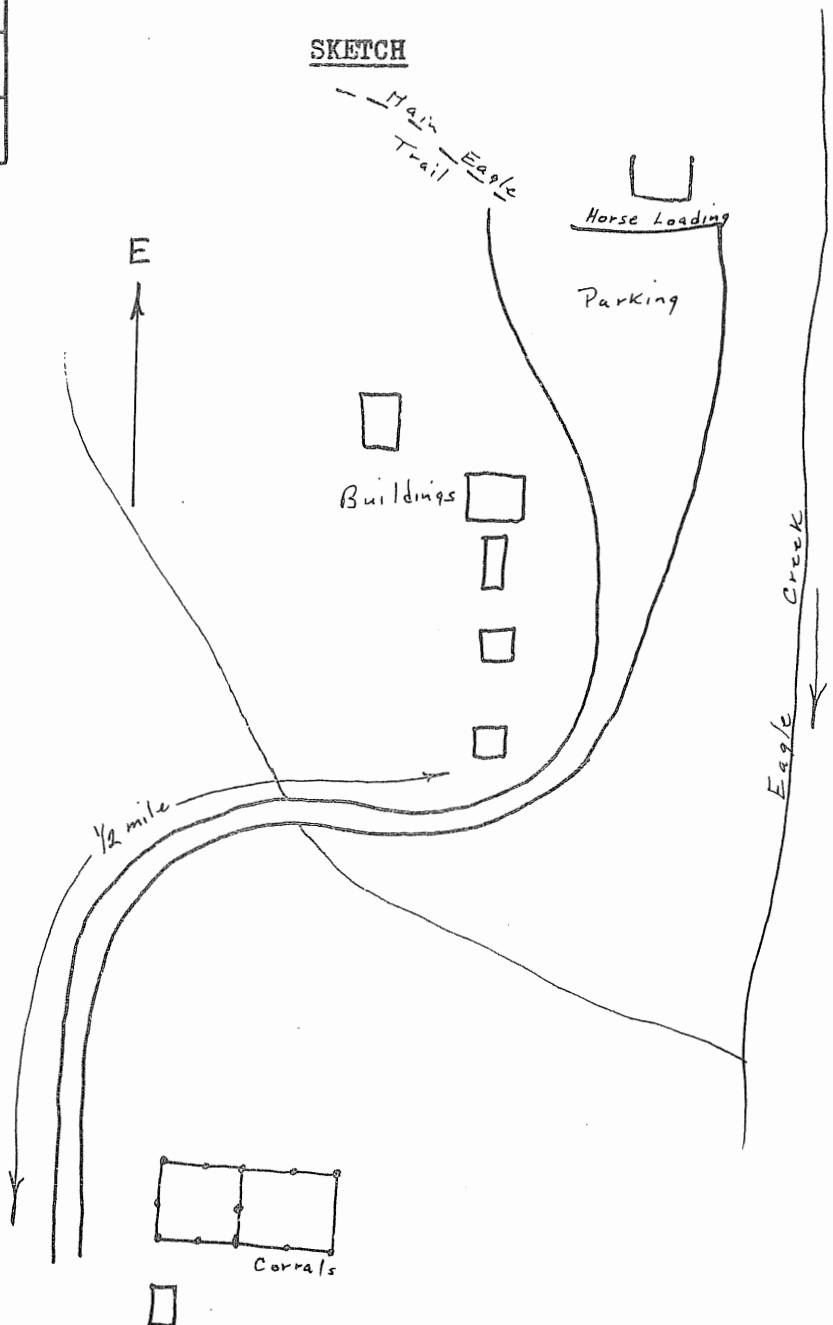
Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is a concession that furnishes horses, guides, home-cooked meals, store, lodge and cabins for overnight stays. The horse corrals are down the road about 1/2 mile. The public is permitted to unload their horses free of charge.

SKETCH



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 9  
Eagle Creek Area Priority C

Name West Eagle Meadows

Location 2 miles east of Flagstaff Butte, Both Bank

T 5S, R 43E, Sec. 32; River Mile - County Union

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service

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

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountain Meadow

Cover type Grass and coniferous trees

Road access Two lane dirt - public, Condition Fair

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

Present stage of development A few garbage cans

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

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

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

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

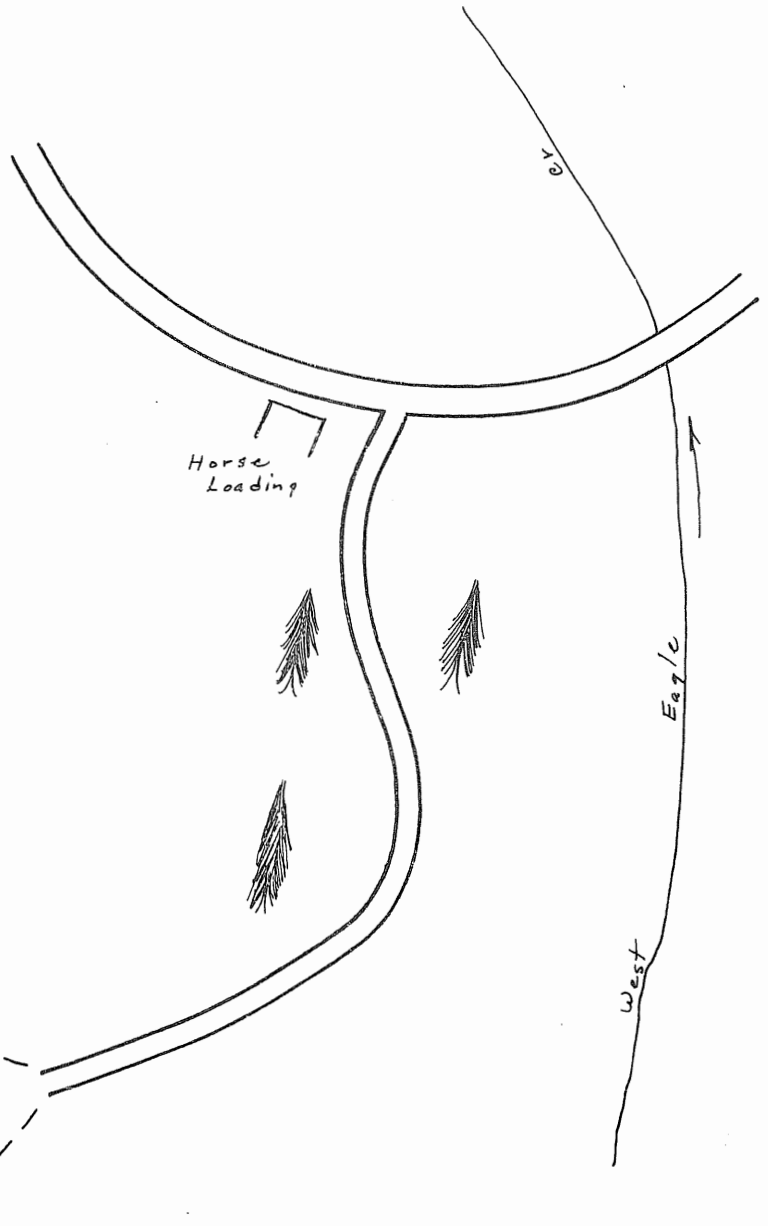
This site will accommodate trout anglers and deer and elk hunters on south  
side of Wallowa Mountains.

FISHERY: Summer rainbow trout in vicinity of meadows

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium		Tr		
Light			Tr	

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

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

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

\*School groups come here for study.

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is the access point for the Fake Creek Trail and Echo Lake Trail. A horse loading platform exists on main road. This meadow gets medium elk hunter camp use and light deer hunter camp use.

## AREA II

Area II is composed of Thief Valley Reservoir and adjacent canyon below the dam. The canyon for a distance of ten miles is a steep, rugged trench with sparse vegetation of sagebrush and cheat grass. This section has no road access except at the dam, and at the lower end where Highway 203 crosses the river. Access to this canyon is not eminent at the present time, but when the Oregon Game Commission is able to initiate a fish rehabilitation program on the Powder River, access will be needed. The river flows in the canyon are good during the irrigation season which starts in mid-April and extends into September. All diversion ditches branch from the river at the lower end of the canyon. During the wet season the reservoir is shut down to store water for the following year.

Trout are able to sustain themselves in the lower end of the canyon during times of low flow due to some deep pools, returning ground water, and a few springs along the canyon sides. In addition to trout, smallmouth bass and channel catfish would be introduced in the river after chemical treatment in order to sustain a fishery through the hot summer months.

Deer and chukar partridge abound in the canyon and would offer some additional hunting territory when access is gained to this section.

Thief Valley Reservoir is contained in the upper part of this area. It is an irrigation development and is completely drained each year. The maximum pool covers 890 surface acres and contains 17,400 acre feet of storage. No good fishery can be maintained in this reservoir because of each year's draining. If the reservoir size could be increased and a minimum pool of at least  $1/3$  maximum pool could be guaranteed, a trout and warm-water fishery could be established.

No access problems exist now, but there will if a minimum pool is guaranteed and a fishery is established. If this situation arises, the priority on development along the reservoir should be charged to "A".

The two following evaluation sheets describe the area and illustrate the access needs in more detail.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 1  
II Area Priority B  
Name Thief Valley Canyon

Location Ten mile canyon below Thief Valley Reservoir, Both Bank  
40&  
T41E, R 6 & 7S Sec. -; River Mile 50.4-70.0 County Baker  
Ownership: Public Bureau of Land Management and  
Private X Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type River canyon with rimrock outcroppings  
Cover type Sagebrush and cheat grass  
Road access None, Condition Good through  
Flows irrigation season Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

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

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads to rim of canyon  
Parking area \_\_\_\_\_; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units  
This site will accommodate anglers and hunters along ten miles of rugged  
canyon area.

**FISHERY:** Trout in early spring and warm-water fish through the summer and fall.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

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

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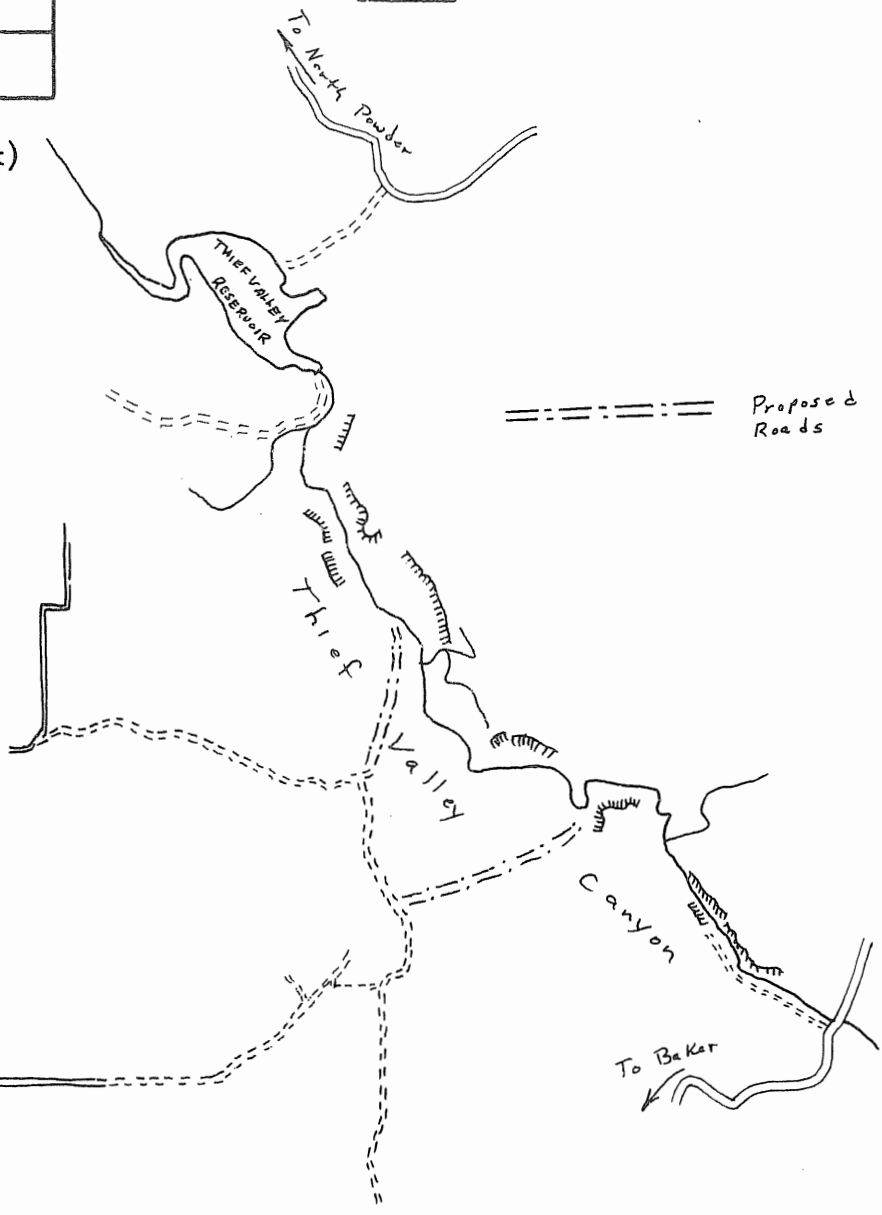
**Seasons (Check)**

**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
	X	X	X	
			X	
			X	X

\* Chukars are hunted into January



**OTHER**

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

**REMARKS** Access to this canyon would open up approximately ten river miles of hunting and angling when the need arises.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 2  
II Area Priority C

Name Thief Valley Reservoir

Location 6 miles east of North Powder, Entire shore line  
T 6S, R 40E, Sec. -: River Mile 71 County Baker  
Ownership: Public Bureau of Land Management and  
Private x Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Surrounding rolling mountains  
Cover type Hayfields adjacent to reservoir on north side  
Road access Single lane dirt - private, Condition Fair  
Flows High - spring  
Drained by fall Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Maximum pool boat ramp

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, \_\_\_\_\_ Feet of frontage  
\*  
Type of conveyance Easement and/or purchase  
\* Easements for road access to reservoir

Development:

\*  
Boat Ramp: Type Concrete plank Number of lanes 1  
Toilets x Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads Improvement and  
construction  
Parking area x; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 100 car-trailer units

This site will accommodate trout and warm-water game fish anglers from the  
Baker and Richland areas.

\* The boat ramp should be functional at both minimum and maximum pool.

AREA II

SITE # 2

FISHERY AT PRESENT TIME: Crappie, a few bullhead catfish, and rainbow trout  
in spring

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Ww	Ww		

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

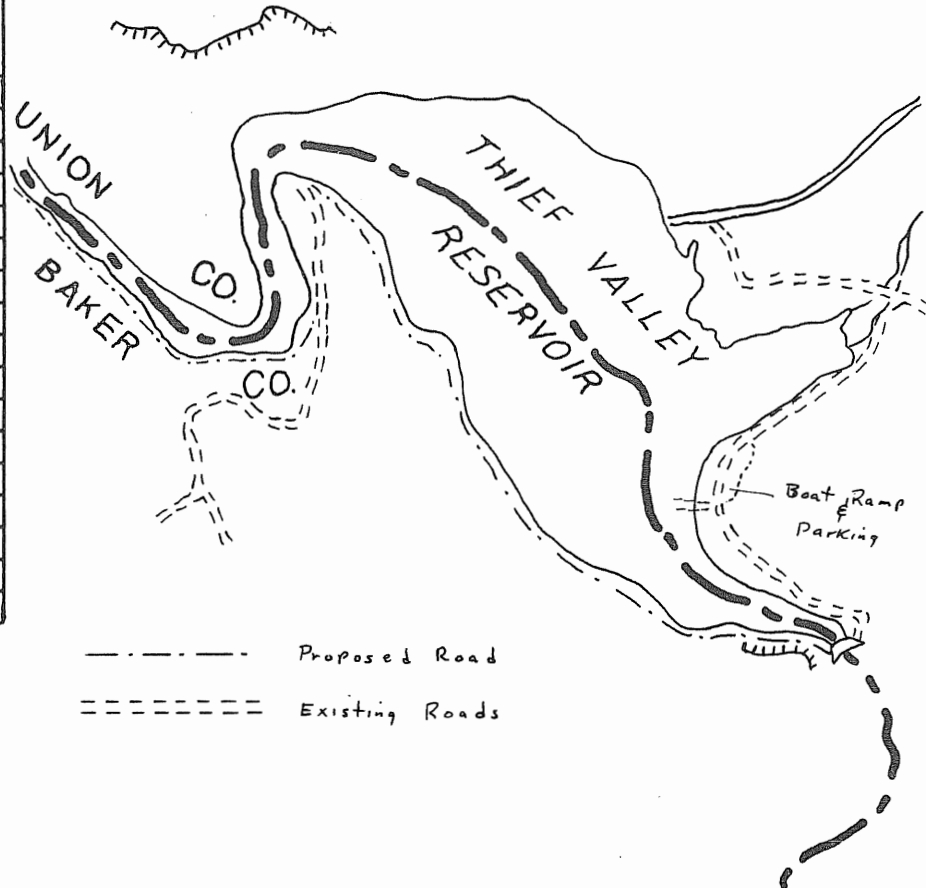
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Seasons (Check)

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



----- Proposed Road  
===== Existing Roads

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This reservoir is drawn down each fall to just a river channel. It would be advantageous, for recreational purposes, to raise the dam to obtain a minimum pool of 1/3 maximum pool so a fish population could be maintained. If a minimum pool were maintained this reservoir would provide recreation to a large group of people.



### AREA III

Area III includes the mid-portion of the river or that part that lies between Baker and Thief Valley Reservoir. This area is commonly called Baker Valley. It is a wide valley where irrigated agriculture predominates. The river is diverted into irrigation canals above the valley; consequently, the river channel only subsists upon the warm returning irrigation run-off from adjacent fields. Below the town of North Powder the river flows through a short canyon before it joins the Thief Valley Reservoir.

This part of the river maintains a minimum warm-water fishery due to large populations of rough fish. All land is privately owned; but as in the lower river, there is no access problem and there will not be until a fish rehabilitation program is initiated and minimum flows are established.

This area has been put under a "whenever and wherever" category with a priority "C" attached. This priority should automatically be changed to "A" if rehabilitation takes place.

The following evaluation sheet describes the area in more detail.

This area, in addition to the headwaters and the section between Baker and Mason Dam, was chemically rehabilitated to remove rough fish in October 1967. The stream will be stocked with fingerling trout next spring.

As is mentioned in the original plan, the priorities should be changed to "A" if rehabilitation takes place. As of November 1, 1967, the priority on Area III will be "A".

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. ---  
III Area Priority C

Name Lower Baker Valley

Location Between Baker and North Powder, Both Bank  
6,7, &  
T 8S, R 39 &, Sec. -; River Mile 72-108 County Baker  
46E

Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private  Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Valley - agricultural  
Cover type Hayfields and truck crops  
Road access Many gravel roads off paved/<sup>highway</sup>, Condition Fair to good  
Graveled roads are private  
Flows Low through summer Water quality Fair but warm  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, \_\_\_\_\_ Feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance Easements and/or purchase

Development:

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

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

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

This site will accommodate warm-water game fish anglers from the Baker Valley.

AREA III

SITE #       

FISHERY: Warm-water game fish - crappie, bullhead catfish

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Ww	Ww	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

SEE FOLD-OUT MAP

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This section of river is low on the priority list due to its inability to support a good fishery, which is caused by irrigation diversion and lack of minimum flows. This would all change if minimum flows could be guaranteed.





#### AREA IV

Mason Dam to Baker comprises Area IV of the Powder River. This is an area that will be changed within a year due to the construction of Mason Dam and the filling of Mason Reservoir in 1967. It is to be an irrigation reservoir with a surface area of 2,450 acres. Stream flows below the dam during the irrigation season would be approximately 400 cfs; winter flows would be dropped to 10 cfs. With a minimum flow of only 10 cfs, good populations of trout could not be sustained in the river since it does not have large deep pools where trout could hold over. Negotiations concerning minimum flow are still under way; we hope they can be established. With the establishment of a good minimum flow, this section would offer a good trout fishery and lands adjacent to the river would, in turn, be in demand. Therefore, this section is classified under a "whenever and wherever" category with an "A" priority. In addition, one particular location near the mouth of Beaver Creek, only five miles south of Baker, is a natural for a park site.

Stices Gulch, a tributary to the main river about seven miles below Mason Dam, affords an excellent location for a detention dam which would form a very nice lake. A further description of this site along with the others in this section can be found on the following evaluation sheets.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 1  
IV Area Priority A

Name Beaver Creek Recreation Site

Location 5 miles south of Baker, Both Bank

T 10S, R 40E, Sec. 17-18 River Mile 113 County Baker

Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_

Private  Tax Lot No. 3200 Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Baker Valley - hayfields

Cover type Hayfields with trees and willows near river

Road access Paved highway, Condition Good

Flows Proposed high summer Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

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

Toilets  Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads Access to park site

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

This site will accommodate trout anglers and recreationists from the Baker  
area.

ANTICIPATED

FISHERY: Trout fishery in summer

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr	Tr	Tr	
Medium				
Light				

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

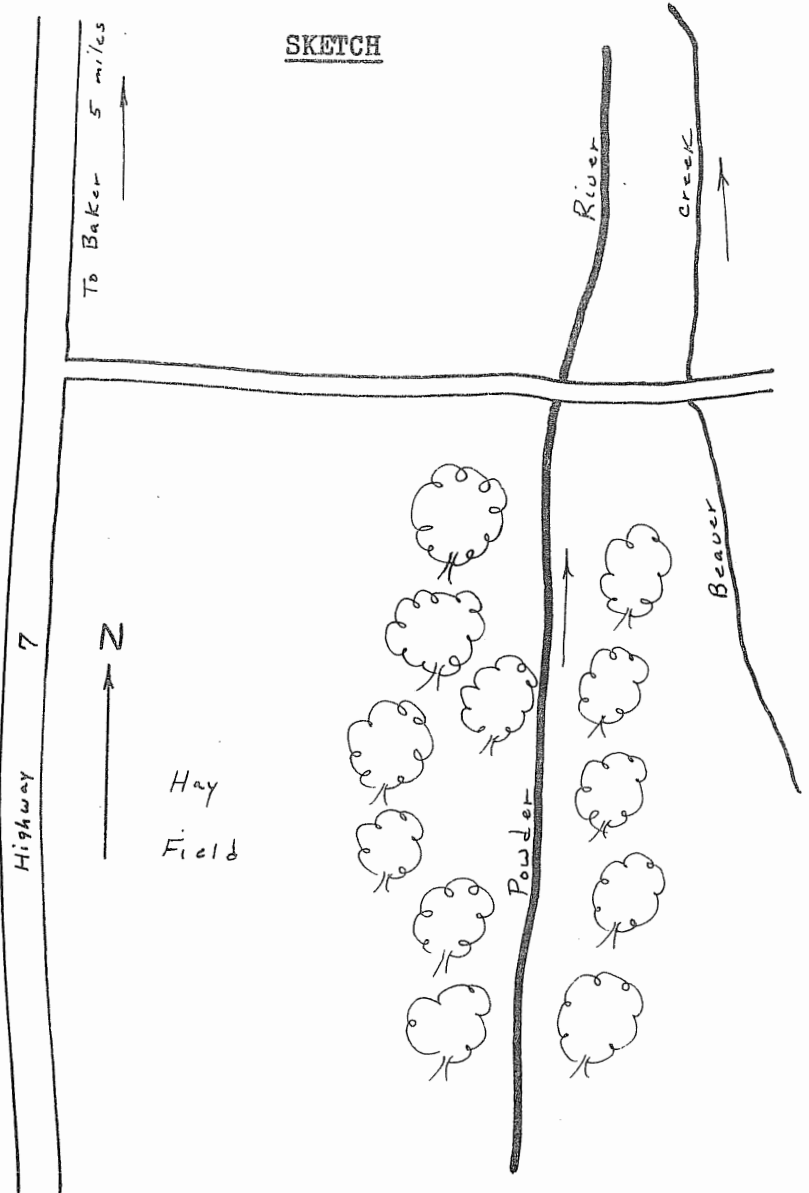
Seasons (Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	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

SKETCH



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This would make an excellent park site. With river flows at 400 cfs, it is anticipated that this will provide one of the best trout fisheries in eastern Oregon barring extremely low minimum flows in winter. The area now has large cottonwood trees along the river adjacent to a large hayfield.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 2  
IV Area Priority C

Name Bald Mountain Lake

Location 14 miles south of Baker on Stices Gulch, - Bank  
T11S, R 40E, Sec. 30 19 & River Mile - County Baker

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service and

Private  Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

\* Patented mining claims

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous

Cover type Coniferous trees - pine and fir

Road access Single lane dirt - private, Condition Good

Creek High in spring  
Flows 1/2 cfs in summer Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type Concrete plank Number of lanes 1

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

Parking area ; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 20 car-trailer units

This site will accommodate trout anglers from the Baker area.

AREA IV

SITE # 2

FISHERY: Trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

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

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

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

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OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This basin is within the National Forest, but approximately one section is owned by many private individuals (patented mining claims). This would make an excellent fishing lake.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. -  
IV Area Priority A

Name Upper Baker Valley

Location Between Baker and Mason Dam, Both Bank

T 10S R 39 E, Sec. -; River Mile 107-123 County Baker

40E

Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_

Private  Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Level agricultural with rolling hills at upper end

Cover type Pasture land and coniferous trees

Road access Paved highway, Condition Good

Flows Fluctuating Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, Three miles of frontage

Type of conveyance Easements - along approximately three miles of river and concentrated in area directly below Mason Dam.

Development:

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

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

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

This site will accommodate trout anglers from the Baker area - a good trout fishery is needed near the town of Baker.

AREA IV

SITE # -

**ANTICIPATED**

**FISHERY:** Trout - at present time large populations of rough fish inhabit

this area.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy	Tr	Tr	Tr	
Medium				
Light				

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

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	

SEE FOLD-OUT MAP

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

If a good trout fishery were established in this section of the Powder River, it would fill a niche that has been empty in this area for a long time.



## AREA V

Area V includes the Sumpter Valley where Mason Reservoir is under construction. McCully Fork and Cracker Creek lie above the valley in the National Forest. The upper end of the Sumpter Valley is nothing but dredge tailings that make the area useless. The lower end will be flooded by Mason Reservoir in 1967.

The fishery is restricted to spring when water flows are substantial. Natural stocks of fish are small; therefore, 10,000 legal rainbows are released in this area each spring by the Game Commission to provide a fishery.

Mason Reservoir would provide an excellent trout fishery if a minimum pool of at least  $1/3$  maximum pool could be maintained. The dam has been engineered to provide a maximum surface acre of 2,300 acres; drawdown will reduce the pool to 200 surface acres.

Two campgrounds and one picnic ground have been proposed by the Forest Service for the shore line area of Mason Reservoir. One campground will be constructed along the north shore; a campground and a picnic area are planned for the south shore (the location of these sites are plotted on the fold-out map).

There will be one boat ramp included in the Mason Dam project. Plans have not progressed enough at the writing of this report to determine whether the Bureau of Reclamation or the Forest Service will construct the ramp.

The dredge tailings area just below Sumpter holds some deep ponds that will grow trout if rough fish can be eliminated. Access to this area is a problem. For this reason, fish stocking and rough fish control has not been undertaken. This area would need considerable landscape work to make it desirable, but the day may come when this type of project will be common.

This tailing area has been put under a "whenever and wherever" category with a priority "B" attached so if this land becomes available it can be obtained before land prices climb too high.

Site descriptions of McCully Fork campground, a Forest Service facility above Sumpter, and an area description of Mason Reservoir follow on the site evaluation sheets.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 1  
V Area Priority -

Name Mason Reservoir Recreation Sites

Location Shore line of Mason Reservoir, North and South Bank

T 10S, R 38E, Sec. -: River Mile 124-129 County Baker

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service and

Private X Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Low, rolling mountains

Cover type Pine and fir

Road access Paved highway and gravel roads, Condition Good

Flows Fluctuating \* Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

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

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

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

This site will accommodate recreationists from the Baker Valley.

\* Reservoir will fluctuate from 2300 to 200 surface acres annually.

AREA           V          

SITE #           1          

FISHERY: Trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

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

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION  
(Check)

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

	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	
Hunting, waterfowl				
Nature study				
Picnicking		X	X	
Sightseeing				
Skin and scuba diving		X	X	
Swimming		X	X	
Water skiing		X	X	

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OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

It is doubtful that this reservoir will provide a good fishery due to the large annual drawdown.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 2  
V Area Priority B

Name Sumpter Tailings Area

Location Mouth of Cracker Creek to Mason Reservoir, Both Bank

T 9S, R 37E, Sec. -; River Mile 129-133 County Baker  
10S 38E

Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_

Private  Tax Lot No. - Number of owners Many

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Level valley

Cover type Dredge tailings

Road access Many gravel roads - private, Condition Fair

Flows High - spring  
Low - summer and fall Water quality Good, but warm in summer

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, 1 mile of frontage

Type of conveyance Easement and/or purchase

Development:

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

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

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

This site will accommodate trout anglers along one mile of stream.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Powder River System Site No. 3  
V Area Priority Complete

Name McCully Fork Campground

Location 3½ miles upstream from Sumpter, Both Bank

T9S, R 36E, Sec. 24; River Mile 136 County Baker

Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service

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

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Mountainous

Cover type Coniferous - pine and fir

Road access Two lane gravel - public, Condition Good

Flows High - spring  
Low - summer, fall Water quality Good

Present stage of development Complete

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

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

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

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

This site will accommodate anglers and big game and bird hunters on the  
upper Powder River.

AREA       V      

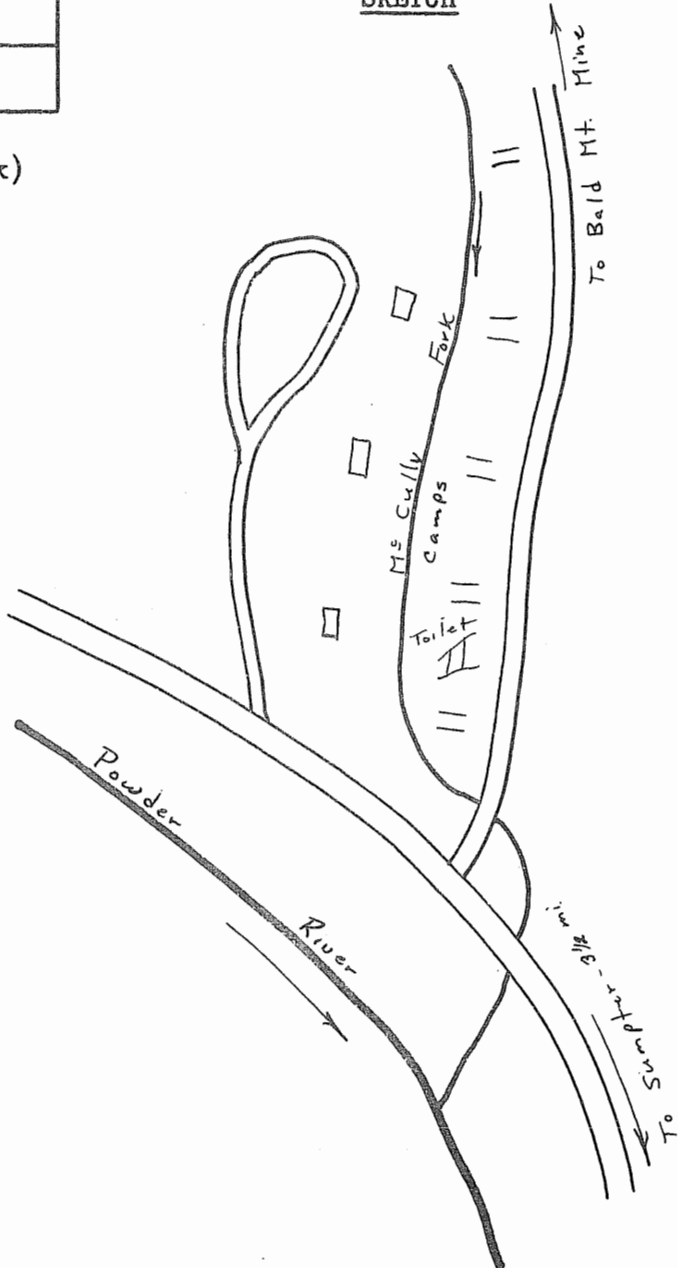
SITE #       3      

FISHERY: Spring trout angling for mainly hatchery rainbows

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium		Tr		
Light	Tr			

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

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
		X	X	
		X	X	
		X	X	
		X	X	
			X	
			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
- \* Grouse, deer, elk

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This is a nice, heavily shaded campground. It is used more heavily by hunters in the fall for deer and elk than fishermen. Trout releases are in June and July - 10,000 legals in area around Sumpter.



## AREA VI

Area VI is the North Fork of the Powder River and Wolf Creek. These tributaries originate north of the Anthony Lakes area and flow in an easterly direction to meet the main river at North Powder.

These streams support a trout fishery in the spring that is pursued mainly on National Forest land. Angling pressure is not heavy and access is no problem.

This area is plainly marked on the fold-out map.