

**SIXES AND ELK  
RIVER BASINS**

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



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SIXES AND ELK RIVER BASIN  
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and  
Associated Recreational Uses

The Sixes and Elk Rivers are coastal streams in the northern portion of Curry County. Elk River meets the Pacific on the south side of Cape Blanco and Sixes River joins the ocean on the north side. These rivers are quite similar and in close geographic proximity.

Fall chinook and winter steelhead are important fisheries in these streams. This race of salmon has a five-year life cycle, consequently, they attain a large size and 35 pounders are not uncommon. The winter steelhead enter the fishery in late November and are present through March (the season closes on March 31).

Sea-run cutthroat trout provide a good fishery in Sixes River but Elk River falls short in this category.

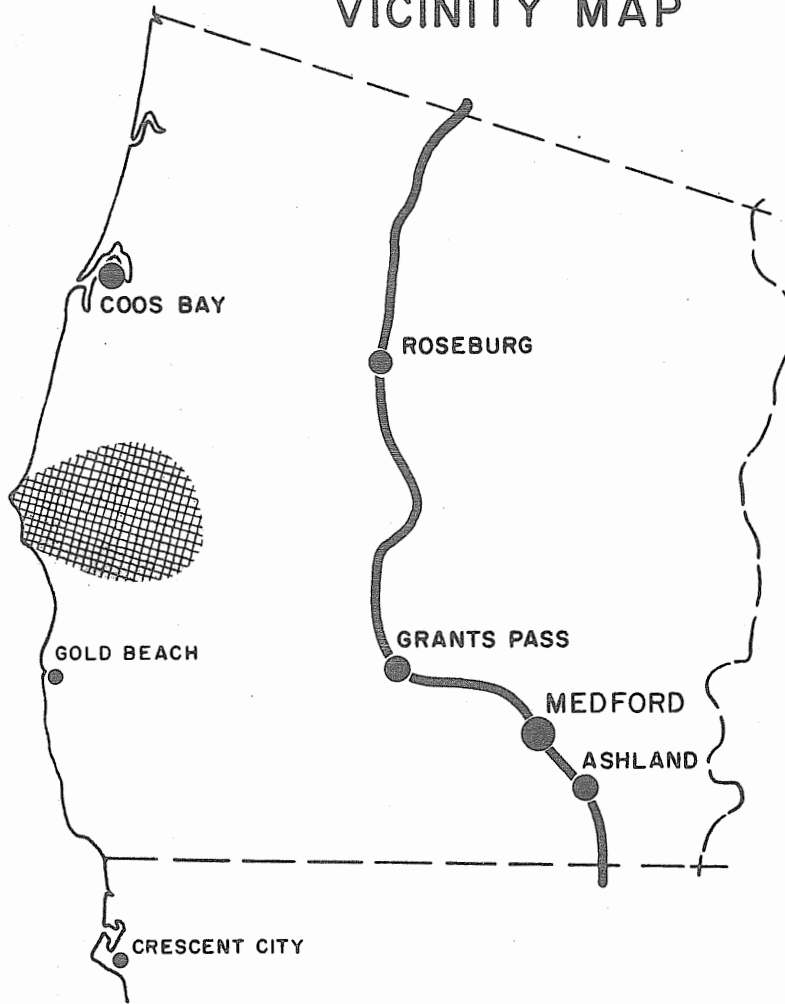
Fishing pressure on these south coast streams is quite different from that on north coast rivers. Moderate fishing pressure on either river stream would be considered very light on the Wilson River in Tillamook County.

At the present time access is no serious problem. However, fishing pressure has increased over the past few years and it will continue to increase as our streams near large metropolitan areas become more crowded. More and larger areas will be needed to provide fishing access as pressure increases. This master plan for angler access recommends the acquisition and/or development of 23 sites on 41 miles of stream or an average of one

site every 1.8 miles. Three of the sites in this plan are complete. They are described and listed to present a complete picture of the basin's access needs for adequate management of the fishery.

This report details a plan that we hope can be followed to solve the access problems of the Sixes and Elk 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.

## VICINITY MAP



The Elk and Sixes Rivers are located about 40 miles south of Coos River via Highway 101. Port Orford is five miles south of Elk River.

Highway 42 connects Coast Highway 101 with U. S. 99 at Roseburg.



## SIXES RIVER

The Sixes River has a deep tidal estuary on the north side of Cape Blanco. There is an established troll fishery for sea-run cutthroat and chinook. The cutthroat enter the river in August and the chinook are present in late October and November. A primitive mud ramp exists on private land and a charge is made for its use. A public launching facility in this area is the most important access need on the Sixes River.

The orchard hole and Squaw Bluff are the more popular salmon and sea-run cutthroat holes on the river. These areas are at the head of tidal influence and fish "hole up" when stream flows are low. Access is recommended at each of these locations. The river above Highway 101 also provides good chinook and cutthroat fishing when fall rains bring fish into the upper river.

Winter steelhead show themselves in November and the season lasts until March 31. Plunking, drift fishing from the bank and drift boating are popular angling methods for steelhead.

Summer trout fishing is at a minimum on this river; it is managed for salmon and steelhead and no hatchery trout are released for the trout season. Every effort is made to protect the young salmon and steelhead.

Two areas for drift boat access have been recommended with alternate locations mentioned at the upper end to insure an established access site in the near future.



SALTWATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River                      Region                      Site No. 1  
Sixes River                      Area                      Priority C  
Name Sixes River - North Side

Location 3 miles down Curry County Airport Road

T. 31 S, R. 16 W, Sec. 1,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. NE, County Curry

Ownership: Public

Private X Tax Lot No. 400

Owners Piercy Sweet

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Rolling hills

Cover type Pasture

Road access Private - gravel, Condition Fair

Flows Tidal influence, Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ACCESS PROBLEMS

Anglers are allowed entry for a fee. Insured access is needed to both sides of river because of heavy pressure on a short time fall chinook fishery.

ACCESS NEEDS

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

Type of conveyance Easement to river

Development: Boat ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. lanes \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parking area X; for 25 cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

Other development \_\_\_\_\_



SALTWATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River Region Site No. 2  
Sixes River Area Priority A  
Name Sixes River - Boat Ramp

Location 4 miles down Cape Blanco Road

T. 32 S, R. 16 W, Sec. 36,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. SE, County Curry

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

Private X Tax Lot No. 500

Owners Hughes Estate

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Meadow

Cover type Pasture

Road access Private - Single lane gravel, Condition Fair

Flows Tidal influence, Water quality Good

Present stage of development Mud boat slip

ACCESS PROBLEMS

At the present time the owner charges \$1.00 per car for fishing or \$10.00 per season.

ACCESS NEEDS

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

Type of conveyance Easement for access to acquired land at ramp

Development: Boat ramp: Type Concrete plank No. lanes 1

Toilets X, Trails \_\_\_\_\_, Roads \_\_\_\_\_ Improvement \_\_\_\_\_

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

Other development \_\_\_\_\_

AREA Sixes River

SITE # 2

FISHERY: Trolling for fall chinook and sea-run cutthroat trout. Bank angling  
for chinook, cutthroat and steelhead

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy			Sa	
Medium		Tr	Tr	
Light				St

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout  
 Sg - Sturgeon,  
 SF - Shell Fish, BF - Bottom Fish  
 Cb - Crabs, SP - Surf Perch)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

See map on Page 17.

RECREATION  
 (check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor				
Boating, non-motor				
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				
Sight-seeing				
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming				
Water skiing				
Beach combing	x	x	x	x
Crabbing				
Clam digging				

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The cutthroat fishery starts in July and peaks in August. The fall chinook come in as soon as the sand is washed out of the mouth, usually in early November.

SALTWATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River Region Site No. 3

Sixes River Area Priority B

Name Sixes River - Orchard Hole

Location 8 miles north of Port Orford on Cape Blanco Road

T. 32S, R. 16 W, Sec. 1,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. S W, County Curry

Ownership: Public

Private X Tax Lot No. 1500

Owners F. J. Hughes

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Pasture

Cover type Grass and trees along river

Road access Private, Condition Poor

Flows Head of tide, Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ACCESS PROBLEMS

Private land between road and river where vehicle travel is prohibited.

ACCESS NEEDS

Acquisition: Acres \_\_\_\_\_, Feet of frontage 300

Type of conveyance Easement to river \*

Development: Boat ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. lanes \_\_\_\_\_

Toilets \_\_\_\_\_, Trails \_\_\_\_\_, Roads Improvement

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

\* Other development Build a cattle guard or fence a corridor to river. At the present time the landowner allows no cars through the pasture to the river. However, anglers are allowed to walk the 1/4 mile to the river.  
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WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River System Site No. 4  
Sixes River Area Priority A  
Name Squaw Bluff

Location About 1 mile above head of tide, Both Bank  
T 32S, R 15 W, Sec. 5 River Mile 3 County Curry

Ownership: Public  
Private X Tax Lot No. 1000 & 1100  
Number of owners 2 Libby & Sweet

DESCRIPTION

Land type Sheep pasture  
Cover type Fir and alders along river  
Road access Through pasture, Condition For dry weather use  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, 300 feet of frontage  
with an access route to the river

Development:

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

This site is one of the best salmon, steelhead and cutthroat holes on the  
river.





WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River System Site No. 5  
Sixes River Area Priority A  
Name Sixes Hole

Location Behind the Sixes store, North Bank

T 32S, R 15 W, Sec. 9 River Mile 5 County Curry

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

Private X Tax Lot No. 900

Number of owners 1 Rundberg

DESCRIPTION

Land type Pasture

Cover type Alder and willows along bank

Road access Gravel, Condition Fair

Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good \*

Present stage of development \_\_\_\_\_

\* River gets muddy frequently

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 2 Acres, 200 feet of frontage

Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Concrete plank Number of lanes 1

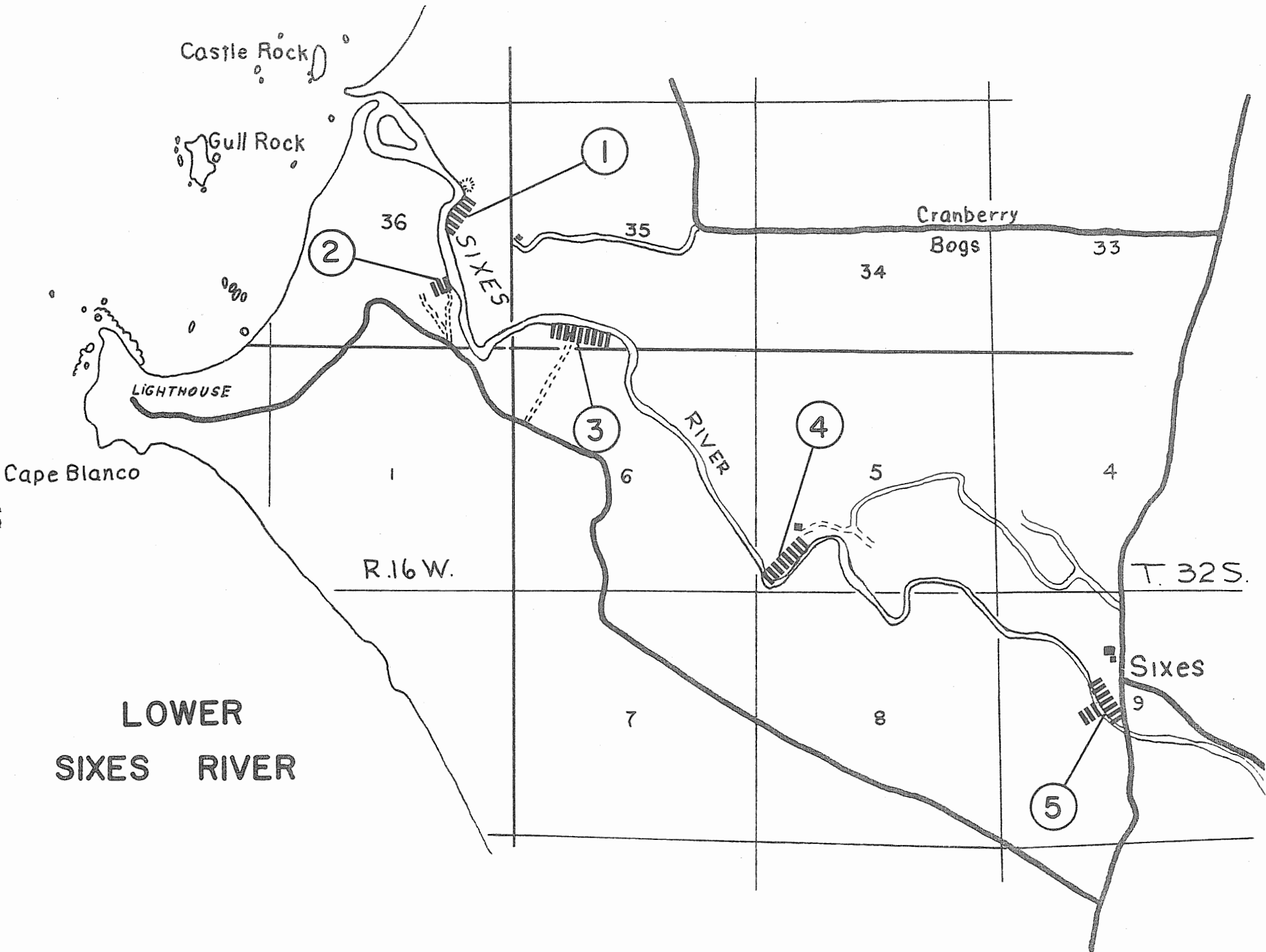
Toilets X Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_

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

This site provides a place for many of the elderly folks to fish for steel-head and salmon, and a take-out point for drift boats.







# LOWER SIXES RIVER

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River System Site No. 6  
Sixes River Area Priority C  
Name Lester Hole

Location 1 1/2 miles upstream from Highway 101, North Bank  
T 32 S, R 15 W, Sec. 15 River Mile 6 1/2 County Curry

Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private X Tax Lot No. 2400  
Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_ Ralph Sweet c/o Cecil Lester

DESCRIPTION

Land type Field on north bank - hill on south  
Cover type Alders along bank  
Road access Gravel, Condition Fair  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Access road through Lester's yard

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, 300 feet of frontage  
Purchase or easement for access to the  
Type of conveyance river below Lester's house

Development:

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

This site is moderately fished by the locals for salmon and steelhead.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River System Site No. 7  
Sixes River Area Priority B  
Name Dufort Place

Location 3 miles upstream from Highway 101, North Bank  
T 32 S, R 15 W, Sec. 12 River Mile 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  County Curry  
Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private X Tax Lot No. 2700 & 2800  
Number of owners 1 Dufort

DESCRIPTION

Land type Steep hill on south - gravel bar on north  
Cover type Alders and willows  
Road access None, Condition \_\_\_\_\_  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, 300 of frontage  
Type of conveyance Easement for right of way to the river

Development:

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

This site is fished heavily for salmon.





WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River System Site No. 8  
Sixes River Area Priority B  
Name Edson Creek

Location At the mouth of Edson Creek, North Bank  
T 32 S, R 14 W, Sec. 6 River Mile 9½ County Curry  
Ownership: Public Curry County 501 (Boat slip site)  
Private X Tax Lot No. 301  
Number of owners 2 Ryce Wilson

DESCRIPTION

Land type Field on south - steep to river off road  
Cover type Alders & firs  
Road access Paved County road, Condition Good  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

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

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Pole slide or gravel ramp Number of lanes 1  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area X; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 10 car-trailer units

This area is fished heavily for salmon and steelhead because it is accessible.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River System Site No. 9  
Sixes River Area Priority C  
Name Ryce Wilson Hole

Location 1/2 mile above the mouth of Edson Creek, North Bank  
T 32 S, R 14 W, Sec. 13 River Mile 10 1/4 County Curry  
Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private X Tax Lot No. 2900  
Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_ LaFlamme c/o Ryce Wilson

DESCRIPTION

Land type Steep hill on south - pasture on north  
Cover type Forest on hill - gravel bar on north  
Road access None, Condition \_\_\_\_\_  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, 300 of frontage  
Type of conveyance Easement for access to the river.

Development:

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

This hole is fished frequently for salmon and steelhead because it is deep.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River System Site No. 10  
Sixes River Area Priority A  
Name Dry Creek Hole

Location Across from the mouth of Dry Creek, South Bank  
T 32 S, R 14 W, Sec. 7 River Mile 11 County Curry  
Ownership: Public Curry County 1100 & 601  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land type Hill on south field on north  
Cover type Pasture with trees along river  
Road access County paved, Condition Good  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

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

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area X; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 10 car-trailer units  
This provides good salmon and steelhead fishing and acts as a drift boat  
launching site.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River System Site No. 11  
Sixes River Area Priority C  
Name Moore Hole

Location 1 mile above the mouth of Dry Creek, North Bank  
T 32 S, R 14 W, Sec. 7 & 8 River Mile 12 County Curry  
Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private X Tax Lot No. 1000 & 2200  
Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_ Moore Mill & Lumber Company

DESCRIPTION

Land type Steep hill on south side  
Cover type Pasture on north bank - alders along river  
Road access County paved, Condition Good  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, 500 feet \_\_\_\_\_ of frontage  
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Pole slide or gravel ramp Number of lanes 1  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area X; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 10 car-trailer units  
The bridge at the upper end of this site is presently used as a  
drift boat launching point.

AREA Sixes River

SITE # 11

FISHERY: Winter steelhead

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium			Sa	St
Light	Tr			

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

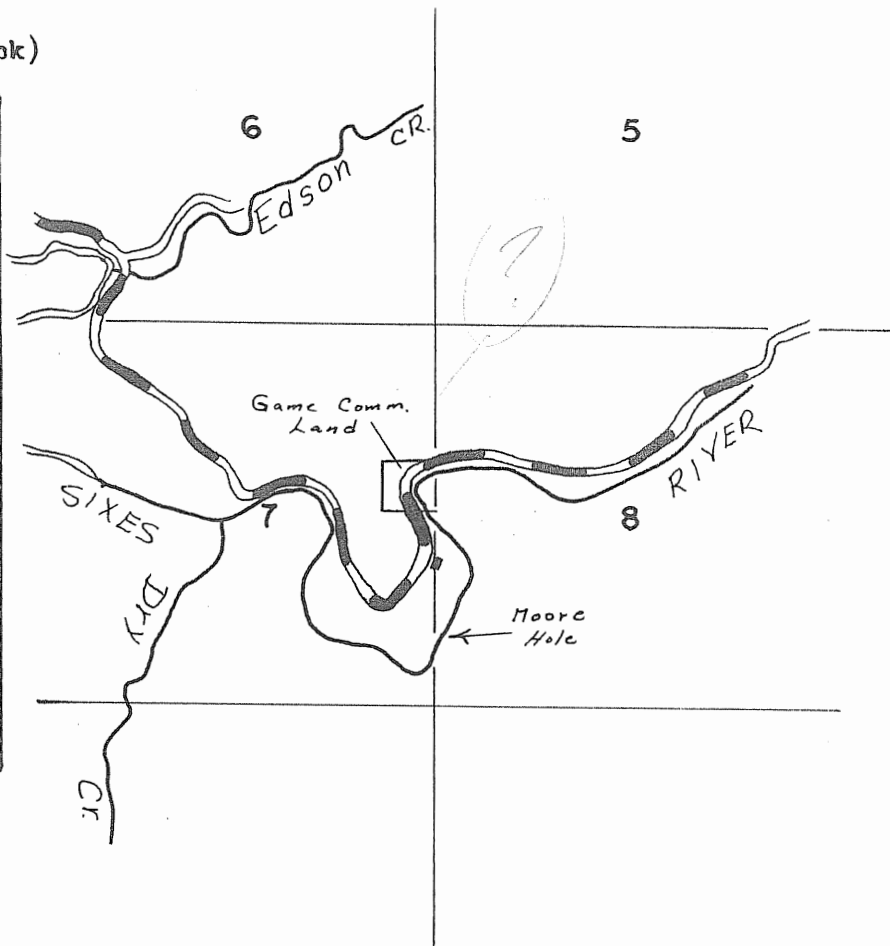
SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor				
Boating, non-motor				
Camping, tent				
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat			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		x		
Water skiing				

RECREATION  
(Check)

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



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

This hole is mainly fished by drift boats. The logging bridge where the county road meets the river is a boat launch site. This is an alternate launch site for Dry Creek and it would add about another mile of river for fishing. The stream bank along the county road for approximately 200 yards above the logging bridge is Public Access administered by the Game Commission.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Sixes River System Site No. 12  
Sixes River Area Priority Complete  
Name Sixes River Recreation Site

Location Across from the mouth of the So. Fork, North Bank  
T 32 S, R 14 W, Sec. 12 River Mile 17 3/4 County Curry  
Ownership: Public Bureau of Land Management  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous - Steep river bank  
Cover type Fir and myrtle trees  
Road access Oiled - county, Condition Good  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Complete campground

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 camping and picnic facilities on the upper Sixes River.

AREA Sixes River

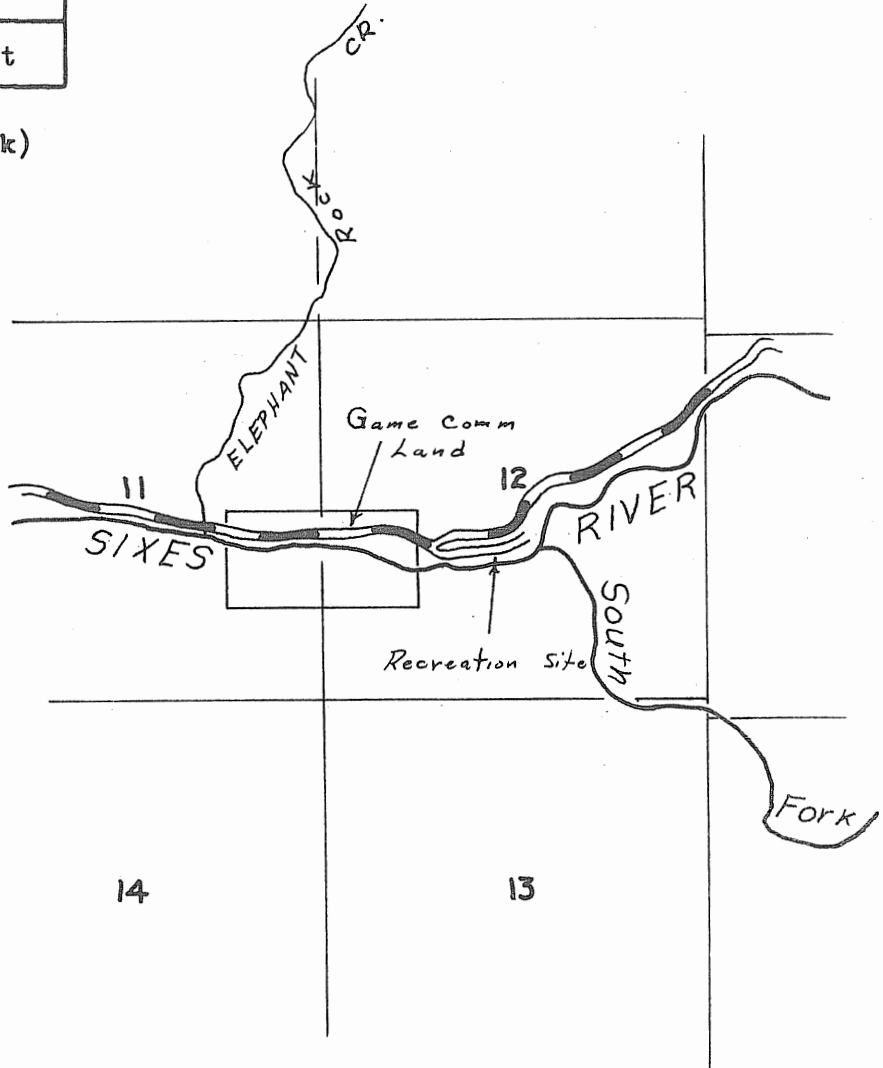
SITE # 12

FISHERY: Winter steelhead

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr			St

(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		

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

\* Deer

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Picnicking, camping

REMARKS

The mouth of the South Fork is the upstream deadline for steelhead angling.  
The stream bank down to Elephant Rock Creek is Public Access administered by the Game Commission



## ELK RIVER

Elk River is located three miles north of Port Orford. It has a short and very shallow tidal area with only one deep hole near the upper end. The physical character of the stream does not permit a troll fishery as does the lower Sixes. "Plunking" and drifting are the accepted methods for catching salmon.

The Elk supports an excellent run of winter steelhead. The numerous gravel laden riffles in the upper river provided excellent spawning areas and productive fishing areas. Drift boating has become quite popular in recent years. Three areas for boat access, to cover  $9\frac{1}{2}$  miles of stream, have been recommended. An alternate site was added at the lower end to insure an established take-out point in the near future.

The river above Anvil Creek is accessible from the county road but trout fishing pressure is light since no hatchery trout are planted in Elk River. This stream is managed for anadromous fish, primarily salmon and steelhead.

Eleven access sites have been recommended on Elk River, 3 for boat access and 8 for bank fishing. The following evaluations explain these sites in detail.

SALTWATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River Region Site No. 1  
Elk River Area Priority B  
Name Mouth of Elk River

Location 3 miles north of Port Orford

T. 32 S , R. 15 W , Sec. 19 , 1/4 Sec. N W , County Curry

Ownership: Public

Private X Tax Lot No. 1800

Owners Robert McKenzie

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Sand Beach adjacent to pasture land

Cover type Grass and a few trees along river

Road access Private - single lane , Condition Good gravel

Flows Tidal influence , Water quality Excellent

Present stage of development Gravel access road

ACCESS PROBLEMS

This area is in private ownership. However, anglers are allowed entry by permission.

ACCESS NEEDS

Acquisition: Acres \_\_\_\_\_ , Feet of frontage 200' , and access across fields to  
river.

Type of conveyance Easement

Development: Boat ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. lanes \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parking area X ; for 10 cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

Other development \_\_\_\_\_

AREA Elk River

SITE # 1

FISHERY: Fall chinook salmon, winter steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy			Sa	
Medium				
Light	Tr		Tr	St

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout  
 Sg - Sturgeon,  
 SF - Shell Fish, BF - Bottom Fish  
 Cb - Crabs, SP - Surf Perch)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

See map on Page 43.

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
- Sight-seeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing
- Beach combing
- Crabbing
- Clam digging

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

TAYLOR & RIIKULA CONTACTED  
 MR. MCKENZIE 5-20-71 AND HE  
 WASN'T IN MOOD TO SELL A PIECE  
 YET - LENGTHY PRIVATE ROAD  
 TO SITE COMPLICATES MATTER.  
 PLANNED TO CONTACT AGAIN FALL, 71  
 7-72 - NOTHING YET.

OTHER

Safety Problems: Strong tidal flows

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This area is sometimes reached via the road on the south side of the river through the Knapp ranch.

The mouth of the river is closed to angling from the mouth to a point 100 yards upstream from the mouth.

SALTWATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River Region Site No. 2  
Elk River Area Priority B  
Name Elk River - South Side

Location 3 miles north of Port Orford  
T. 32 S, R. 15 W, Sec. 19, 1/4 Sec. S E, County Curry  
Ownership: Public  
Private X Tax Lot No. 4400 and 1800  
Owners Louie Knapp and Robert McKenzie

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Meadow  
Cover type Pasture with trees and brush along river  
Road access Private - single lane, Condition Gravel - fair  
Tidal influence and  
Flows seasonal fluctuation, Water quality None  
Present stage of development

ACCESS PROBLEMS

Private land along entire lower river but fishing access is not denied.

ACCESS NEEDS

Acquisition: Acres \_\_\_\_\_, Feet of frontage 1,000  
Type of conveyance Easement for road access to river  
Development: Boat ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. lanes \_\_\_\_\_  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_, Trails \_\_\_\_\_, Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area \_\_\_\_\_; for \_\_\_\_\_ cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units  
Other development \_\_\_\_\_

AREA Elk River

SITE # 2

FISHERY: Fall chinook salmon, winter steelhead, sea-run cutthroat trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy			Sa	
Medium				
Light	Tr		Tr	St

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout  
 Sg - Sturgeon,  
 SF - Shell Fish, BF - Bottom Fish  
 Cb - Crabs, SP - Surf Perch)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

See map on Page 43.

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
- Sight-seeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing
- Beach combing
- Crabbing
- Clam digging

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

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LONG PVT. ROAD THROUGH  
 EMERGENCY YARD AND DAIRY WOULD  
 BE POOR ACCESS ROUTE TO PUBLIC  
 ACCESS - DETERMINED NORTH SIDE  
 BEST OR WEST OF DAIRY SHOULD  
 BE EXPLORED FOR ROAD?

ADT.

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Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS The river is bordered on both sides by large ranches. On the south side a charge of \$1.00 is made per car for trespassing. This is a very popular fall chinook fishing area, large fish are common and angling pressure is heavy.



SALTWATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River Region Site No. 3  
Elk River Area Priority A  
Name Elk River - North Side

Location 4 miles north of Port Orford  
T. 32 S, R. 15 W, Sec. 17,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. S E, County Curry  
Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private  Tax Lot No. 200 and 300  
Owners Robert McKenzie and A. W. Sweet

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Meadow at edge of hill  
Cover type Pasture  
Road access Private - single lane, Condition Good gravel  
Tidal influence and  
Flows seasonal fluctuation, Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Access road

ACCESS PROBLEMS

At the present time the rancher allows entry and parking free of charge.

ACCESS NEEDS

Acquisition: Acres \_\_\_\_\_, Feet of frontage 2500  
Type of conveyance easement  
Development: Boat ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. lanes \_\_\_\_\_  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_, Trails \_\_\_\_\_, Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area ; for 20 cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units  
Other development \_\_\_\_\_



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River System Site No. 4  
Elk River Area Priority B  
Name 101 Bridge

Location Where Highway 101 crosses river, Both Banks  
T 32 S, R 15 W, Sec. 21 River Mile 3 County Curry  
Ownership: Public State of Oregon  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land type Level  
Cover type Pasture  
Road access Paved highway, Condition Good  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

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

Development:

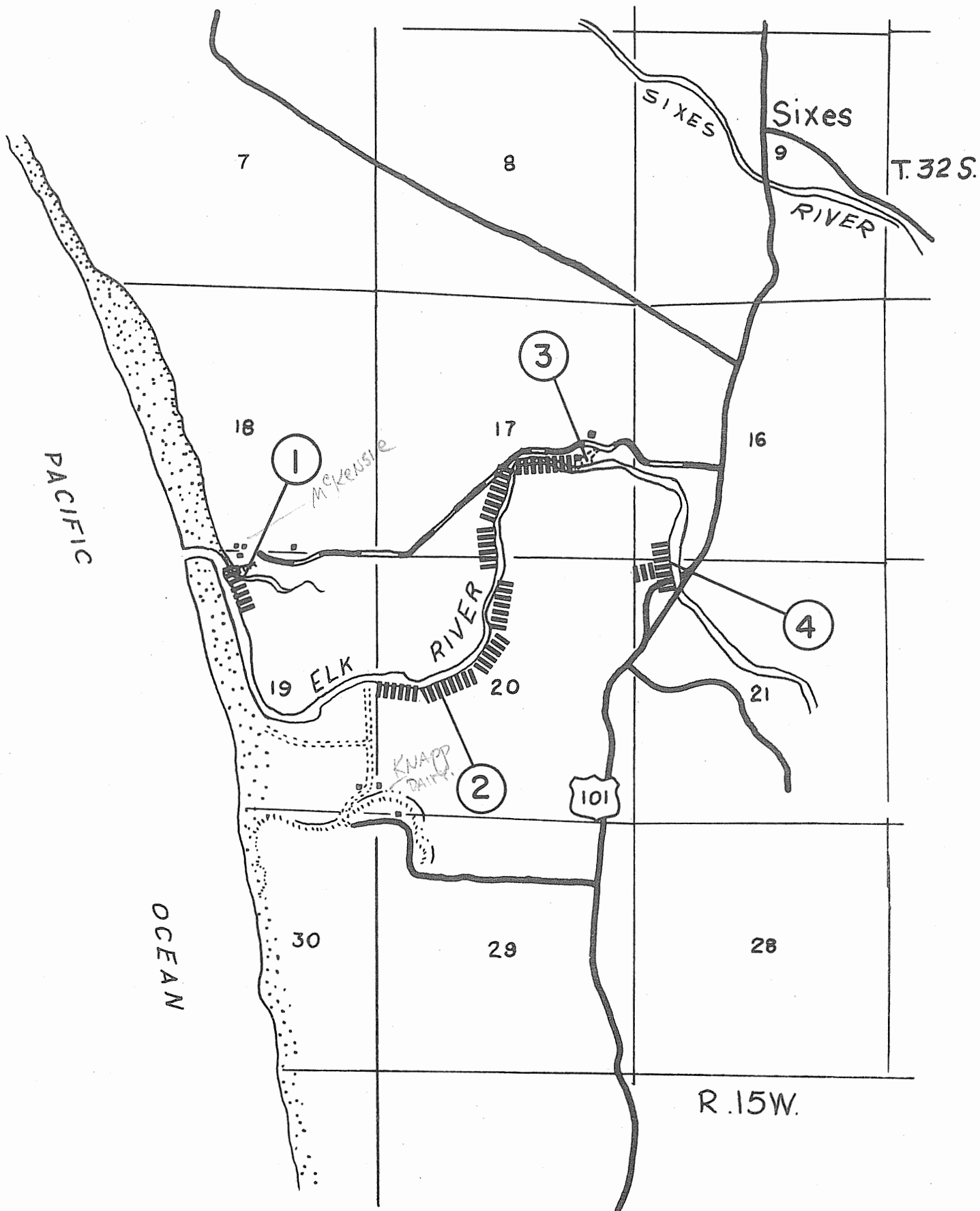
Boat ramp: Type Concrete plank Number of lanes 1  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area \_\_\_\_\_; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 10 car-trailer units

This site would make a good drift boat take-out point.





# LOWER ELK RIVER



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River System Site No. 5  
Elk River Area Priority A  
Name Rock Pit

Location One mile above the Highway 101 Bridge, \_\_\_\_\_ Bank  
T 32 S, R 15 W, Sec. 21 River Mile 4 1/4 County Curry  
Ownership: Public State of Oregon

Tax Lot No. 1100

Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land type Level

Cover type Grass and shrubs

Road access County paved, Condition Good

Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good

Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1

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

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

This site serves as an undeveloped drift boat take-out point.





WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River System Site No. 6  
Elk River Area Priority C  
Name Western States Plywood

Location 2 1/2 miles east of Highway 101, South Bank  
T 32 S, R 15 W, Sec. 27 River Mile 6 1/2 County Curry  
Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private X Tax Lot No. Western States Plywood - 101  
Number of owners 2 N. W. Marsh - 100

DESCRIPTION

Land type Level pasture on both banks  
Cover type Scotch broom and grass  
Road access Private gravel, Condition Fair  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Private access road

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: Insured access to river and 500 feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance Easement or purchase

Development:

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

This road provides access to a good area for steelhead angling, but  
future public access is not insured.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River System Site No. 7  
Elk River Area Priority A

Name Swinging Bridge - Boat Launching Site

Location 4 1/2 miles upstream from Highway 101, Both Banks

T 32S, R 15 W Sec. 36 River Mile 8 1/2 County Curry

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

Private X Tax Lot No. Kreiger - 700

Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land type Rolling, semi-level

Cover type Grass

Road access Private gravel, Condition Fair

Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good

Present stage of development Private access road

ANGLER NEEDS

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

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

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1

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

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

This site is presently used as a drift boat launching site.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River System Site No. 8  
Elk River Area Priority B  
Name McLellan Place

Location 1 1/2 miles above the swinging bridge, South Bank  
T 32 S, R 14 W, Sec. 31 River Mile 10 County Curry

Ownership: Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Private X Tax Lot No. 300 and 400  
Number of owners 2

DESCRIPTION

Land type Pasture  
Cover type Alders and willows along river  
Road access None, Condition \_\_\_\_\_  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres, 1,000 feet of frontage  
Type of conveyance Easement or purchase

Development:

Boat ramp: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Number of lanes \_\_\_\_\_  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area X; For 5 cars or \_\_\_\_\_ car-trailer units

This area is one of the best steelhead drifts on the entire river.



WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River System Site No. 9  
Elk River Area Priority A  
Name Elk River Hatchery

Location Across from the mouth of Anvil Creek, South Bank  
T 33S, R 14W, Sec. 6 River Mile 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  County Curry  
Ownership: Public Oregon Fish Commission  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous - level between road  
Cover type Alder, myrtle and fir trees  
Road access County paved, Condition Good  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Fish Hatchery

ANGLER NEEDS

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

Development:

Boat ramp: Type Gravel Number of lanes 1  
Toilets \_\_\_\_\_ Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Parking area X; For \_\_\_\_\_ cars or 10 car-trailer units

This site was used as a drift boat put-in site before the hatchery was  
built.





WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River System Site No. 10  
Elk River Area Priority Complete  
Name Panther Creek Forest Camp

Location At the mouth of Panther Creek, South Bank  
T 33S, R 13W, Sec. 19 River Mile 21½ County Curry  
Ownership: Public U. S. Forest Service  
Private \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of owners \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous  
Cover type Conifers  
Road access Public gravel, Condition Good  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Developed forest camp

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 will accommodate summer picnickers and campers.

AREA Elk River

SITE # 10

FISHERY: Native and sea-run cutthroat trout

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr	Tr	

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

SKETCH

See fold-out 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	

\* Deer

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This is a very small forest camp and is not adequate for group functions.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Elk River System Site No. 11  
Elk River Area Priority Complete  
Name Butler Bar Forest Camp

Location Across from the mouth of Butter Creek, Curry Bank  
T 33 S, R 13 W, Sec. 17 River Mile 23 County Curry

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

DESCRIPTION

Land type Mountainous - steep banks on river  
Cover type Coniferous and deciduous trees  
Road access Public gravel, Condition Good  
Flows Seasonal fluctuation Water quality Good  
Present stage of development Developed forest camp

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 will accommodate summer picnickers and campers.

AREA Elk River

SITE # 11

FISHERY: Native and sea-run chttthroat trout.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Tr	Tr	Tr	

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

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

See fold-out map for location.

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	

\*\* Deer

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Picnicking, camping parking for buses

REMARKS This is a large and well developed forest camp with toilets, running water and camping sites.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Elk River Area Priority Under improvement  
 Name Laird Lake County Curry  
 Location Near the headwaters of Elk River  
 Township 33 S Range 13 W Sec. 24 Ownership Forest Service

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Steep mountains - level near lakd  
 Cover type Coniferous forest  
 Elevation 2,500 Surface acres 3 + Water quality Excellent  
 Existing access Gravel Forest Service logging road

ANGLER NEEDS

Annual stocking of the lakd to maintain  
a fishery.

FISHERY

Rainbow trout - the lake was stocked two years ago - 1966 - and fish are  
 9" - 11"

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light	Rb	Rb	Rb	

(Ct - Cutthroat trout, GT - Golden trout, LT - Lake trout, BT - Brook trout, Rb - Rainbow trout, Br - Brown trout, K - Kokanee, Ww - Warm water game fish)

Recreation

	S	S	F	W
Camping				
Fishing, boat				
Fishing, shore	X	X	X	
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Nature study				
Picnicking		X	X	
Sight-seeing				
Swimming				
Water skiing				

**REMARKS:**

This lake is cluttered with windfalls but the Forest Service is planning to clean up the area this summer and make a small campground.

LAKE AND RESERVOIR ACCESS EVALUATION

Elk River Area Priority A  
 Name Black Lake (Proposed) County Curry  
 Location 1/4 mile southwest of Laird Lake  
 Township 33 S Range 13 W Sec. 26 Ownership Forest Service

DESCRIPTION

Terrain Steep mountains  
 Cover type Coniferous forest  
 Elevation 2,600 Surface acres 80+ Water quality Good  
 Existing access Logging road to be built to lake

ANGLER NEEDS

Build the dam that will form this lake.

FISHERY

None at present time.

With adequate stocking this should make a good trout lake.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium				
Light				

(Ct - Cutthroat trout, GT - Golden trout, LT - Lake trout, BT - Brook trout, Rb - Rainbow trout, Br - Brown trout, K - Kokanee, Ww - Warm water game fish)

Recreation

	S	S	F	W
Camping				
Fishing, boat	X	X	X	
Fishing, shore	X	X	X	
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Nature study				
Picnicking		X	X	
Sight-seeing				
Swimming				
Water skiing				

REMARKS:

This is a good site for a lake. It will take only a moderate size dam to form this lake. The Forest Service has tentative plans to build this lake in the near future.

