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LAKES OF THE HIGH UINTAS

BEAVER CREEK, HENRYS FORK - SMITHS FORK
BLACKS FORK, AND BEAR RIVER DRAINAGES

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INTRODUCTION

The Uinta Mountains of northeastern Utah are unique in that they are the only major range of mountains in North America to lie in an east and west direction. King's Peak, Utah tallest point of land, standing over 13,498 feet is hard to distinguish from its sister peaks, all of which stand over 12,000 feet. This is in a country of snow-capped mountains, of green meadows, blue lakes and tall trees. Four of Utah's major rivers, the Duchesne, Provo, Weber and Bear, originate in the snowfields of these mountains.

Although a number of mountain lakes and basins have been investigated over the years, the first comprehensive lake study undertaken by the Utah Department of Fish and Game began in the summer of 1955. The information that was gathered over the years may have changed somewhat by now. Each lake's physical and biological features are always changing from year to year, and so our findings must also change. This results in a changing management policy. This policy is simply to stock the right kind and number of trout in the proper lake so that the net result is a large healthy trout in the sportsman's creel.

The old means of utilizing pack animals for stocking these mountain lakes meant that only a few lakes could be planted each year. Since 1955, planes have been utilized for planting these remote lakes. Hundreds of lakes are now stocked each year with Eastern brook, cutthroat and rainbow trout. The more inaccessible lakes are stocked on three and four year cycles. The more heavily fished lakes are planted on one and two year cycles. Care is taken not to overstock these lakes because it usually results in small, poorly developed trout.

The trout that are stocked by plane are less than three inches in length. These fish are used to replenish the present populations in some lakes, while other lakes that our surveys have found to be favorable for planting are stocked for the first time. Because the growing season for the small trout is very short, June through August, growth is frequently quite slow. In most areas by the trout's third year he has reached 8 to 12 inches. The Eastern brook and cutthroat trout are the predominant species stocked. There are several reasons for this — brook and cutthroat have demonstrated an ability to grow and survive better in many mountain lakes, particularly where competition exists between species, and also because most of the lowland waters are managed primarily for a rainbow and brown trout fishery.

The use of brook and cutthroat in the mountain lakes where they seem to do well, provides variety in the angler's creel. Brook trout are also used in a number of lakes because of their ability to reproduce in spring and seep

areas where tributaries are not present. The Arctic grayling can also be found in many Uinta lakes. This fine fish not only provides tremendous fly fishing, but its beauties are surpassed by none.

As most of our Uinta Mountain lakes lie in remote basins far from the nearest road, it is recommended that trips be well planned and adequate preparations made beforehand. Most of these lakes can be reached over well-marked U.S. Forest Service trails. Ordinarily, trips up to five miles can be made by foot when the fisherman plans to spend only one day on the lake before returning home that evening. However, back-packers who wish to stay overnight can easily reach farther lakes. Horses and pack animals are advisable for longer stays. Names of packers may be obtained from conservation officers or forest rangers. Reservations should be made well in advance. Because of the extreme altitudes and unpredictable weather, warm clothing and rain gear should always be carried. Snow showers are common all season at higher elevations. Bug repellent for camper and horse is a necessity until mid-August. It is usually after the first week of July before many of the higher lakes become accessible. Fishing may last through September. **No attempt was made to list all the lakes in the Uinta Mountains in this publication.** Only those that were found to contain populations of game fish and those which are under study are included.

Fishing is unpredictable, especially in the High Uintas. If one lake fails to produce, try another, there is usually one nearby. If you are one who likes elbow room to camp and fish, and to discover new scenic wonders, let us recommend the High Uintas.

BEAVER CREEK DRAINAGE

A small drainage on the north slope of the Uintas. Thirty-three lakes and ponds dot this isolated area; nearly a dozen of these sustain trout. Access into this area is either from the Beaver Creek Campground or through Beaver Park via the Henrys Fork - Hole-in-the-rock road. The only marked trail takes off from the Beaver Creek Campground, south of Hole-in-the-Rock Ranger Station. The ranger station and the Hole-in-the-Rock - Henrys Fork road are reached over dirt road 10 miles east and south from Lonetree, Wyoming. Brook and cutthroat trout are readily taken from waters ranging from 9,000 to 11,400 feet in elevation. The terrain is rough, but campsites can be found with horse feed generally available. The picturesque, alpine lakes in Gilbert Basin provide some of the best fly fishing in the country. No resort accommodations available. Take a week and have a good time!

BEAVER, GR-147. 38 acres, elevation 10,500 feet, maximum depth 25 feet, average depth 10 feet. From Hole-in-the-Rock Ranger Station, 10 miles south on well-marked, good Forest Service trail. Excellent campsites with crystal-clear drinking water. Good horse feed in the area. Shoreline mostly timbered with some open meadow area for fly fishermen. Some good stream fishing in the area. Excellent fishing for brook trout, with an occasional cutthroat taken. Some natural reproduction. Stocked with brook trout.

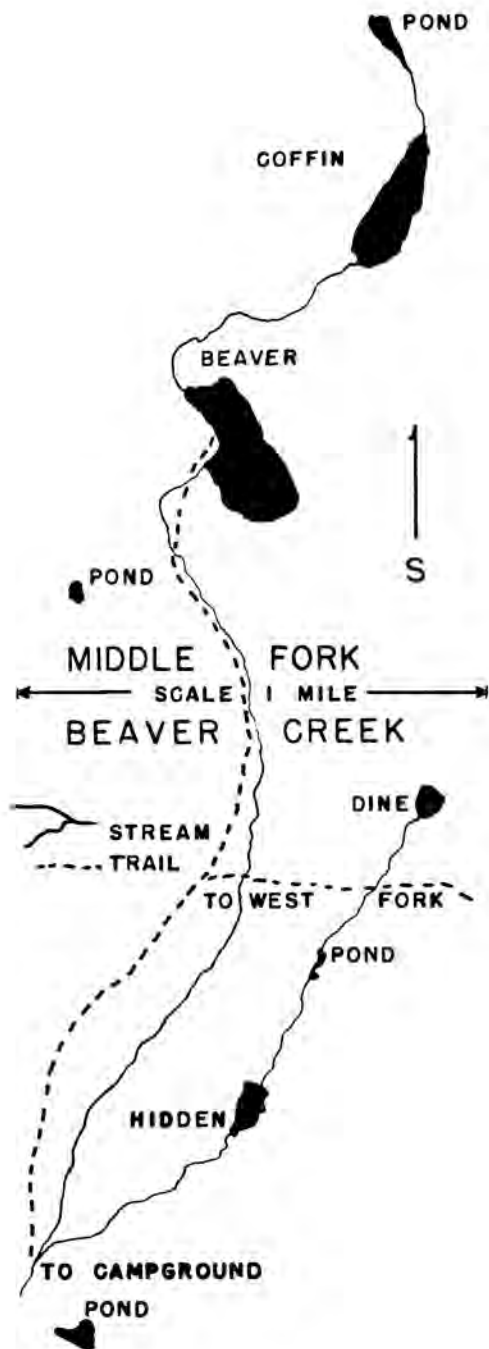


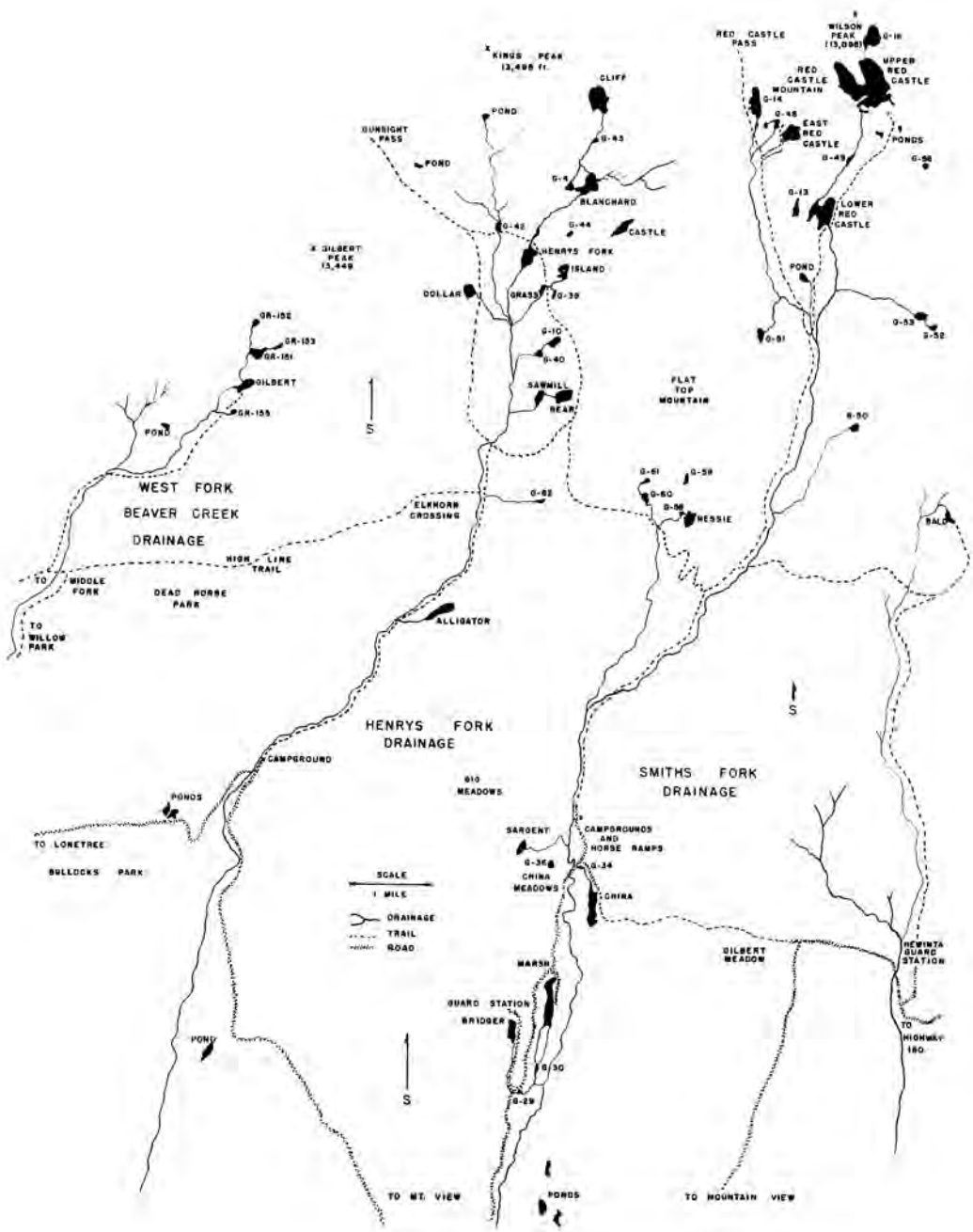
COFFIN, GR-144. 28 acres, elevation

10,900 feet, maximum depth 28 feet, average depth 12 feet. 10 miles south of the Hole-in-the-Rock Ranger Station on well-marked Forest Service trail to Beaver Lake; then 1 mile southwest. No trail, rough terrain. A large lake lying in a steep, rocky-conifer basin. Excellent campsites with horse feed at Beaver Lake. Rock slides come into the lake along the west side. Some open shoreline for fly fishermen. Seldom visited and generally fast fishing. Stocked with cutthroat trout.



DINE, GR-148. 3 acres, elevation 10,500 feet, maximum depth 10 feet, average depth 5 feet. From Beaver Lake





1 mile northwest. No trail. A small lake lying at the base of the rock slides. Rugged terrain with little open shoreline. Campsites and horse feed in the area. Some good stream fishing in the meadows to the east. Rock slides come into the lake along the southwest side. Stocked experimentally with brook trout. One to check on.



GILBERT, GR-150. 16 acres, elevation 11,000 feet, maximum depth 3 feet, average depth 2 feet. 12 miles south of the Hole-in-the-Rock - Henrys Fork road on poor sheep trail. A large, shallow lake lying in open terrain at the base of Gilbert Peak. Some campsites with good horse feed. A remote, alpine lake seeing few fishermen. Excellent fishing for both brook and cutthroat trout. This lake will keep the fry pan full. Natural reproduction.



GR-151. 11 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 10 feet, average

depth 7 feet. Located just a country block south of Gilbert. Follow up stream. Mostly open, alpine terrain encompasses this picturesque lake. Some campsites and horse feed in the area. Very few fishermen. Lots of running water with some good stream fishing in the area. Very fast fishing for both brook and cutthroat trout. Natural reproduction.



GR-152. 5 acres, elevation 11,400 feet, maximum depth 8 feet, average depth 5 feet. ½ mile, nearly vertical, south of Gilbert. Follow stream system. Good stream fishing. A small, alpine lake lying in an open pocket at the base of Gilbert Peak. Stocked experimentally. Good one to keep an eye on.

GR-153. 2 acres, elevation 11,250 feet, maximum depth 7 feet, average depth 4 feet. 100 yards west of GR-151. Follow stream. A small, elongated, meadow lake. Not much angler use on this water. A good fly fishing lake for cutthroat trout. Some campsites and horse feed in the area. Natural reproduction.

GR-155. 2 acres, elevation 11,000 feet, maximum depth 4 feet, average depth 3 feet. ¼ mile north of Gilbert, near

the trail. A small, round lake lying at the edge of the conifers at timberline. Campsites and horse feed. Open shoreline. Some boggy meadow partially encompasses lake. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.



HIDDEN, GR-149. 5 acres, elevation 10,200 feet, maximum depth 11 feet,

average depth 6 feet. ½ mile north of the big meadow located 1 mile north of Beaver. No trail to the lake, sheep trail in the area. A small lake which is often missed in heavily timbered terrain. Very little open shoreline. Campsites and horse feed in the area. Excellent fishing for both brook and cutthroat trout. Stocked with brook.

HENRYS FORK - SMITHS FORK DRAINAGE

Two medium size drainages lying side by side on the middle north slope of the Uintas. Sixty-four lakes and ponds lie within this area; forty of these sustain trout populations. Excellent campsites, good fishing and enough horse feed to get by are generally the rule here. Some of the most scenic terrain in the Uintas lie within this region. Several of these lakes are among the most popular in the Uintas; others are seldom visited. Access into either drainage is via either Henrys Fork Campground or China Meadows. Both campgrounds are accessible by road for some 25 miles west and south of Mountain View, Wyoming. Most of the lakes lie near 10,500 feet in elevation. Trails are posted and generally good. There is a horse loading ramp at China Meadows. No resort accommodations are available.

Plan your trip to have a good time!



ALLIGATOR, G-38. 15 acres, elevation 10,100 feet, maximum depth 30 feet, average depth 13 feet. 2 miles south of Henry's Fork Campground along good Forest Service trail, then proceed $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southwest along small stream over rough terrain. A long picturesque lake in dense conifers. Good fly fishing and camping area at the southwest end of the lake. Little horse feed. Brook and cutthroat trout. Stocked with brook. This lake is usually missed by fishermen.

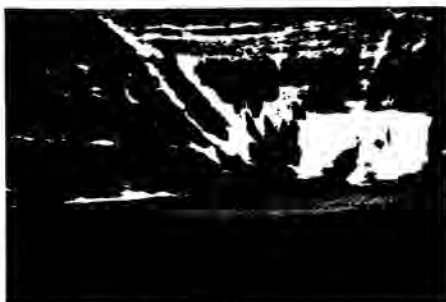
BALD, G-63. 8 acres, elevation, 10,700 feet, maximum depth 17 feet, average depth 7 feet. 6 miles south of Hewinta Guard Station. Hewinta Station

is located on the Gilbert Meadow-Blacks Fork road out of Mountain View, Wyoming. A very clear lake lying at the base of Bald Mountain. Some open, rocky shoreline. Excellent campsites. There is a trail into the area, but not to the lake. Stocked. Another "new" lake to watch!



BEAR, G-7. 18 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 38 feet, average depth 14 feet. 12 miles from either China Meadows or Henrys Fork

Campground along good Forest Service trails. Timbered terrain. Campsites with a little horse feed in the area. Some open shoreline for fly fishermen. Unpredictable fishing for brook and cutthroat trout. Popular lake. Stocked with brook trout.



BLANCHARD, G-3. 34 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 30 feet, average depth 10 feet. 1 steep mile southwest of Henrys Fork Lake. No trail. Stream from Blanchard enters Henrys Fork Lake. Open terrain. Poor campsites and little horse feed. Spotty fishing for cutthroat trout. Seldom visited. Stocked with cutthroat.

BRIDGER, G-20. 15 acres, elevation 9,350 feet, maximum depth 16 feet, average depth 11 feet. Accessible by road some 25 miles west and south of Mountain View, Wyoming. Timbered terrain with mostly open shoreline. Good fly fishing areas with numerous lily pads. Excellent Forest Service campground. A Forest Service guard station is located here. A popular lake. No resort accommodations. Stocked with brook and some rainbow trout.

CHINA, G-21. 27 acres, elevation 9,500 feet, maximum depth 41 feet, average depth 22 feet. Accessible by road for 27 miles west and south of Mountain View, Wyoming. Heavily timbered terrain and shoreline. A deep, somewhat elongated reservoir with some water-level fluctuation. Usually good fishing. Excellent campsites. A popular fishing water. Stocked with fingerling rainbow trout.

CLIFF, G-5. 40 acres, elevation 11,600 feet, maximum depth 60 feet, average depth 27 feet. 2 steep miles southwest from Henrys Fork Lake. Continue to follow stream on past Lake Blanchard. No trail. A large, deep, very high lake partially enclosed by vertical, rocky cliffs. Some open, rocky terrain. No good campsites or horse feed. Fishing is generally good for wary cutthroat trout. Little fishing pressure on this alpine lake. Stocked.

DOLLAR LAKE, G-2. 11 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 19 feet, average depth 9 feet. 10 miles from Henrys Fork Campground by good Forest Service trail. A picturesque, natural lake, with mostly open shoreline. Good fishing. Campsites with some horse feed. Popular lake. Cutthroat trout stocked.



EAST RED CASTLE, G-17. 25 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 58 feet, average depth 27 feet. By trail, 2 miles southeast of Lower Red Castle. Open terrain with rock slides encom-

passing most of the lake. Good campsites and horse feed in the area to the north. The cutthroats here are unusually cautious and fishing is sometimes slow. Fly fishing best. Not often visited. Stocked.

GRASS, G-8. 5 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, average depth 3 feet. A shallow meadow lake lying on a trail ½ mile northwest of Henrys Fork Lake. Campsites and horse feed in the area. Good fly fishing for brook and cutthroat trout. Stocked with cutthroat.

G-4. 4 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 8 feet, average depth 4 feet. 200 feet east of Blanchard. A small, alpine lake lying in open terrain. Poor campsites and little horse feed. "Hot" or "cold" fishing for cutthroat trout, as fish move in or out from Blanchard.



G-10. 6 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 9 feet, average depth 5 feet. 1 mile south of Bear along good Forest Service trail. Lake is visible from trail and lies about 300 yards east. Campsites with some horse feed. Mostly open shoreline in timberline terrain. Stocked experimentally with brook.

G-13. 8 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 16 feet, average depth 8 feet. By trail ½ mile east of Lower Red Castle. A somewhat elongated lake in heavily timbered terrain. Good



campsites and horse feed in the area. Good population of cutthroat and brook trout. Stocked with brook trout.

G-14. 17 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 19 feet, average depth 8 feet. A long irregular shaped lake lying in a basin with open rocky shoreline. The farthest lake in the East Fork of Smiths Fork Basin, some 2 miles southeast of Lower Red Castle and ½ mile southeast of East Red Castle. There is a trail to East Red Castle. Seldom visited. Fishing unpredictable. Campsites and horse feed in the area to the north. Stocked with cutthroat trout.

G-16. 27 acres, elevation 11,600 feet, depth unknown. A rocky lake up on a steep ledge ½ mile south of Upper Red Castle. No trail. No campsites. Slow fishing for large cutthroat trout. Fishing pressure light. Stocked periodically.

G-29. 2 acres, elevation 9,300 feet, maximum depth 6 feet, average depth 3 feet. Located at the "fork" in the Bridger-Marsh Lake road, 1 mile north of Marsh Lake. A beaver pond containing small brook trout. Fair fishing, if you don't let them see you. Good campsite. Often fished. Stocked.

G-30. 2 acres, elevation 9,200 feet, maximum depth 10 feet, average depth 5 feet. ½ mile north of Marsh Lake, along stream. A small beaver pond. Mostly timbered terrain, but some

open shoreline. Stocked with brook trout. A good one to fish.



G-34. 1 acre, elevation 9,400 feet, maximum depth 6 feet, average depth 3 feet. A small reservoir located at the China Meadows Campground via road 1 mile south of Marsh Lake. Fair fishing for rainbow trout. Mostly open shoreline, but timbered terrain. Very heavy fishing pressure. Stocked.

G-42. 2 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, average depth 3 feet. By trail 1 mile southeast of Henrys Fork Lake. A shallow, meadow lake lying in open, brushy terrain. Campsites with some horse feed. Fast fly fishing for small cutthroat trout. Natural reproduction. Occasionally stocked.



G-45. 3 acres, elevation 11,200 feet, maximum depth 10 feet, average depth 6 feet. 300 yards southeast of East Red Castle. No trail. Open rocky terrain. Campsites and horse feed in the

area to the north. Stocked with brook trout.

G-49. 2 acres, elevation 11,000 feet, maximum depth 15 feet, average depth 6 feet. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Lower Red Castle. This slender lake lies east of the trail against the rock slides. Excellent campsites with horse feed in the area. Open shoreline for fly fishermen. Stocked with brook trout.

G-50. 3 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum and average depth 6 feet. 1 mile west of Broadbent Meadows along stream. Broadbent Meadows lie a couple of miles north of Lower Red Castle, as posted. Good campsites and horse feed. Heavily timbered with little open shoreline. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.



G-51. 8 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum and average depth 5 feet. 2 miles northeast of Lower Red Castle. No trail to the lake. Follow down large meadow coming out of the East Fork to "neck" area where the stream comes out of the timber. Lake lies east up under the Bald Mountain. Excellent campsites with plenty of horse feed. Good fishing for both brook and cutthroat trout. Seldom visited. Mostly open shoreline with timbered camp areas. Very scenic setting. Stocked with brook trout.



G-52. 2 acres, elevation 11,400 feet, maximum and average depth 3 feet. 100 yards northwest up slope from G-53. Follow stream. A small, clear lake lying at the base of the rock slides, campsites and horse feed in the area. Open terrain. Stocked experimentally with cutthroat trout.

G-53. 8 acres, elevation 11,300 feet, maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 7 feet. 1 mile northwest from the large meadow just north of Lower Red Castle. Mostly open terrain with sparsely scattered timber and rock ledges. Very good camp areas with some horse feed. Seldom visited by anglers. Cutthroat trout numerous. Open shoreline with very fast fly fishing. Keep the fry pan handy as well as the skeeter dope. Natural reproduction.

G-56. 2 acres, elevation 11,100 feet, maximum depth 20 feet, average depth 8 feet. 1 mile southwest of Lower Red Castle. No trail. An isolated lake lying in a small basin. Open, brushy terrain. No campsites or horse feed near lake. Stocked with brook trout.

G-59. 4 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 13 feet, average depth 6 feet. ½ mile south of Hessie along the rock slides. No trail. Mostly open, rocky shoreline. Lies against the rock slides. Good campsites with some

horse feed in the area. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.

G-60. 5 acres, elevation 10,600 feet, maximum and average depth 3 feet. A large beaver dam located just south of the trail in the open meadow ½ mile east of Lake Hessie. Mostly open shoreline, good horse feed and excellent campsites. Some stream fishing. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.

G-61. 4 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 8 feet, average depth 4 feet. Lake 300 yards south uphill from G-60. No trail. Heavily timbered terrain. Good campsites with horse feed in the area. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.



HENRYS FORK LAKE, G-1. 20 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 22 feet, average depth 9 feet. From Henrys Fork Campground 12 miles or from China Meadows 15 miles along good, posted, Forest Service trail. Generally open, timberline terrain. Very good fly fishing areas for cutthroat trout. Good stream fishing. Campsites with some horse feed in the area. Exceptional scenery in this basin with plenty of running water. Natural reproduction.



HESSIE, G-18. 13 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 22 feet, average depth 11 feet. 9 miles by good, well-marked Forest Service trail from China Meadows. When you come to a large meadow, with a stream and beaver dam, cut back due west for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Hessie lies at the base of a rocky point. Heavily timbered terrain with closed shoreline. Good campsites, some horse feed in the area. Good evening fishing for wary cutthroat trout. Stocked.

ISLAND, G-9. 11 acres, elevation 10,900 feet, maximum depth 6 feet, average depth 3 feet. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Henrys Fork Lake. No trail, but easy going. Productive, shallow lake with a small island in the center. Mostly open terrain. Stocked with brooks. Campsites with some horse feed.



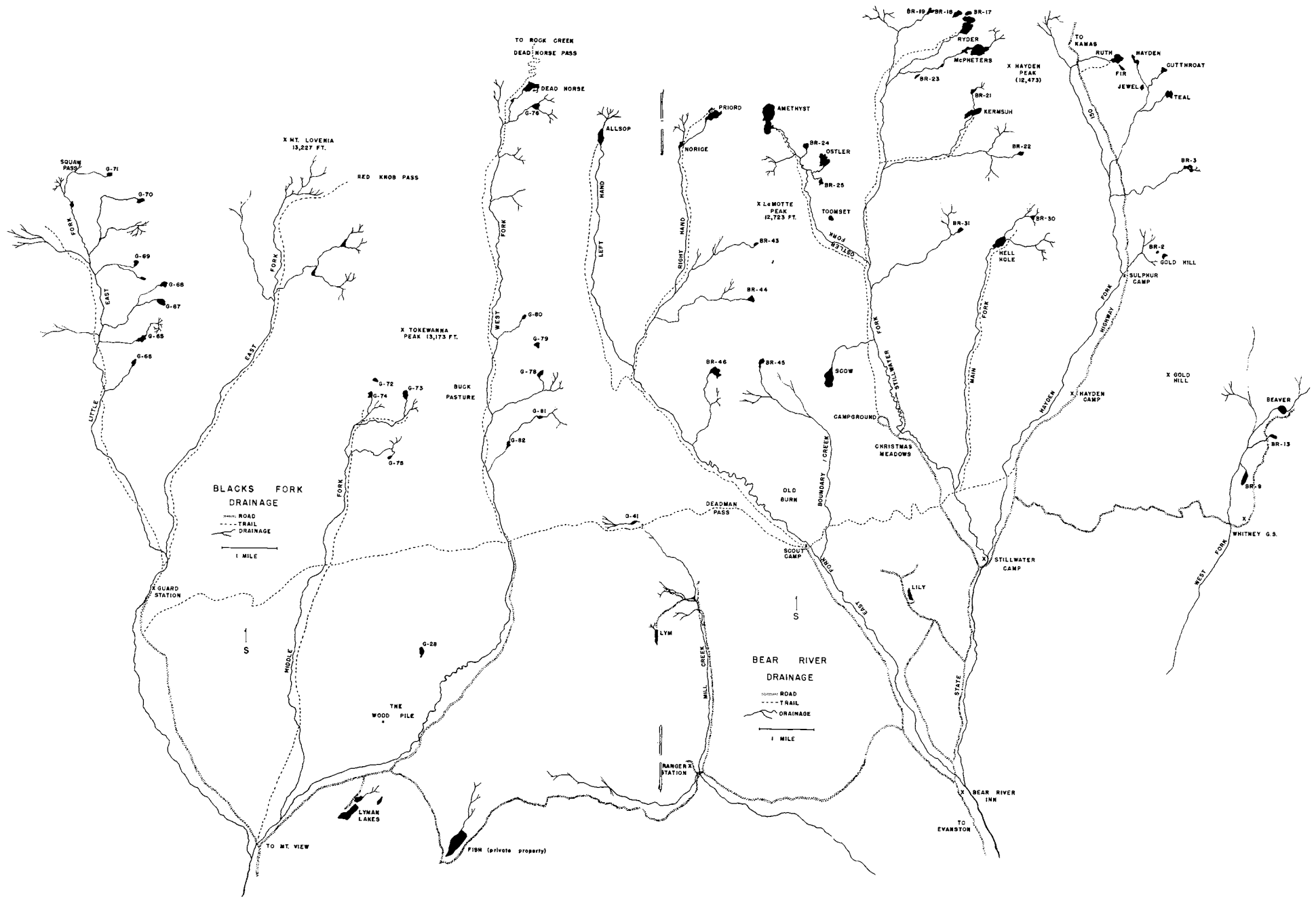
LOWER RED CASTLE, G-12. 35 acres, elevation 10,800 feet, maximum depth 29 feet, average depth 9 feet. A large, alpine lake in a scenic setting at

the base of Red Castle Mountain. 14 miles by good, well-marked Forest Service trail from China Meadows. Excellent campsites. Some good stream fishing in the area. Mostly open shoreline provides some very good fly fishing for cutthroat, brook and rainbow. A small rubber boat would be useful on this lake. Fishing is usually hot, so you shouldn't go hungry. A very popular lake, especially for scouts. Don't forget your camera or mosquito dope! Stocked with cutthroat trout.

MARSH, G-19. 33 acres, elevation 9,350 feet, maximum depth 33 feet, average depth 11 feet. Reservoir with 4 foot fluctuation. Accessible by road some 25 miles west and south of Mountain View, Wyoming. Timbered terrain. Excellent Forest Service campgrounds. Heavy fishing pressure on weekends and holidays. This area is a popular "take off" point into the high lakes. Both brook and rainbow trout. Stocked with catchable rainbows and fingerling brook. No resort accommodations available. Very good fly fishing areas.

SARGENT, G-35. 9 acres, elevation 9,800 feet, maximum depth 24 feet, average depth 14 feet. From China Meadows 1 short mile east. No trail. Heavy timber surrounds the lake. A few campsites. Stocked with brook. Produces some nice trout.

SAWMILL, G-6. 8 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 21 feet, average depth 7 feet. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Bear Lake. No trail. Rough, heavily timbered terrain. Campsites with a little horse feed in the area. Shoreline mostly closed. A small rubber boat would come in handy. Good fishing for cutthroat trout. Often overlooked by anglers. Stocked.



BLACKS FORK DRAINAGE

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UPPER RED CASTLE, G-15. 175 acres, elevation 11,300 feet, maximum depth 105 feet, average depth 37 feet. 15 miles south of China Meadows via

good, posted Forest Service trail. Largest natural lake in the Uinta Mountains lying in the shadow of Wilson Peak, (13,095 feet). This lake has scenic beauty and cutthroat trout fishing surpassed by none. Reputation of fishing either "hot" or "cold." Because of the size and depth of this water, a small rubber boat or other floating device with life jackets is highly recommended. Open, rocky shoreline and terrain. Excellent campsites, and running water in the area to the north. Popular scout lake. Heavily fished. Stocked with cutthroat trout.

BLACKS FORK DRAINAGE

A remote, difficult access drainage with four subdrainages containing only two dozen scattered lakes and ponds. Ten produce some fishing. Because of distance between fishing waters, and the remote terrain, trips should be carefully planned. Brook, cutthroat and rainbow trout are found in lakes from 9,700 to 11,500 feet in elevation. Trail conditions are generally poor, except to Deadhorse.

Starting points are at the end of the Blacks Fork roads which originate from the Mill Creek - Gilbert Meadows road some 20 miles east of the Mirror Lake Highway #150. The terrain is rough near the lakes, but campsites with ample horse feed is the general rule here. There are no resort accommodations available.



DEADHORSE, G-77. 15 acres, elevation, 11,000 feet, maximum depth 41 feet, average depth 12 feet. 6 miles by trail from the end of the West Fork - Blacks Fork road. The lake lies 3 miles south into the primitive area. A rocky, alpine lake lying at the base of Deadhorse pass. Open, timberline terrain. Campsites and horse feed to the northeast of the lake. Spring-fed lake with good drinking water available. Very good fishing for tasty cutthroat trout. Keep the skillet hot at this popular lake. Stocked.



G-65. 5 acres, elevation 11,500 feet, maximum depth 8 feet, average depth 6 feet. 8 miles from East Fork - Blacks Fork Forest Service Guard Station. Follow little East Fork - Blacks Fork trail for about 6 miles to the "long, big meadow" (last meadow, heading up country). At the north end of the meadow a stream coming from the west is the outlet of G-65. Follow stream for a good mile to the lake. A striking, little lake lying against the slide rock. Open shoreline in brushy-rock terrain. Few campsites by the lake, but excellent campsites with plenty of horse feed can be found down at the "meadow." This lake,

along with several others in the area has been stocked experimentally. These lakes should provide some excellent fishing.



G-66. 4 acres, elevation 11,500 feet, maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 6 feet. ½ mile north of G-65 over heavily timbered, rocky terrain. No trail. A small, diamond shaped, clear water lake lying in a pocket at the base of the rock slides. Some open, rock shoreline. No campsites or horse feed. Stocked with brook trout.



G-67. 8 acres, elevation 11,500 feet, maximum depth 21 feet, average depth 14 feet. ½ mile southwest of G-65 over very rocky trail. A deep, clear lake with open shoreline. No camp-

sites or horse feed. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.



G-69. 4 acres, elevation 11,500 feet, maximum depth 14 feet, average depth 7 feet. A good mile south of G-65 over very rough terrain, or nearly a mile west along the stream from the south end of the "big meadow." A pretty lake above timberline, with open shoreline. No campsites or horse feed. Stocked with cutthroat trout. Should be a real "fishing hole."



G-73. 6 acres, elevation 11,500 feet, maximum depth 35 feet, average depth 19 feet. 1 mile west of G-74 over steep, rock ridge, or follow up southwest stream from the lower meadows. A deep, clear, alpine lake with an open rock shoreline. Excellent campsites with horse feed in the lower meadows. Stocked with cutthroat trout. A dandy fishing spot.



G-74. 4 acres, elevation 11,000 feet, maximum depth 4 feet, average depth 3 feet. From East Fork-Blacks Fork Forest Service Guard Station some 8-10 miles on "hit-and-miss" east fork trail. This small lake lies at the very head of the drainage above the large meadows. Excellent campsites with horse feed. Plenty of running water. Timberline terrain with open shoreline. Stocked experimentally with brook trout. Another one to keep an eye on!



G-76. 6 acres, elevation 11,000 feet, average depth 4 feet. From Deadhorse, ¼ mile northwest. Open, timberline terrain. An open fly fisherman's lake. Good horse feed and campsites back near Deadhorse Lake. Four inlets, very clear water. Good fly fishing for cut-throat trout. Another lake often missed by anglers. Natural reproduction.



LOWER LYMAN, G-25. 5 acres, elevation 9,700 feet, maximum depth 26 feet, average depth 9 feet. By road ½ mile north off the Mill Creek - Gilbert Meadows road — some 20 miles east off Highway 150, as posted. A small lake with open shoreline. Very good camp area. Mostly timbered terrain. Stocked with rainbow catchables.

UPPER LYMAN, G-27. 27 acres, elevation 9,700 feet, maximum depth 20 feet, average depth 10 feet. By road just north of Lower Lyman. Reservoir with dam. Record of winterkill. Summer camp. Good campsites. Generally poor fishing. Often visited. Mostly timbered terrain, but open shoreline. Catchable-size rainbow trout stocked.

BEAR RIVER DRAINAGE

A large drainage with five main subdrainages containing fifty lakes and ponds. Thirty of the lakes produce some fishing. Many of them are difficult to reach and are seldom visited by fishermen. The Bear River high lakes lie mostly within the Forest Service primitive area, so motors or engines of any type are not permitted. The Bear River Drainage rates among the most rugged in the Uintas. Both brook and cutthroat trout are found in scenic lakes ranging from 9,500 to 11,000 feet in elevation. The lakes can be reached via Mirror Lake Highway #150 between the towns of Kamas, Utah and Evanston, Wyoming. Jumping off points to the lakes are spaced along the highway, the Christmas Meadows campground located three miles east of highway by dirt road; the Bear River Boy Scout Camp some seven miles east by dirt road from the highway; or the Mill Creek area seven miles east by dirt road from the highway. Access to the West Fork is by a good road from Coalville via Chalk Creek.

Because of the rugged terrain it is wise to allow a minimum of one day in and one day out for fishing many of the lakes. Trips utilizing horses and taking a week or more are recommended.

Remember the insect repellent, rain gear and oats for the horses. Snow showers are common, so wear warm clothing. There are no resort accommodations available, but excellent campground facilities are located at or near the main starting points.

Plan your trip and it will be a good one!



ALLSOP, BR-42. 12 acres, elevation 10,650 feet, maximum depth 21 feet, average depth 7 feet. 8 miles by Forest Service trail from the Bear River Boy Scout Camp. Stay on the left hand fork to the east. Diamond-shaped lake

lying in the center of the cirque. Excellent campsites with plenty of horse feed and running water. Lots of insects. Popular Scout lake. Excellent fly fishing for cutthroat trout. Natural reproduction.



AMETHYST, BR-28. 53 acres, eleva-

tion 11,000 feet, maximum depth 50 feet, average depth 25 feet. From Christmas Meadows Campground 7 miles by Forest Service trail. A very deep tadpole-shaped lake lying at the head of a rocky cirque. Mostly open shoreline in rough, timberline terrain. Campsites and horse feed at the lower meadows. Generally very good brook and cutthroat trout fishing. Popular Scout lake. Stocked.



BEAVER, BR-10. 13 acres, elevation 9,500 feet, maximum depth 32 feet, average depth 16 feet. 10 miles by jeep road. Follow the Whitney Forest Service Guard Station road from the Hayden Fork Highway 150, as posted. A round lake with an open shoreline. Excellent campsites. There are numerous beaver dams in this area; several provide some excellent fishing. The streams in the area are generally good fishing. Stocked with brook trout. A very productive lake.



BR-3. 5 acres, elevation 10,200 feet, maximum depth 17 feet. 1 long mile southwest of Gold Hill as the crow flies. No trail, campsites or horse feed. Follow up base of ridge and lake lies in a small rugged basin under the ledge rock. A pretty, blue lake with an island in the center. Some open, rocky shoreline. Very little fishing pressure. Good fishing for brook trout. Stocked.

BR-17. 3 acres, elevation 10,650 feet, maximum depth 6 feet. 50 yards south of Ryder Lake. Numerous inlets. Good campsites with horse feed in the area. Sparsely timbered terrain. Stocked experimentally with brook trout. A good one to keep an eye on.

BR-18. 4 acres, elevation 10,650 feet, maximum depth 13 feet, average depth 5 feet. 100 yards southeast of Ryder Lake. Clear water. Timberline terrain. Good campsites with horse feed in the area. Stocked experimentally with brook trout.



BR-19. 1 acre, elevation 10,500 feet, maximum depth 6 feet. ½ mile southeast of Ryder Lake. Several inlets, clear water. Timberline terrain. Good campsites and horse feed. Stocked experimentally with brook.

BR-24. 2 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 10 feet, average depth 5 feet. From Christmas Meadows Campground 6 miles. 1 mile northwest of Amethyst. Follow trail to "big meadow" below Amethyst, then follow southwest stream for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Excellent campsites and horse feed at the "big meadow." Fast evening fly fishing for cutthroat trout. A clear, triangular shaped lake lying in a rocky, timberline area. Natural reproduction.



BR-25. 2 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 6 feet. From Ostler, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north against the rock slides. Campsites and horse feed in the area near Ostler Lake. Some rocky, open shoreline. Fishermen often miss this lake. Good fishing for cutthroat trout. Natural reproduction.



BR-30. 1 acre, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 7 feet, average depth 4 feet. From Hell Hole, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southwest up the stream. A small, shallow lake with open shoreline. Campsites and horse feed near by. Rough, timberline terrain. Stocked experimentally.



BR-31. 3 acres, elevation 10,500 feet, maximum depth 8 feet, average depth 4 feet. From Christmas Meadows Campground some 4 miles over rough terrain southwest into small basin. No trail. The lake lies just west of the "meadow," where campsites and horse feed can be found. Follow stream. Some open shoreline. Stocked experimentally with cutthroat trout.



BR-45. 3 acres, elevation 10,500 feet, maximum depth 11 feet, average depth 5 feet. 1 mile west of BR-46, follow around the point or 3 miles west along poor, hit-and-miss trail from the old burn area on the main trail. A small lake lying in a meadow in the center of a small pocket. Spring fed, clear water. Good campsites and horse feed. Stocked experimentally with brook trout. May be a real "fishing hole."



BR-46. 11 acres, elevation 10,500 feet, maximum depth 18 feet, average depth 10 feet. An almost inaccessible, irregular shaped lake lying in a small pocket some 2 miles west of the old logging cabins on the East Fork trail. The terrain is very rocky and riders are not encouraged to take horses to the lake. Few campsites and no horse feed. Excellent fly fishing areas. No trail to this lake. Stocked with brook.



CUTTHROAT, BR-37. 5 acres, elevation 10,400 feet, maximum depth 16 feet, average depth 13 feet. ½ mile south of Teal. A heart-shaped lake in a rugged setting. No direct trail to the lake. Some open shoreline for fly fish-

ing. Good campsites with horse feed. Plenty of running water. Wary cutthroat and rainbow trout. Stocked with cutthroat trout.

ELIZABETH, BR-8. 10 acres, elevation 10,000 feet, maximum depth 10 feet, average depth 5 feet. 10 miles east of Mirror Lake Highway 150 on Mill Creek road to summit, then 5 miles north on jeep road to ridge above lake. A second jeep road goes through the logging area to the lake. Sparsely timbered terrain with some open shoreline. Campsites. Sometimes slow fishing for brook. Stocked with brook trout.



GOLD HILL, BR-1. 2 acres, elevation 9,600 feet, maximum depth 12 feet. 1 almost vertical mile southwest of the Sulphur Campground on the Hayden Fork Highway 150. Very steep, rugged, heavily timbered terrain. No trail to the lake. This picturesque, crescent-shaped lake lies directly below the "white ledges." Poor campsites and no horse feed. Clear water with wary brook trout. Not frequently fished. Stocked.



HELL HOLE, BR-29. 9 acres, elevation 10,400 feet, average depth 4 feet. From Lower Stillwaters at Christmas Meadows some 5 miles by rough trail. The lake lies mostly south and a little east from the "little meadow." A clear, shallow lake with some open shoreline. Some small grass islands. Excellent fly fishing for cutthroat trout. Rough terrain, but good horse feed and campsites near the lake. Plenty of running water. Not too well known. Stocked.



JEWEL, BR-38. 2 acres, elevation 10,300 feet, maximum depth 13 feet, average depth 6 feet. ½ mile northwest of Ruth. Rough terrain. Some open shoreline. Campsites with horse feed near by. Rock ledge south of the lake. Good fishing for both brook and cutthroat trout. Popular fishing area. Stocked with cutthroat.



KERMSUH, BR-20. 10 acres, elevation 10,300 feet, maximum depth 15 feet, average depth 9 feet. 8 miles from Christmas Meadows over poorly defined trail. A narrow lake in rough terrain. Poor campsites and little horse feed. Excellent fishing for cutthroat trout. Frequently hot in the evening. An isolated lake seldom visited. This lake lies due north of McPheters, in the southwest corner of the next basin. Stocked with brook trout.

LILY, BR-11. 13 acres, elevation 9,000 feet, maximum depth 20 feet, average depth 9 feet. 2 miles east, by road, from Hayden Fork Highway 150. Huge, productive beaver pond with mostly open shoreline, but timbered terrain. Excellent campsites, stocked experimentally.

LYM, BR-7. 5 acres, elevation 9,500 feet, maximum depth 19 feet, average depth 13 feet. This very popular lake lies 6 miles south of Mill Creek Ranger Station via unimproved logging road. The Ranger Station lies 7 miles east off the Mirror Lake Highway 150, and is accessible by good gravel road. Heavily timbered terrain. Good campsites in the area. Excellent fly fishing evenings at north and south end of lake. Stocked with brook and cutthroat trout.



McPHETERS, BR-14. 29 acres, elevation 10,850 feet, maximum depth 45 feet, average depth 20 feet. ½ mile north and a little west of Ryder. Lake lies up on steep shelf. A large, deep, crystal clear lake with an arm on the east end. Open, rocky terrain and shoreline. No campsites or horse feed at the lake, but good campsites with horse feed in the area. Fair fishing for both brook and cutthroat trout. Stocked with cutthroat trout.



NORICE, BR-47. 3 acres, elevation 10,650 feet, maximum and average depth 3 feet. 8 miles along Forest Service "right hand" fork trail from the Bear River Boy Scout Camp. A shallow meadow lake. Excellent fly fishing water. Good campsites with horse feed and lots of running water. Fishing is generally good for cutthroat trout. Popular Scout lake. Natural reproduction.



OSTLER, BR-27. 14 acres, elevation 10,700 feet, maximum depth 15 feet, average depth 8 feet. From Christmas Meadows Campground 6 miles. Follow trail to "big meadow" below Amethyst, then ½ mile west over rough terrain into small basin against the slide rock. Rocky, timberline area with little open shoreline. Campsites and horse feed at the lower meadows. Fast fishing for brook and cutthroat trout. A little feed and some fair campsites at the southwest end of the lake. A popular Scout lake stocked with brook trout.



PRIORD, BR-48. 12 acres, elevation 10,950 feet, maximum depth 20 feet, average depth 10 feet. By trail 1 short mile southwest of Norice, or some 9 miles from the Bear River Boy Scout Camp. A clear, cold lake lying on a shelf under the ledges. Rough, timberline terrain. Good campsites with horse feed in the area. Not much firewood near the lake. Mostly open shoreline permits excellent fly fishing for cutthroat trout. There's as many "skeeters" as fish, so take some repellent. A popular Scout lake. Stocked.



RUTH, BR-40. 10 acres, elevation 10,500 feet, maximum depth 31 feet, average depth 11 feet. By trail $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the Hayden Peak turnout on the Mirror Lake Highway 150. A popular lake with campsites and horse feed near by. Good fishing for brook trout. Stocked.



RYDER, BR-15. 24 acres, elevation 10,650 feet, maximum depth 65 feet, average depth 28 feet. From Christmas Meadows Campground 10 miles by rough Forest Service trail to the lower meadows. From the meadows the lake lies 1 mile west over rough terrain and

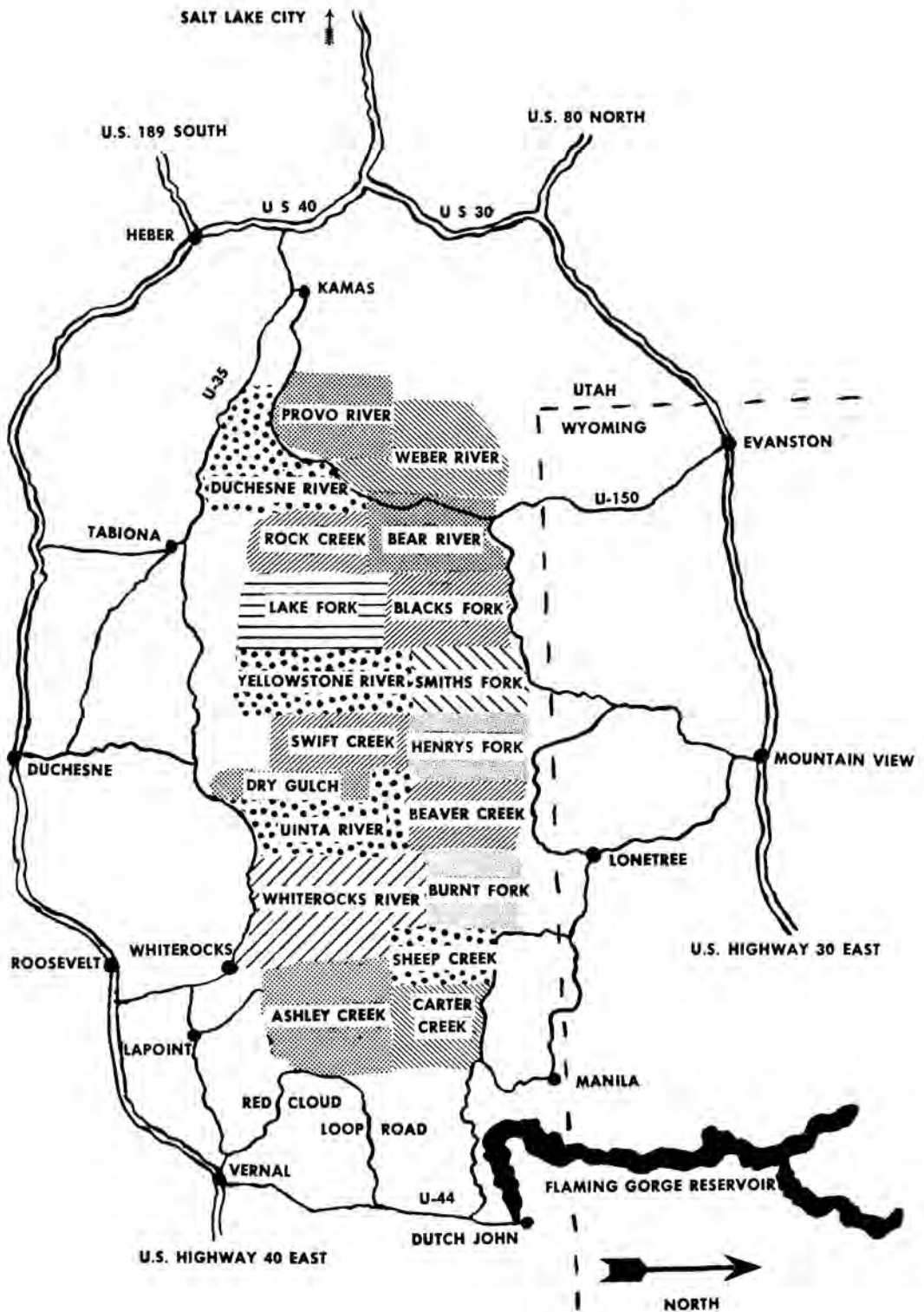
poorly defined trail. Excellent campsites, plenty of horse feed and fast stream fishing at the lower meadows. Good campsites at the lake. A large, deep lake with lots of open shoreline. A popular lake that receives considerable fishing pressure. Generally good evening fly fishing. Stocked with cutthroat trout.

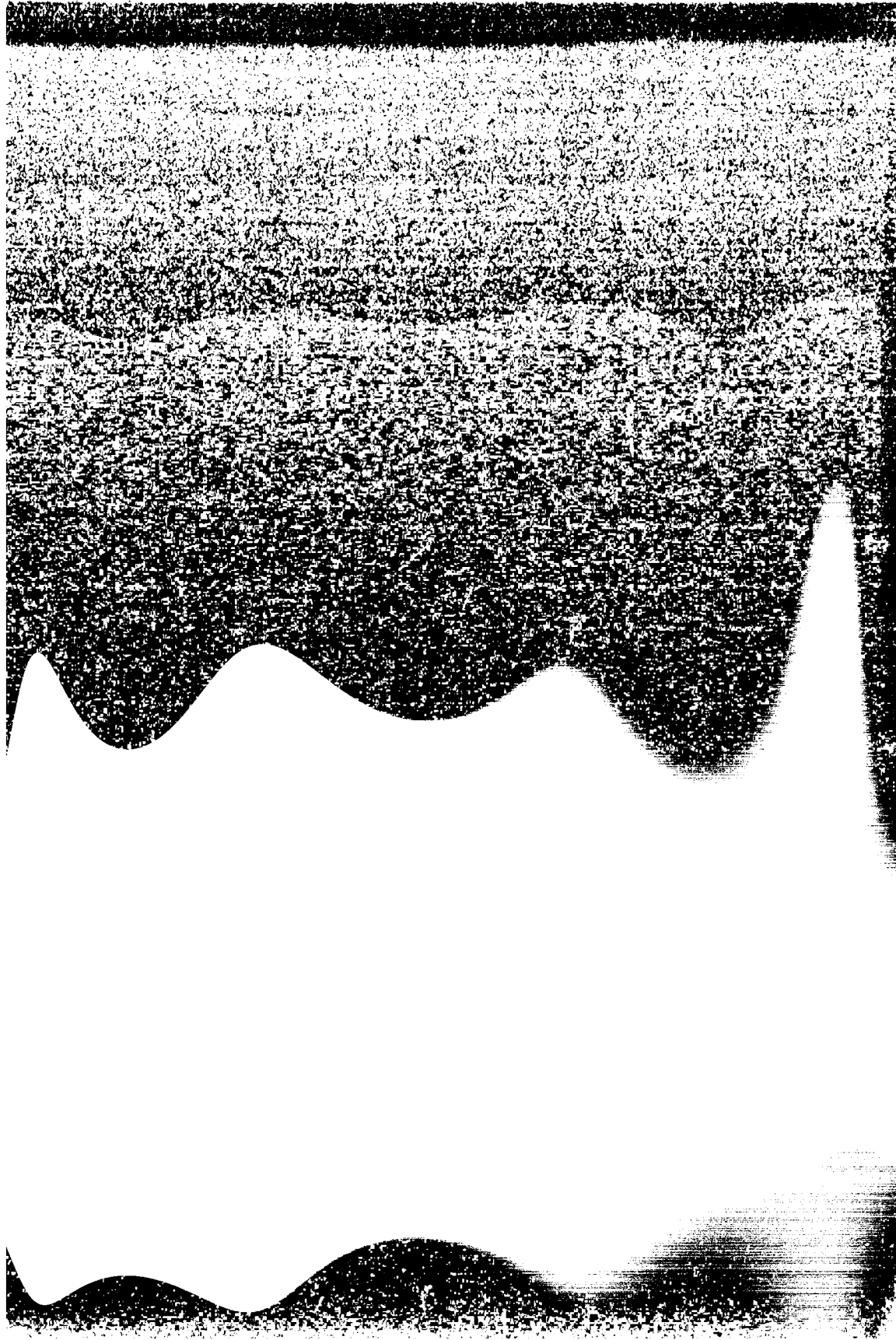
SCOW, BR-12. 22 acres, elevation 10,200 feet, maximum depth 6 feet, average depth 5 feet. 2 miles east and south of the Christmas Meadows Campground over steep, rough terrain. No trail. The campground is reached by dirt road 3 miles east from the Hayden Fork Highway 150, as posted. Heavily timbered. Few campsites and little horse feed. An arrowhead-shaped lake containing only a few large trout. Stocked with fingerling brook trout.



TEAL, BR-32. 5 acres, elevation 10,300 feet, maximum depth 14 feet, average depth 8 feet. From Ruth, 1 mile northwest. Rough terrain, poor campsites and no horse feed. Fast fishing for brook trout. Mostly closed shoreline for fly fishermen, so take waders. Popular lake. A few cutthroat trout may remain. Stocked with brook trout.

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