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Region 7

2003 Pond Fishing Guide





Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Fellow Anglers,

This booklet is designed to help you find and experience some quality fishing opportunities located in Southeastern Montana. Many small reservoirs are scattered throughout the region and have a variety of fish species. Please take the time to read this entire guide.

This guide consists of four main sections:

- General information regarding the Pond Program, fishing regulations, state records of warm water fish, public land agency contacts, and common fishing knots.
- A map of each county identifying the general location of each pond.
- A county specific table listing each pond and location, recent water conditions, fish stocking information and other general information.
- Pond specific maps to assist in locating a pond.

Every effort has been made to make the information in this booklet as accurate and up-to-date as possible. Despite our efforts, errors are possible and likely. Many ponds are subject to winterkill, making fish population descriptions inaccurate. We would appreciate any comments and corrections you might have. We would also welcome suggestions on additional ponds (public or private) that could be stocked with fish and would provide future angler opportunities.

Good Luck Fishing!

Region 7 Fisheries Staff

About the Program...

The Private Pond Program is a cooperative arrangement between private landowners or public land agencies, and Montana Department of Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP) to provide free public fishing.

- Private Landowners agree to allow public fishing on their ponds stocked by FWP. However, the landowner does not forfeit any private property rights, including the right to deny access for cause and the right to enforce ranch rules. Landowner permission is required to fish any private pond.
- Landowners and other land managing agencies interested in stocking their ponds should contact FWP. Ponds are checked by FWP for adequate water depth (minimum of 10 feet at full pool). The landowner and FWP then cooperatively decide which fish species would best suit the pond.
- Warm water fish species (bass, bluegill, northern pike, walleye, perch, etc.) generally are stocked once, anticipating they will naturally spawn to continue their population. Generally, warm water species take 2-3 years to grow to a size desired by anglers. Thus, the best ponds usually are stocked with warm water species.
- Rainbow Trout are stocked annually because they do not reproduce in ponds. They are capable of rapid growth; fingerling trout planted in the spring can be angler desirable by fall.
- FWP routinely samples stocked ponds to monitor the fish population and pond depth.
- Angler's behavior determines whether or not landowners continue to participate in the program. Courteous, legal, and ethical behavior keeps gates open. Please report any violations to 1-800-TIP-MONT (847-6668).

How To Use This Guide

Flip to the county map where you would like to find a fishing opportunity. The map displays the general location of each pond by a number in a square or circle. Numbers inside squares represent privately owned ponds; these ponds require landowner permission prior to fishing. Numbers in circles represent publicly owned ponds (BLM, State, City).

Following each map is a table listing the ponds located on the corresponding county map. The first series of ponds listed (above the double lines) are stocked with rainbow trout; those listed below the double lines are stocked with warm water fish.

Be sure to read the “NOTES” section for the pond. Valuable information is often provided in this column. For example, the pond has dried up during the recent drought or the size of fish sampled recently may be listed. Some ponds may be closed during a certain time of year!

When you decide on a pond, use the landowner’s directions (when asking for permission) to help in driving to the pond. You may also use the GPS coordinates (using WGS 84 datum), legal description, and pond specific maps to find the pond. It may help to relate all this information to a BLM map, as many of the ponds will be visible on the BLM map. If you continue to have trouble with its location please call the Miles City office for additional advice (406-232-0900).

Please contact us with observations or errors that are found within this book. It will be updated annually to try and stay current with the constantly changing environmental conditions in Southeastern Montana.

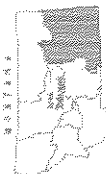
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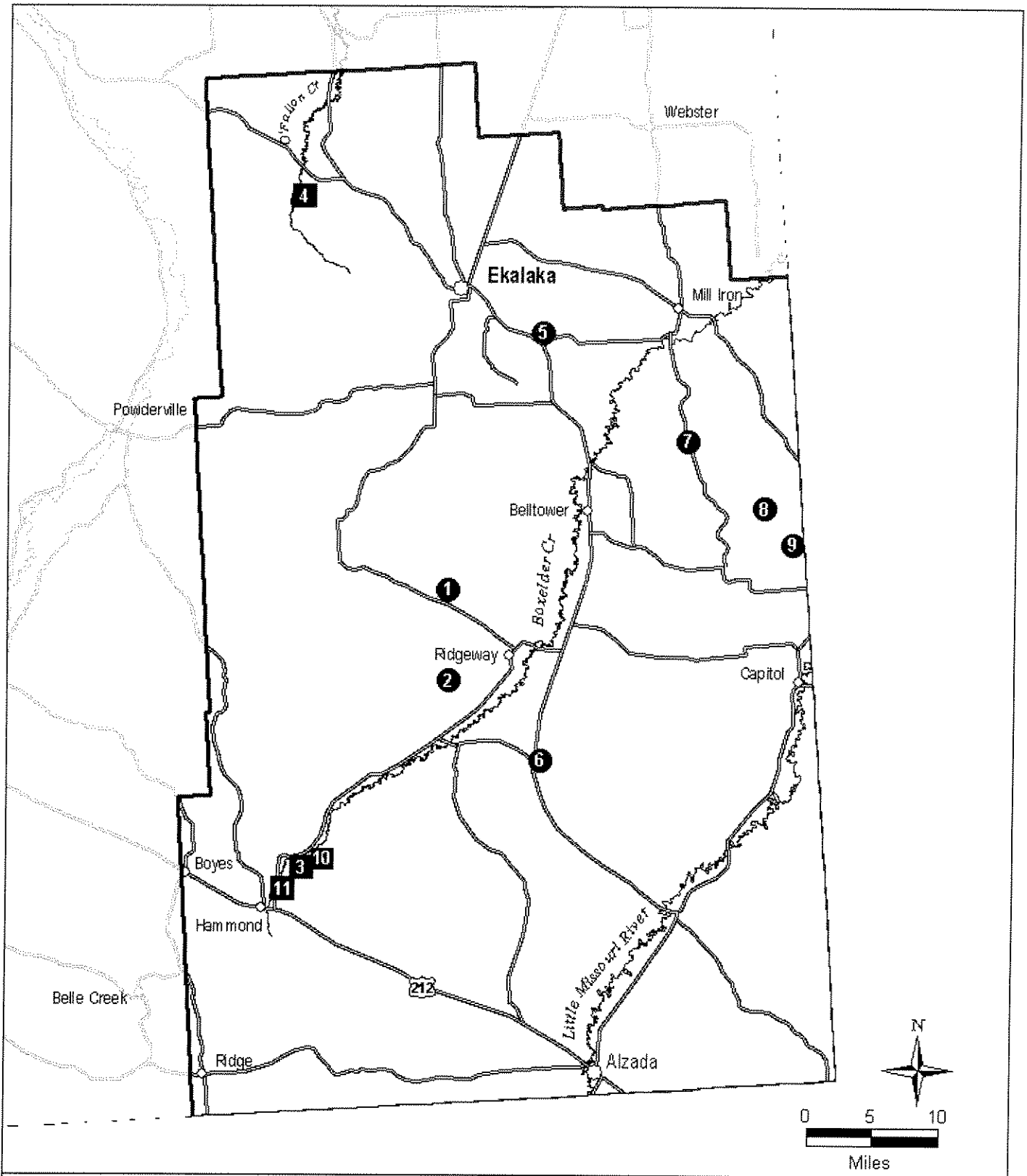
Anglers should become familiar with Montana fishing regulations. The following regulations are a synopsis for pond fishing in Eastern Montana.

- Landowner permission is required to fish privately owned ponds.
- Littering of any kind is illegal and may cause the landowner to close access indefinitely.
- Fish introductions: each year fishing opportunity is lost due to illegal fish introductions. Such introductions may be the result of thoughtless acts (i.e. dumping a bait bucket containing bait fish) or an intentional, selfish act as when an angler wants to expand “his”

opportunity to fish for “his” favorite fish. Regardless of the reason, the result is usually negative. Rainbow trout, for instance, tolerate very little competition from other fish in Eastern Montana ponds; northern pike and yellow perch usually overpopulate and become stunted if not used in the proper species mix and in certain kinds of ponds. FWP stocking decisions are based on the ponds potential for certain species or combination of species, the landowner’s preferences, and other fishing opportunities in the area. Illegally planting fish carries a fine of up to \$5000.00 and loss of hunting and fishing privileges.

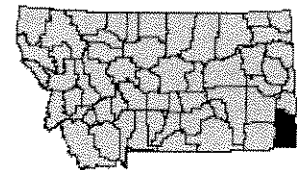
- **Live Bait:** live nongame fish (except sculpins, carp, goldfish, rainbow smelt, all species of sunfish family, bullheads and yellow perch) can be used as bait only in the following ponds in Southeastern Montana: Baker Lake (Fallon Co.); Buxbaum Perch Res., Kuester Res., Gartside Res. (Richland Co.); Castle Rock Lake, Schlesinger Perch Pond, South Sandstone Res. (Rosebud Co.); Doug Gardner #2 Res., Talcott Pond (Carter Co.); Johnson Res., Lindsay Res. (Dawson Co.); Spotted Eagle (Custer Co.); Tongue River Res. (Bighorn Co.); Whiteside Res. (Garfield Co.). For a complete statewide list see pages 74 & 75 in Montana Fishing Regulations.
- **Warm Water Game Fish Stamp:** a warm water fish stamp is required to possess warm water fish from the following waters in Southeastern Montana: Baker Lake, Maier Res., South Sandstone Res. (Fallon Co.); Beaver Creek (Wibaux Co.); Castle Rock Lake, Schlesinger Res. (Rosebud Co.); Engdahl Cottonwood Res., Trumbo Pond (Garfield Co.); Ft Peck Reservoir; Gartside Lake (Richland Co.); Haughian Res. (Custer Co.); Homestead Res., Silvertip Res. (Prairie Co.); Johnson Dam (Dawson Co.); Talcott Pond (Carter Co.); Tongue River Res. (Big Horn Co.). For a statewide list see pages 72 & 73 in Montana Fishing Regulations.
- **Hook & Line Limits:** two attended lines may be used on Southeastern Montana ponds during the open water period; up to 6 lines may be used through the ice.

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Carter County, Montana Fishing Ponds



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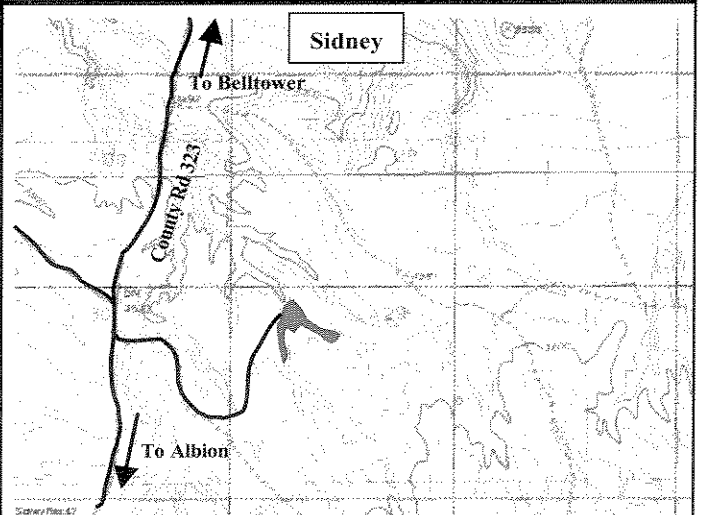
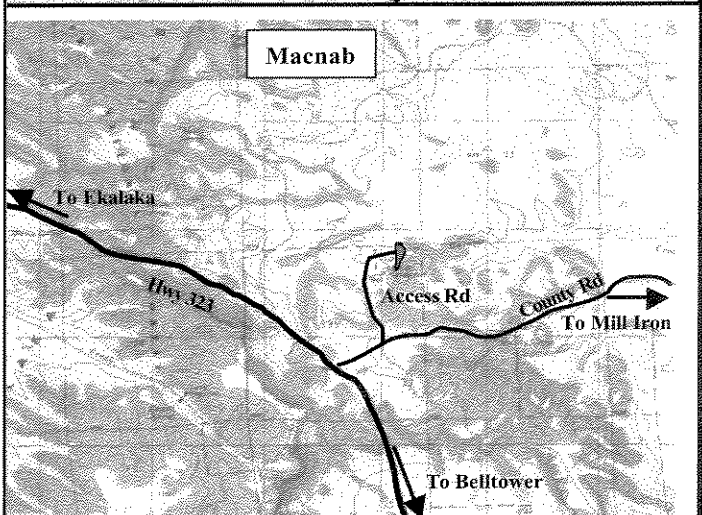
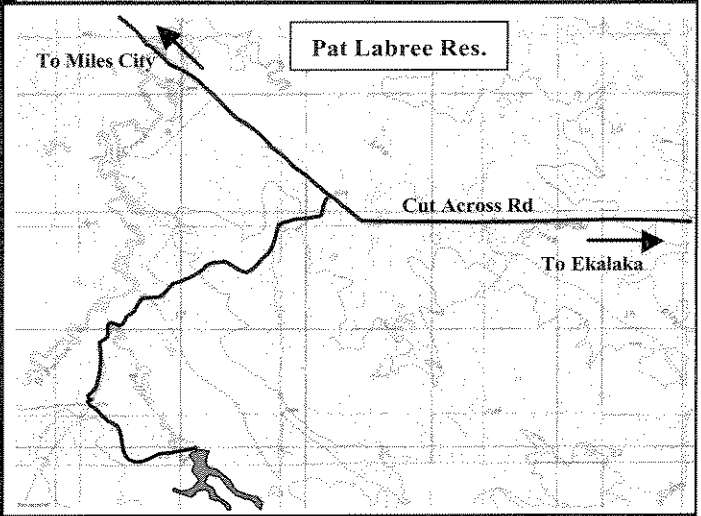
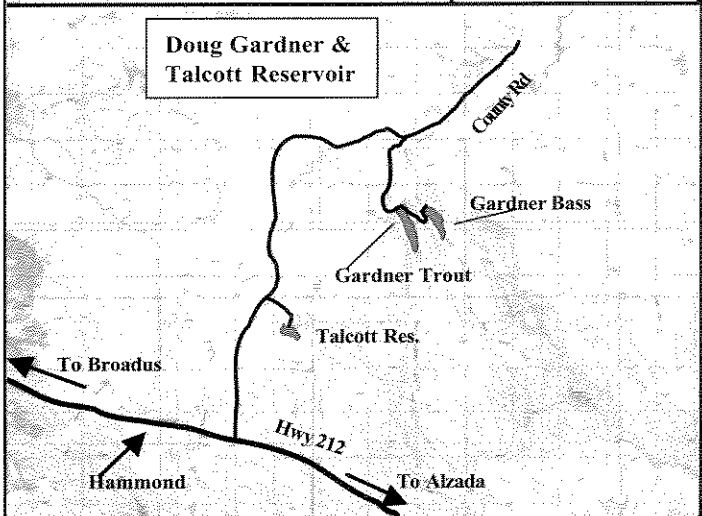
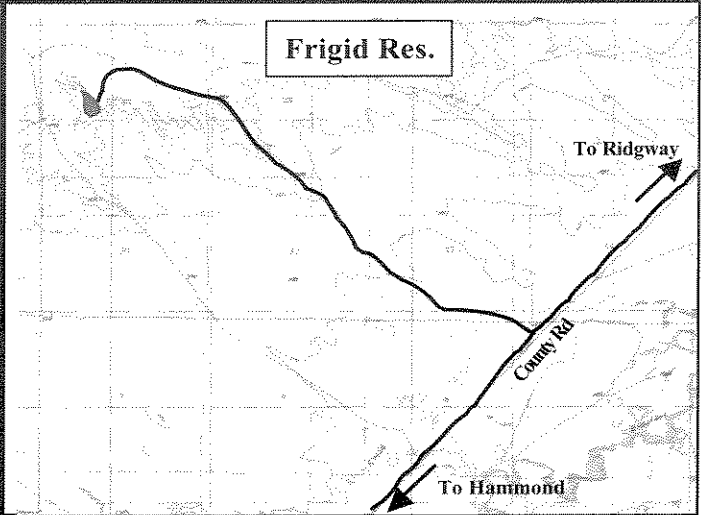
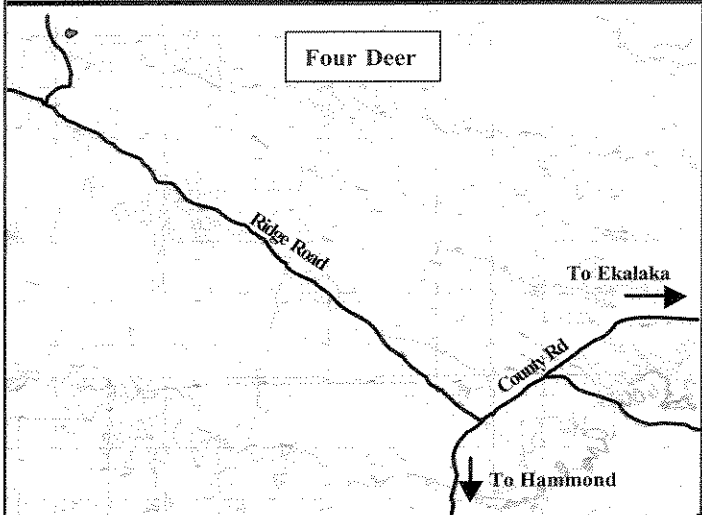
POND #	POND NAME	LATITUDE/ LONGITUDE	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	FISH SPECIES *	BLM MAP	OWNERSHIP	NOTES
1	Four Deer	N45 33.688 W104 35.981	3S,58E,19	RBT	Ekalaka	BLM	Completely dry in August, 2002! Will be stocked in spring of 2003, water pending.
2	Frigid (Lyle Tauck)	N45 27.704 W104 36.418	4S,58E,30	RBT	Alzada	BLM	Fish may be subject to winter kill, water depth was only 6.5 feet in August. Turn northwest off Box Elder road near Muskrat Creek, go approximately four miles to pond.
3	Gardner, Doug	N45 16.015 W104 51.014	6S,56E,34	RBT, YP, WSU Alzada		Private	Sampling in 2001 found illegally planted yellow perch and white suckers. Located short distance south of Gardner residence.
4	Labree, Pat (Jesse Labree)	N46 00.040 W104 47.572	3N,56E,20	RBT	Ekalaka	Private	Sampling in 2001 found trout up to 17 inches, the average was 12 inches. Located on Buffalo Creek.
5	MacNab	N45 50.168 W104 25.877	1N,59E,19	RBT	Ekalaka	Forest Service	Annually planted with catchable rainbow trout. Located a few miles southeast of Ekalaka.
6	Sidney	N45 22.120 W104 28.339	5S,59E,29	RBT	Alzada	BLM	Sampling found trout up to 15 inches. Located 20 miles south of Bell Tower and 1/2 mile east of Bell Tower-Albion road.
7	Spring Canyon	N45 42.170 W104 12.579	1S,61E,33	RBT	Ekalaka	Forest Service	Annually planted with 400 rainbow trout.
8	West Plum	N45 37.701 W104 05.987	2S,62E,29	RBT	Ekalaka	Forest Service	Annually planted with 600 rainbow trout. North of the Plum Creek Road and approximately 3 miles west of forest service boundary.
9	Bucholtz	N45 35.216 W104 03.654	3S,62E,10	BBH	Ekalaka	Forest Service	Small pond one mile from the South Dakota border. No road to pond, must walk last 1/2 mile.
10	Gardner, Doug #2	N45 16.080 W104 50.655	6S,56E,34	LMB,SMB,YP	Alzada	Private	LMB up to 2.0 pounds sampled in 2001.
11	Talcott (Duane Talcott)	N45 14.670 W104 52.978	7S,56E,8	NP,YP, WSU	Alzada	Private	Perch to 11 inches were sampled in 2002. Large pond near the Box Elder Creek Rd and Hammond. Be sure to get landowner permission!

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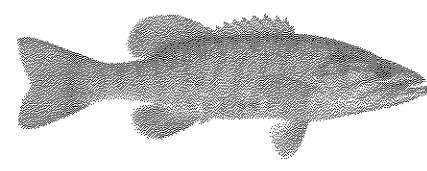
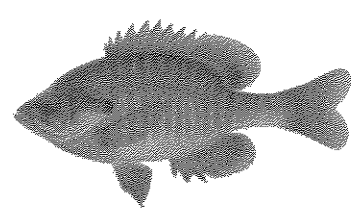
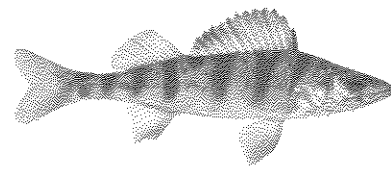
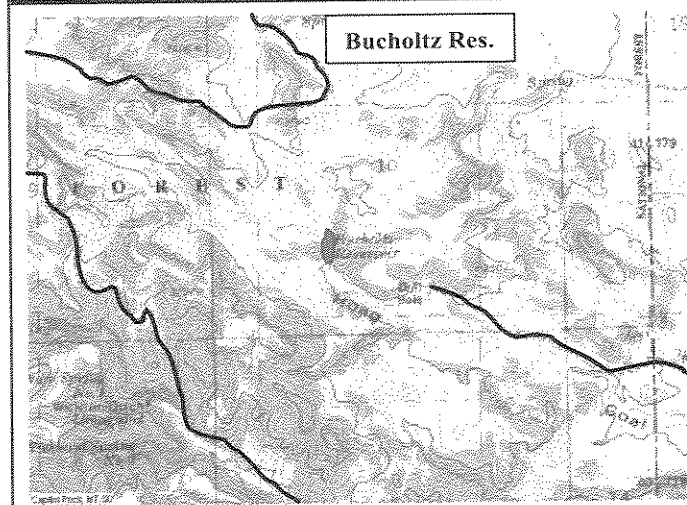
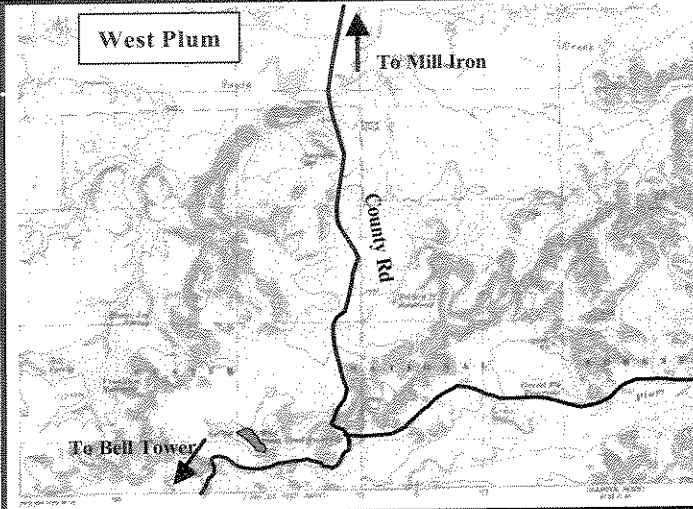
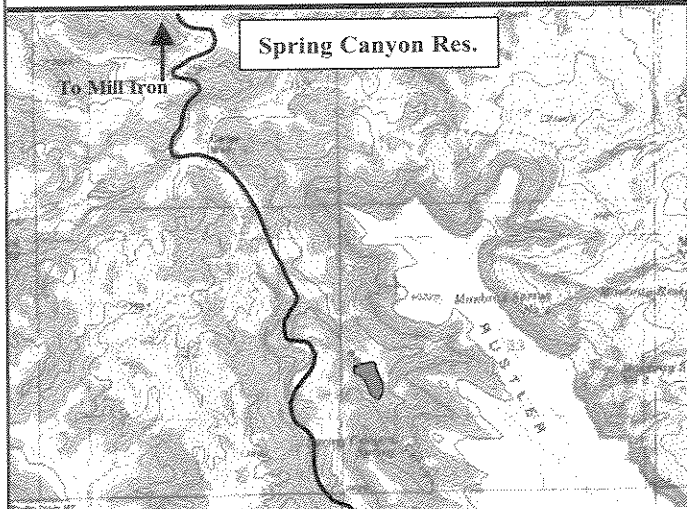
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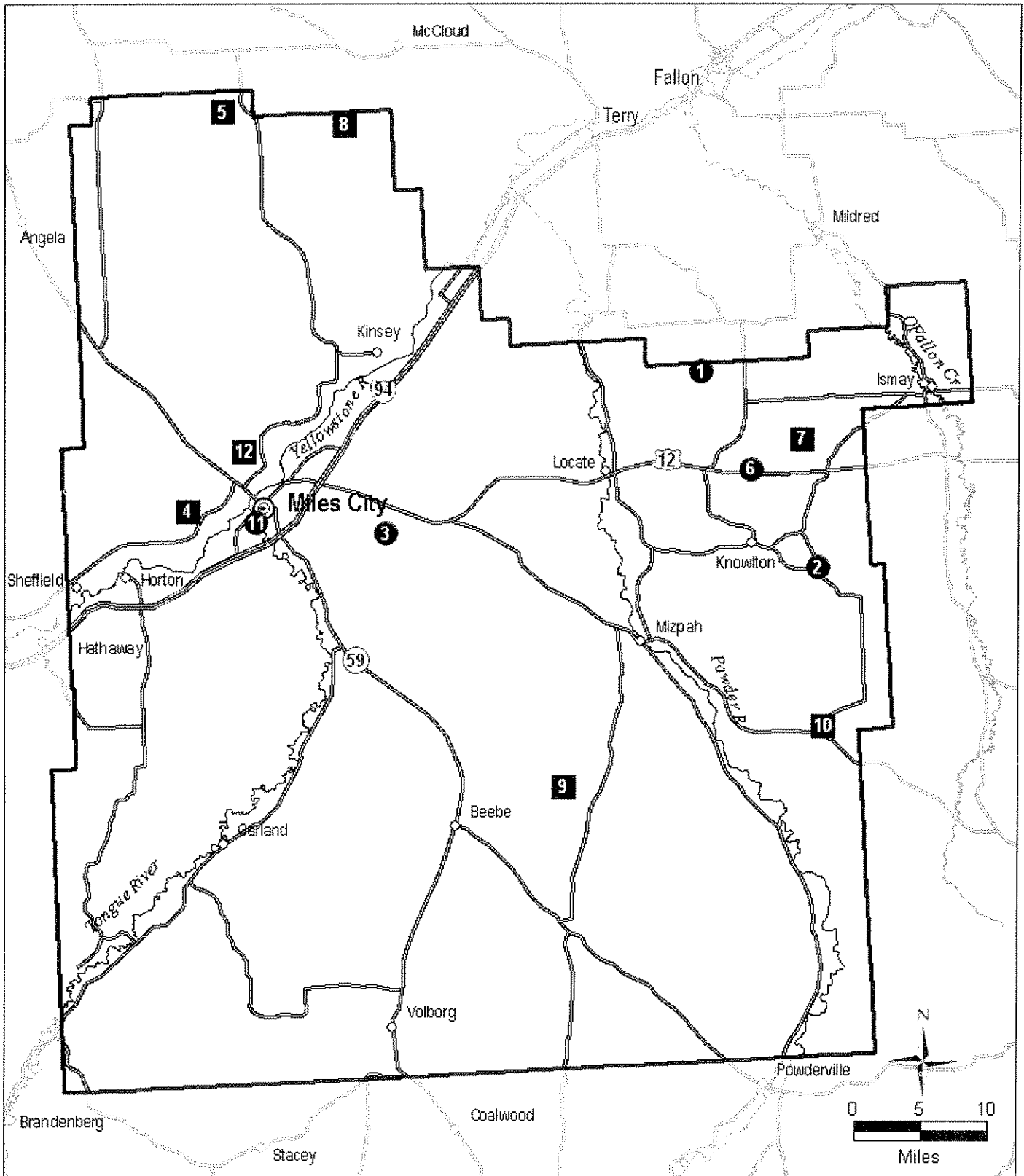


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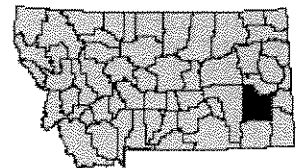
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Custer County, Montana Fishing Ponds



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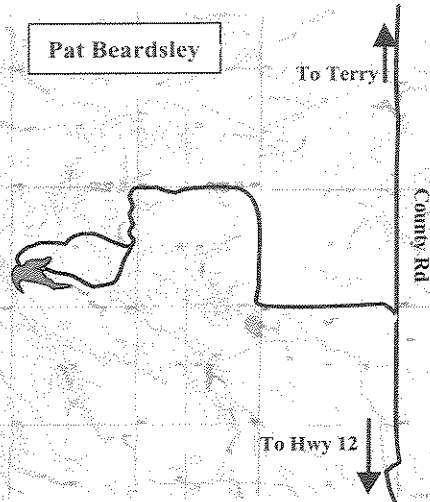
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1	Beardsley, Pat	N46 31.852 W105 09.189	9N,52E,14	RBT	Terry	BLM	Winter killed in 2001. Has been restocked with RBT. BLM signs to pond begin on Highway 12, 7.5 mi. E of Powder R.
2	Boulware	N46 18.778 W104 59.227	6N,54E,5	RBT	Baker	BLM	Some summer kill was reported in 2001. Pond has good depth and will be planted spring, 2003. Located along county road, 8 miles south of highway 12.
3	Dean S.	N46 22.457 W105 39.372	7N,48E,12	RBT	Custer	BLM	Not planted in 2001 & 2002 because of low water. Will not plant in 2003 unless adequate water is collected in the spring.
4	Ft. Keogh Pond	N46 24.536 W105 57.598	8N,46E,34	RBT	Custer	Ft. Keogh	Winter killed Jan 2003. 1000 trout planted annually. Requires permission slip from Ft. Keogh. Pond closed June-August. Drive 4 miles down Sheffield Rd to gate, then 1.5 miles to pond.
5	Haughian, Henry #1 (Leo Billing)	N46 50.279 W105 52.730	13N 46E,34	RBT	Terry	Private	Annually planted with 2000 trout. Take Cap Rock Rd north to sign for pond. No dogs or outboard motors allowed.
6	Rest Reservoir	N46 25.400 W105 04.909	8N,53E,27	RBT	Custer	BLM	Currently not planted due to low water.
7	Beardsley, Jim	N46 27.146 W105 00.061	8N,54E,17	LMB	Baker Custer	Private	Currently does not have fish and is too low to restock.
8	Haughian, Dan (Quinn Haughian)	N46 49.040 W105 41.383	12N,48E,9	LMB, SMB, NP	Terry	Private	Drive 3.5 miles south from South Fork Res. to near top of hill. Turn west, go 2 miles to pond.
9	Holmes (Jean Robinson)	N46 05.476 W105 23.949	4N,51E,20	LMB	Custer	Private	Winter killed in Feb 2001, restocked July 2001. Turn west off Mizpah Rd, at Robinson driveway, and go 3 miles.
10	Smith Cattle Trail Creek Reservoir	N46 08.527 W104 59.576	5N,54E,31	LMB	Baker	Private	Sampling in Aug. 2002 found no fish and only 8 feet of water. If any fish are present they will likely winter kill.
11	Spotted Eagle Pond	N46 23.561 W105 51.350	7N,47E,4	Crappie, LMB, SMB, CC, NP YP, WE, BG, DR	Custer	Miles City	Sampling in 2001 found walleye & northern pike up to 4 lbs. Pond owned by City of Miles City, located between Custer County fair-grounds and Interstate.
12	Taylor, Cody Pond	N46 28.235 W105 52.165	8N,47E,4	Bullheads	Custer	Private	Located near Taylor house in Bergeson Ranchettes.

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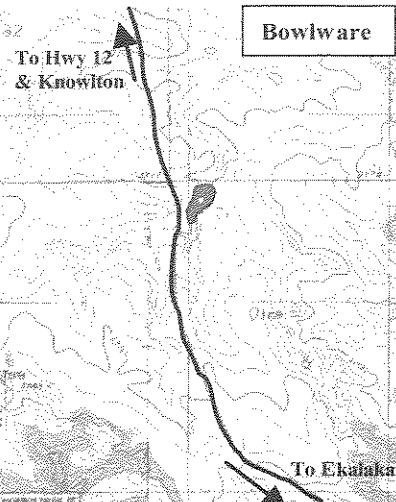
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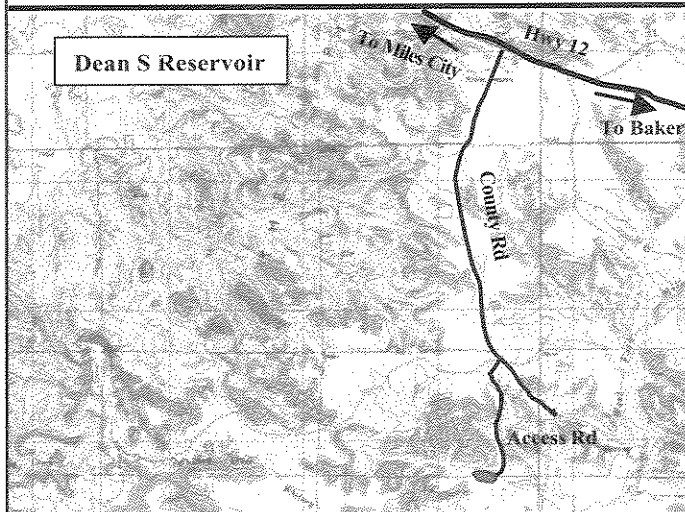
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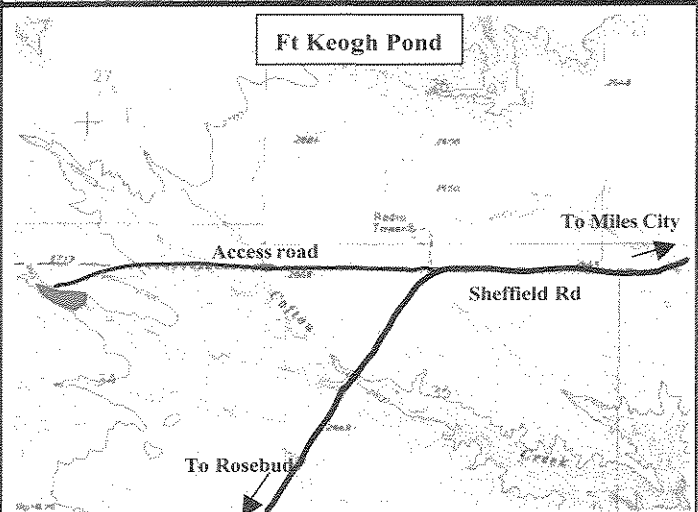
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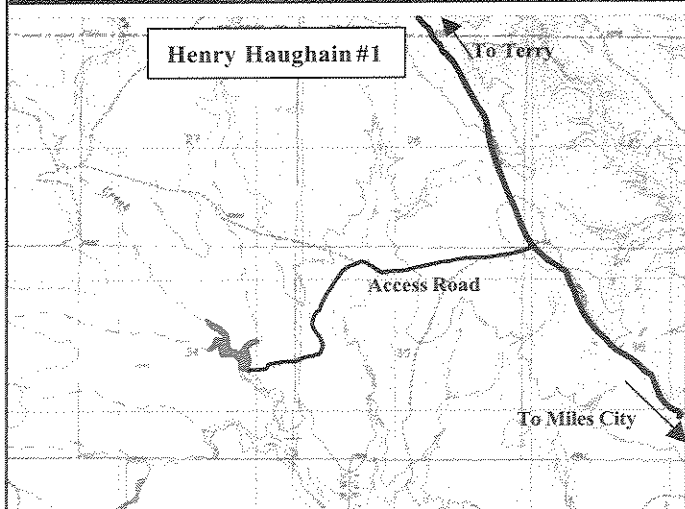
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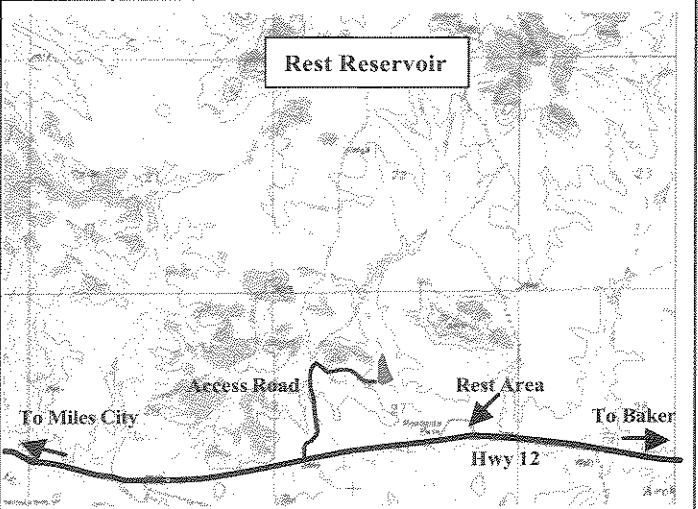
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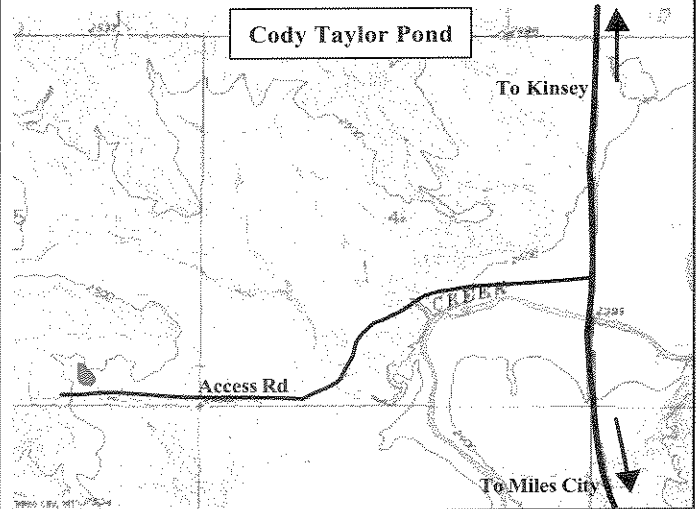
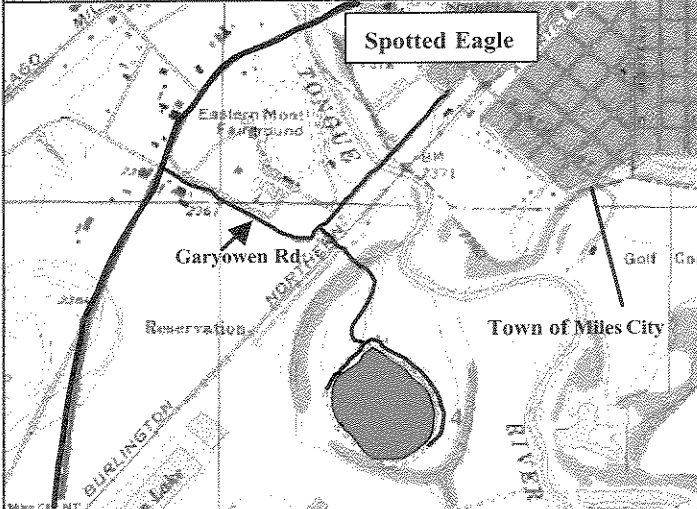
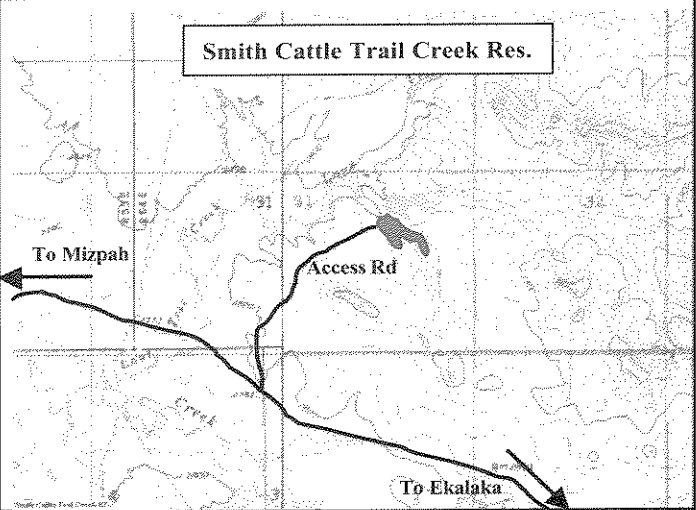
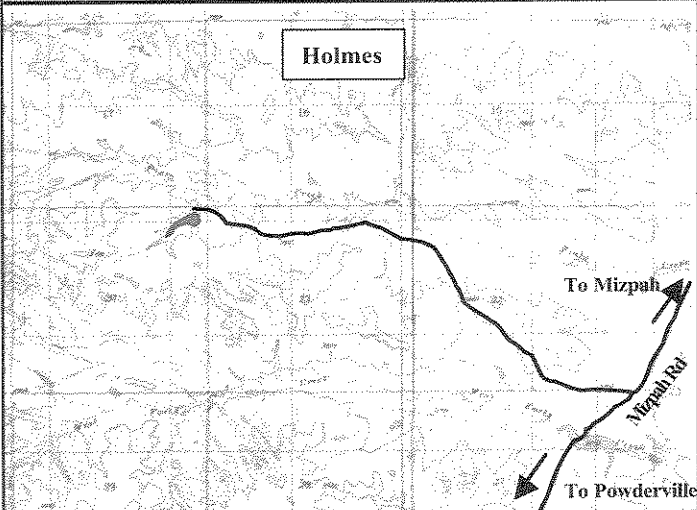
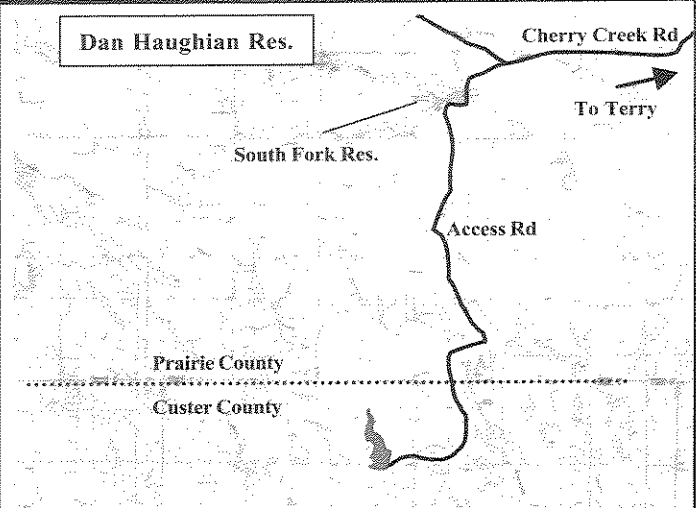
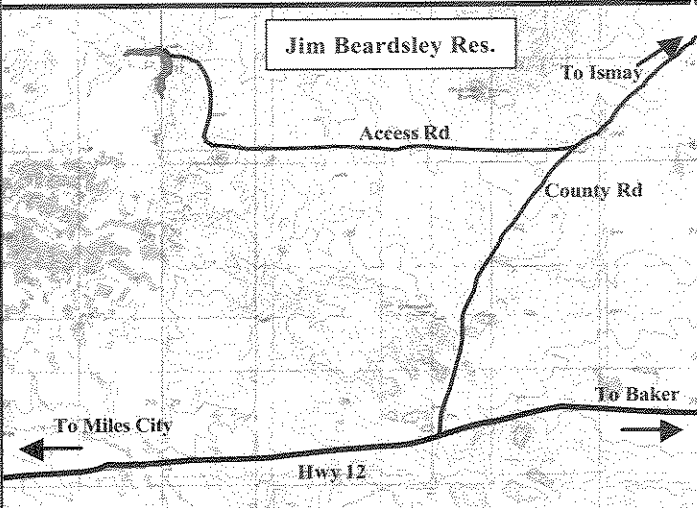
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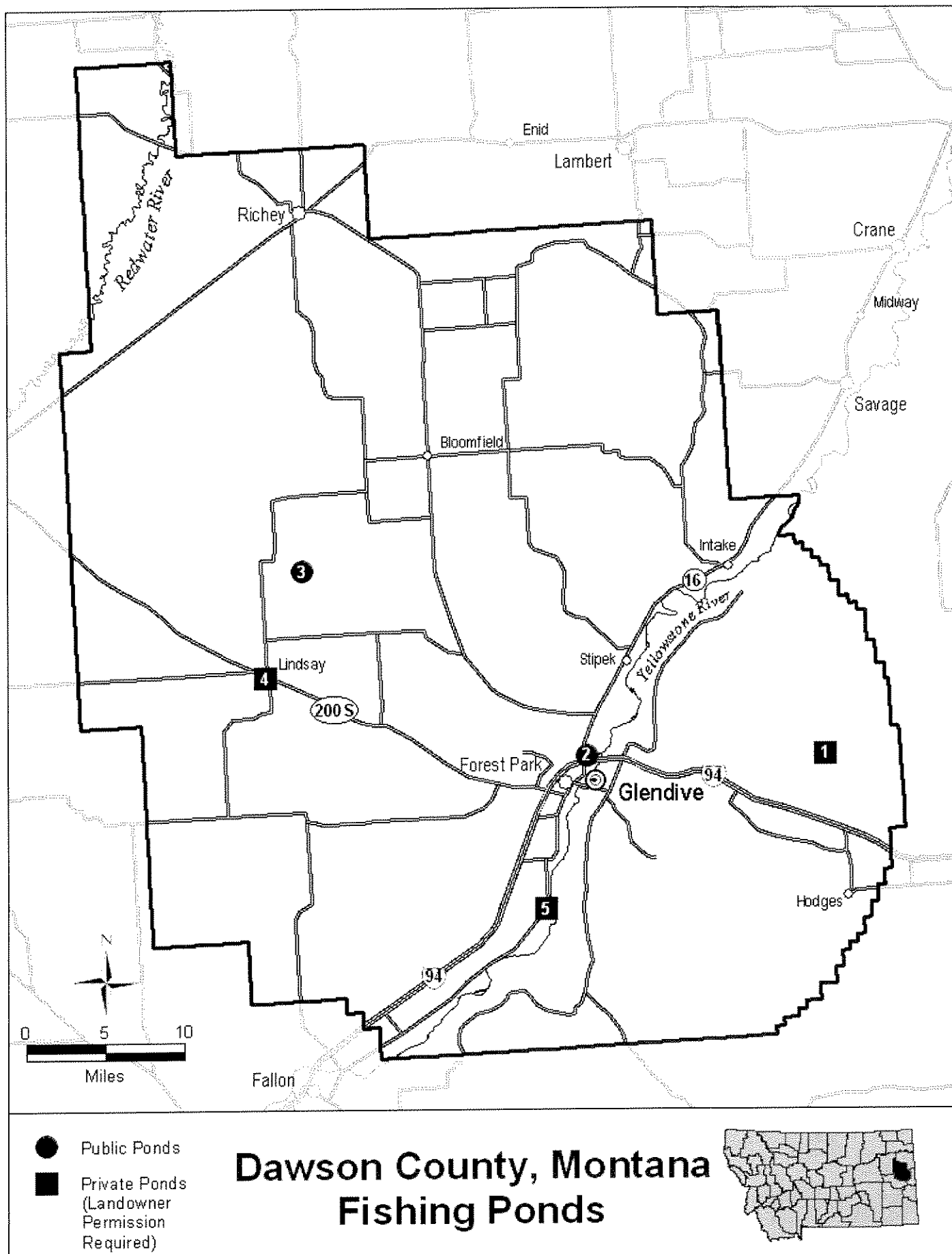


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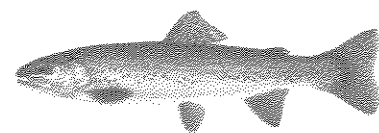
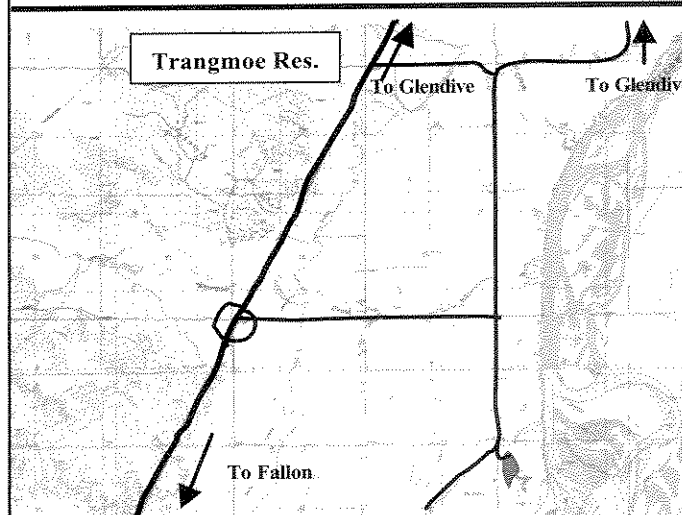
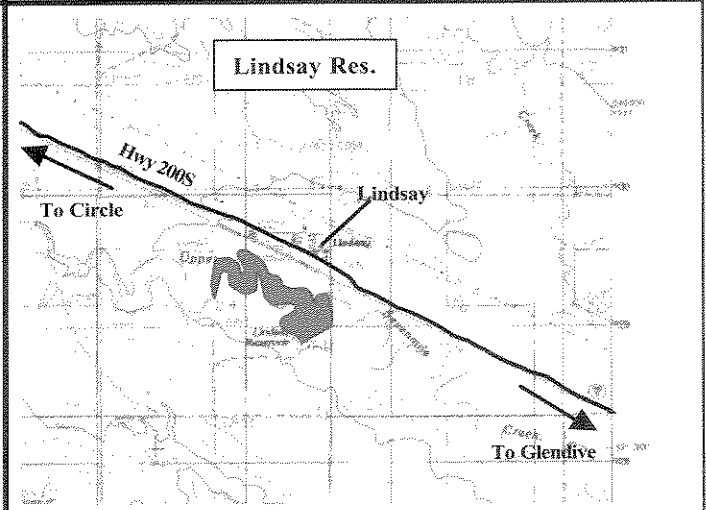
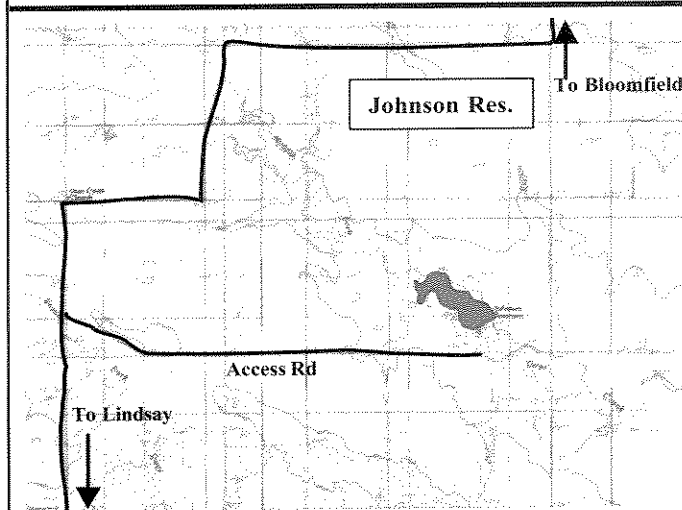
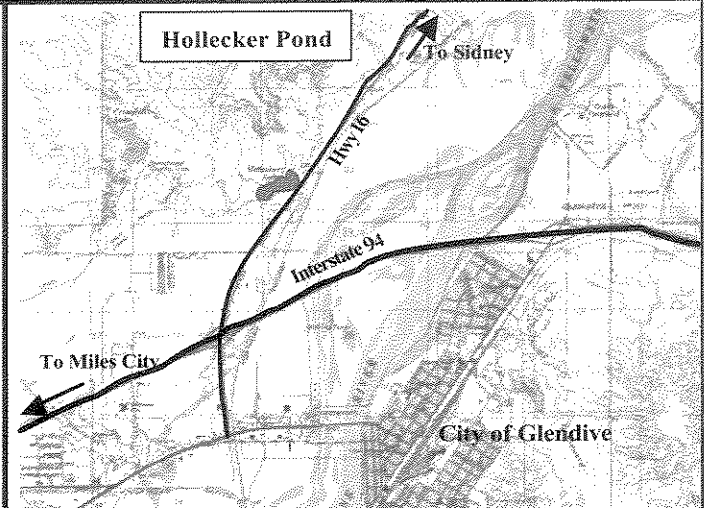
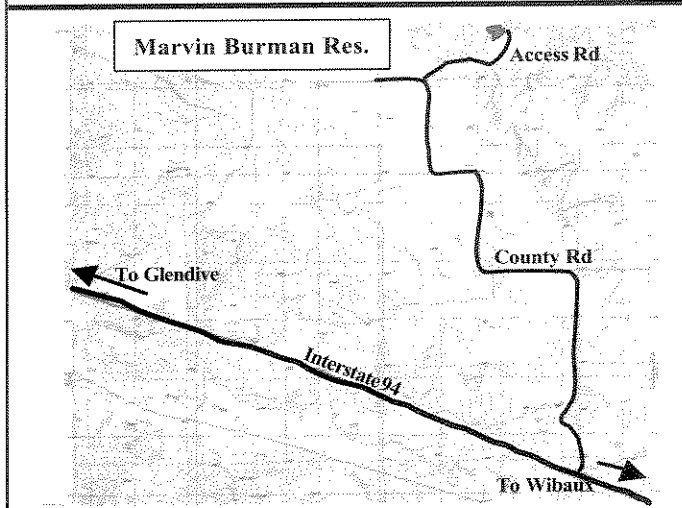
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1	Burman, Marvin	N47 06.938 W104 24.440	16N,58E,29	RBT	Glendive	Private	Sampling in 2002 found numerous trout averaging 12 inches. Located one mile NE of Burman residence. Be sure to get landowner permission!
2	Hollecker Pond	N47 07.692 W104 43.601	16N,55E,23	RBT	Glendive	Glendive	Perpetual problem of fish introductions from unscreened irrigation ditch. Annually planted with 7 inch trout, survival is very limited due to competition with introduced species.
3	Johnson	N47 18.841 W105 05.772	18N,52E,16	YP, SMB	Circle	State School Trust	Perch doing very well. Located 6 miles north and 2.5 miles east of Lindsay, MT.
4	Lindsay (Jim Young)	N47 13.065 W105 09.169	17N,51E,24	NP, YP, BH	Circle	Private	Sampling in 2002 found perch to 10.5 inches and pike to 4.8 lbs. Large pond located at the town of Lindsay, MT.
5	Trangmoe, Andrew	N46 59.372 W104 47.598	14N,55E,8	Crappie, BBH CC, NP	Glendive Wibaux	Private	Small pond adjacent to gravel road. Take Whoopup Ck. exit off I-94 South of Glendive, go 2 miles E. and 1 mile S.

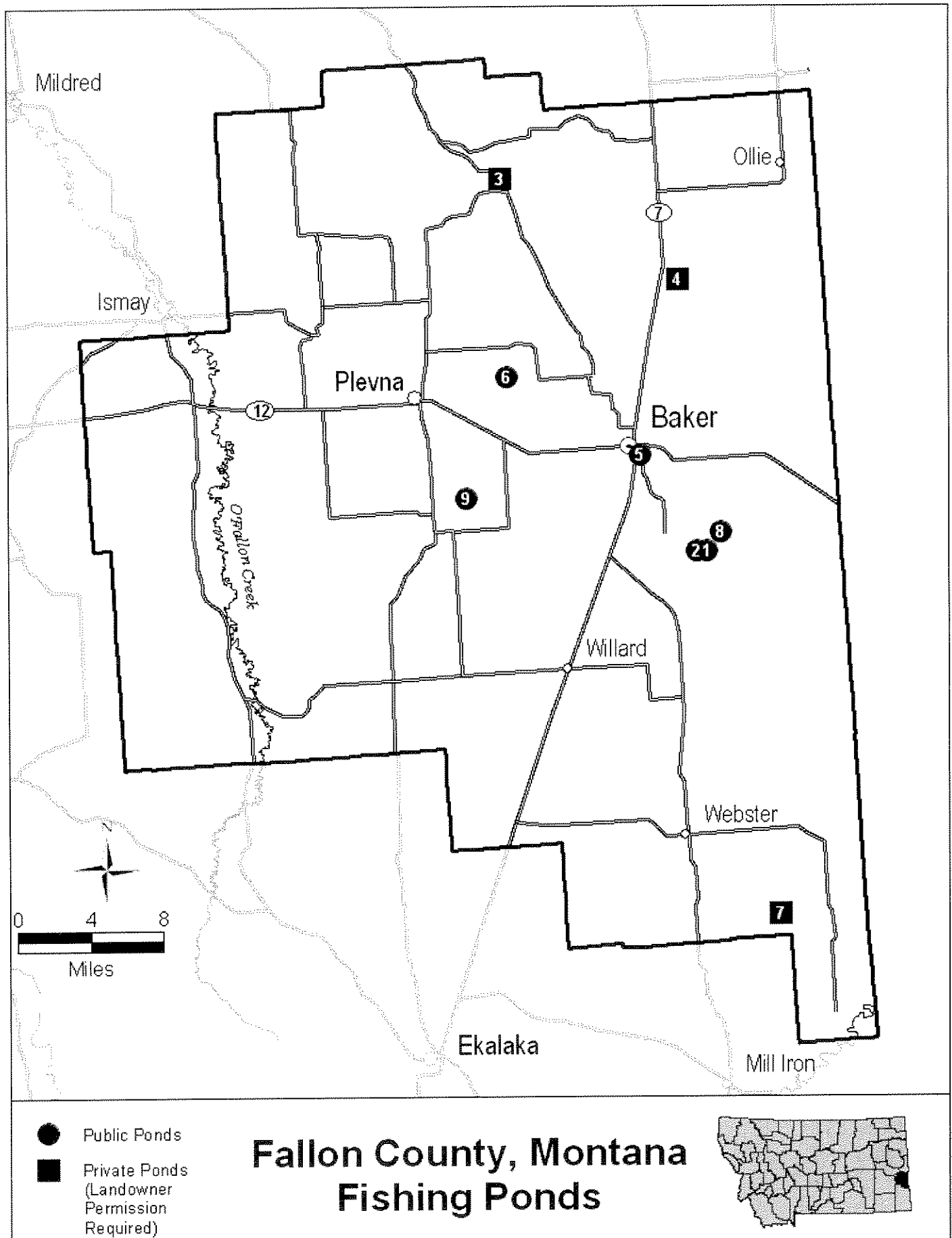
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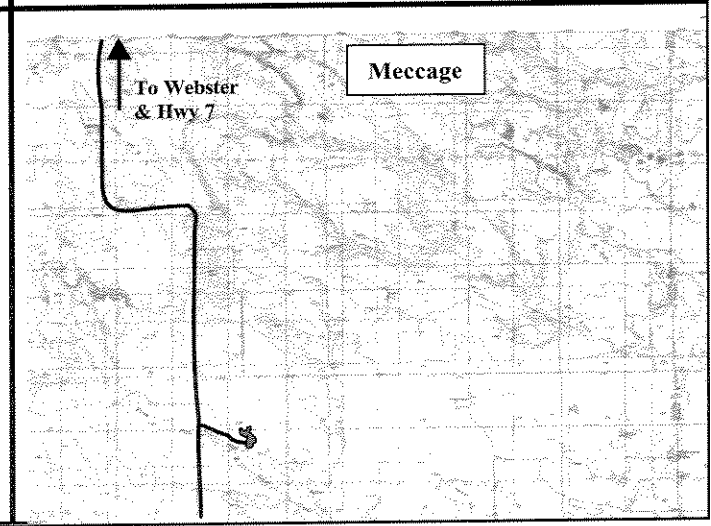
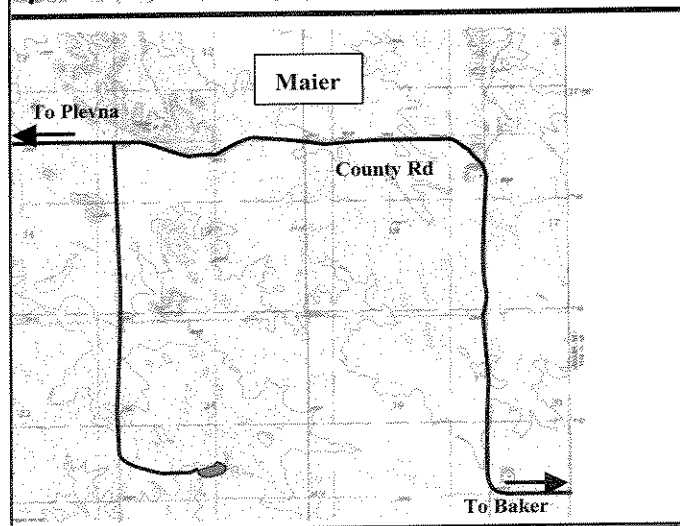
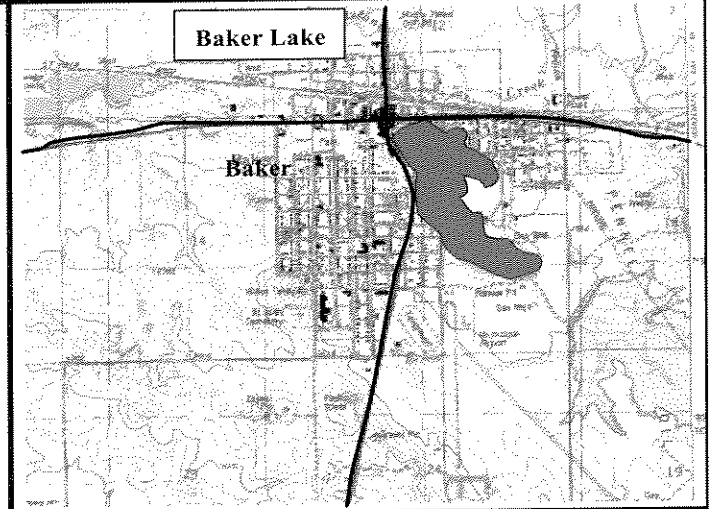
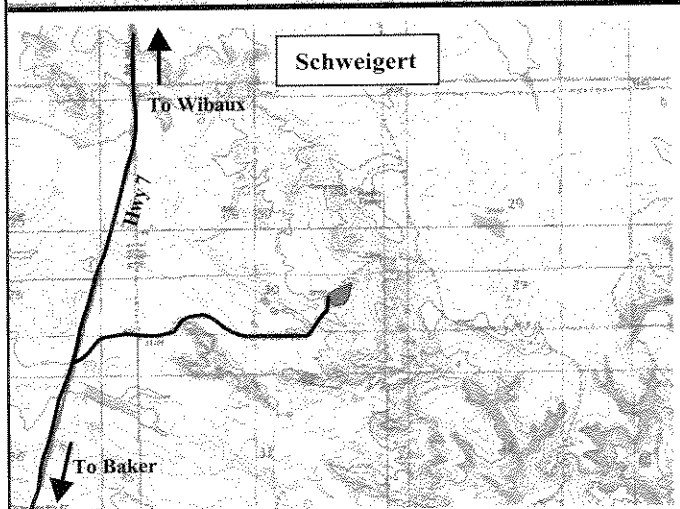
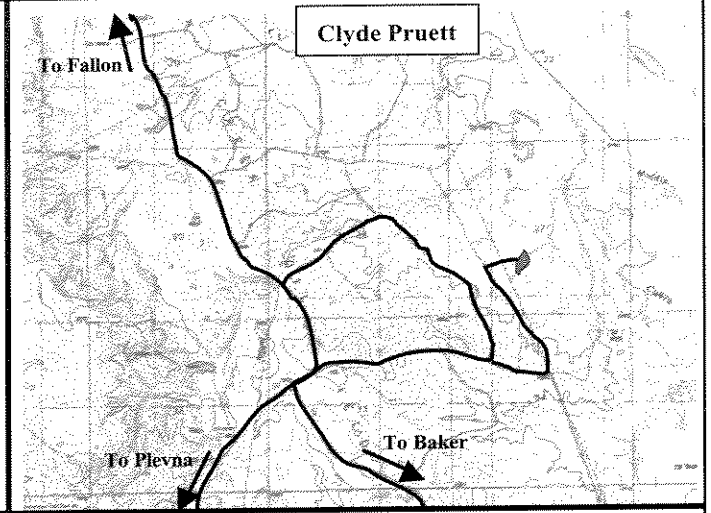
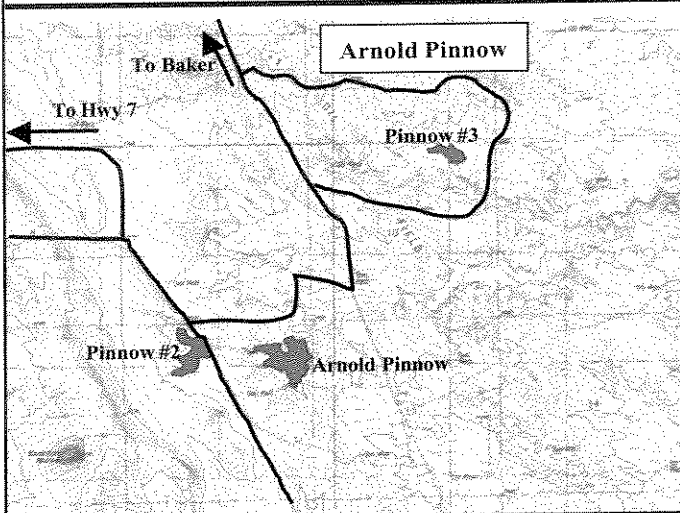
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1	Pinnow, Arnold	N46 16.783 W104 12.006	6N,60E,16	RBT	Baker	State	Annually planted with 1500 trout. Located 7 miles SE of Baker, MT; near county road.
2	Pinnow, Arnold #2	N46 16.810 W104 12.718	6N,60E,16	RBT	Baker	State	Annually planted with 1000 trout. Dam formed by county road fill. Pond located in same drainage, above other Pinnow Reservoir.
3	Pruett, Clyde (John Hadley Sr)	N46 35.284 W104 24.548	10N,58E,27	RBT	Wibaux	Private	Trout summer killed in 2002, water depth only 5 feet. Approximately 15 mi. NW of Baker, MT, turn E at sign to Plevna, go 1.4 mile E, and .7 mile N., and .25 mile E.
4	Schweigert, Wilbert	N46 29.889 W104 12.723	9N,60E,30	RBT	Wibaux Baker	Private	Sampling July 2002 found live trout but water depth was only 5 feet. Located N of Baker, MT 10 mi. on Highway 7, then right for 1 mile to pond.
5	Baker Lake	N46 21.578 W104 16.177	7N,59E,13	YP, BBH, NP	Baker	Baker	Located in town of Baker, MT.
6	Maier	N46 25.744 W104 24.945	8N,58E,24	LMB, SMB	Baker	BLM	Fish may be present despite non being netted when sampled in June, 2002. From Plevna, go 3 miles N, 4 miles E and 2 miles S. to pond.
7	Meccage	N45 59.149 W104 08.608	3N,61E,28	GS	Ekalaka Baker	Private	Both rainbow trout & yellow perch plants have failed in past years due to low water & green sunfish competition. Will not stock, will leave as sunfish pond. Located 1/2 mile east of county road.
8	Pinnow, Arnold #3	N46 17.653 W104 10.953	6N,60E,10	LMB	Baker	BLM	Pond winter kills often. No fish sampled in 2001.
9	South Sandstone	N46 20.104 W104 28.278	7N,58E,29	WE, NP, YP, BBH, Crappie, LMB, SMB	Baker	State	Sampling in 2000 found perch to 8.5 inches, walleye to 4.5 lbs, and northerns to 6.2 pounds. FWP fishing access site with 90 acre reservoir.

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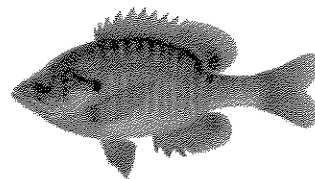
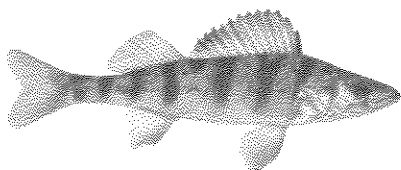
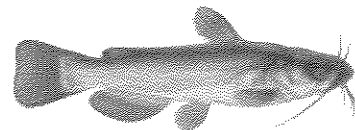
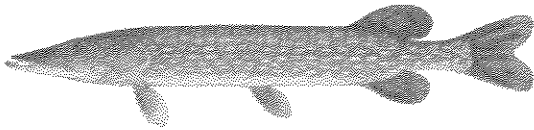
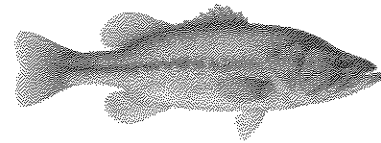
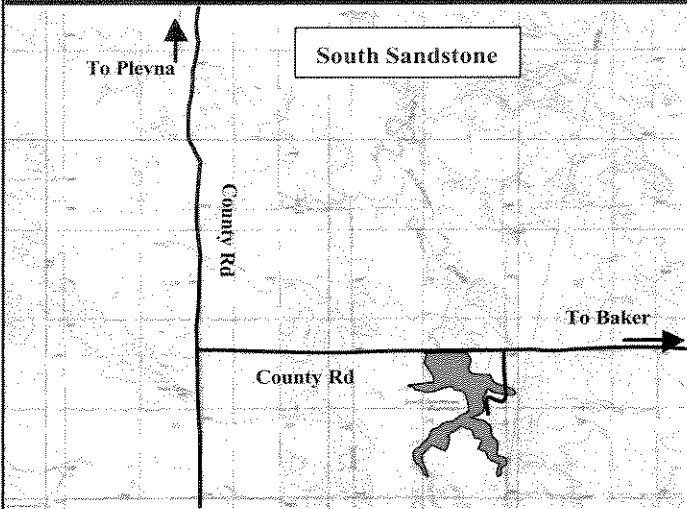
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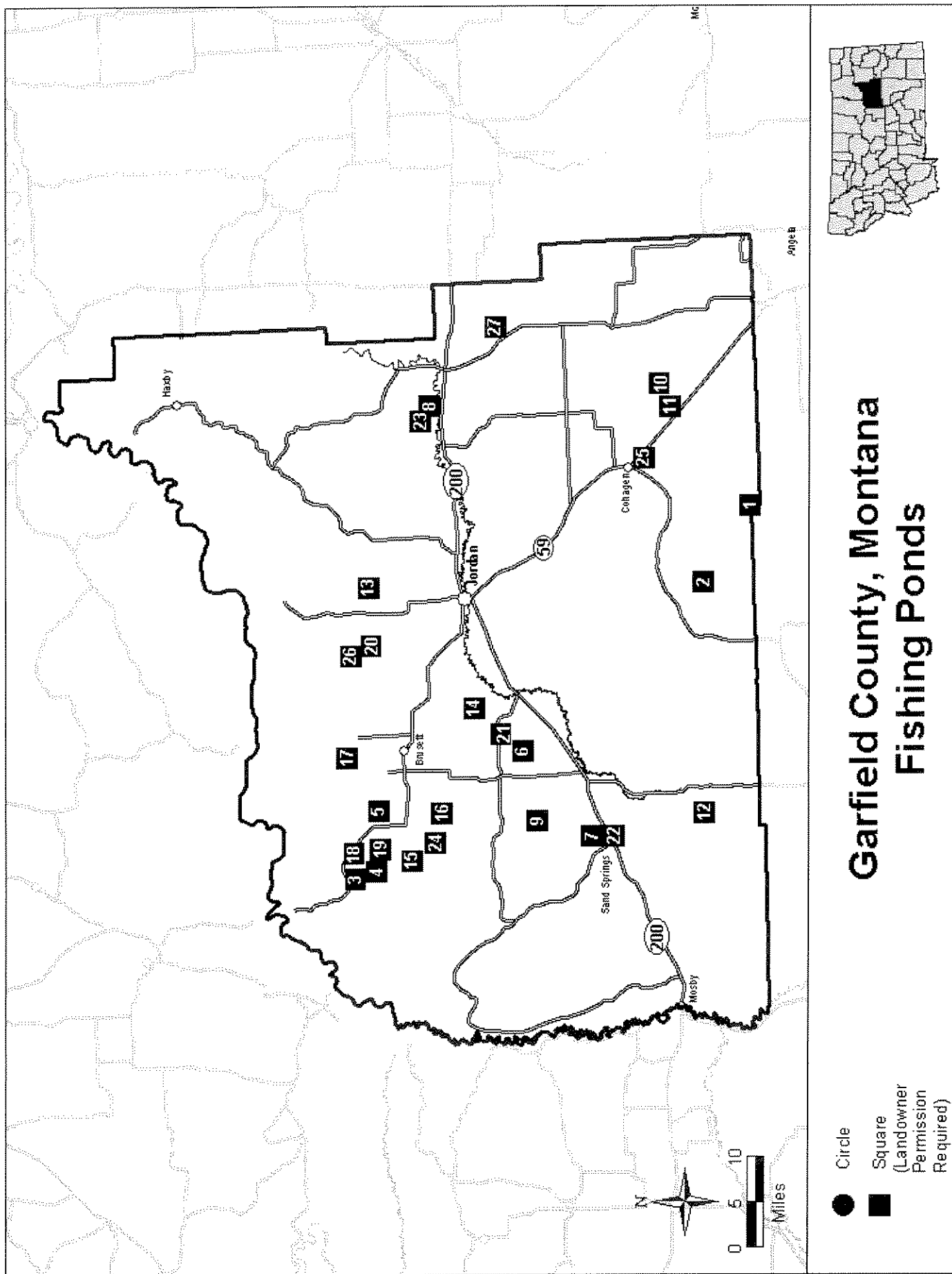


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POND #	POND NAME	LATITUDE/ LONGITUDE	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	FISH SPECIES *	BLM MAP	OWNERSHIP	NOTES
1	Beecher (Terry Todd 557-2664)	N46 51.690 W106 43.054	13N,40E,19	RBT	Angela	Private	Pond too low to plant in spring 2002. Pond next to county road a few miles South of ranch buildings. Must have landowner permission.
2	Brooks, L.C. #3	N46 56.425 W106 53.447	14N,38E,27	RBT	Angela	Private	Planted with 2000 trout annually.
3	Chambertain, Curtis #3	N47 29.222 W107 31.522	20N,33E,21	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Annually planted with 1500 trout. Turn W off county road at Ross Childers mailbox, go 3.2 miles through auto gate, turn right for 0.3 miles to pond.
4	Childers, Ross Trout	N47 28.545 W107 32.735	20N,33E,20	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Planted with 1000 trout annually. Turn off county road at 7V on wagon wheel and go approx. 4 miles west.
5	Clark (Dean Clark)	N47 28.225 W107 24.205	20N,34E,29	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Located about 9 miles northwest of Brussett. Sampling in 2000 found trout too 2 pounds.
6	Jarden, Don #2	N47 14.162 W107 16.438	17N,35E,16	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Annually planted with 1000 trout. Located 3.5 miles southwest of Jarden residence.
7	Kreider, Dale #2	N47 07.734 W107 28.736	16N,33E,24	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Planted with 1500 trout annually, 2002 sampling found trout and fathead minnows. Turn off hwy 200 near mile marker 182, go 2.6 miles to auto gate, turn left and go 1.1 miles to pond.
8	McRae, Jack #1	N47 22.070 W106 27.178	19N,41E,35	RBT	Jordan	Private	Pond winter kills often. Sampling in 2002 found trout to 4 lbs. Turn off hwy 200 just east of mile marker 235.
9	Meckel, Dan #1	N47 12.950 W107 26.277	17N,33E,24	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Planted with 700 trout in spring of 2002. Located 1 mile W of Meckel residence.
10	Murnion, Fred #1	N46 59.845 W106 26.706	14N,42E,6	RBT	Jordan	Private	Turn off highway near mile marker 53. Pond is about 3 miles east of Murnion buildings.
11	Murnion, Fred #2	N46 58.977 W106 28.647	14N,41E,12	RBT	Angela	Private	From Murnion buildings go 3/4 mile east and 1 1/4 miles south to reservoir.
12	Neuman, Al #1	N46 56.923 W107 25.720	14N,34E,21	RBT	Melstone	Private	Planted with 800 trout in April 2002.

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13	Olson, Norman #1 (Skip Olson)	N47 28.546 W106 52.625	20N,38E,21	RBT	Jordan	Private	Annually planted with 2000 trout. Turn right at 5H sign and go 3.5 miles to pond. Must have landowner permission.
14	Phipps, Bobby (Margie Phipps)	N47 18.778 W107 10.145	18N,36E,18	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Planted with 4000 trout in April 2002. Large pond located on Lone Tree Creek near county road.
15	Ryan, John #1 (Tim Phipps)	N47 25.123 W107 31.452	19N,33E,9	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Annually planted with 1000 trout. Located just south of Tim Phipps residence.
16	Saylor, Irvine	N47 22.107 W107 24.865	19N,34E,32	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Was not planted in 2001 or 2002 due to low water.
17	Watt, K.V. (Doug)	N47 31.059 W107 16.603	20N,35E,5	RBT	Sand Springs	Private	Was not planted in 2001 & 2002 due to low water.
18	Chamberlain, Curtis #1	N47 28.563 W107 30.377	20N,33E,22	LMB,SMB	Sand Springs	Private	Located 2.5 miles west of Chamberlain residence.
19	Chamberlain, Curtis #2	N47 28.139 W107 29.619	20N,33E,27	YP	Sand Springs	Private	From Chamberlain residence, go 2 miles west, take left fork for 1/2 mile to pond.
20	Cottonwood (Lester Engdahl)	N47 29.707 W107 01.823	20N,37E,17	LMB,SMB,YP	Ft. Peck Lake West	Private	At bend in road 4 miles south & east of Engdahl residence, take trail to east for 1 mile, then trail downhill for 1 mile.
21	Jarden, Don #1	N47 15.097 W107 15.091	17N,35E,10	LMB	Sand Springs	Private	Located 2 miles south of Jarden residence.
22	Kreider, Dale #1	N47 05.686 W107 28.795	15N,33E,1	LMB,SMB	Sand Springs	Private	Completely dry in August, 2002.
23	McRae, Jack #2	N47 22.950 W106 29.302	19N,41E,27	LMB	Jordan	Private	Largemouth bass up to 1.5 lbs were sampled in 2002. Turn off highway 200 just east of mile marker 235.
24	Saylor, Claude (Nathan Saylor)	N47 22.775 W107 29.016	19N,33E,26	LMB	Sand Springs	Private	Pond was dry in 2001 and has not been restocked.

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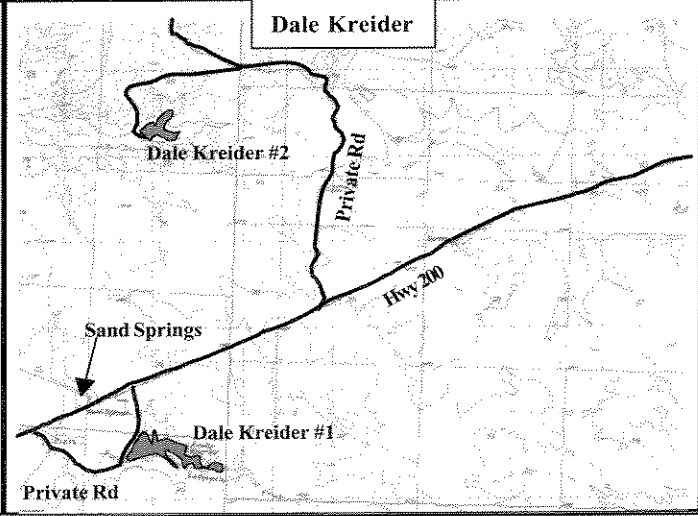
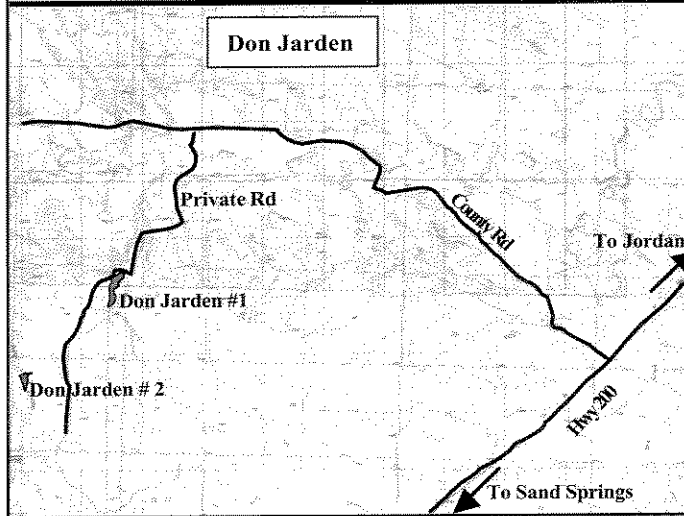
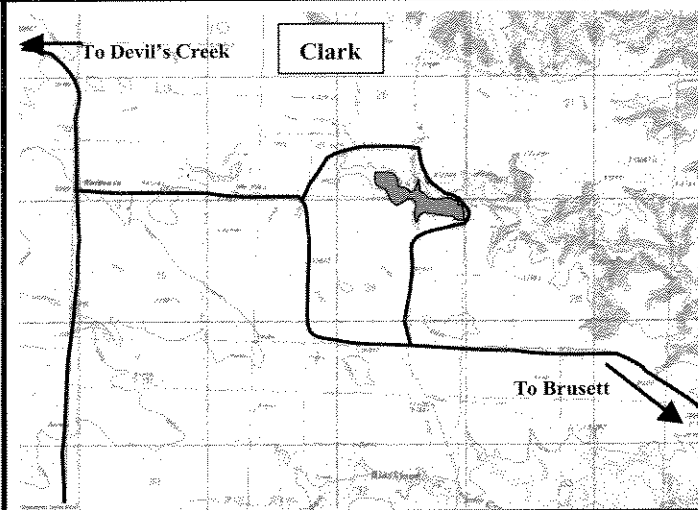
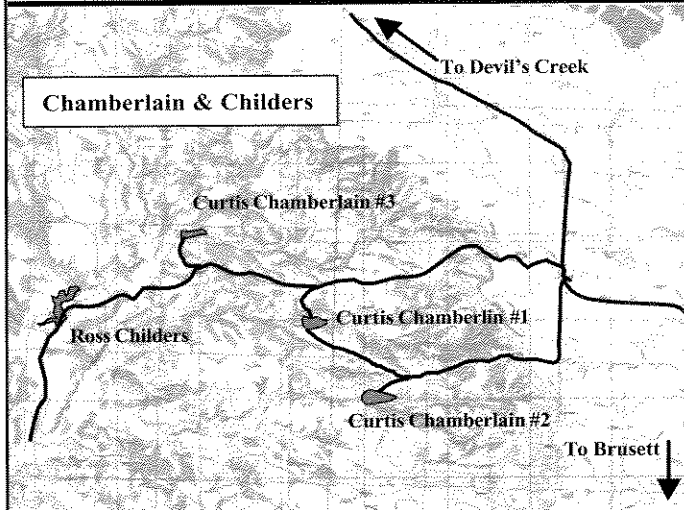
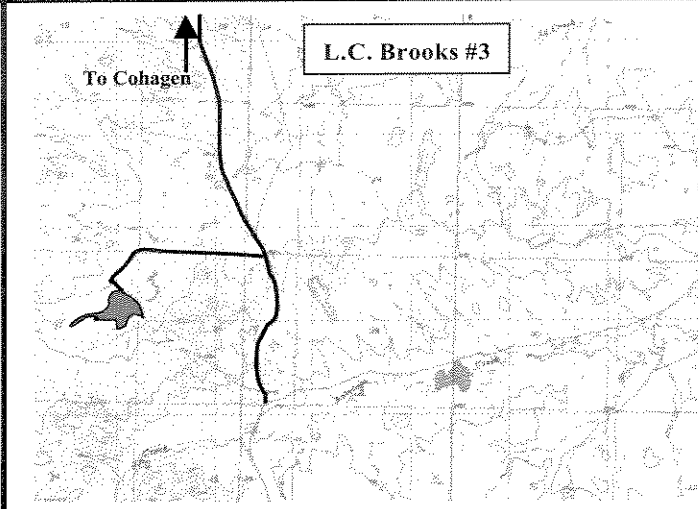
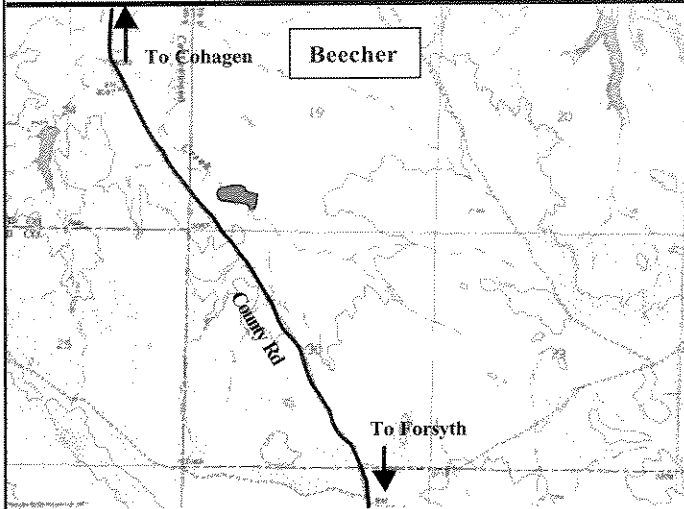
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25	Smith Cattle Co. #1 (Tom Horn)	N47 01.713 W106 35.796	15N,40E,25	LMB	Jordan	Private	Located near Cohagen, MT on west side of Phillips Butte. Access through ranch buildings.
26	Trumbo, John	N47 30.481 W107 02.178	20N,37E,8	LMB,YP,WE	Ft Peck Lake West	Private	Take Hell Creek Rd for 11 mi. to Hell Creek Ranch sign Go 7.3 mi. to trail on left. Take trail for 2 mi. to pond.
27	Whiteside, Jim #1	N47 15.482 W106 16.371	17N,43E,5	YP,WE	Jordan	Private	Sampling in 2000 found walleye up to 3 pounds and perch to 11 inches. Located 2.5 miles northeast of Whiteside residence and not far east of Little Dry Creek.

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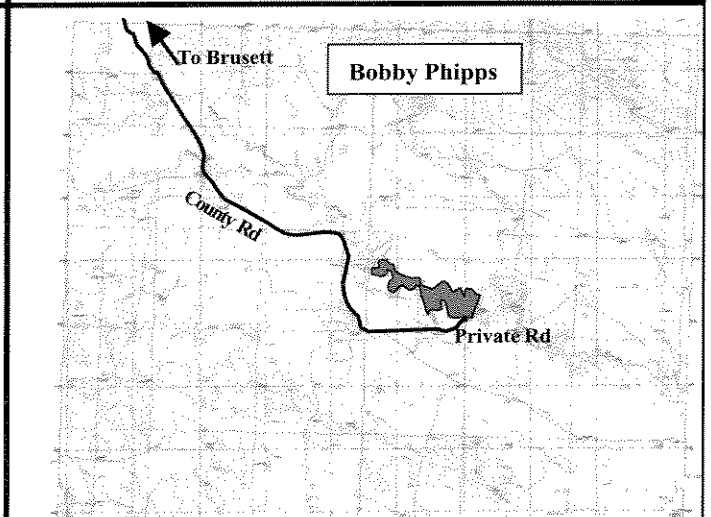
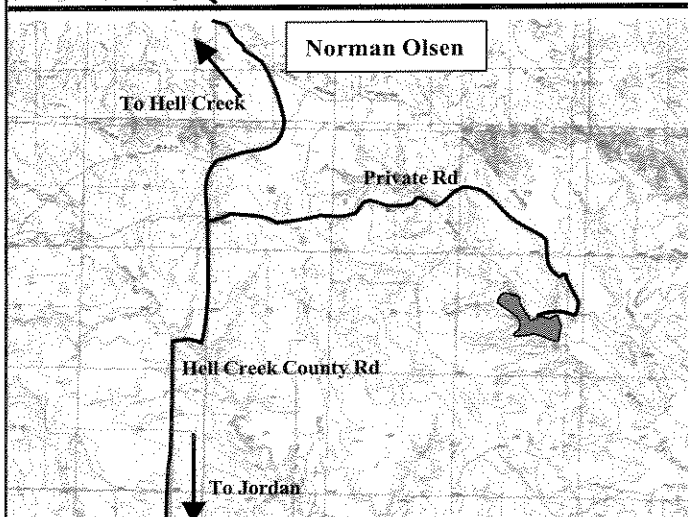
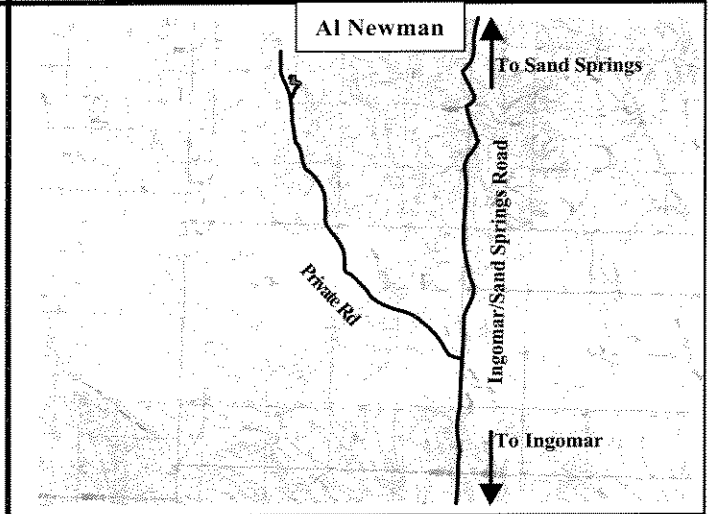
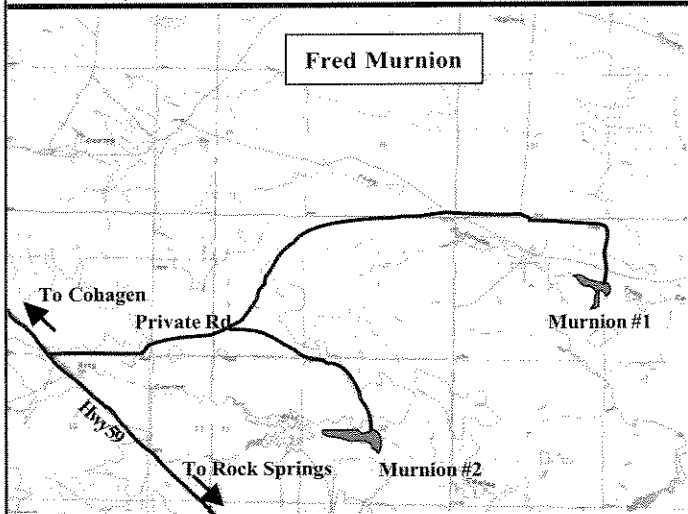
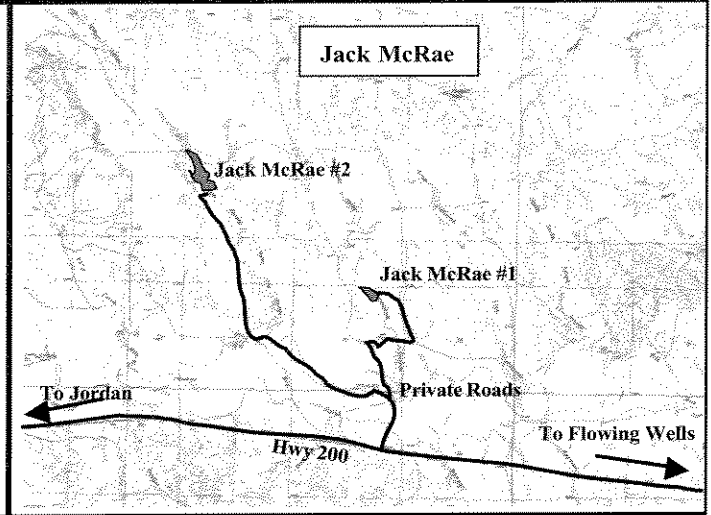
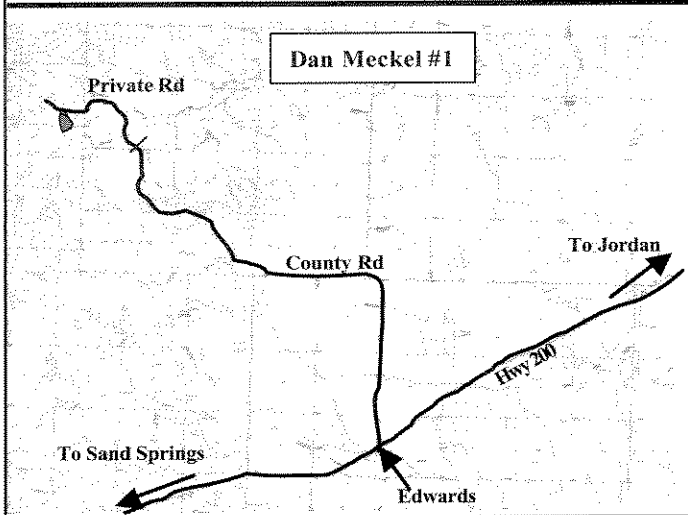
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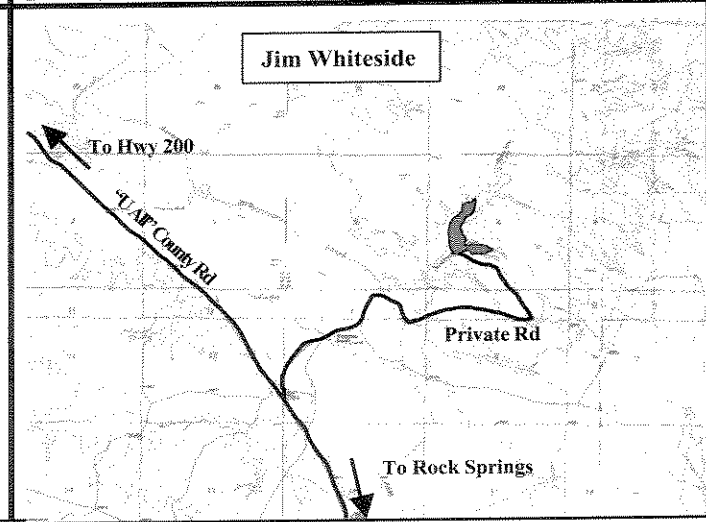
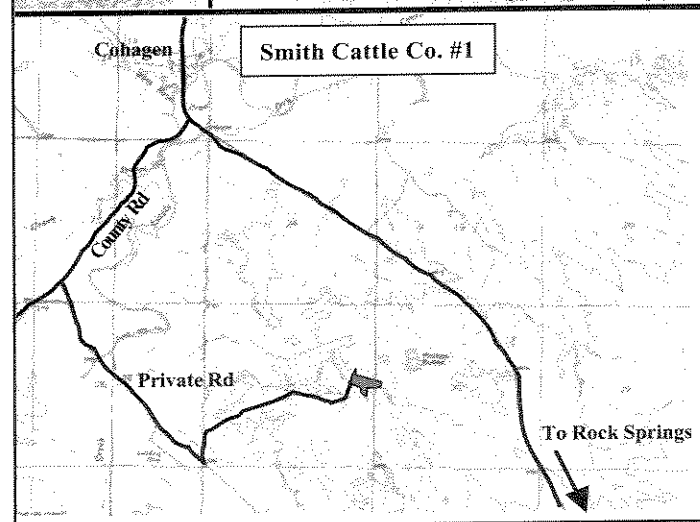
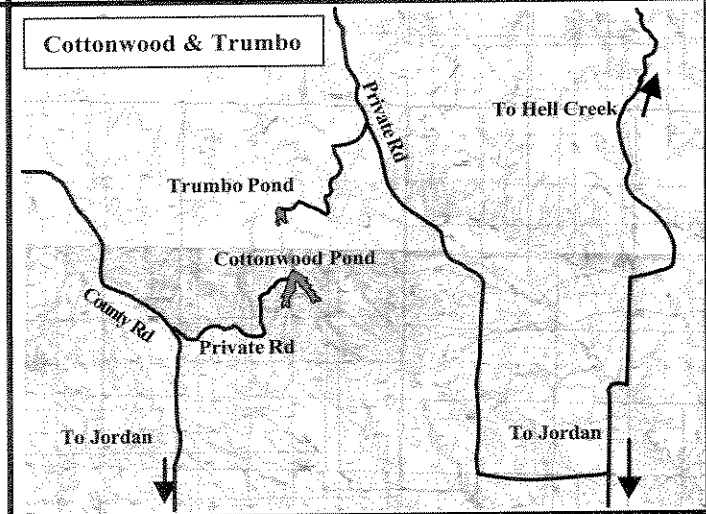
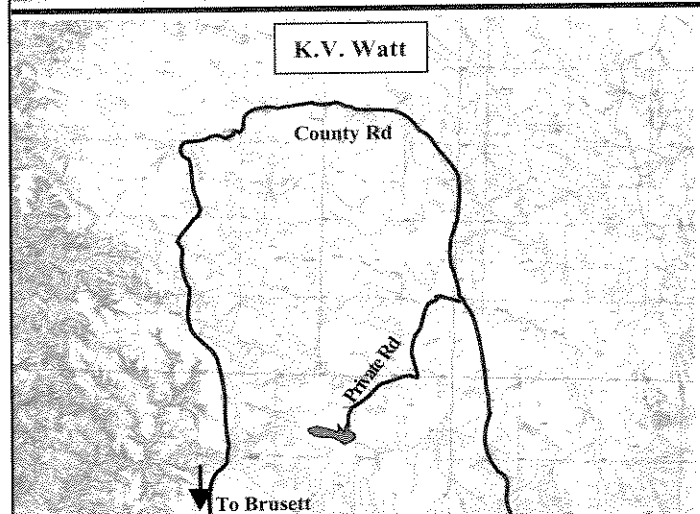
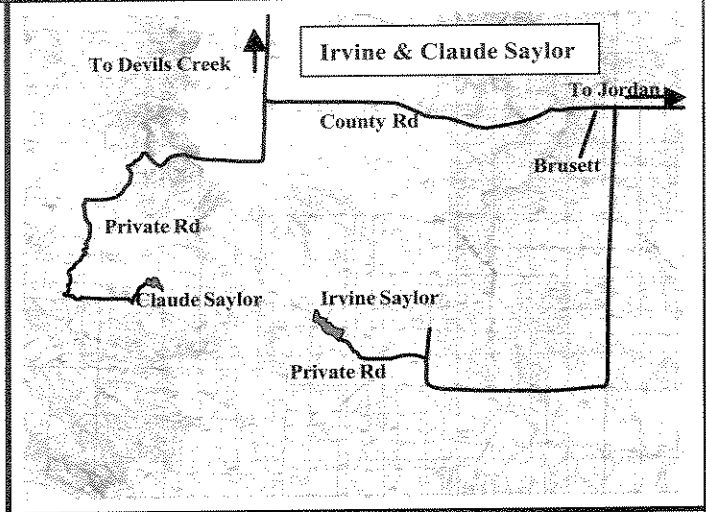
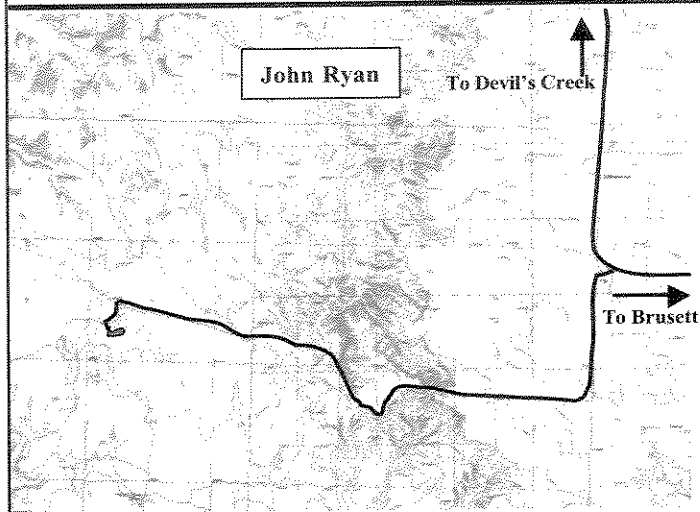
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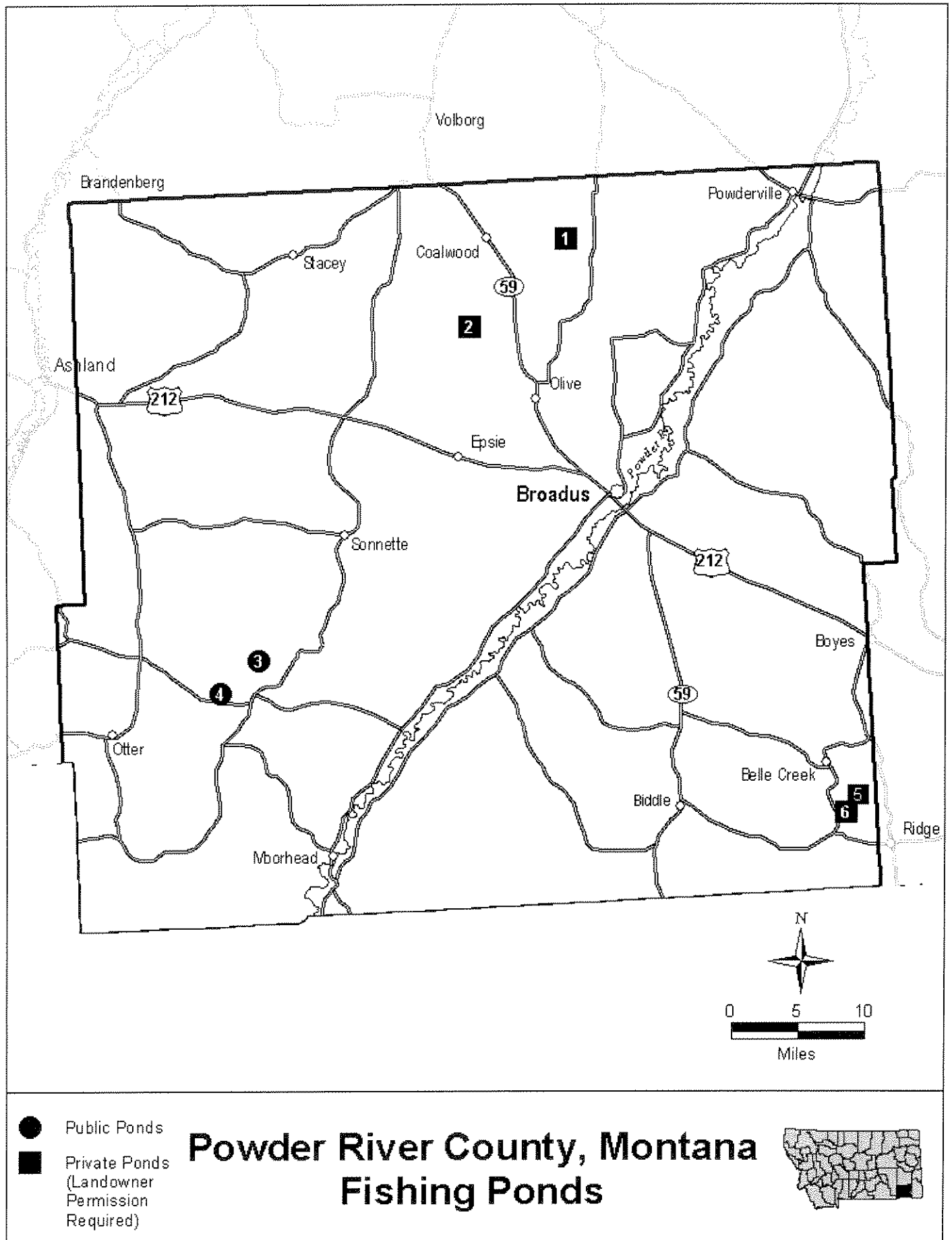


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1	Jansen, John (Gordon Boe)	N45 43.286 W105 28.128	1S,51E,30	RBT	Powderville	Private	Pond depth was only 3 feet in Aug. 2002. Located east of Coalwood a few miles and just south of the county road.
2	Losinski #3 (Gene Smith)	N45 37.903 W105 37.355	2S,49E,25	RBT	Powderville	Private	Too low to stock fish in 2001 & 2002.
3	Mud Turtle	N45 16.840 W105 58.248	6S,47E,28	RBT	Broadus	FS	Planted annually with 7 inch trout. Take trail to west about 1 mile north of Diamond Butte.
4	Yonkee	N45 14.796 W106 01.921	7S,47E,7	RBT	Birney	FS	Fish have failed to survive recently due to late summer oxygen depletion during warm water temperatures.
5	Williams, Lacy #1	N45 04.950 W105 05.423	9S,54E,3	LMB, GS	Broadus	Private	Sampling in July 2002 found the water depth at only 4 feet and an illegal introduction of green sunfish. Bass will be restocked when adequate water is collected in pond. Go south from Belle Creek 4.5 miles, turn left and go approximately 1/2 mile to pond.
6	Williams, Lacy #2	N45 04.961 W105 05.091	9S,54E,3	LMB	Broadus	Private	Sampling in 2002 found numerous bass and adequate water depth to support the fishery. Go south from Belle Creek 4.5 miles, turn left and go 1 mile to pond.

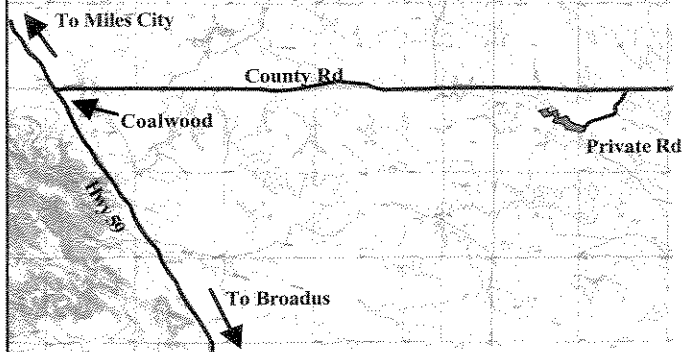
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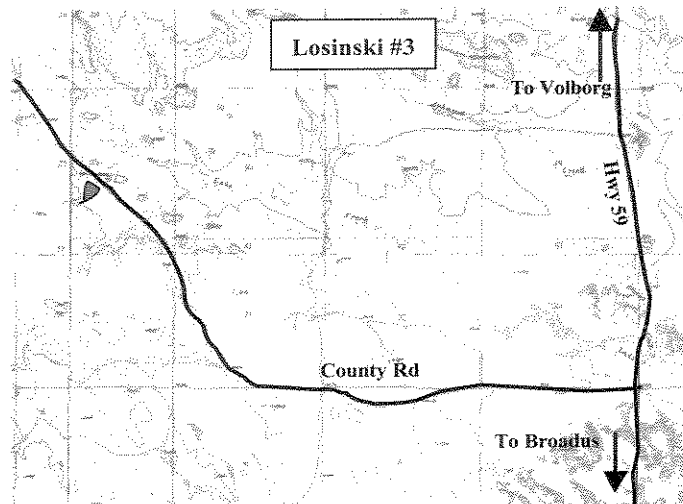
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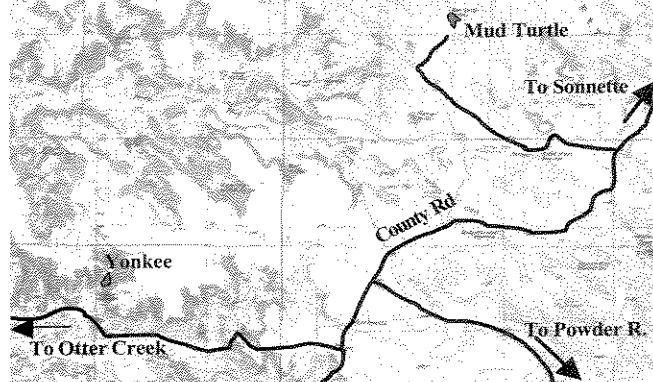
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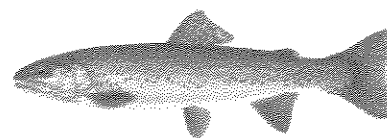
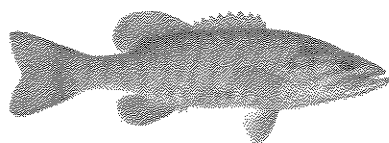
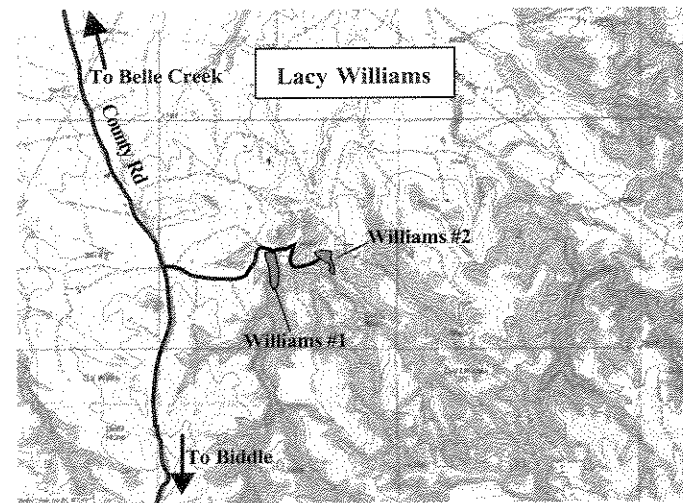
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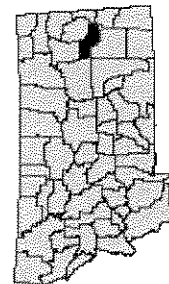
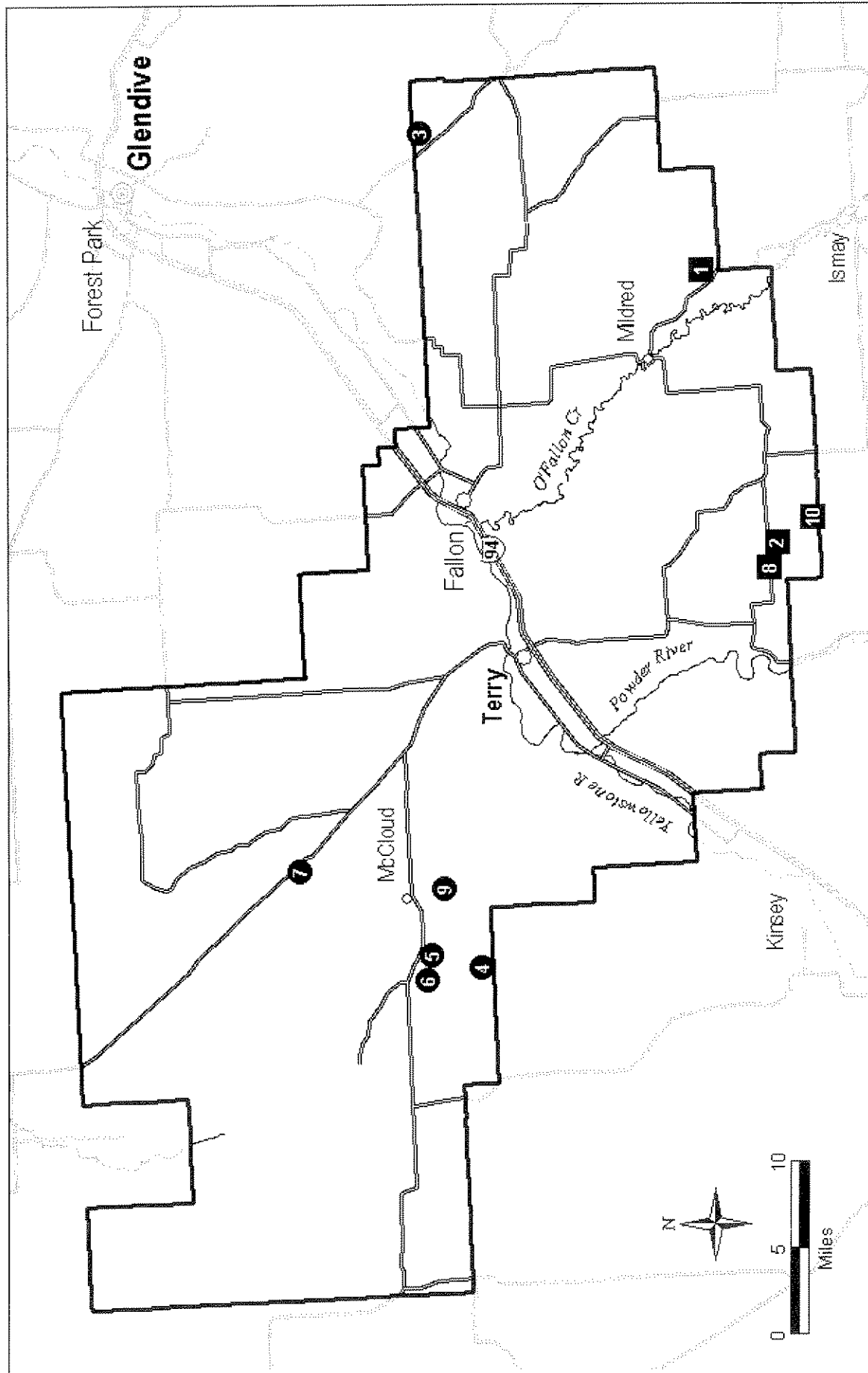


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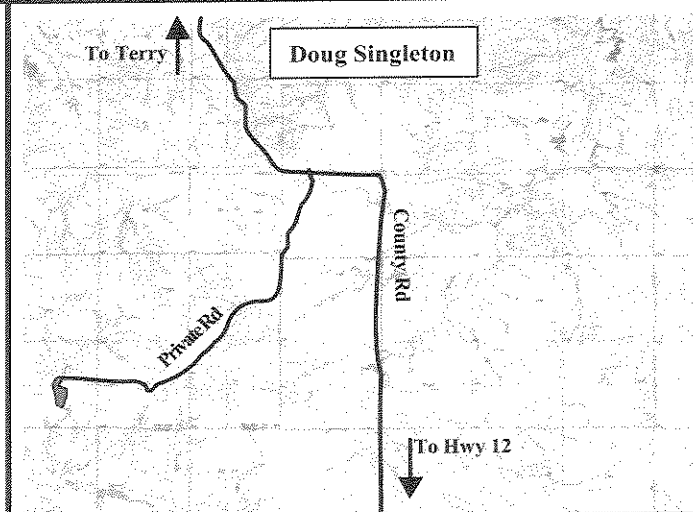
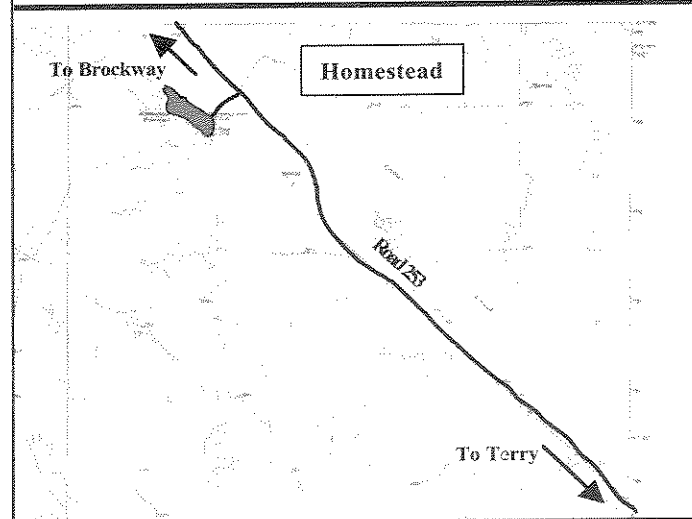
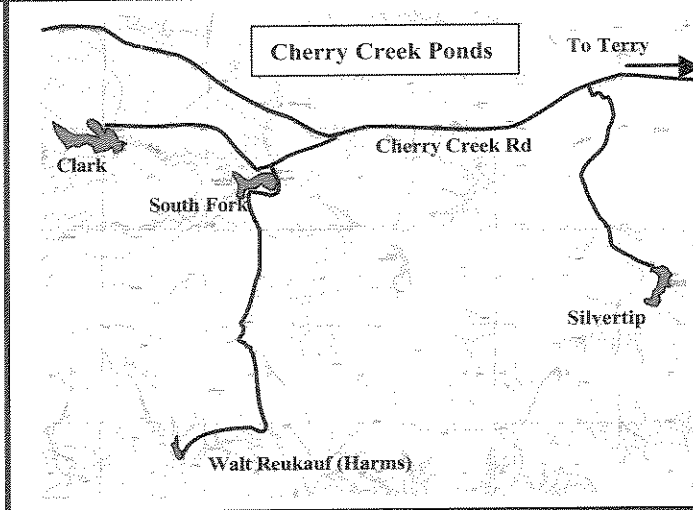
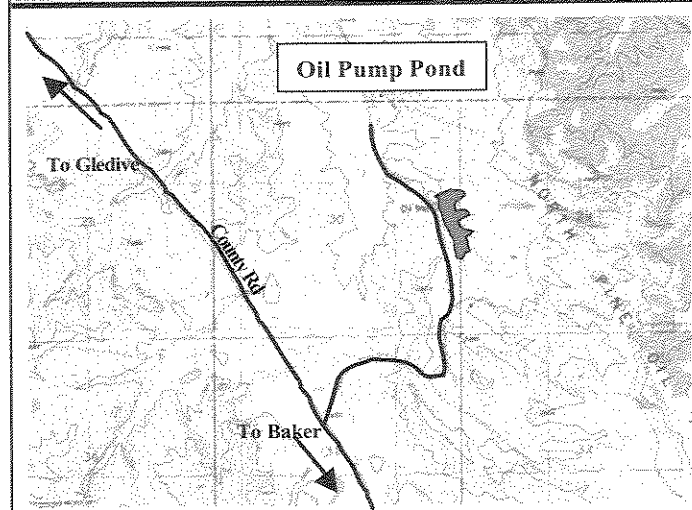
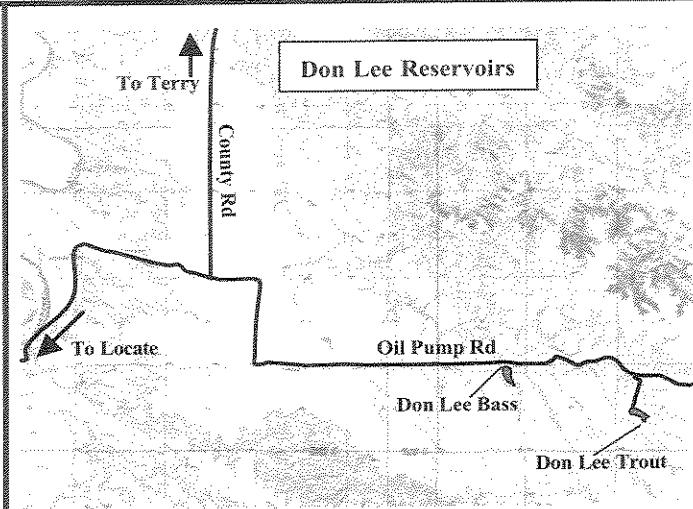
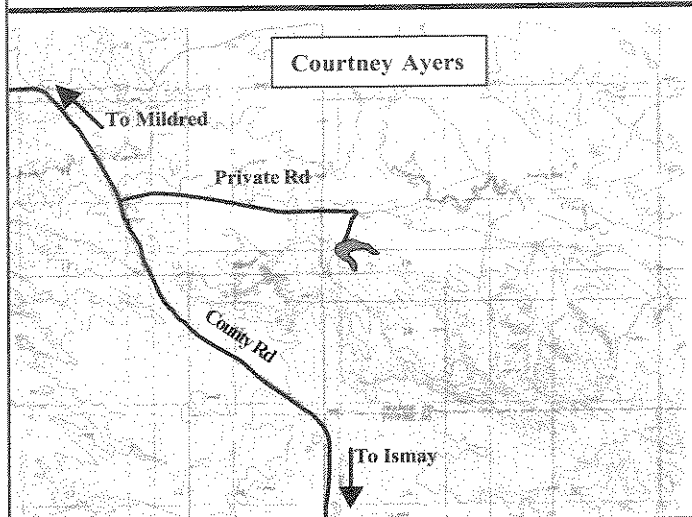
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1	Ayers, Courtney	N46 37.610 W104 51.397	10N,55E,18	RBT	Wibaux	Private	Planted with 1500 trout annually.
2	Lee, Don Trout	N46 34.580 W105 11.579	10N,52E,33	RBT	Terry	Private	Sampling in Aug. 2002 found no fish and only 4 feet of water. Located 1/2 mile south of pipeline road.
3	Oil Pump	N46 51.279 W104 40.058	13N,56E,30	RBT	Wibaux	BLM	Annually stocked with 2000 trout. Pond adjacent to oil field road in the Cedar Creek area south of Glendive, MT.
4	Reukauf, Walt (Harms)	N46 50.473 W105 41.387	13N,48E,31	RBT	Terry	BLM	Pond was dry in 2001 and only had 3 feet in July 2002. Will not be stocked until adequate water is gathered.
5	South Fork	N46 52.962 W105 40.256	13N,48E,17	RBT	Terry	BLM	Pond was dry in 2001 and 2002.
6	Clark	N46 53.220 W105 42.133	13N,48E,18	LMB, GS	Terry	BLM	Sampling in 2002 found 5 feet of water and no fish. Will be restocked when adequate water is gathered.
7	Homestead	N46 59.354 W105 33.634	14N,49E,7	LMB, SMB	Terry	BLM	Numerous trout sampled in July 2002. Take Brockway road from Terry for 18 miles to BLM sign for reservoir.
8	Lee, Don Bass	N46 35.044 W105 13.332	10N,52E,31	LMB	Terry	Private	Sampling in 2002 failed to find bass, will restock in 2003. Located 0.1 mile south of pipeline road.
9	Silvertip	N46 52.142 W105 35.461	13N,48E,24	LMB, SMB	Terry	BLM	Winter killed in 2000, did not have adequate water in 2001 or 2002 to restock. From Reukauf residence on Cherry Creek, take trail south for 2 miles to reservoir.
10	Singleton, Doug	N46 32.744 W105 09.858	9N,52E,10	LMB	Terry	Private	No bass were sampled in 2001 & 2002, will restock in 2003. Located just north of Custer County line on Coal Creek tributary.

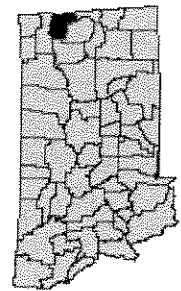
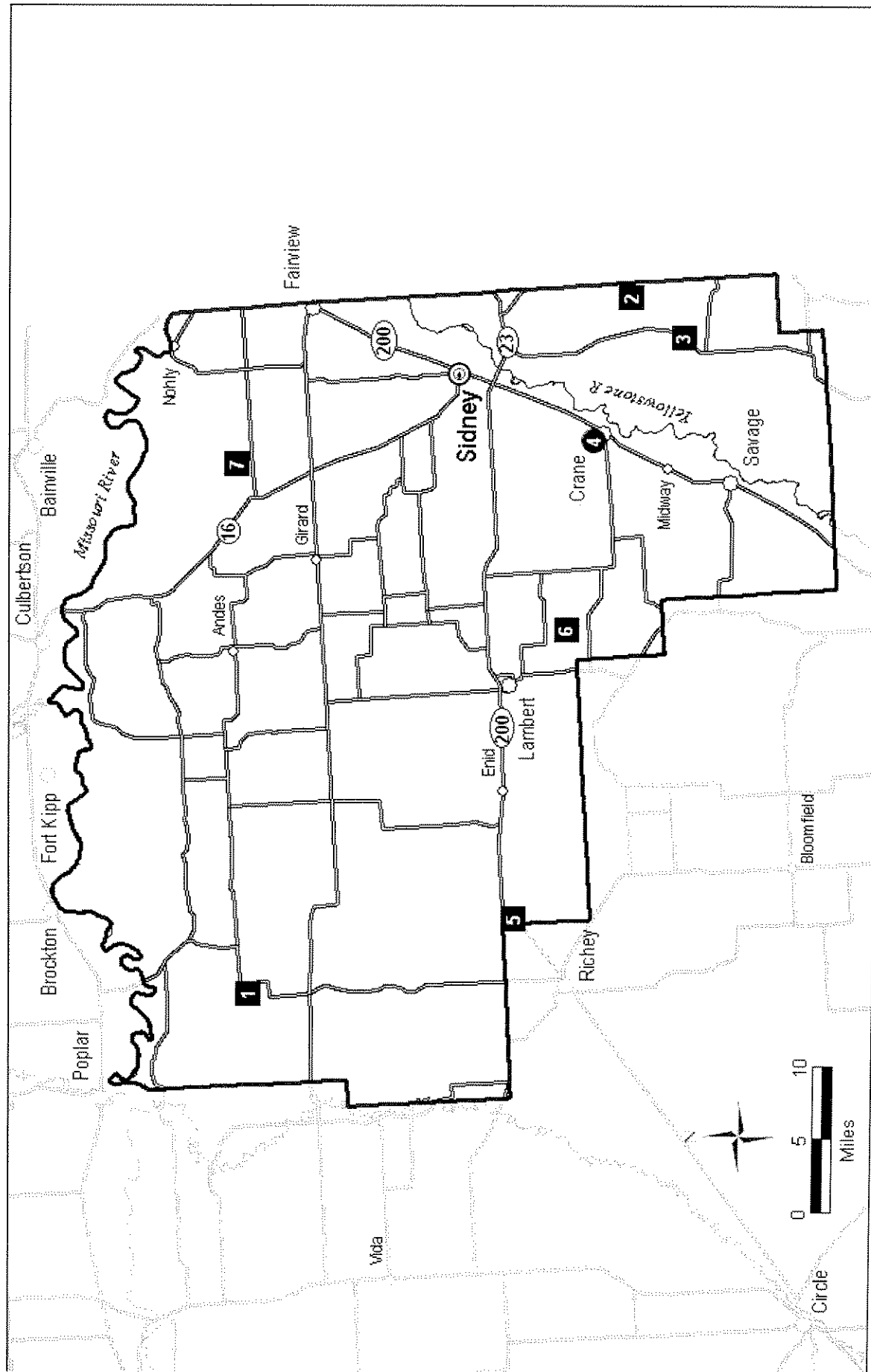
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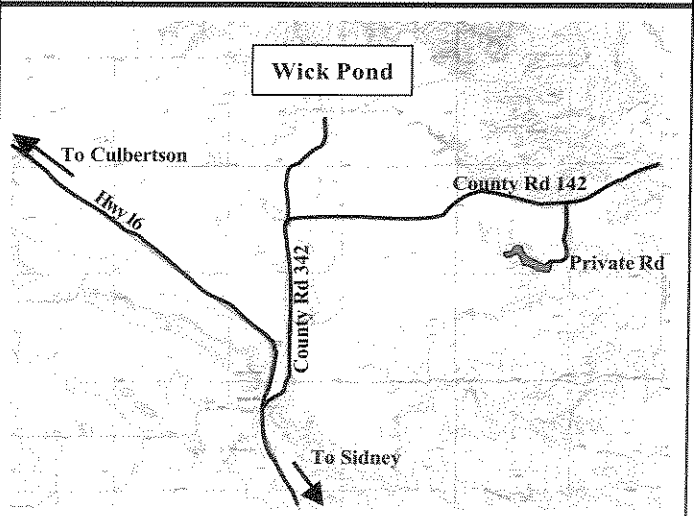
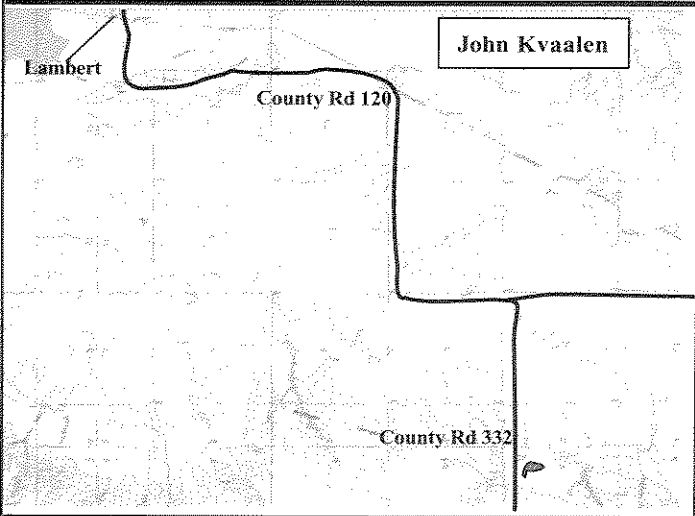
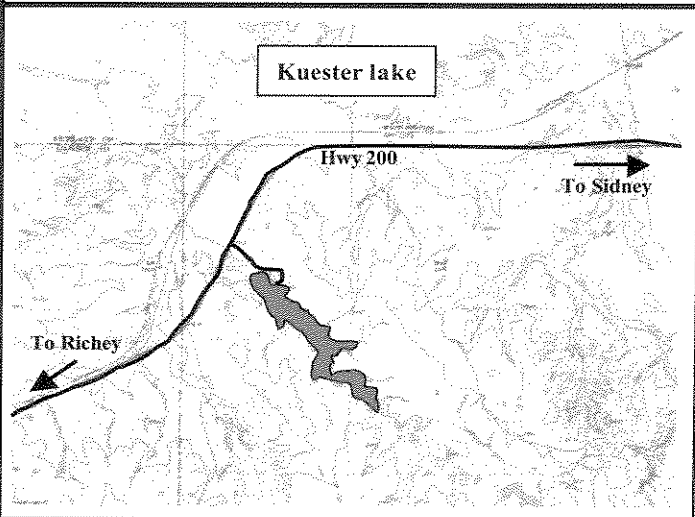
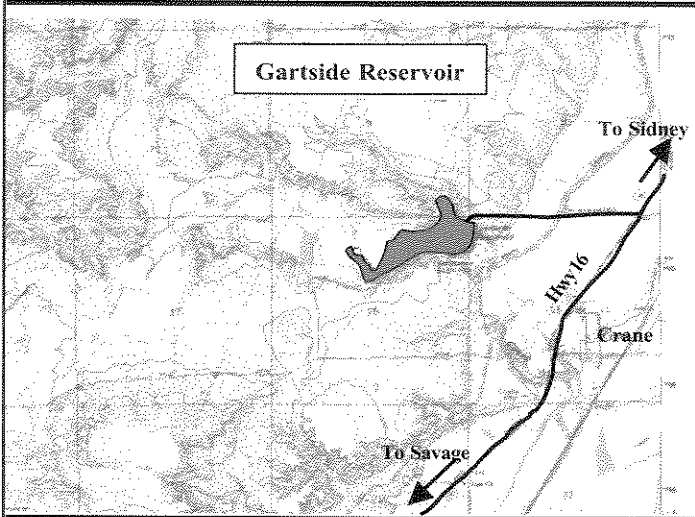
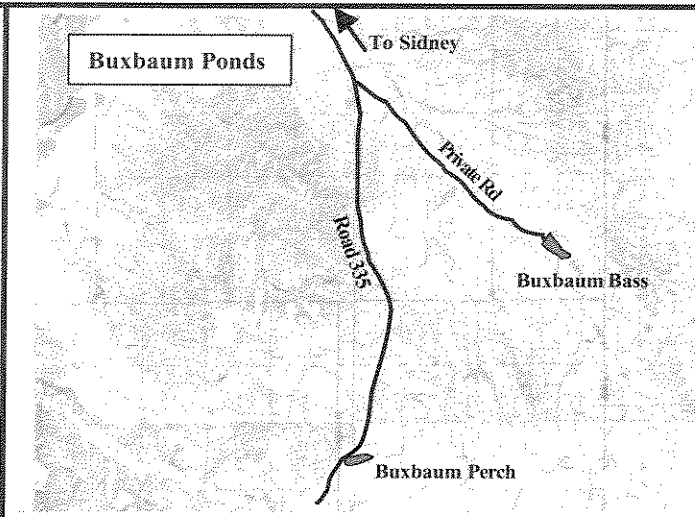
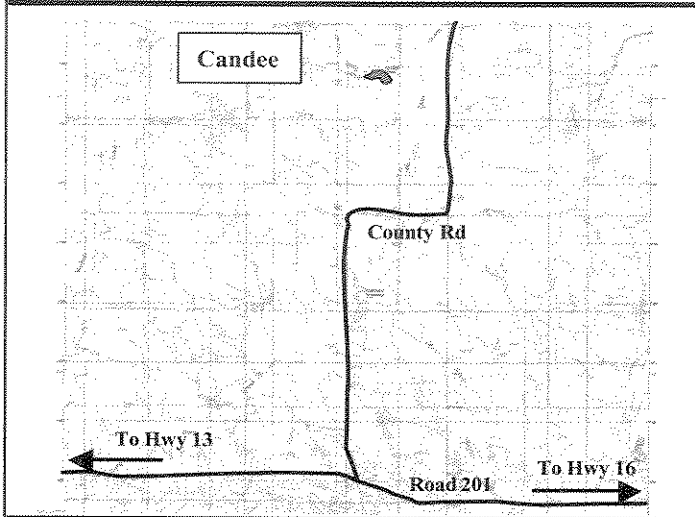
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1	Candee	N47 57.664 W105 03.425	26N,52E,31	RBT	Sidney	Private	Contact Glasgow office (228-9347) for information.
2	Buxbaum, Darryle	N47 32.431 W104 03.850	21N,60E,31	LMB, SMB, YP, BCR	Sidney	Private	Sampling in 2002 found no fish, will restock bass in 2003. Located east of Darryle Buxbaum residence.
3	Buxbaum, Walter West (Darryle Buxbaum)	N47 29.493 W104 07.728	20N,60E,18	YP	Sidney	Private	Located near road #261 about 12 miles south of Highway 23.
4	Gartside	N47 35.171 W104 16.363	21N,58E,16	LMB, SMB, Crappie, WE, YP, NP, BG	Sidney	State	FWP fishing access site near Crane, MT. Use of electric motors only.
5	Kuester	N47 41.538 W104 58.132	22N,53E,6	NP, LMB, YP	Sidney	Private	Located south of Highway 200, a few miles northeast of Richey, MT. Contact Glasgow office for information (228-9347).
6	Kvaalen, John	N47 37.438 W104 32.810	22N,56E,33	LMB, Bullheads	Sidney	Private	Small pond located on east side of county road a few miles southeast of Lambert, MT. Please walk from county road.
7	Wick (Elroy Kittleson)	N47 56.453 W104 16.349	25N,58E,6	YP	Sidney	Private	Located 2 miles east of Highway 16. Pond closed Oct, 1 through Nov.31. Landowner permission a must.

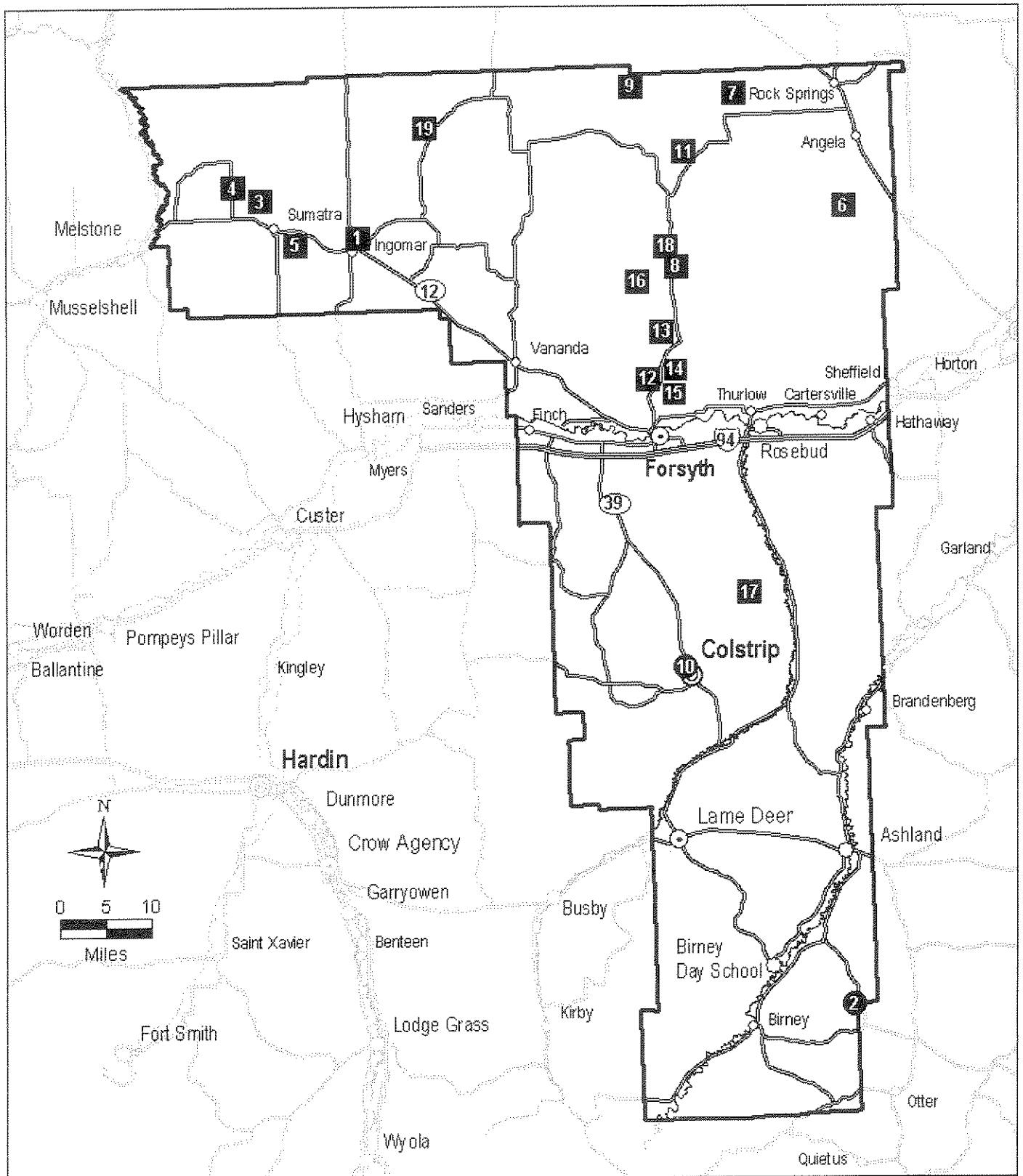
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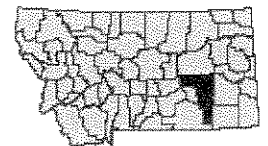
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Rosebud County, Montana Fishing Ponds



ROSEBUD COUNTY PONDS

POND #	POND NAME	LATITUDE/ LONGITUDE	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	FISH SPECIES *	BLM MAP	OWNERSHIP	NOTES
1	Big Timber Trout #1 (Don Cameron)	N46 35.935 W107 21.532	10N,35E,19	RBT	Melstone	Private	Annually stocked with 1000 trout. Take Highway 12 from Ingomar a short mile east to county road. Take first left through auto gate off county road and go 1.2 miles to pond, keeping to the left. Pond is closed for the month of May. Do not access when road is muddy.
2	Blacks	N45 20.935 W106 17.139	6S,44E,1	RBT	Birney	Forest Service	Annually stocked with 2000 trout. Take O'Dell Creek road from Tongue River road. Pond is on Stocker Branch Creek.
3	Grebe, Ed #1	N46 39.719 W107 34.770	11N,33E,33	RBT	Melstone	Private	Not stocked in 2002 due to low water. Access is off of road to Grebe residence, 5 miles west of Sumatra.
4	Grebe, Ed #2	N46 41.118 W107 38.507	11N,32E,24	RBT	Melstone	Private	Not stocked in 2002 due to low water. At 5 miles west of Sumatra turn north for 3.5 miles, turn east for 1/2 mile to pond.
5	Hofer, Paul #2	N46 35.463 W107 30.123	10N,34E,30	RBT	Melstone	Private	Not stocked in 2001 or 2002 due to low water. Turn south off Hwy 12 near mile marker 225 to Hofer buildings. Pond located 1/2 mile west, then short 1/2 mile south.
6	Hook Ranch #1 (Fred Wacker)	N46 37.275 W106 14.208	10N,44E,18	RBT	Angela	Private	Not stocked last two years due to low water. At mile marker 18, on Hwy 59, go west 1.5 miles to large metal building. Turn north through gate, drive 7 1/4 miles, then take trail 2 miles south to pond.
7	Killen, John #2	N46 48.432 W106 28.824	12N,42E,7	RBT	Angela	Private	Annually stocked with 1500 trout. On county road 2 miles west of school house, take trail north along fence for 1 mile, then left for 1.5 miles to a "T". Pond is 1/4 mile east (to right). Landowner permission required.
8	Potts, Dave	N46 32.152 W106 37.712	9N,40E,13	RBT	Angela	Private	Annually stocked with 2000 trout. From Forsyth, take Little Porcupine rd. 20.5 miles N. Turn right through gate for 3/4 mile to pond. No dogs and landowner permission required.
9	Ringstveit (Terry Todd)	N46 49.527 W106 43.036	12N,40E,5	RBT	Angela	Private	Annually stocked with 1000 trout. Pond approximately 1 mile west of county road. Landowner permission is required.
10	Castle Rock	N45 53.856 W106 38.424	2N,41W, 28	WE, BG, NP, LMB, SMB, CC, Crapple	Lame Deer	PP&L-MT	165 acre reservoir on northwest edge of Colstrip. Use of electric trolling motors only.

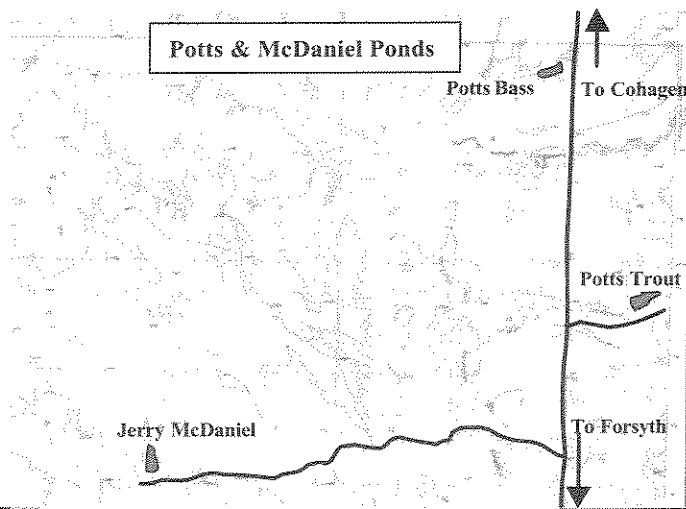
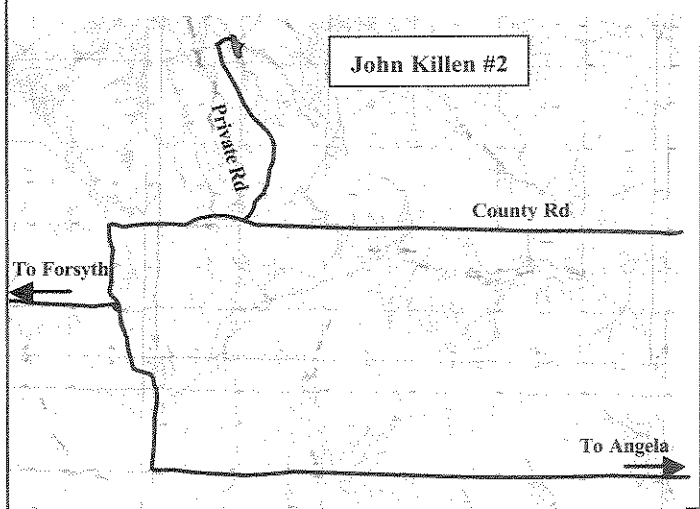
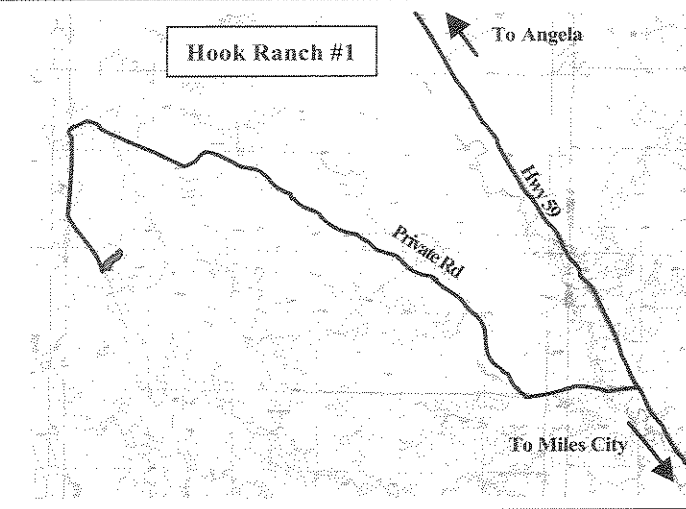
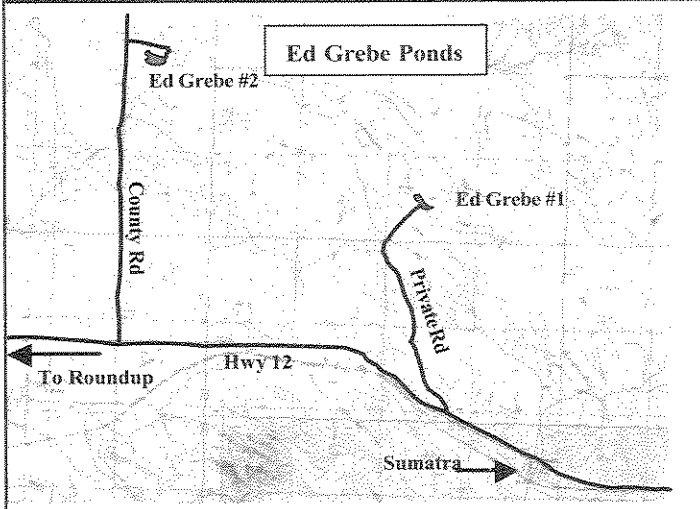
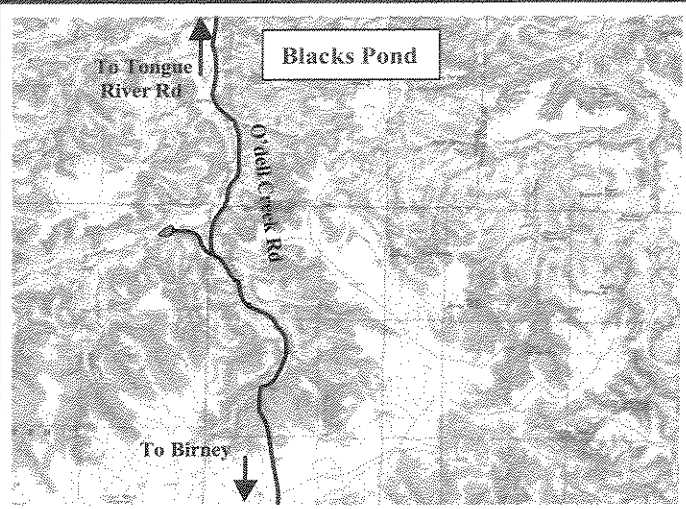
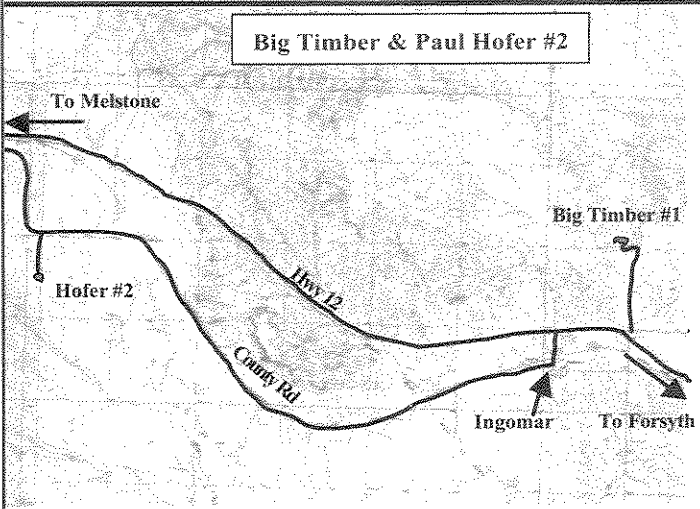
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11	Killen, John	N46 43.075 W106 36.080	11N,41E,7	LMB, SMB	Angela	Private	Bass averaged 12.6 inches in 2001. Go just over 14 miles west of Angela to corner. Go west and south 4 additional miles to second autogate. Go one mile along fence to gate. Go through gate and another 1.9 miles to pond. Landowner permission is required.
12	Lee, A.G. #2	N46 21.498 W106 42.064	7N,40E,15	LMB	Forsyth	Private	Restocked Aug. 2001, however only had 4 feet of water in July 2002. North of Forsyth 7.5 miles on Little Porcupine road. Take trail west for 1.5 miles to pond.
13	Lee, A.G. #3	N46 25.960 W106 39.936	8N,40E,24	LMB	Forsyth	Private	Restocked Aug. 2001, however only had 6 feet of water in July 2002. Before crossing Little Porcupine Creek take trail on left marked by old machinery. Go 2 miles to pond.
14	Lee, A.G. Pit	N46 21.842 W106 40.814	7N,40E,14	LMB, GS	Forsyth	Private	Sampling in 2002 found bass and sunfish. Located just west of Little Porcupine road and upstream of old reservoir, and 8 miles north of Forsyth.
15	Lee, A.G. Pit #2	N46 21.441 W106 40.501	7N,40E,14	LMB, BG	Forsyth	Private	Sampling in 2001 found bass and bluegill; sampling in 2001 found 9 feet of water. Pond west side and adjacent to county road 8 miles north of Forsyth.
16	McDaniel, Jerry	N46 30.857 W106 43.133	9N,40E,20	LMB	Angela	Private	Bass doing well when sampled in 2000. Go 18 miles N. of Forsyth on county road. Turn left for 2.1 miles and take left fork to cabin and pond. This road crosses the Porcupine Ranch. Permission from them also required.
17	Philbrick, Newell	N46 00.716 W106 29.314	3N,42E,15	BG, LMB	Forsyth	Private	Numerous bass and bluegill sampled in 2002, however water depth was only 6 feet. Reservoir is located 5 miles west of Philbrick residence.
18	Potts, Dave Bass	N46 34.031 W106 39.010	9N,40E,2	LMB	Angela	Private	Sampling in Sep. 2002 found numerous bass and pond is one foot from full. From Forsyth, take Little Porcupine road for 22.7 miles. Pond is just west of road. No dogs allowed and landowner permission is a must.
19	Schlesinger #1 (Stan Boone)	N46 46.238 W107 11.866	12N,36E,28	NP, YP	Melstone	Private	Water depth in Sep. 2002 was only 3 feet. From Boone residence go 2 miles north on county road, then 1/2 mile west to pond.

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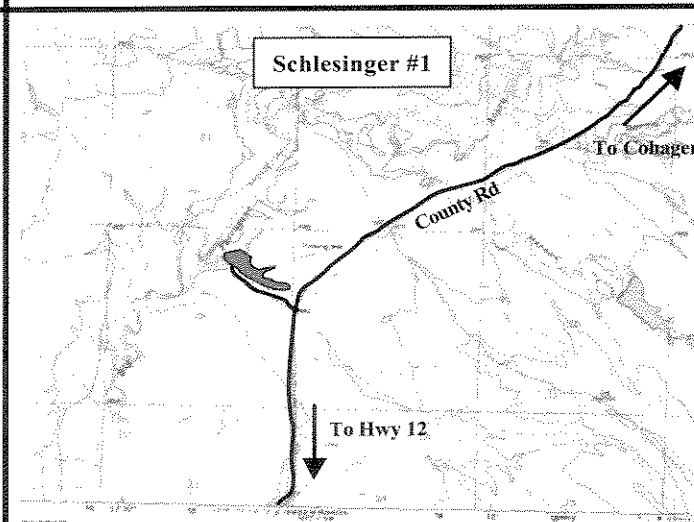
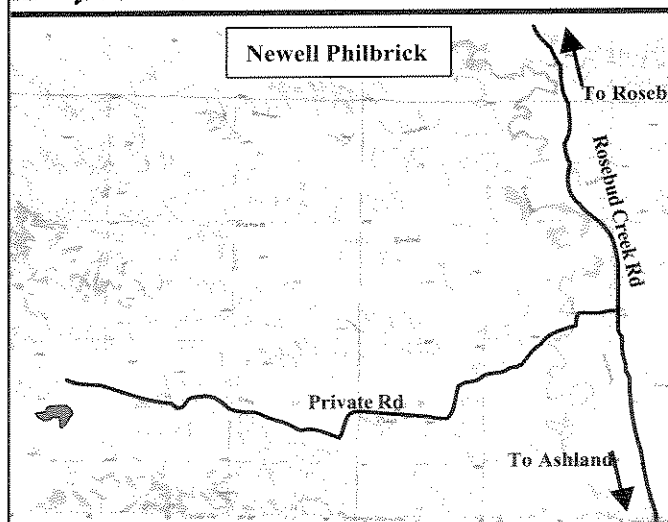
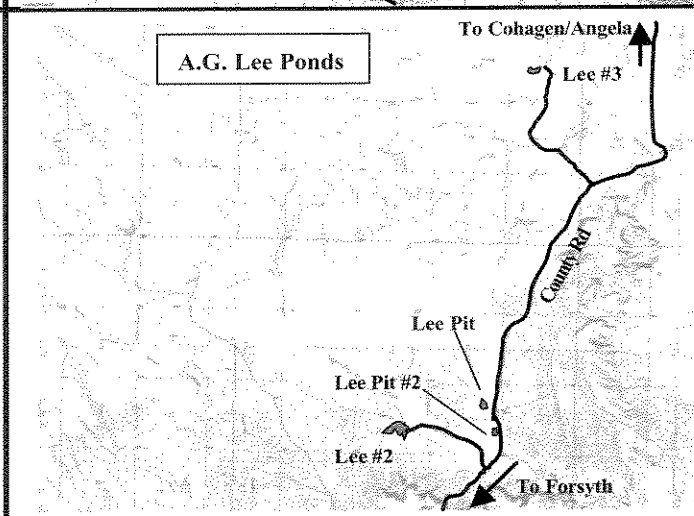
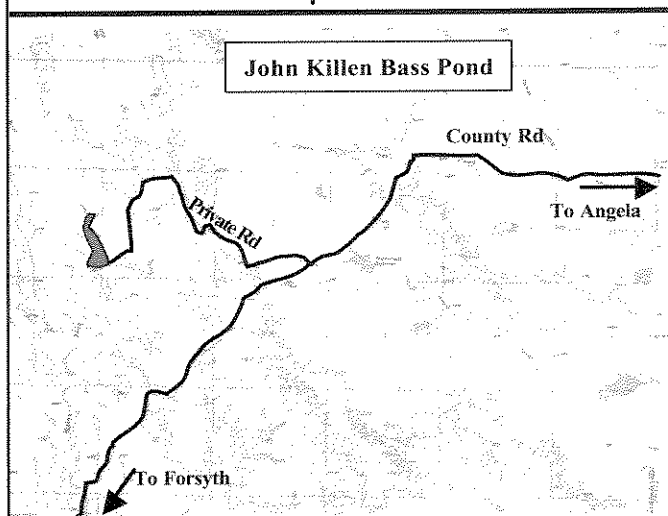
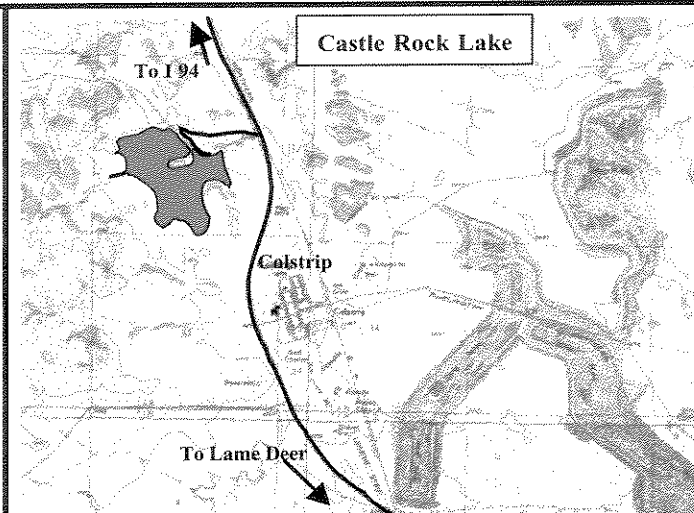
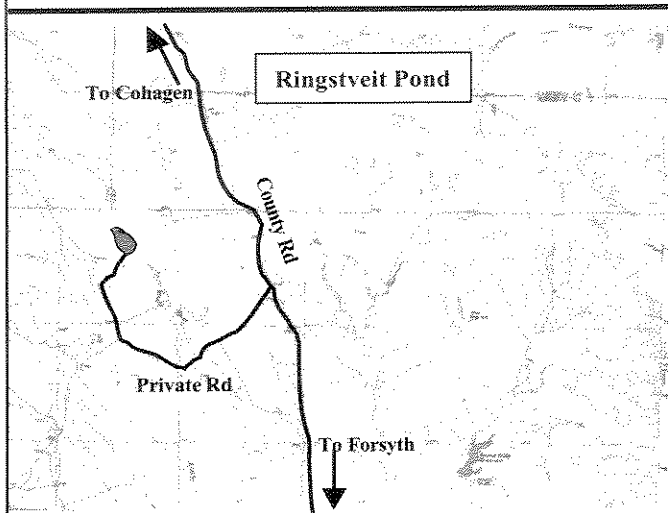
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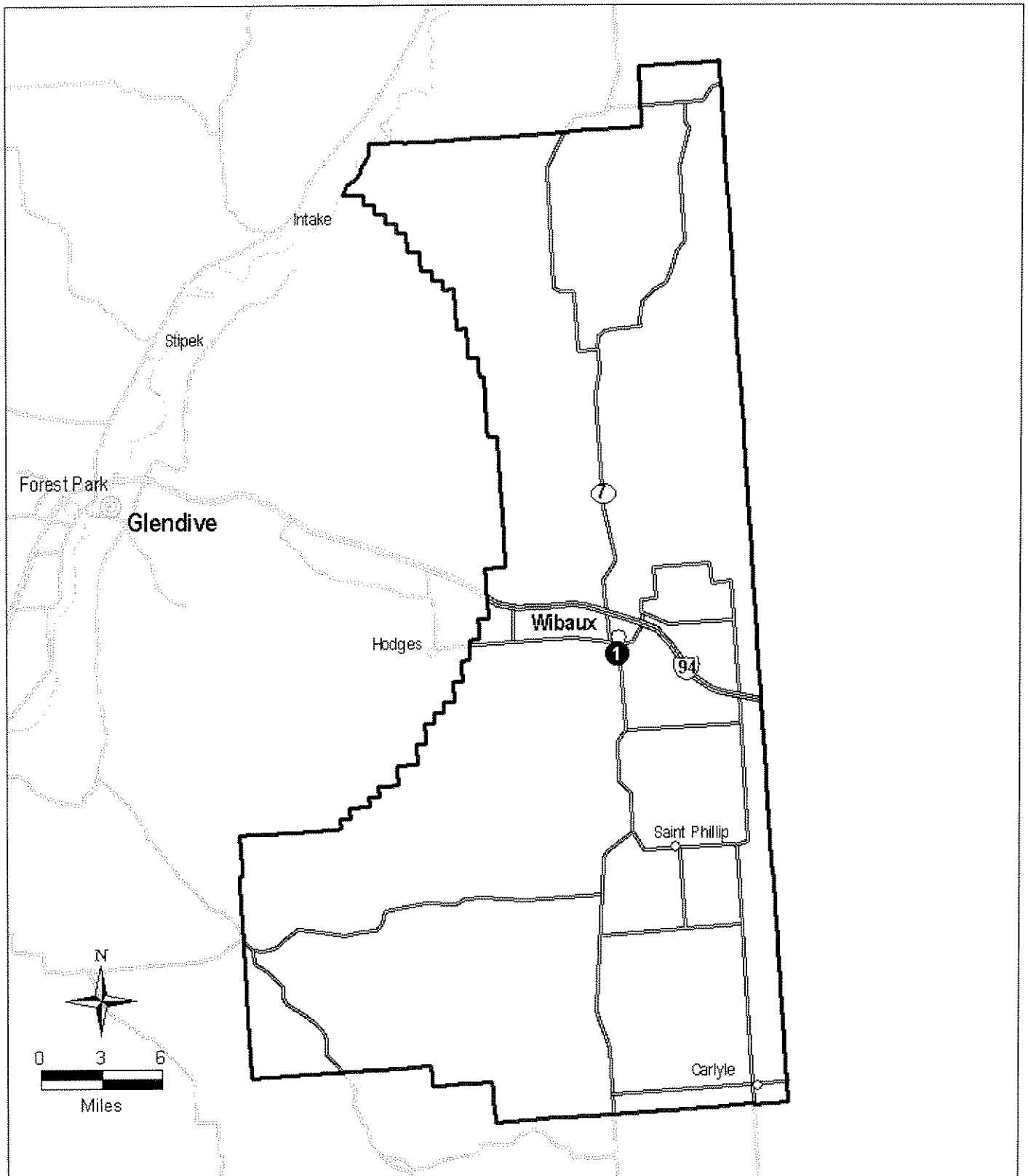


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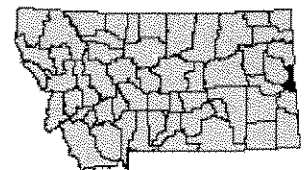
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Wibaux County, Montana Fishing Ponds



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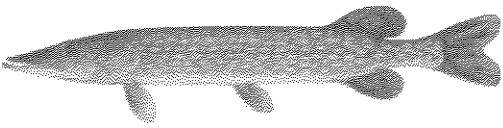
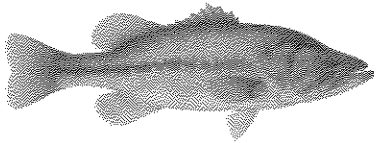
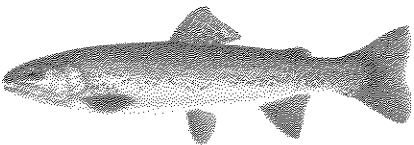
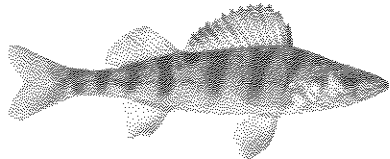
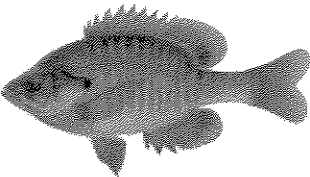
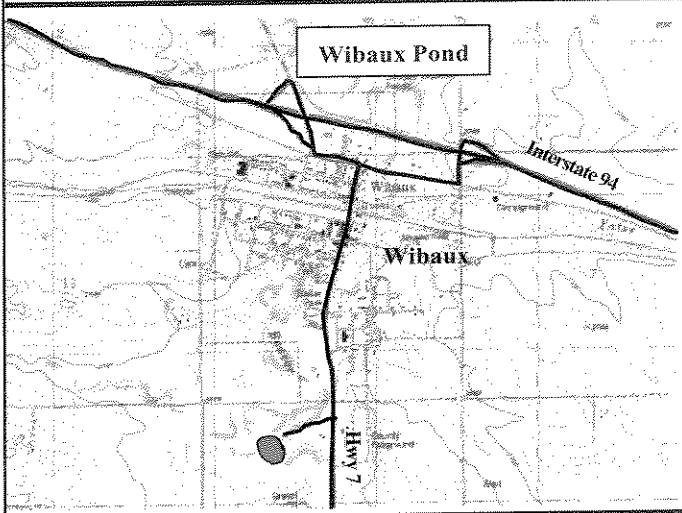
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1	Wibaux Pond	N46 58.429 W104 11.599	14N,59E,13	NP, GS, WE Bullheads	Wibaux	Wibaux	Sampling in 2002 found northern pike up to 4 pounds and walleye up to 2.4 pounds. Public pond with picnic area at south edge of Wibaux.

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Wibaux County Ponds

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Montana Fish Records

If you think you have legally caught a fish in Montana that may be a state record:

- Don't clean or freeze the fish. Keep the fish cool -- preferably on ice. Take a picture of the fish.
- Get the fish weighed as soon as possible on a certified scale (found in grocery or hardware stores, etc.) and witnessed by an observer. Get an affidavit from the store if no FWP official is present. Measure the length.
- Contact the nearest FWP office (406-232-0900) to have the fish positively identified and to determine if it is a state record.

Note: Native fish are identified with an asterisk. Records are accurate as of October 4, 2001. For a complete list of Montana's record fish, call or email: 406-444-3188, lkarwaski@state.mt.us

Fish	Length	Weight	Date	Site
Black Bullhead	15.5	2.33 lbs.	4/4/94	Lower Flathead River
Black Crappie	16.7"	3.13 lbs.	1973	Tongue River Reservoir
Blue Gill	11'	2.64 lbs.	6/3/83	Peterson's Stock Dam
Carp	38"	40.2 lbs.	5/24/98	Nelson Reservoir
Channel Catfish*	34.2"	27.17 lbs.	4/26/98	Castle Rock Lake
Flathead Chub*	11.2"	0.59 lbs.	4/29/01	Thornton Pond
Green Sunfish	8.6"	0.56 lbs.	6/19/91	Castle Rock Reservoir
Largemouth Bass	22"	8.29 lbs.	6/11/99	Many Lakes
Longnose Sucker*		3.27 lbs.	5/8/88	Marias River Loma
Northern Pike		37.5 lbs.	1972	Tongue River Reservoir
Pumpkinseed		0.95 lbs.	7/9/85	Milnor Lake
Rainbow Trout	38.62"	33.1 lbs.	8/11/97	Kootenai River David Thompson Brdg
Sauger*	28.2"	8.805 lbs.	12/12/94	Fort Peck Reservoir
Saugeye		15.66 lbs.	1/11/95	Fort Peck Reservoir Squaw Creek
Shorthead Redhorse*	20.25"	4.68 lbs.	4/14/85	Marias River Near Loma
Smallmouth Bass	20.25"	6.45 lbs.	9/25/01	Fort Peck Reservoir
Smallmouth Buffalo*	32.2"	32.63 lbs.	6/4/94	Nelson Reservoir
Stonecat*	10"	0.54 lbs.	6/16/96	Milk River
Walleye	31.5"	16.63 lbs.	1/21/00	Fort Peck Reservoir
White Bass	16.25"	2.25 lbs.	9/23/98	Missouri River South of Bainville
White Crappie	18.5"	3.68 lbs.	5/10/96	Tongue River
White Sucker*	21 5/8"	5.33 lbs.	2/10/83	Nelson Reservoir
Yellow Bullhead	11.8"	0.93 lbs.	5/24/98	Tongue River Reservoir
Yellow Perch	14.5"	2.37 lbs.	3/31/88	Ashley Lake

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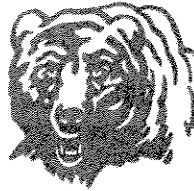
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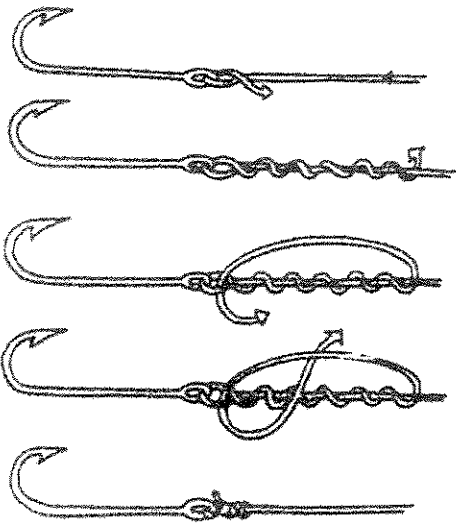
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BASIC FISHING LINE KNOTS



CLINCH KNOT

1. Put the end of the line through the eye of the hook and bring it back toward the line.
2. Make five "S" twists around the line.
3. Take the end back toward the hook and push it through the first loop nearest the eye.
4. Bring the end back through the big loop.
5. Hold the hook and the line, pull the knot tight until it looks like the knot shown.

TRILENE KNOT



1. Run the end of the line through the eye of the hook two times.



2. Loop the line around 4 or 5 times, then thread the loose end back between the two loops near the hook as shown.



3. Pull tight. Trim the loose end.

PALOMAR KNOT

1. Start with plenty of line.



2. Double the line and pass the end through the hook's eye.



3. Tie an overhand Knot (like you were tying your shoe string) but do not pull it tight yet.



4. Pass the hook through the loop.



5. Pull the loose end of the line to tighten the knot. Trim the end. Leave at least 1/8 inch of your line at the knot.

