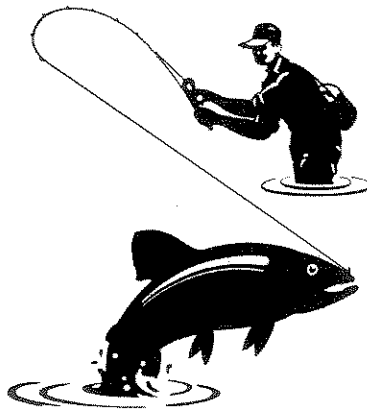
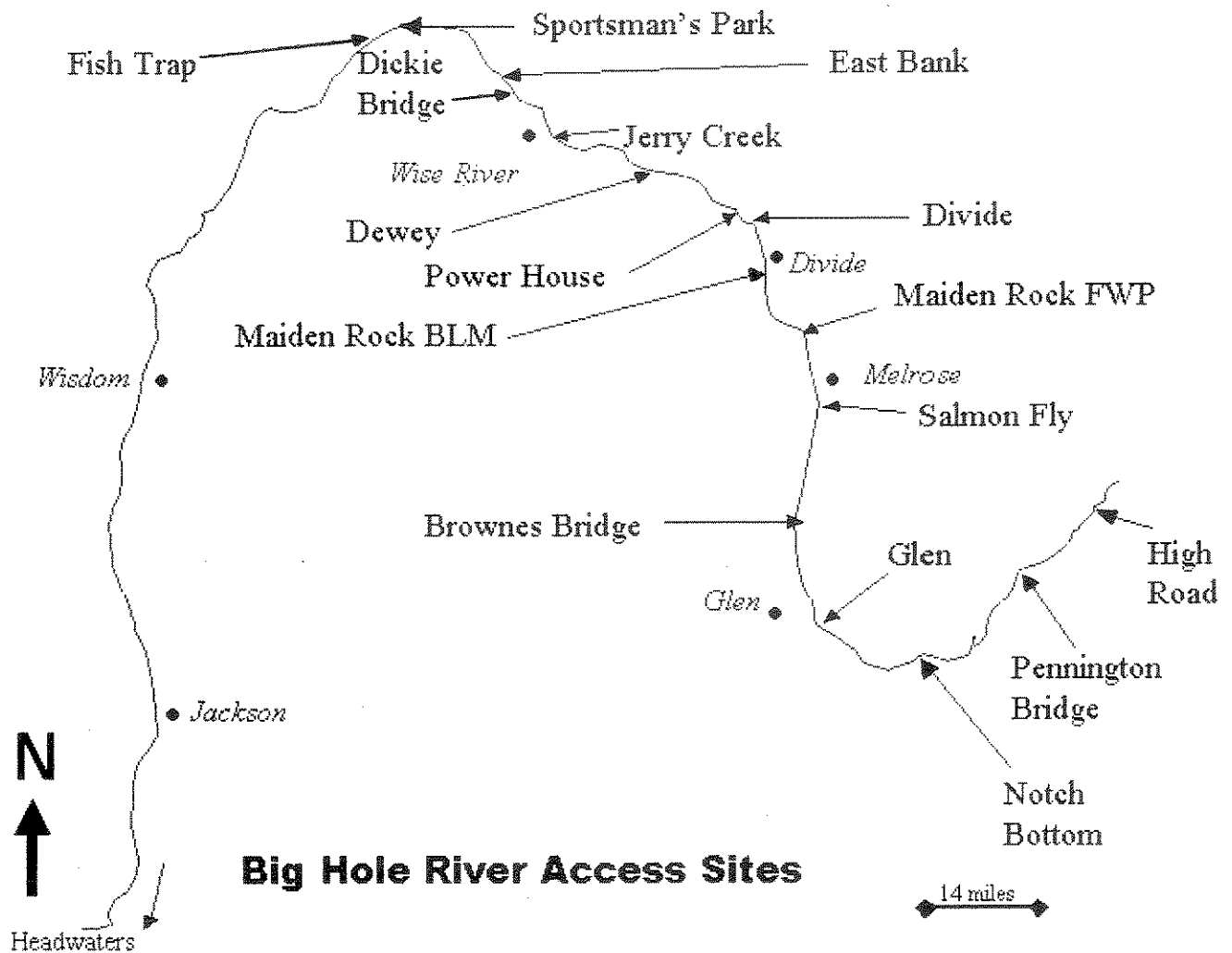


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**2002 Survey of Anglers  
Concerning New Recreational Use Rules  
Recently Implemented on the  
Big Hole River**





PLEASE REFER TO THIS MAP WHEN COMPLETING  
THE SURVEY QUESTION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE



Because of increased recreational conflicts, resource and property damage concerns, and increased demands upon limited public facilities, new recreational use rules were recently implemented on the Big Hole River starting in 2001 (*from the third Saturday in May through Labor Day only*) in an effort to better provide a quality experience for river users.

1. To what extent do you think the following rules have contributed towards (or will contribute towards) providing a quality recreation experience on the Big Hole River? (**Circle only one number for each new rule** or check the "I don't know" box if you don't know)

**On a scale from 1 (no contribution) to 5 (great contribution), to what extent do you think the following rules have contributed towards (or will contribute towards) providing a quality recreation experience on the Big Hole River?**

	(No contribution)					(Great contribution)	I don't know
	1	2	3	4	5		
Divide Fishing Access Site to Salmon Fly Fishing Access Site – closed to non-resident float fishing and float outfitting every Sunday							[ ]
Salmon Fly Fishing Access Site to Glen Bridge Fishing Access Site – closed to float outfitting every Monday							[ ]
Headwaters to Fishtrap Fishing Access Site – closed to float outfitting every Tuesday							[ ]
Notch Bottom Fishing Access Site to High Road Fishing Access Site – closed to float outfitting every Wednesday							[ ]
Fishtrap Fishing Access Site to Jerry Creek Fishing Access Site – closed to float outfitting every Thursday							[ ]
Glen Bridge Fishing Access Site to Notch Bottom Fishing Access Site – closed to float outfitting every Friday							[ ]
Jerry Creek Fishing Access Site to Divide Fishing Access Site – closed to non-resident float fishing and float outfitting every Saturday							[ ]
The only outfitters who may operate on the Big Hole River are those that have documented use on the river prior to December 31, 1998, or if they were licensed by the Board of Outfitters between December 1, 1998 and July 1, 1999 and his/her operating plan included the Big Hole River							[ ]
Each outfitter, from June 1 through July 31, shall not exceed the number of client days served during the same months in the outfitter's highest client use year from the years 1995-2000, inclusive							[ ]
All floaters are limited to a total of 2 launches at or near official access sites each day							[ ]
All outfitters eligible to work the river must have a boat tag identifying them as authorized to operate there							[ ]

2. How well do the following statements describe your feelings about the new recreational use rules that were recently implemented on the Big Hole River? (**Circle the number that best describes how strongly you agree or disagree with each statement** or check the "I don't know" box if you don't know).

Statement:	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree or agree	Agree	Strongly agree	I don't know
Overall, I think the new rules are a good thing	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
I don't think the new rules are needed	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
I think the new rules <b>have helped</b> <i>decrease</i> the number of conflicts between different types of Big Hole River users	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
I think the new rules <b>will help</b> <i>decrease</i> the number of conflicts between different types of Big Hole River users in the future	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
I think the new rules <b>have helped</b> <i>decrease</i> congestion and crowding on the Big Hole River	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
I think the new rules <b>will help</b> <i>decrease</i> congestion and crowding on the Big Hole River in the future	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
I think the new rules will help decrease human-caused impacts to natural resources found along the Big Hole River	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
Because of the new rules, I will likely visit the Big Hole River <i>less</i> often in the future	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
Because of the new rules, I will likely visit the Big Hole River <i>more</i> often in the future	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
Because of the new rules, I will likely visit the Big Hole River <i>less</i> often on weekends	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
Because of the new rules, I will likely visit the Big Hole River <i>more</i> often on weekends	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
Because of the new rules, I will likely more often visit those sections of the Big Hole River that I have not (or would not) usually visit	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
Because of the new rules, I will likely visit rivers other than the Big Hole River more often	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]
I think FWP law enforcement staff are adequately enforcing the new rules	1	2	3	4	5	[ ]

3. What do you *like the MOST* about the new recreational use rules on the Big Hole River? If nothing, write "nothing".

4. What do you *like the LEAST* about the new recreational use rules on the Big Hole River? If nothing, write "nothing".

5. Last year (2001), did you fish the Big Hole River at any time during the peak use season (May 19 through September 3)? (**check only one**)

☐ NO (**Go to question 7**)

☐ YES...If yes, how many days did you fish the river during the peak use season (May 19 through September 3)? (**check only one**)

☐ 1-3 days

☐ 4-9 days

☐ 10 or more days

6. Last year (2001), did you use the services of a commercial fishing outfitter or guide at any time while fishing the Big Hole River during the peak use season (May 19 through September 3)? (**check only one**)

☐ NO

☐ YES

7. How many trips (**ever**) in your lifetime have you taken to the Big Hole River to fish or participate in other river related recreational activities? (**check only one**)

- ☐ 1-3 trips
- ☐ 4-9 trips
- ☐ 10 or more trips

8. Are you a current resident of Montana? (**check only one**)

- ☐ NO
- ☐ YES

9. Are you a fishing outfitter and/or guide? (**check only one**)

- ☐ NO
- ☐ YES

10. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (**check only one**)

- ☐ 8<sup>th</sup> grade or less
- ☐ Some high school
- ☐ High school graduate or GED
- ☐ Some college, business or trade school
- ☐ College graduate
- ☐ Some graduate school
- ☐ Masters, doctoral or professional degree

11. What is your gender? (**check only one**)

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

12. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ (years)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

Please return this questionnaire using the enclosed postage paid envelope.

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