

I. RIVER AREA INVENTORY FORM

A. General information

1. Name of river

Blackfoot River

2. Location of study unit

Approximately ninety miles from its source near the Continental Divide to the town of Bonner.

3. State

Montana

4. Counties

Lewis and Clark, Powell, Missoula

5. Major drainage basin

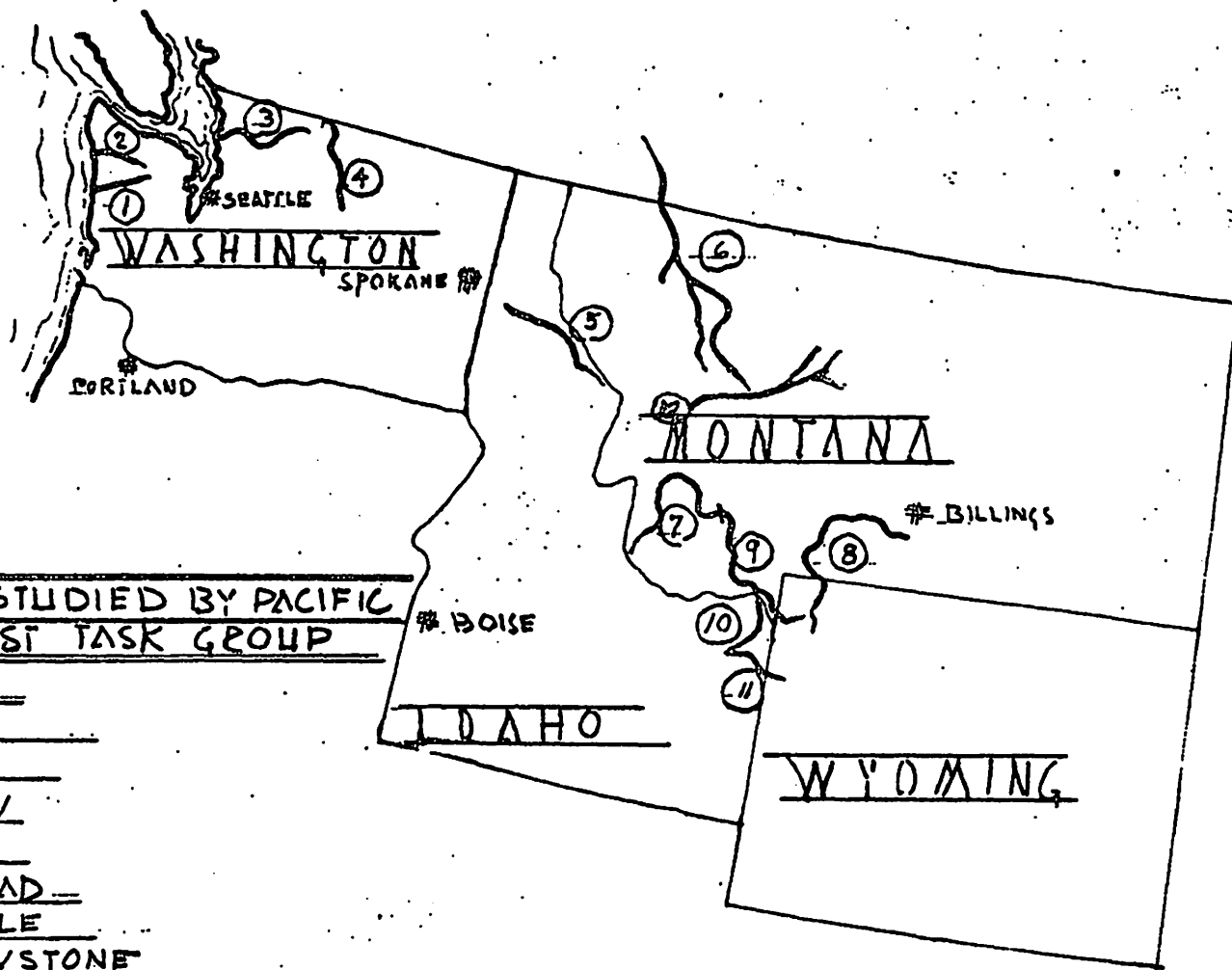
Upper Columbia River Basin

6. Population with 50 miles 96,000; 150 miles 583,000; 250 miles 1,569,000.

7. Weather characteristics and dates when study unit is best suited for public use

Precipitation averages about 14" annually at Missoula. The upper basin is marginal for agriculture because of the short frost-free season. The average temperature for July is 67 degrees. The heaviest precipitation occurs in May and June. Highest maximums in the past five years have been about 98°, and minimums -42°. The primary recreation season consists of about 100 days from late May to early September. The climate with its warm days, cool nights and light rainfall is excellent for outdoor recreation.

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- 1. QUEETS
- 2. HOH
- 3. SKAGIT
- 4. METHOW
- 5. ST. JOE
- 6. FLATHEAD
- 7. BIG HOLE
- 8. YELLOWSTONE
- 9. MADISON
- 10. HENRYS FORK
- 11. TETON
- 12. Blackfoot ✓

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