

I. RIVER AREA INVENTORY FORM

A. General information

1. Name of river

Methow

2. Location of study unit

Entire length, from head of West Fork to confluence with Columbia River at Pateros.

3. State

Washington

4. County

Okanogan

5. Major drainage basin

Columbia River Basin

6. Population within 50 miles 50,000; 150 miles 900,000; 250 miles 2,900,000.

7. Weather characteristics by seasons and inclusive dates when study unit is best suited for public use and normal weather conditions during that period:

Winter temperatures may reach -30° F. for a few days, but more commonly range between 0° and 20° F. Summers are quite hot in the lower valley, sometimes reaching 100° F. Upper valley temperatures seldom exceed the 80's. Snowfall varies from a few inches at Pateros to as much as 15 feet in the high mountain headwaters. Most of the total annual precipitation occurs as snowfall during the winter months. The summer recreation season starts about the first of May with the opening of the trout fishing season and extends in the fall until late October, through the deer season. Winter sports activities are largely limited to white fishing and ice skating on nearby lakes.

B. Description and characteristics of river

1. Number of miles in study unit

Approximately 80 miles

