

LOWER SALMON RIVER INDEX MAP
 from Vinegar Creek to Hammer Creek



Carey Creek Boat Ramp

This popular take-out for the Main Salmon features a boat ramp, picnic tables, and toilets. Before the French Creek Bridge was completed in 1892, wagon traffic traveling between mines and supply points crossed here on a ferry operated by Englishmen Jim and John Carey.

Wind River Bridge

Carey Falls or 'Gold Hole' II+

This rapid has a popular hole for kayakers. It becomes difficult for power boaters at low flows.

Wind River Pack Bridge and Trailhead

The first modern bridge the Forest Service constructed here collapsed into the river as it neared completion. Workers recovered half of the bridge and used it to construct the bridge you see today. It was opened in the spring of 1962. The Wind River Trail begins here and accesses the Gospel - Hump Wilderness.

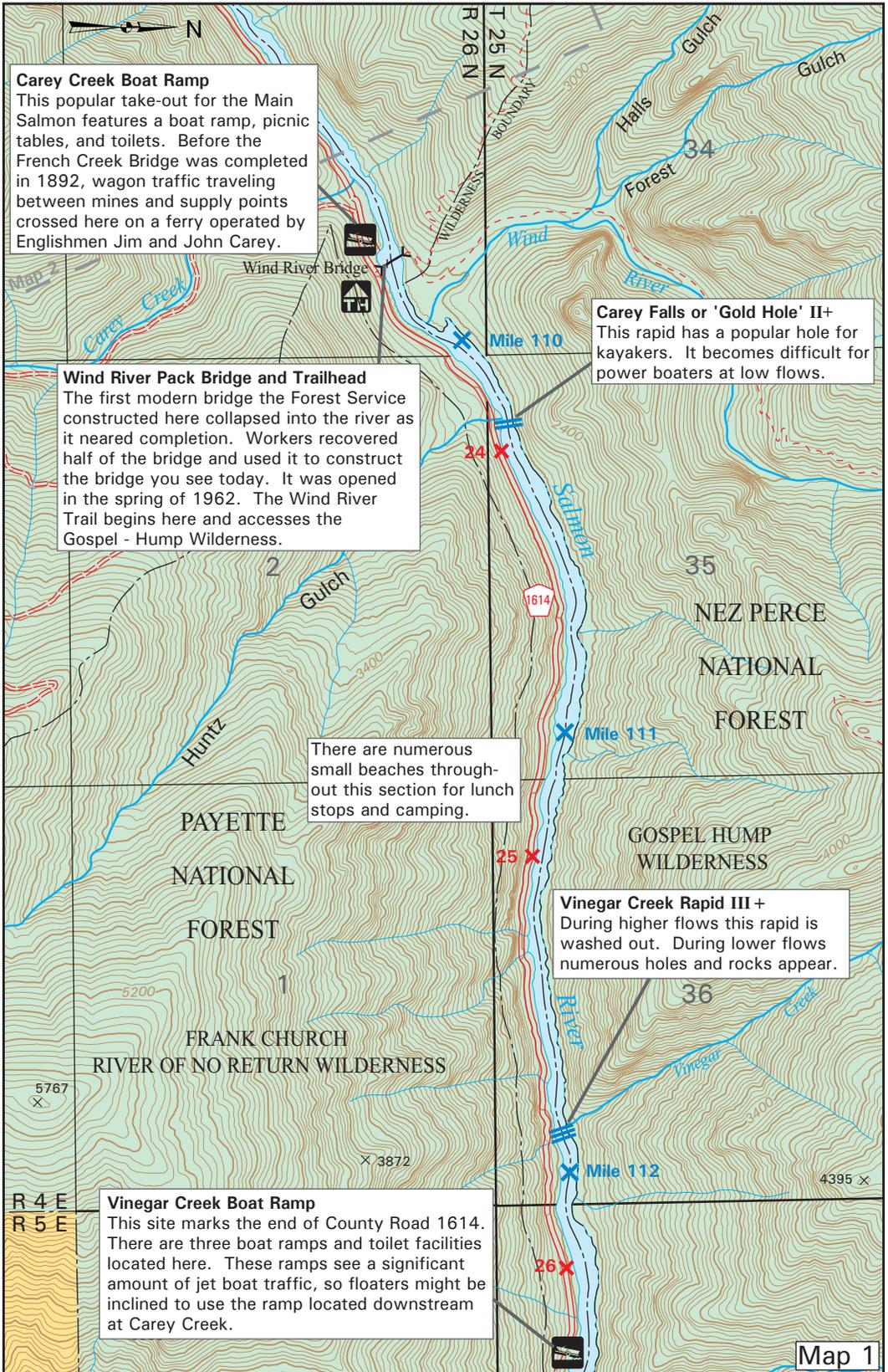
There are numerous small beaches throughout this section for lunch stops and camping.

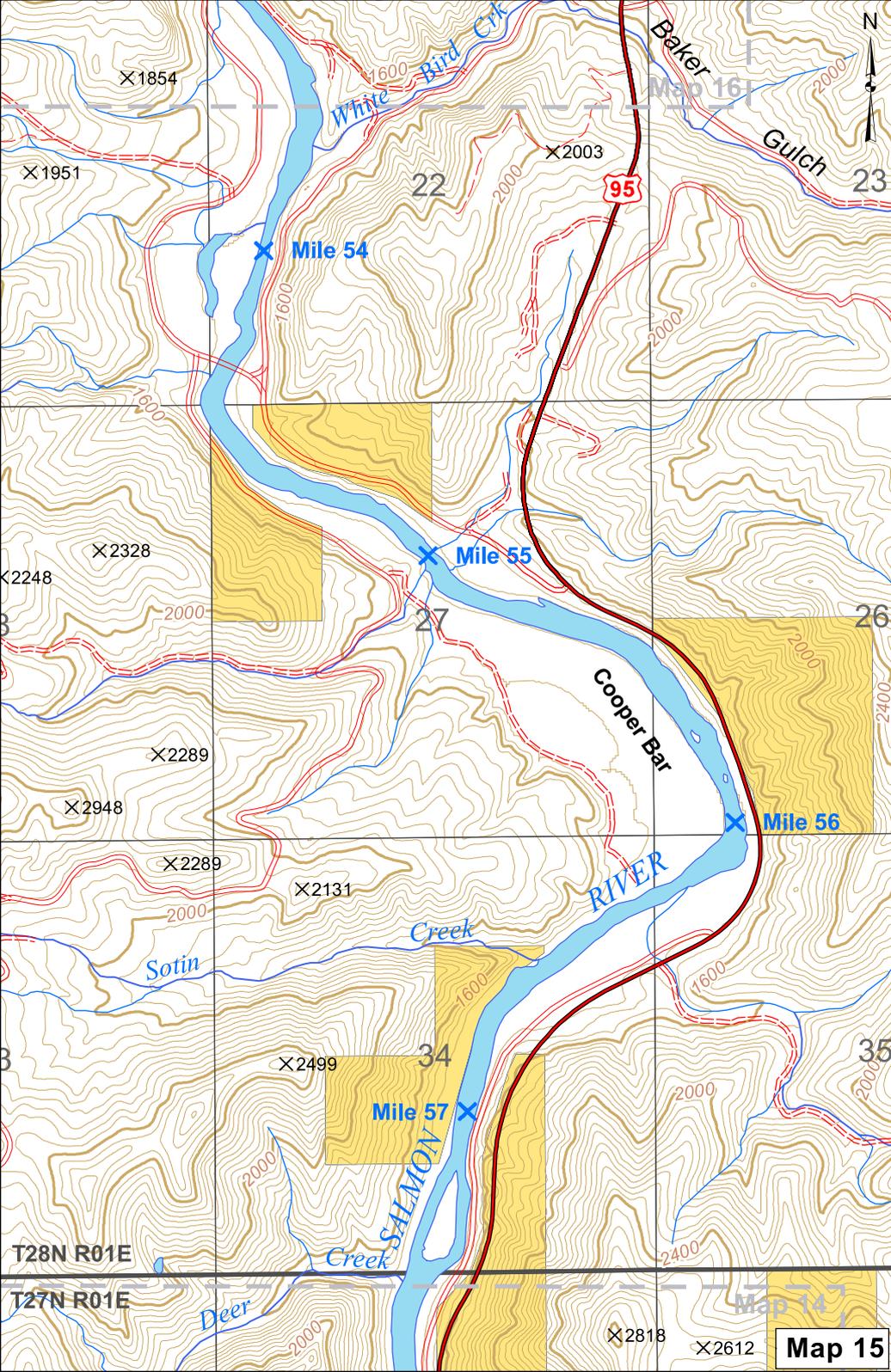
Vinegar Creek Rapid III +

During higher flows this rapid is washed out. During lower flows numerous holes and rocks appear.

Vinegar Creek Boat Ramp

This site marks the end of County Road 1614. There are three boat ramps and toilet facilities located here. These ramps see a significant amount of jet boat traffic, so floaters might be inclined to use the ramp located downstream at Carey Creek.





X1854

X1951

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X2003

Baker

Map 161

Gulch

23

Mile 54

X2328

X2248

Mile 55

X2289

X2948

Cooper Bar

Mile 56

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Creek

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Mile 57

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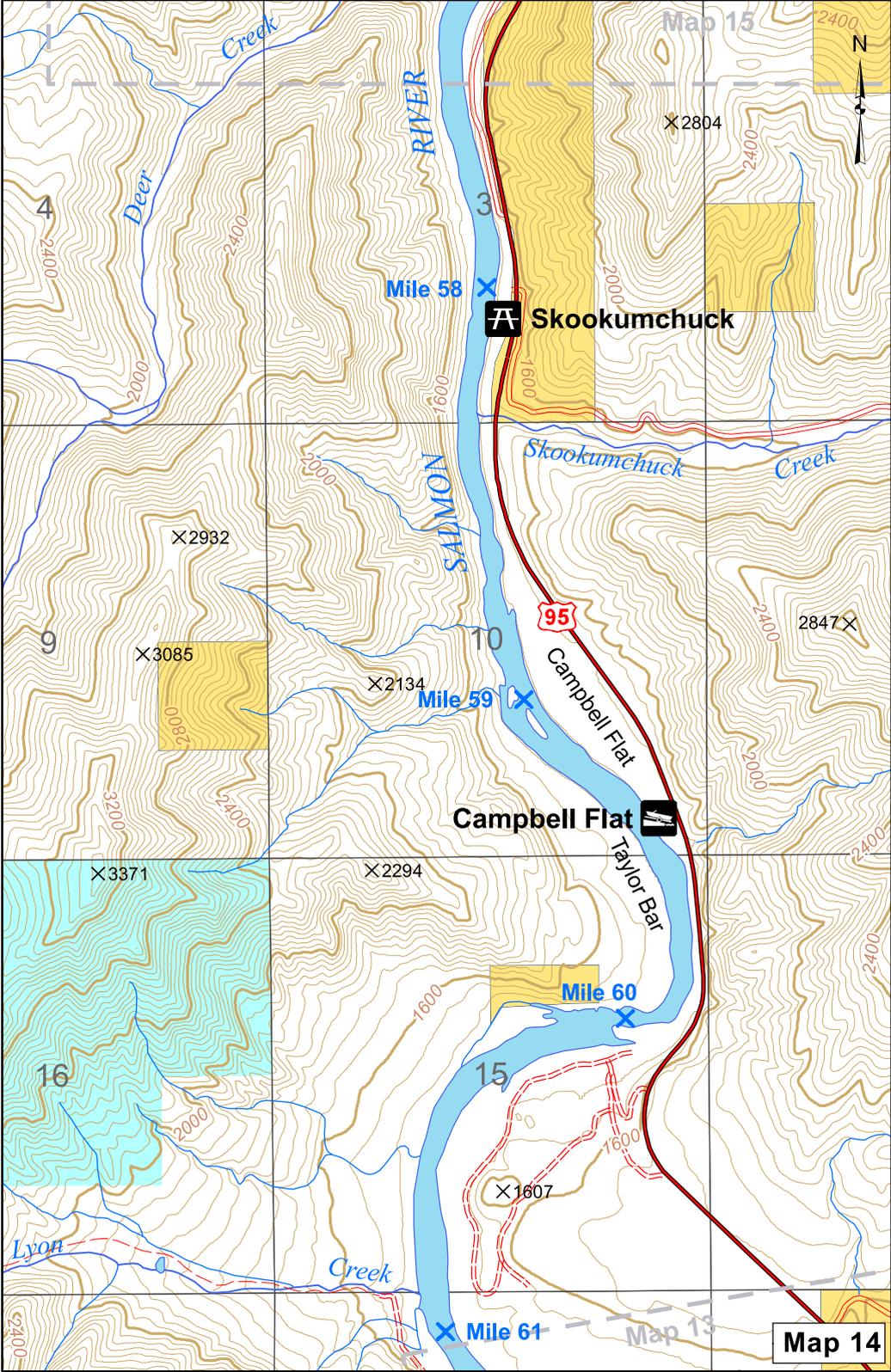
Creek

Map 15

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Skookumchuck

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Campbell Flat



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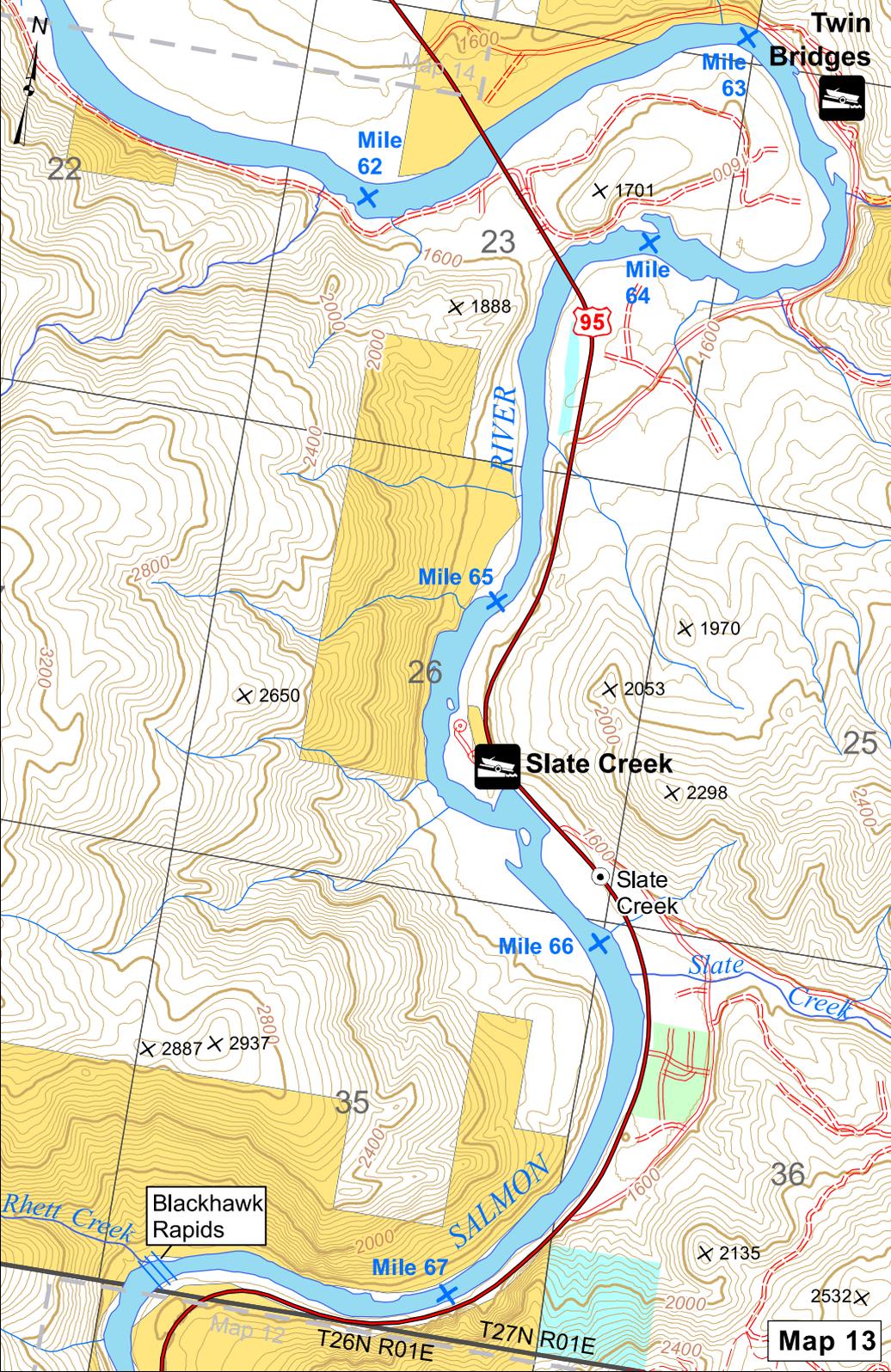
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Map 13

Map 14



Twin Bridges



Mile 63

Mile 62

Mile 64

Mile 65

Mile 66

Mile 67

Slate Creek

Slate Creek

Slate Creek

Slate Creek

Slate Creek

Blackhawk Rapids

SALMON RIVER

Map 13

Map 12

T26N R01E

T27N R01E



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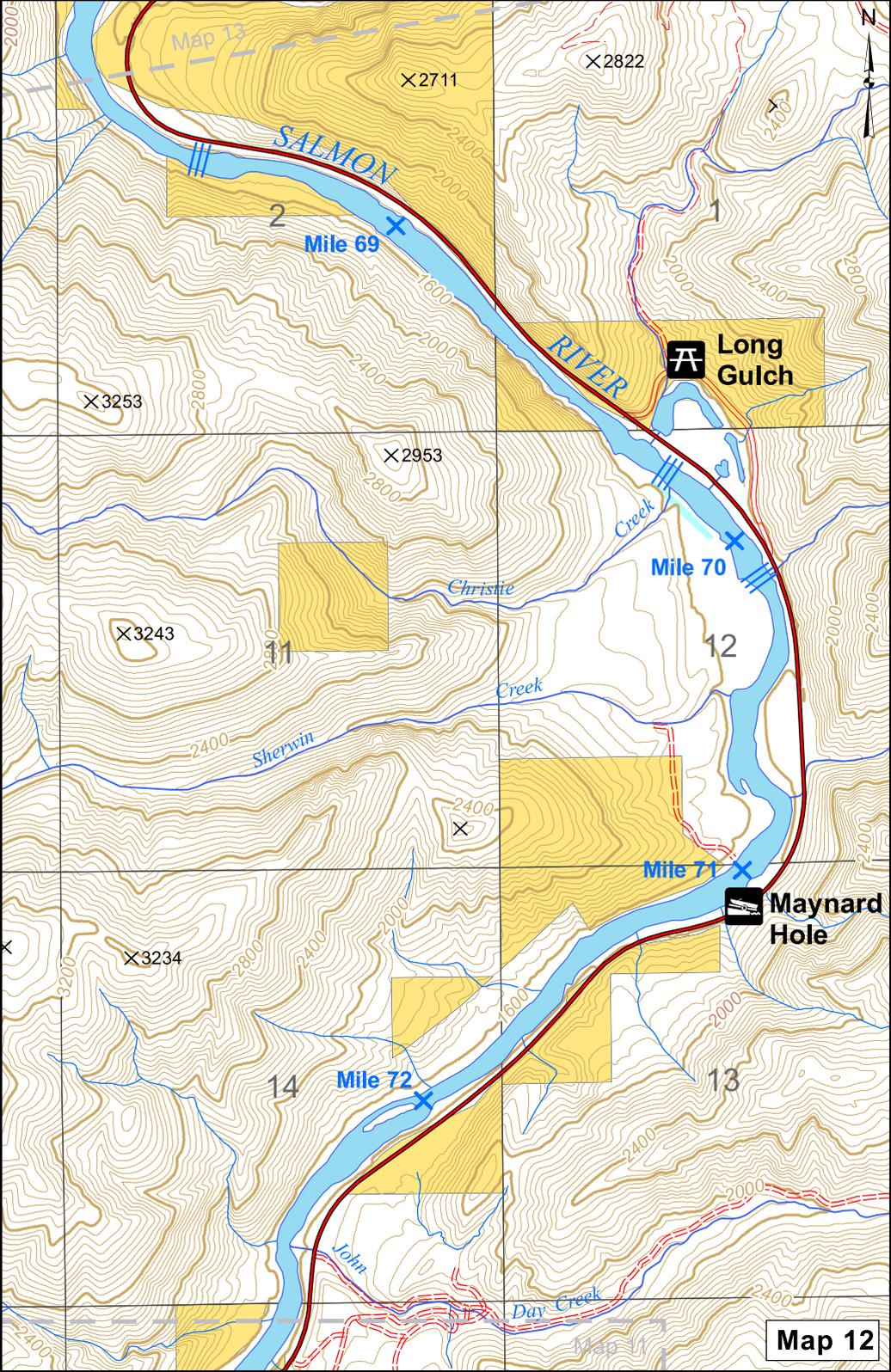
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Map 11

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SALMON RIVER

Mile 69

Long Gulch

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X3243

Mile 70

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Sherwin Creek

Christie Creek

X3234

Mile 71

Maynard Hole

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Mile 72

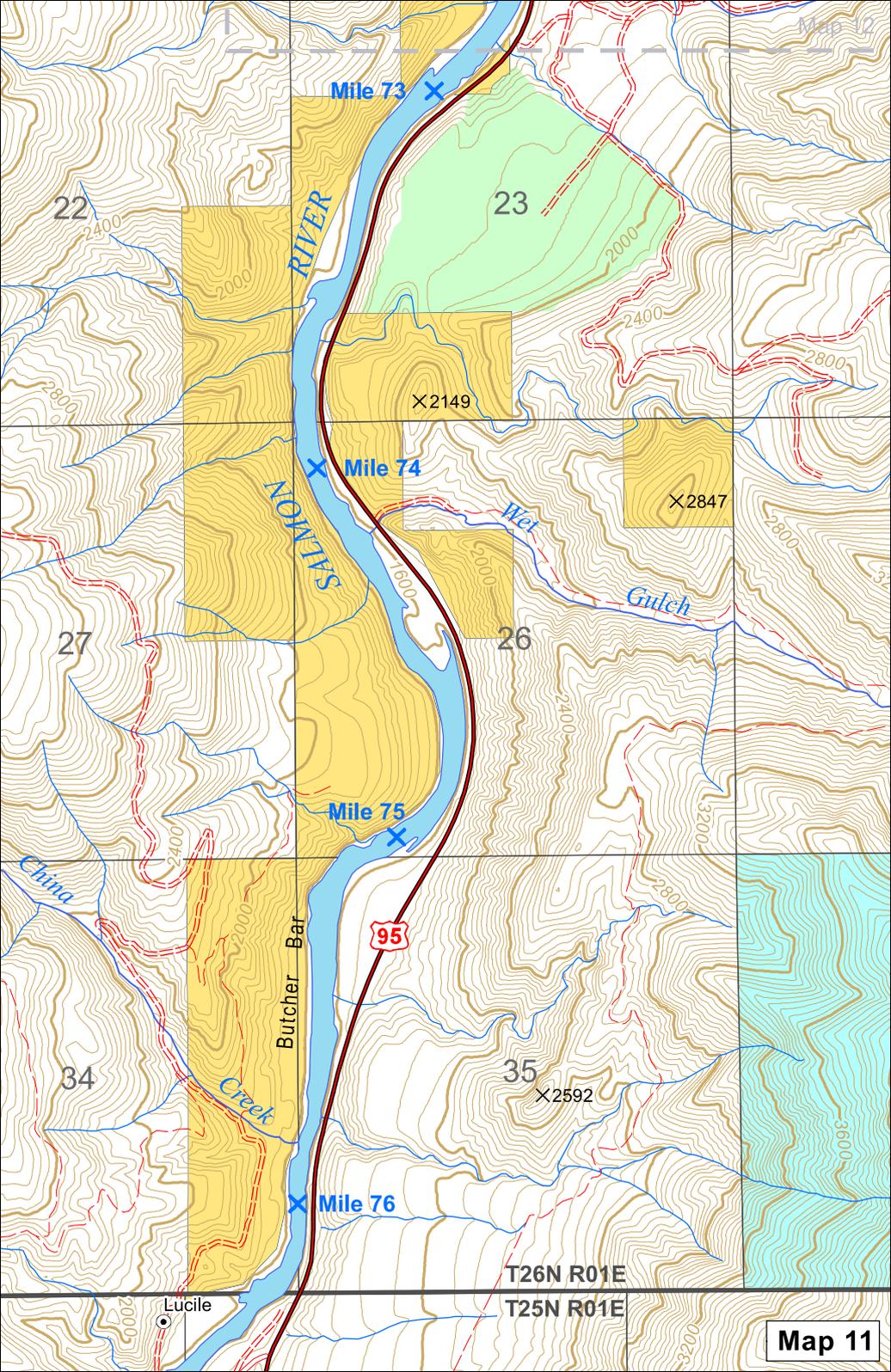
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John Creek

Day Creek

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Map 11



Mile 73

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X2149

Mile 74

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Mile 75

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X2592

Mile 76

T26N R01E

T25N R01E

Lucile

T 26 N
F 25 N



× 2260

Mile 76

Lucile

Mile 77

Sheep Gulch

Creek

Creek

Elyers

Lucile Bar
This is a popular take-out location for floatboaters and can get congested, especially in the afternoon. It has a boat ramp, toilets, and picnic facilities.

Lucile Bar

Mile 78

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Lucile

Black Rock Rapid III
Lower flows create a hole on river right.

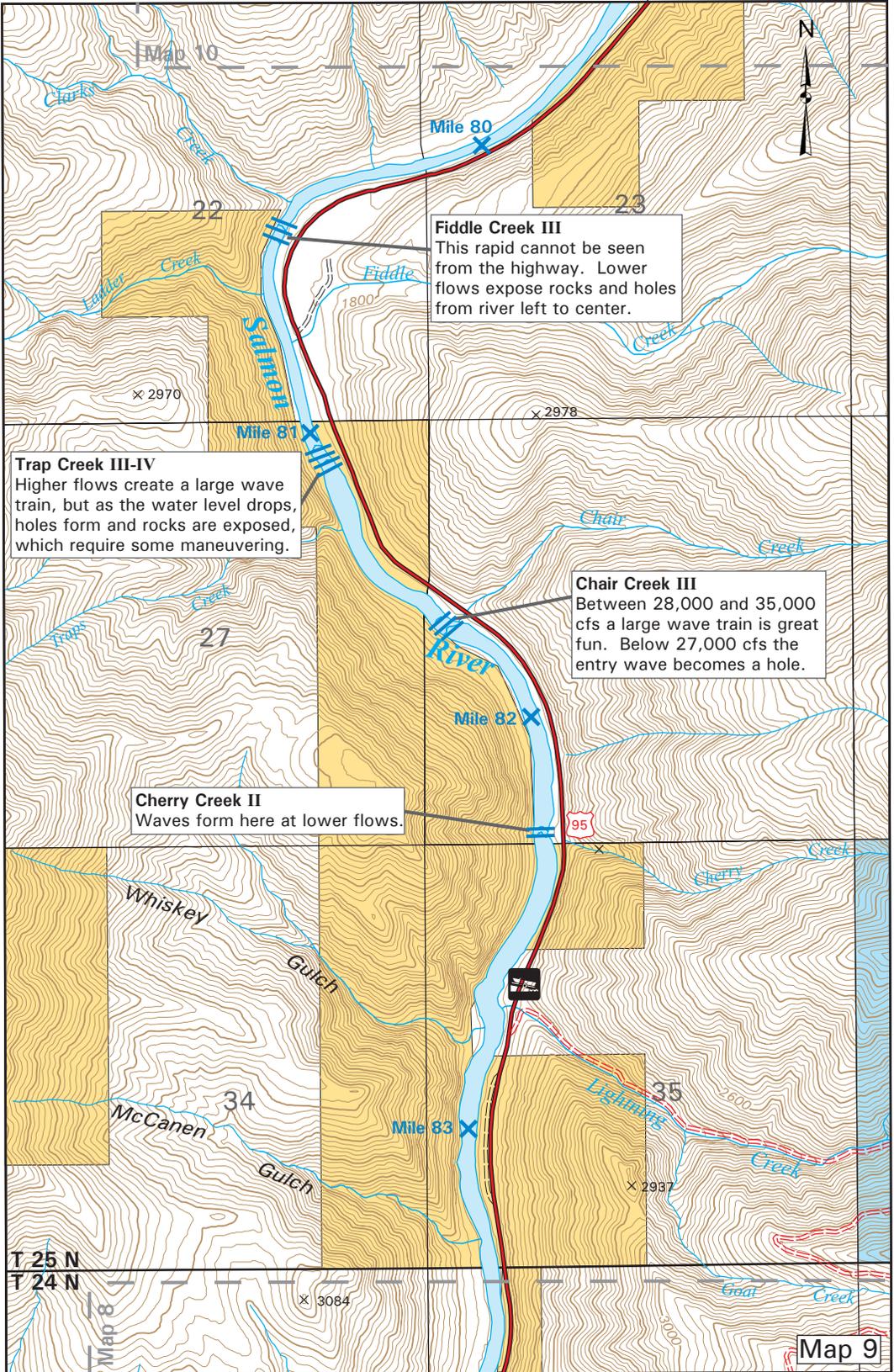
Squaw Bar

Mile 79

Rodeo Hole and Jackass Flat
Rodeo Hole is a popular play spot for kayakers at higher flows. Some raft groups choose to take-out at Jackass Flat.

× 3026

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Map 10



Mile 80

Fiddle Creek III
This rapid cannot be seen from the highway. Lower flows expose rocks and holes from river left to center.

Trap Creek III-IV
Higher flows create a large wave train, but as the water level drops, holes form and rocks are exposed, which require some maneuvering.

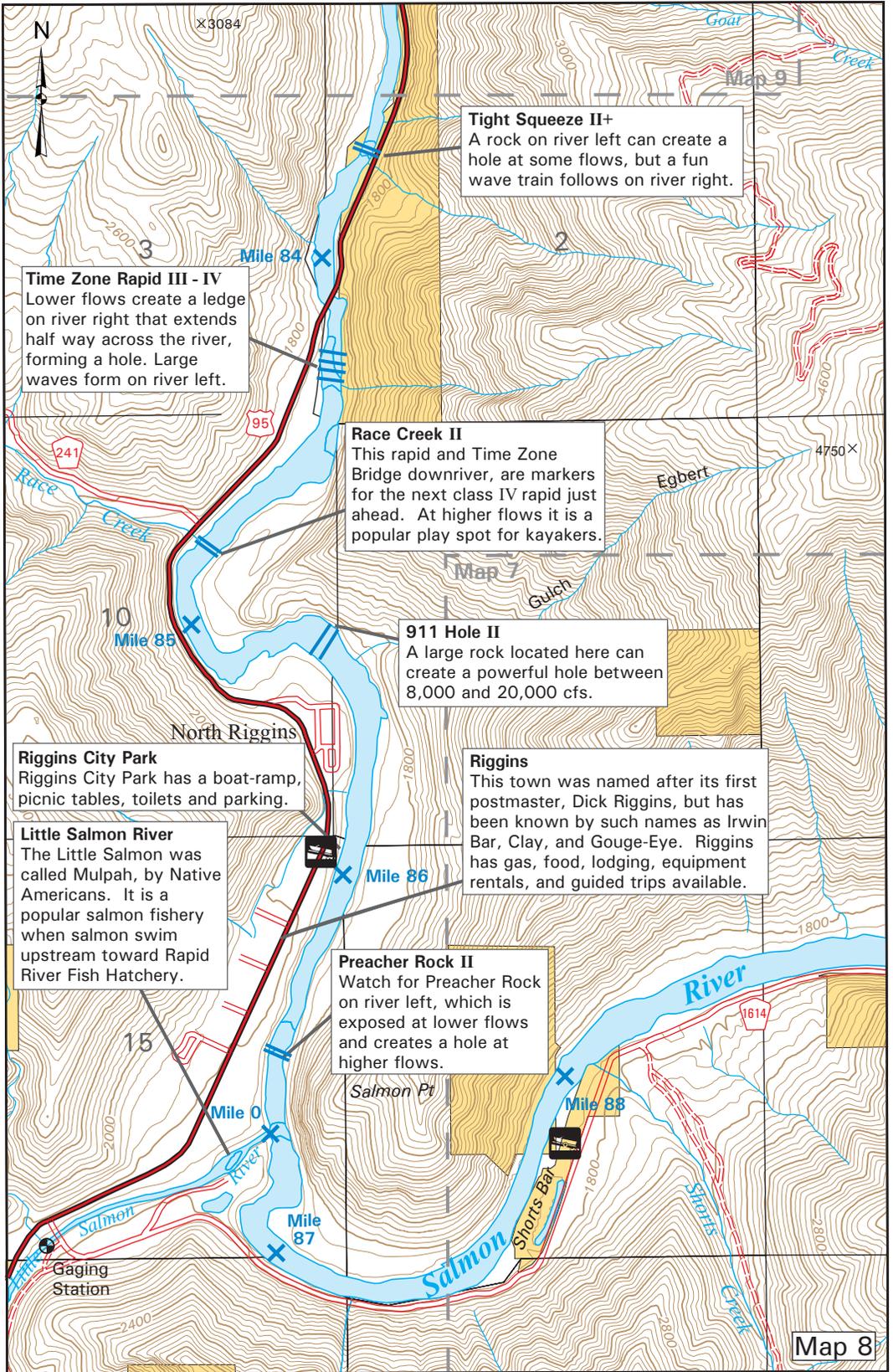
Chair Creek III
Between 28,000 and 35,000 cfs a large wave train is great fun. Below 27,000 cfs the entry wave becomes a hole.

Cherry Creek II
Waves form here at lower flows.

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T 24 N

Map 8

Map 9



Tight Squeeze II+
A rock on river left can create a hole at some flows, but a fun wave train follows on river right.

Time Zone Rapid III - IV
Lower flows create a ledge on river right that extends half way across the river, forming a hole. Large waves form on river left.

Race Creek II
This rapid and Time Zone Bridge downriver, are markers for the next class IV rapid just ahead. At higher flows it is a popular play spot for kayakers.

911 Hole II
A large rock located here can create a powerful hole between 8,000 and 20,000 cfs.

Riggins City Park
Riggins City Park has a boat-ramp, picnic tables, toilets and parking.

Little Salmon River
The Little Salmon was called Mulpah, by Native Americans. It is a popular salmon fishery when salmon swim upstream toward Rapid River Fish Hatchery.

Riggins
This town was named after its first postmaster, Dick Riggins, but has been known by such names as Irwin Bar, Clay, and Gouge-Eye. Riggins has gas, food, lodging, equipment rentals, and guided trips available.

Preacher Rock II
Watch for Preacher Rock on river left, which is exposed at lower flows and creates a hole at higher flows.

The river turns north at Riggins. **Note the change in map orientation at this point in the guide

Shorts Bar
Shorts Bar is a BLM recreation site with toilets, a boat ramp, and camp sites. The large beach located here is a very popular place for day users.

Island Bar
This large bar becomes an island when water levels rise. Boats can be loaded and launched from the cobble area after crossing the cattle guard.

Berg Ranch
This ranch was named after August Berg, who settled here in 1864. There have been various owners since, including Scott Brundage, the namesake for Brundage Mountain.

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End of Access Road
Public access along this road is not permitted beyond this point.

Cat's Paw II
This short wave train is a popular location for kayakers at lower flows.

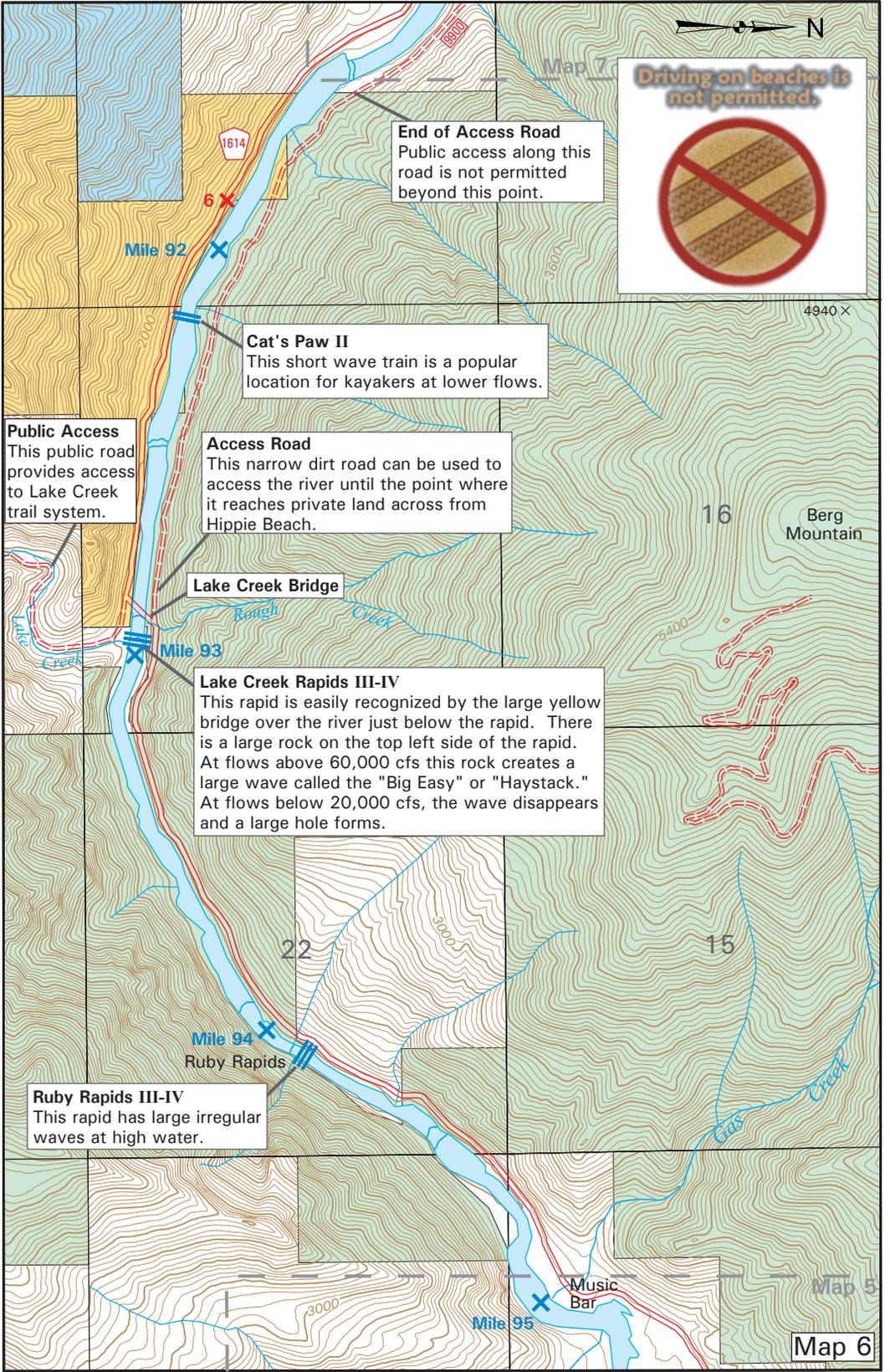
Public Access
This public road provides access to Lake Creek trail system.

Access Road
This narrow dirt road can be used to access the river until the point where it reaches private land across from Hippy Beach.

Lake Creek Bridge

Lake Creek Rapids III-IV
This rapid is easily recognized by the large yellow bridge over the river just below the rapid. There is a large rock on the top left side of the rapid. At flows above 60,000 cfs this rock creates a large wave called the "Big Easy" or "Haystack." At flows below 20,000 cfs, the wave disappears and a large hole forms.

Ruby Rapids III-IV
This rapid has large irregular waves at high water.



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Berg Mountain

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Music Bar

Mile 95

Mile 94
Ruby Rapids

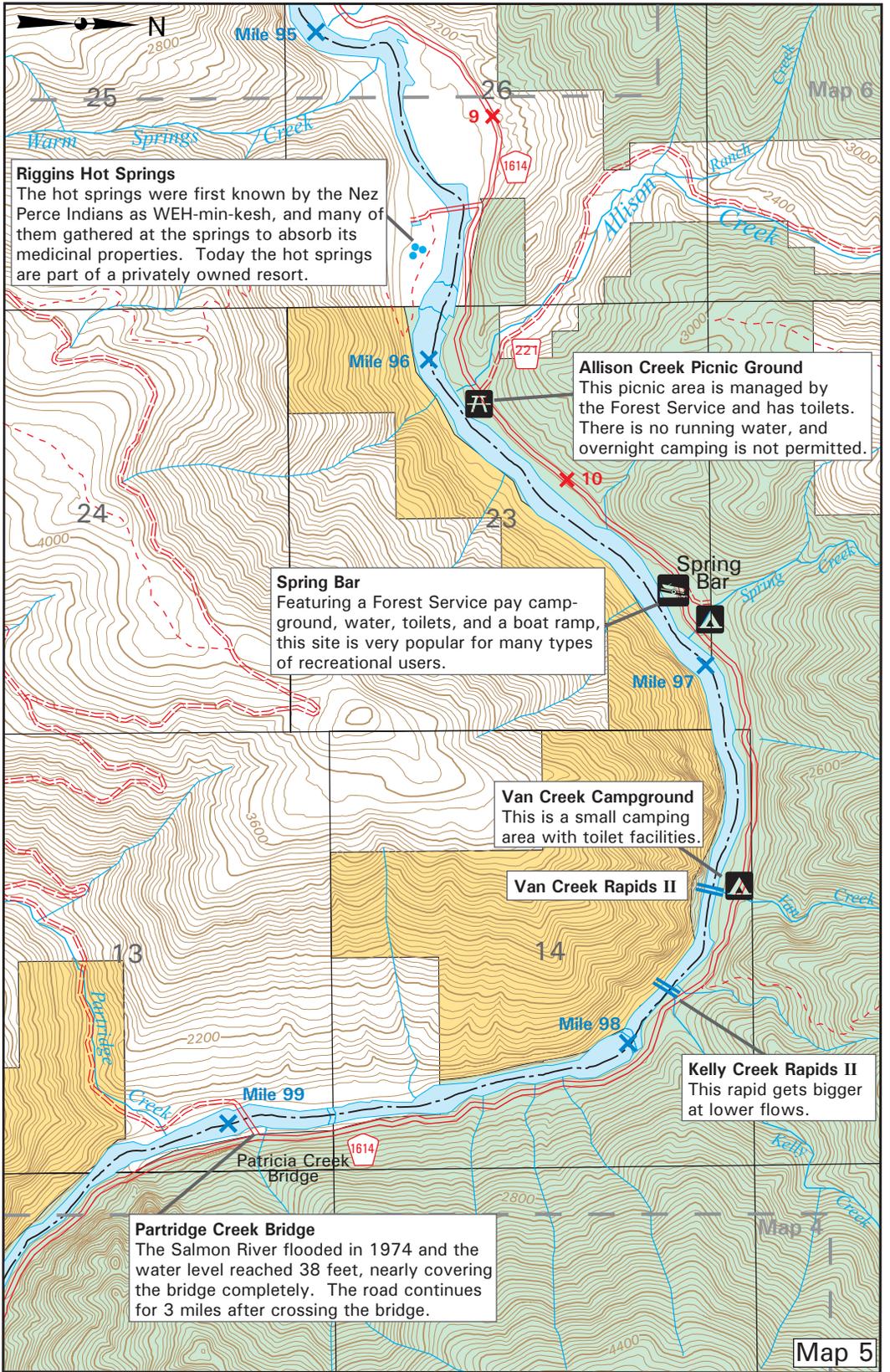
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Riggins Hot Springs
The hot springs were first known by the Nez Perce Indians as WEH-min-kesh, and many of them gathered at the springs to absorb its medicinal properties. Today the hot springs are part of a privately owned resort.

Allison Creek Picnic Ground
This picnic area is managed by the Forest Service and has toilets. There is no running water, and overnight camping is not permitted.

Spring Bar
Featuring a Forest Service pay campground, water, toilets, and a boat ramp, this site is very popular for many types of recreational users.

Van Creek Campground
This is a small camping area with toilet facilities.

Van Creek Rapids II

Kelly Creek Rapids II
This rapid gets bigger at lower flows.

Partridge Creek Bridge
The Salmon River flooded in 1974 and the water level reached 38 feet, nearly covering the bridge completely. The road continues for 3 miles after crossing the bridge.

The Crevice

The area below the Manning Bridge is known as "The Crevice." This was once the proposed site for an Army Corps of Engineers dam project. If built, the dam would have backed up water 200 feet over Shepp Ranch, located 24.3 miles upstream.

Manning Bridge

Mile 100

Manning Bridge

The Manning Bridge was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The bridge was named for a worker who fell from a bluff above the bridge on a nighttime return trip from Riggins.

Driving on beaches is not permitted.



Elkhorn Creek

George Shearer helped his parents run a ferry here in 1865. He was also an Idaho State legislator, traveling the distance between the ferry and Boise on snowshoes - a distance of 300 miles.

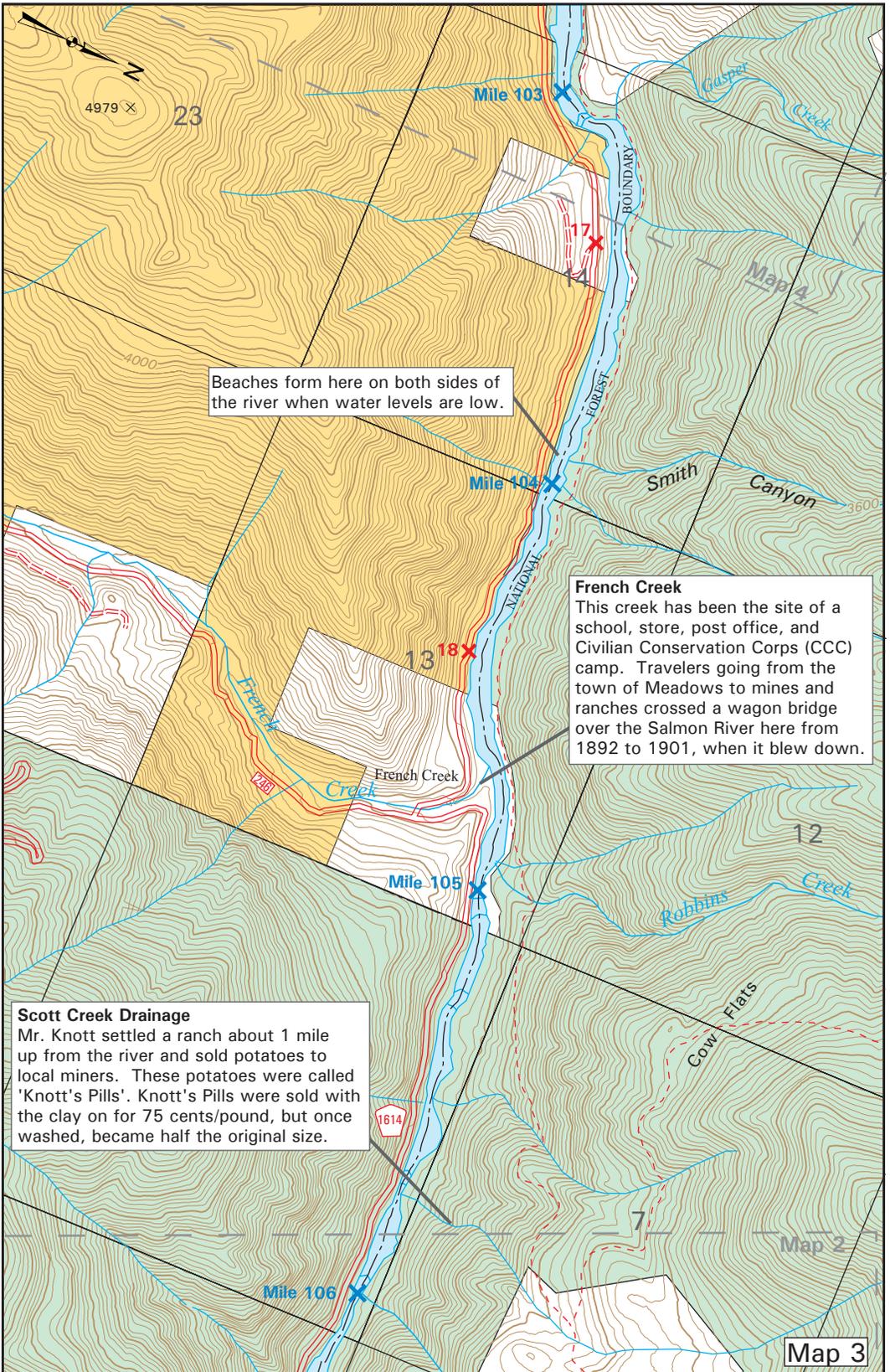
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Elkhorn Beaches

Two large beaches and two small beaches are located here. This site has toilet facilities and is a popular location for day users and car campers.

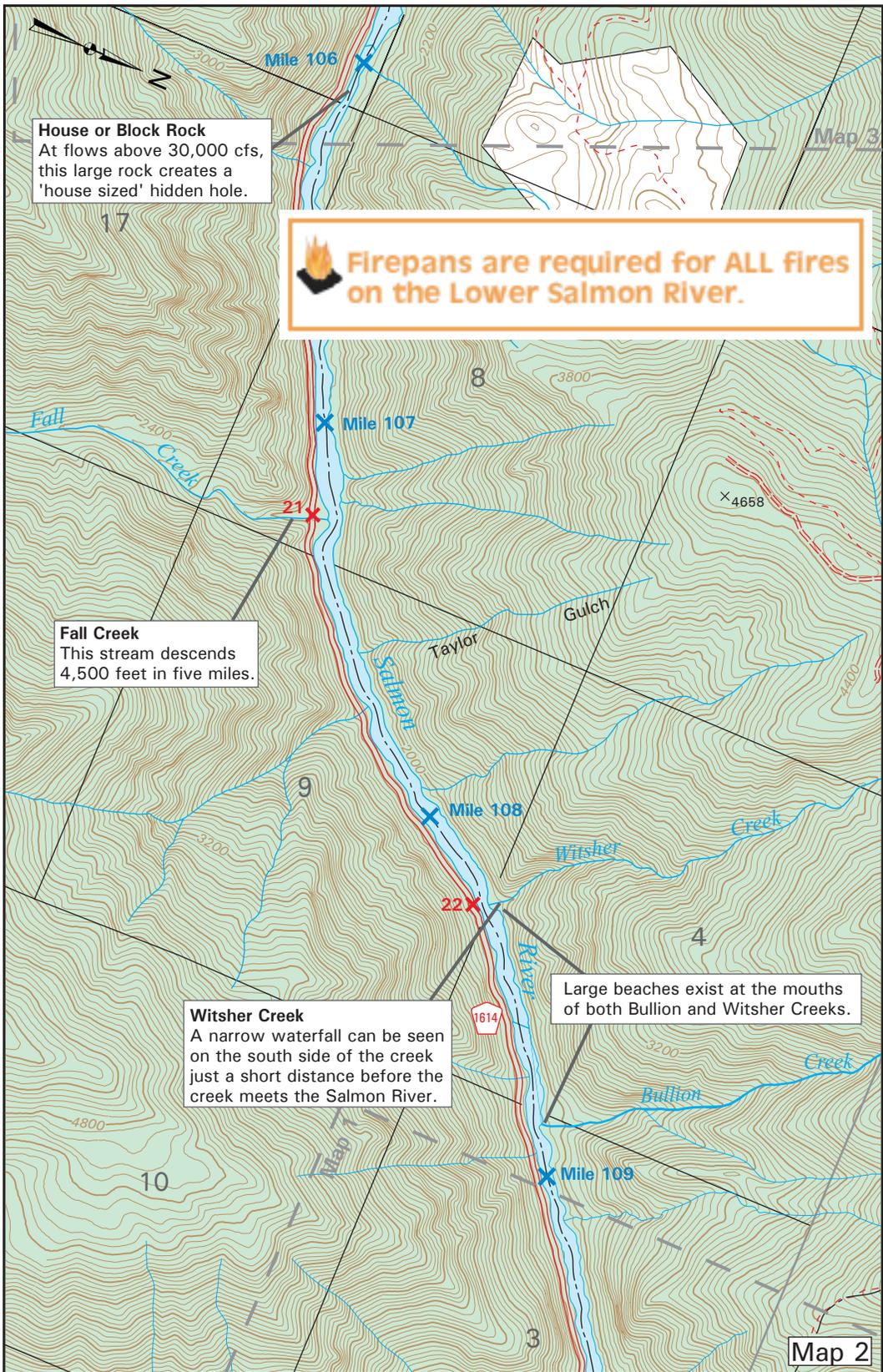
Mile 102



Beaches form here on both sides of the river when water levels are low.

French Creek
This creek has been the site of a school, store, post office, and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp. Travelers going from the town of Meadows to mines and ranches crossed a wagon bridge over the Salmon River here from 1892 to 1901, when it blew down.

Scott Creek Drainage
Mr. Knott settled a ranch about 1 mile up from the river and sold potatoes to local miners. These potatoes were called 'Knott's Pills'. Knott's Pills were sold with the clay on for 75 cents/pound, but once washed, became half the original size.



House or Block Rock
At flows above 30,000 cfs, this large rock creates a 'house sized' hidden hole.

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Fall Creek
This stream descends 4,500 feet in five miles.

Witsher Creek
A narrow waterfall can be seen on the south side of the creek just a short distance before the creek meets the Salmon River.

Large beaches exist at the mouths of both Bullion and Witsher Creeks.

