

# Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail



**SNAKE  
RIVER  
WATER  
TRAIL**

## Reach Maps











*There's nothing . . . absolutely nothing . . . half so  
much worth doing as simply messing around in  
boats.*

Kenneth Grahame,  
*The Wind in the Willows*







## REACH 1

Glenns Ferry to  
Loveridge Bridge

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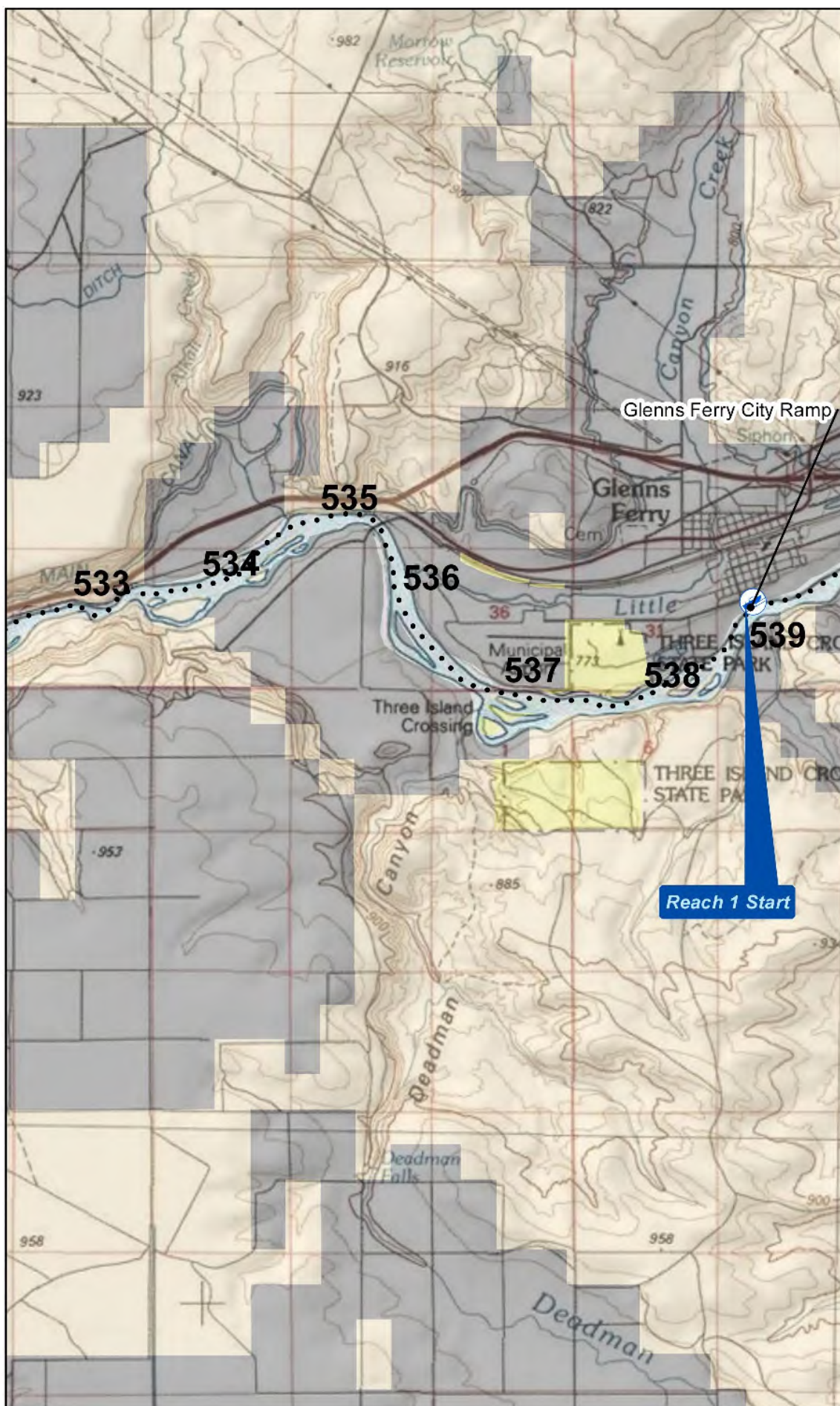
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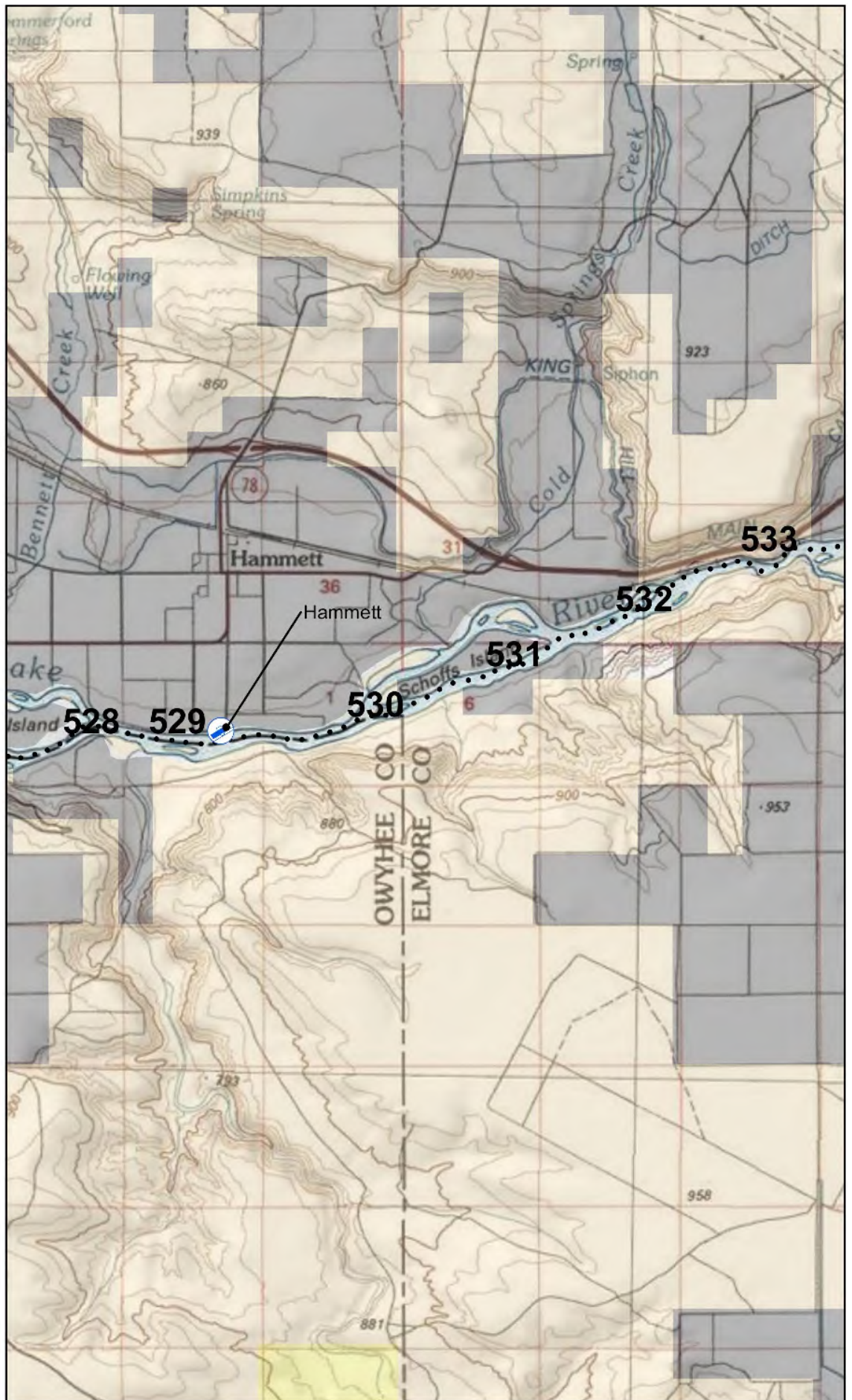
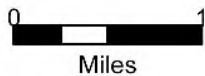
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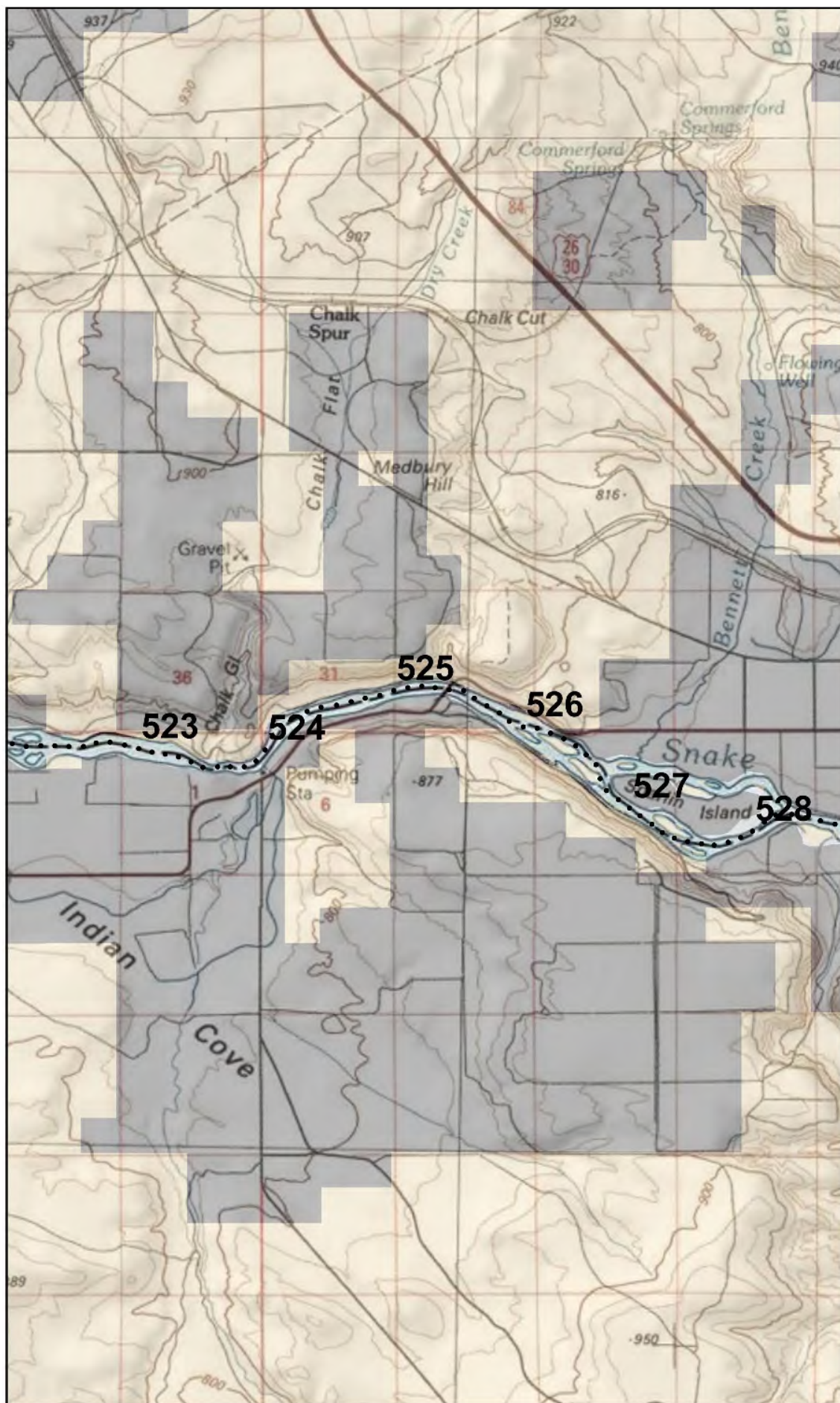
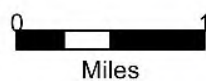
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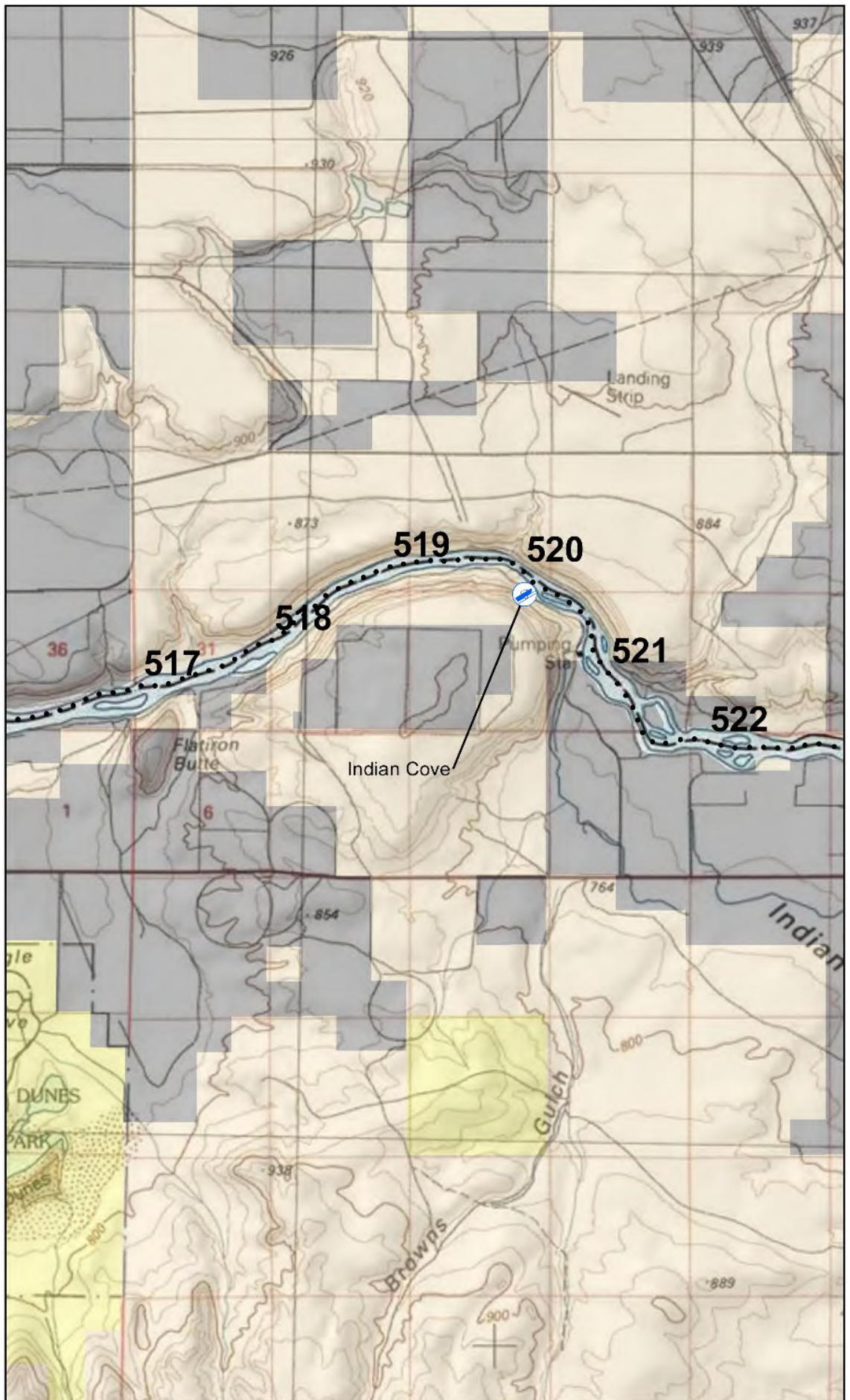
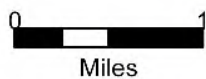
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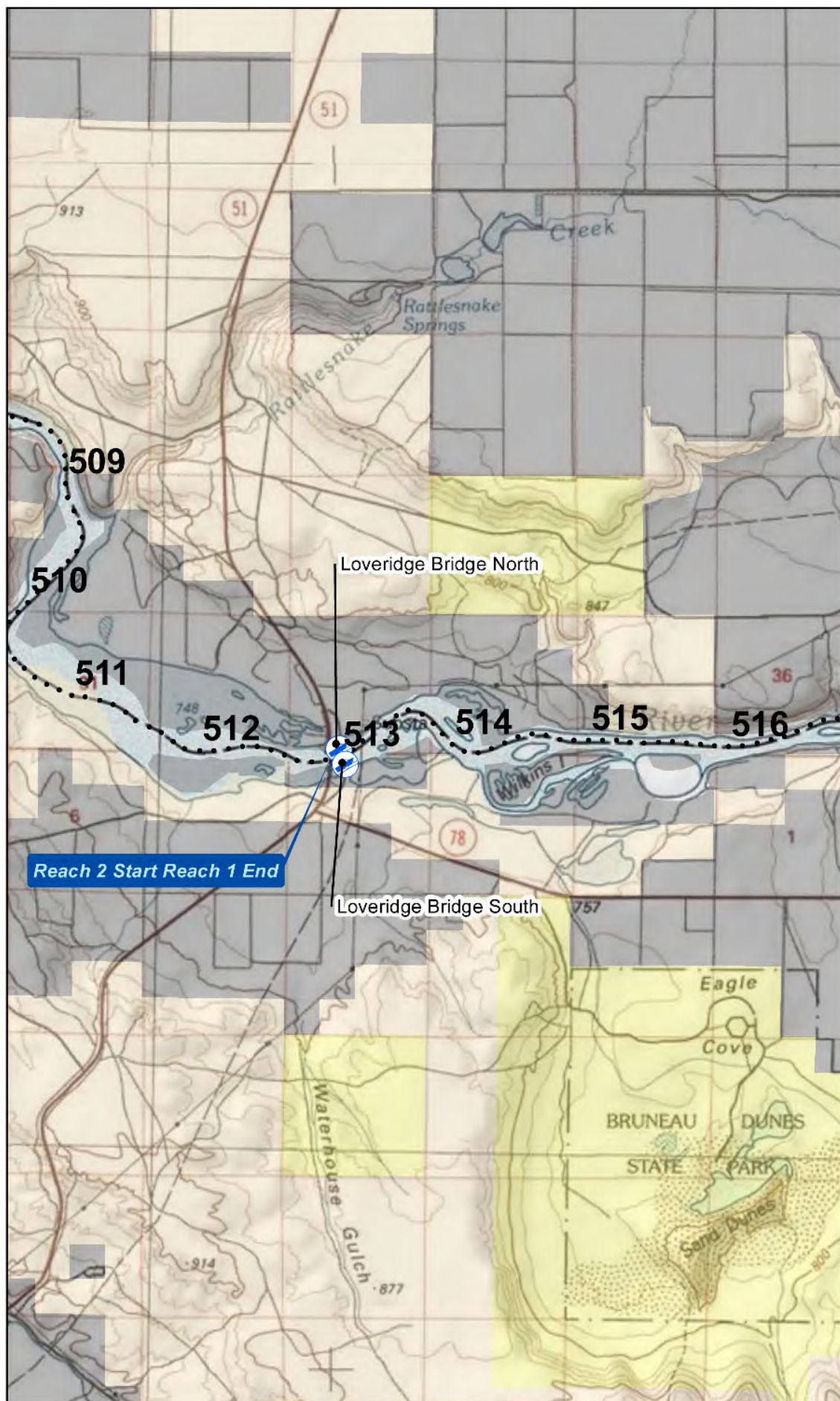
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## REACH 2

Loveridge Bridge  
to CJ Strike

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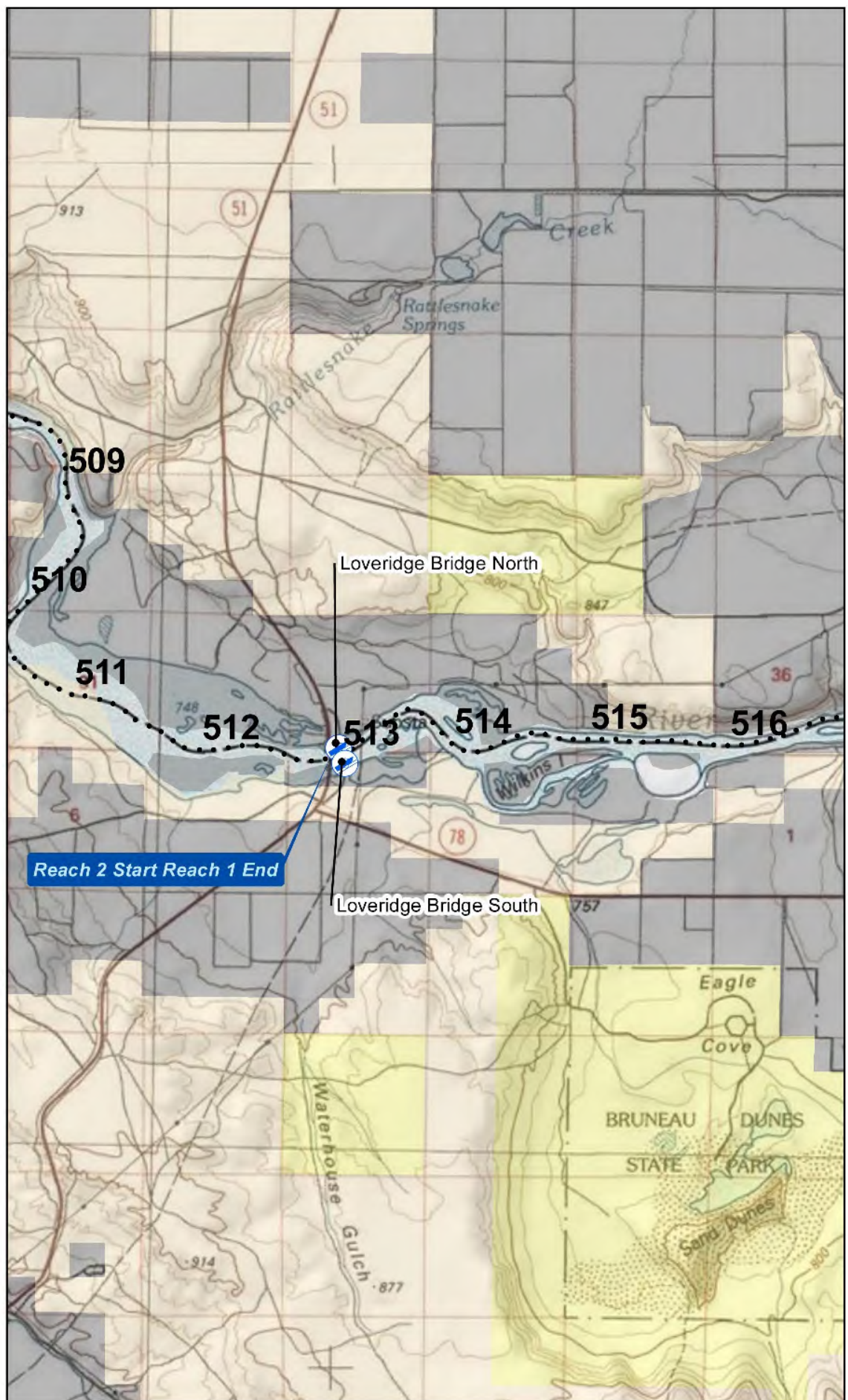
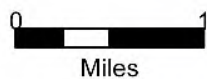
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## REACH 2

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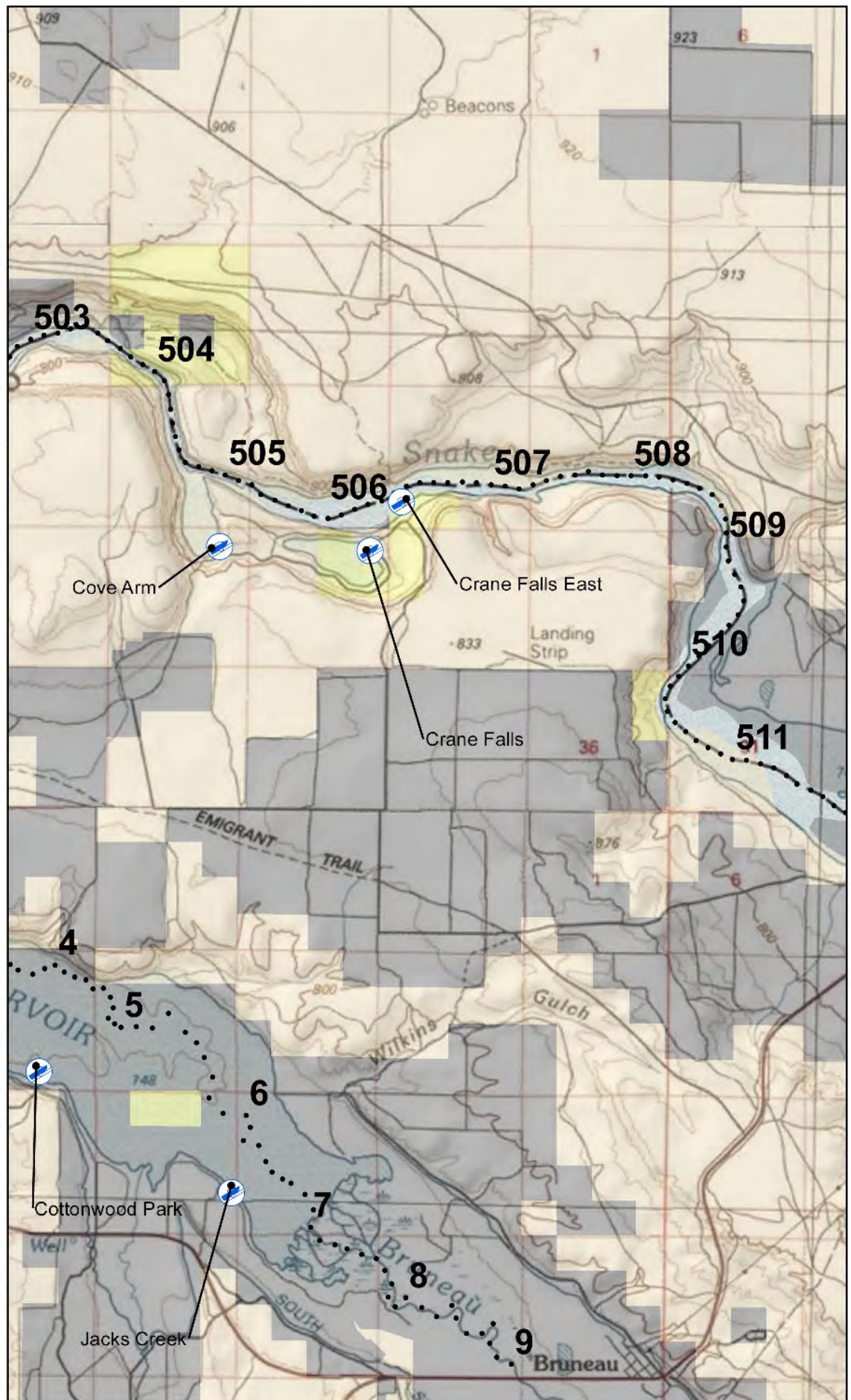
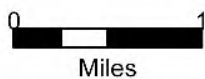
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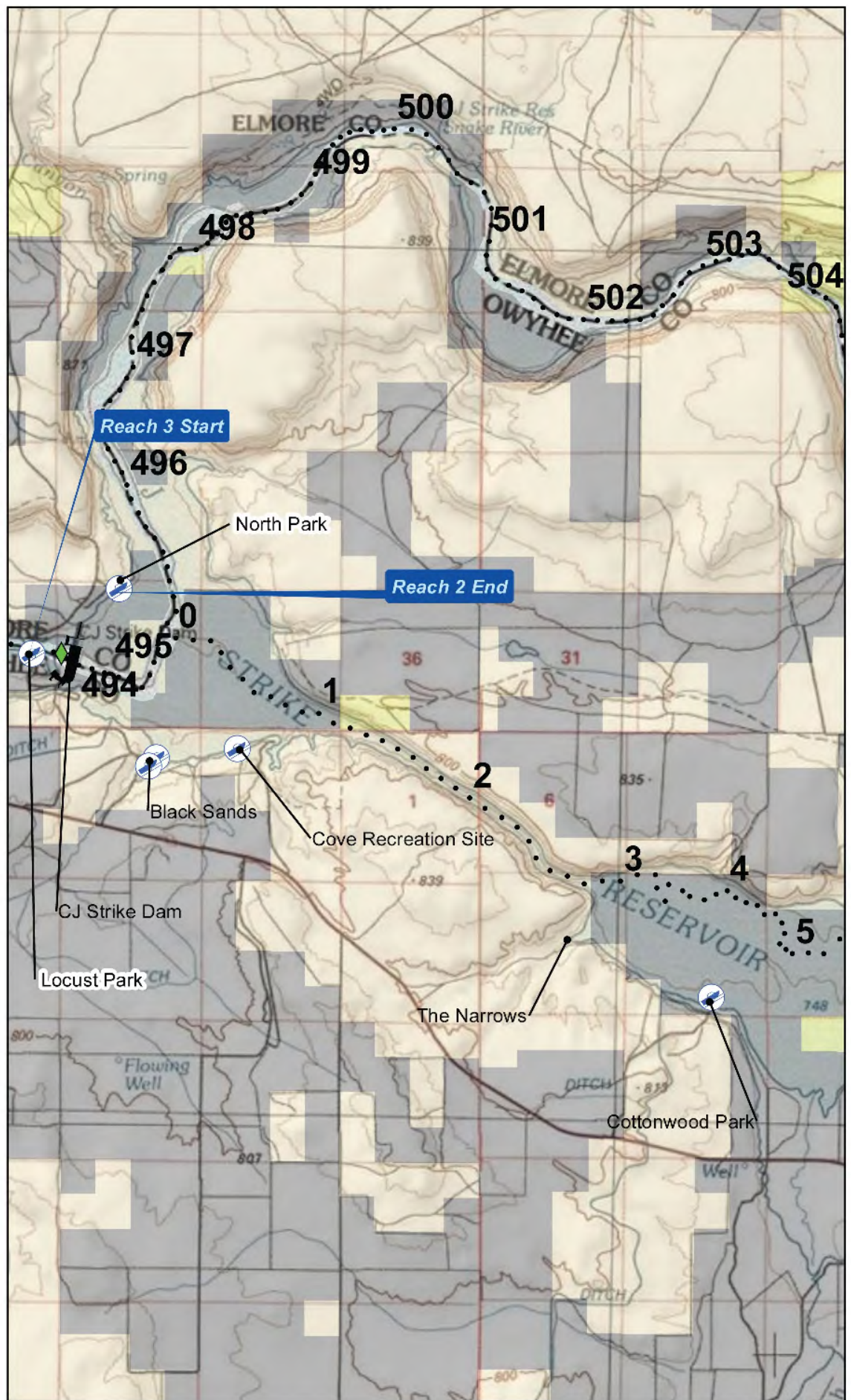
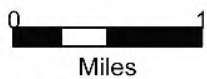
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

CJ Strike to  
Swan Falls

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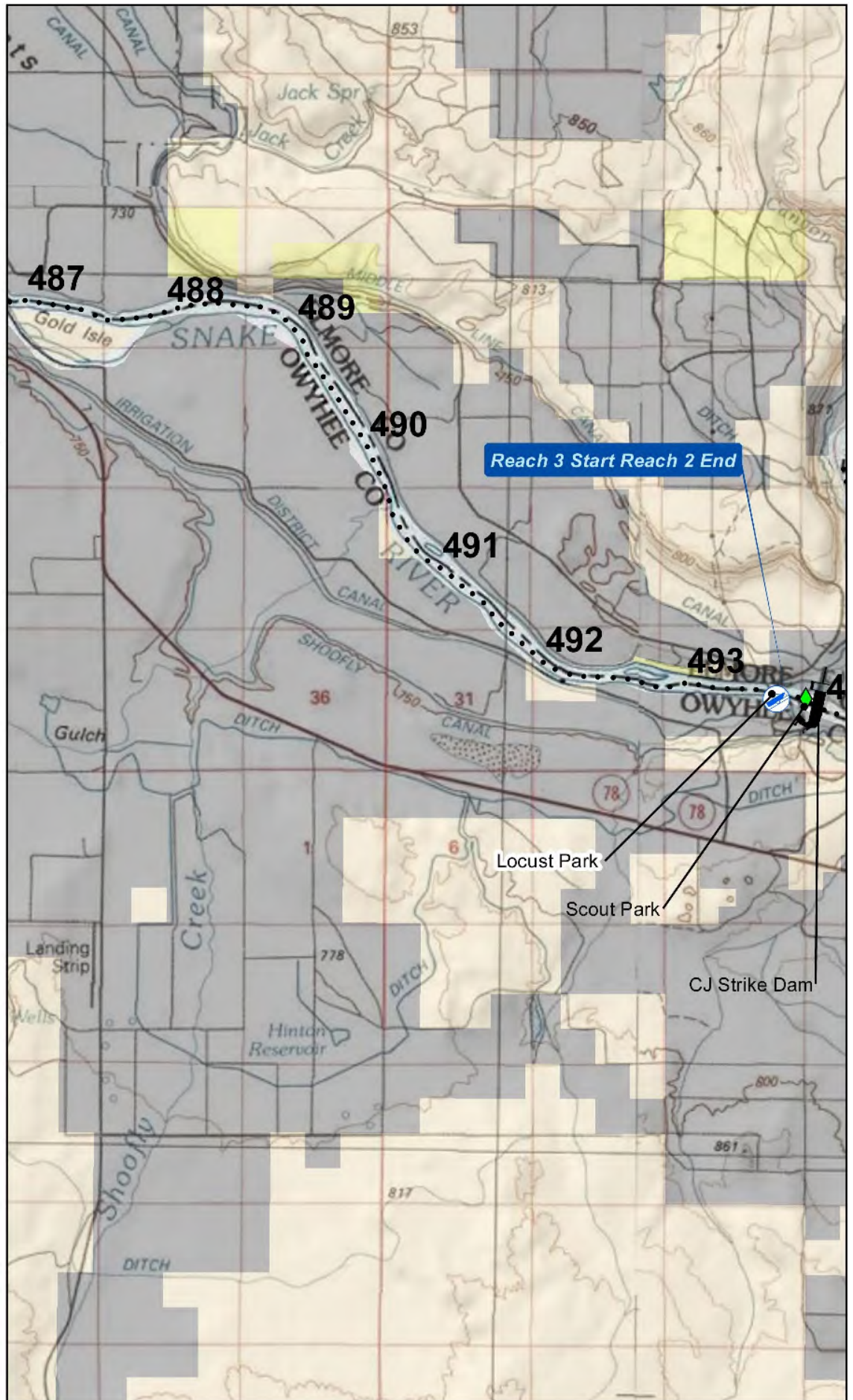
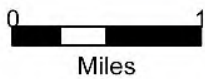
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## REACH 3

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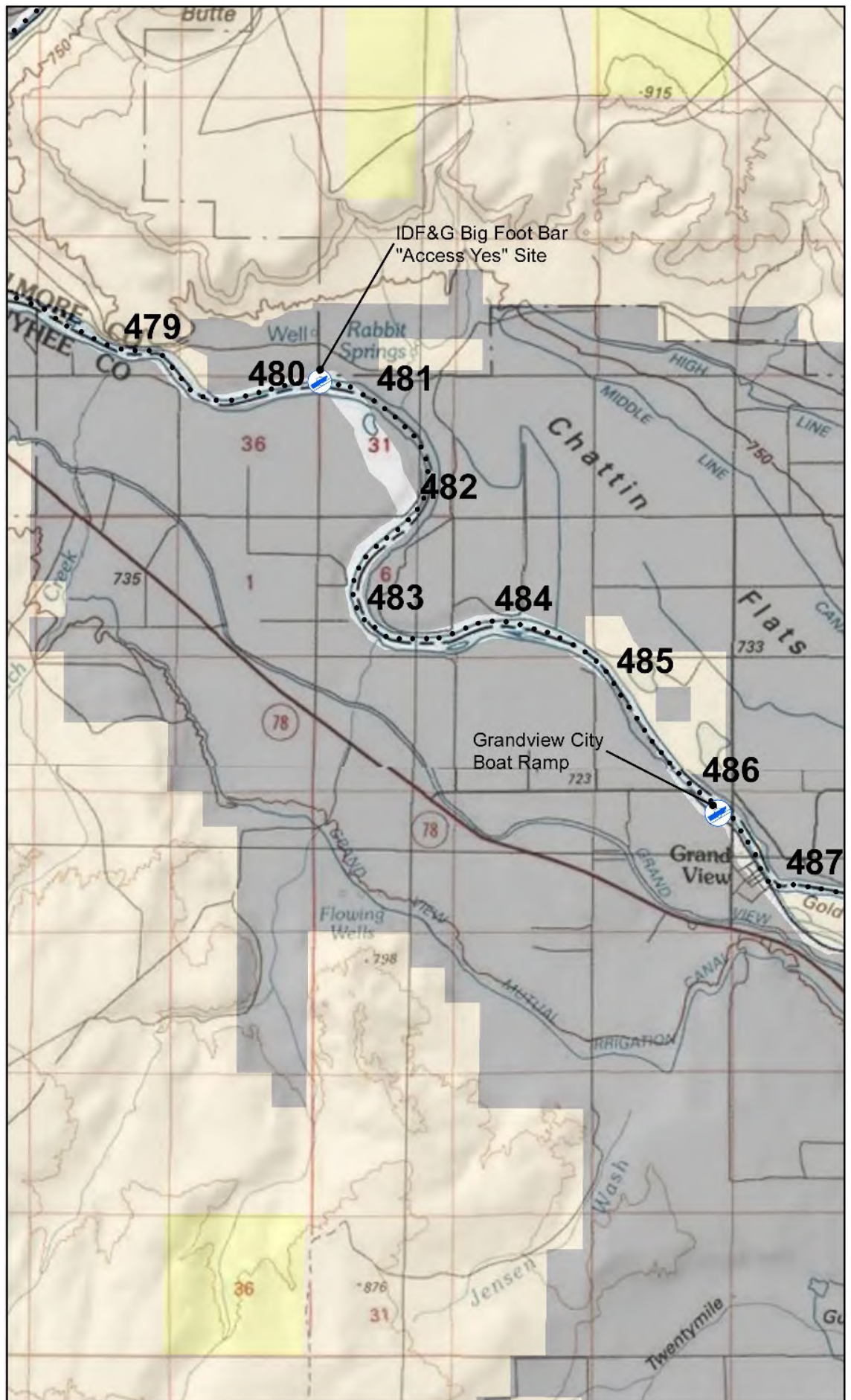
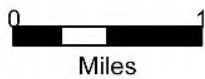
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


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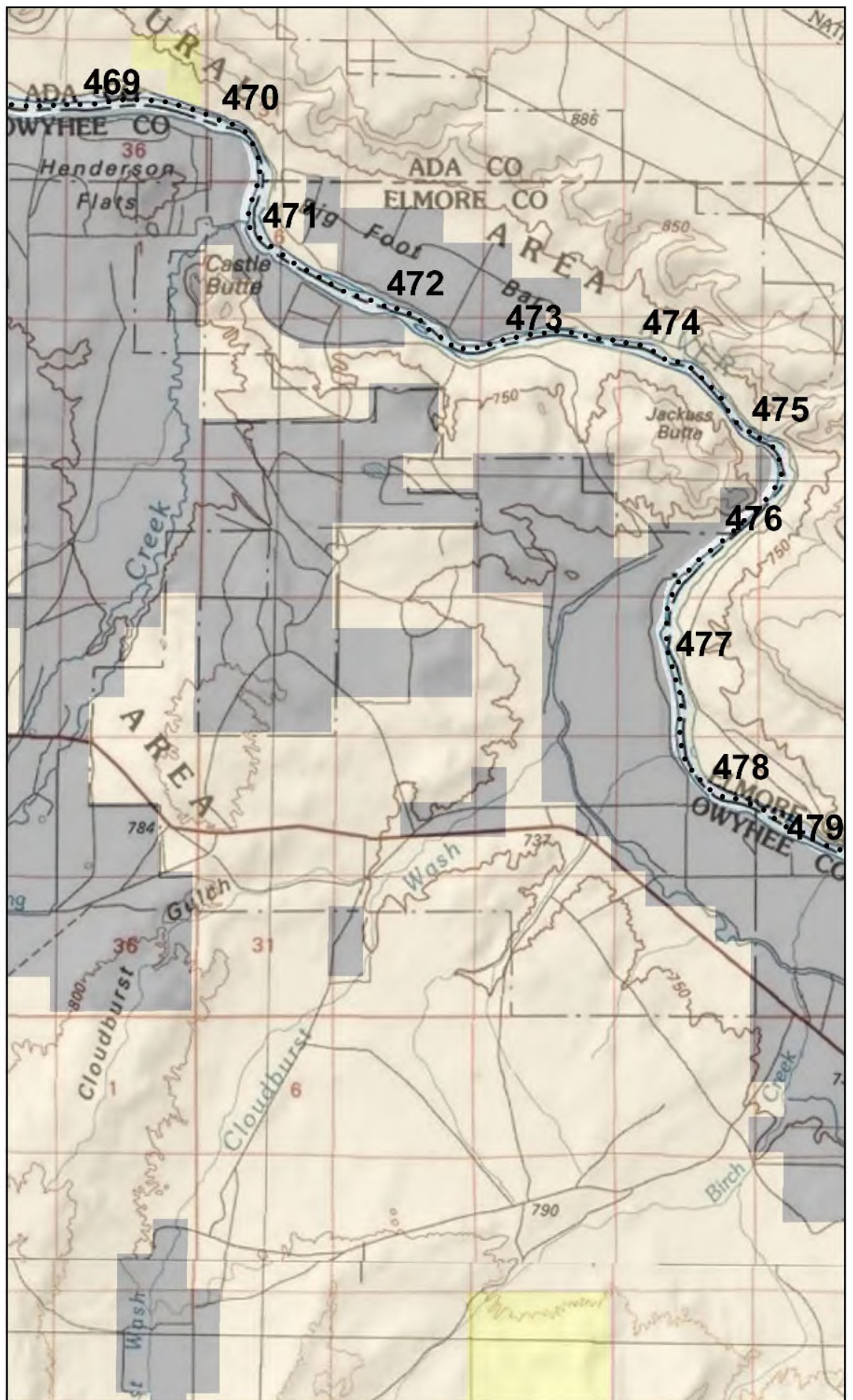
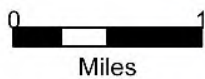
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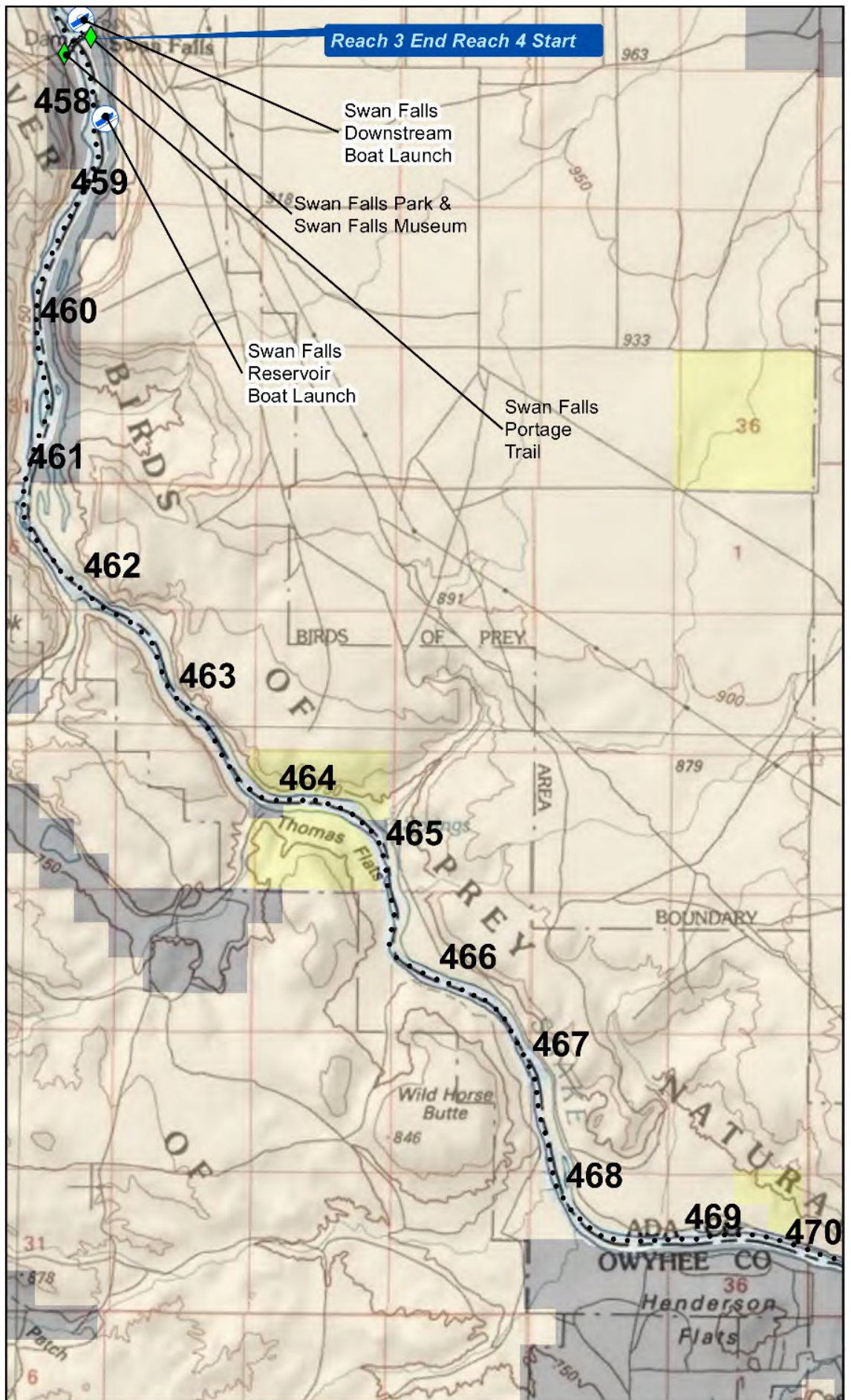
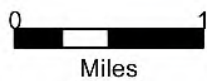
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## REACH 4

Swan Falls to  
Celebration Park

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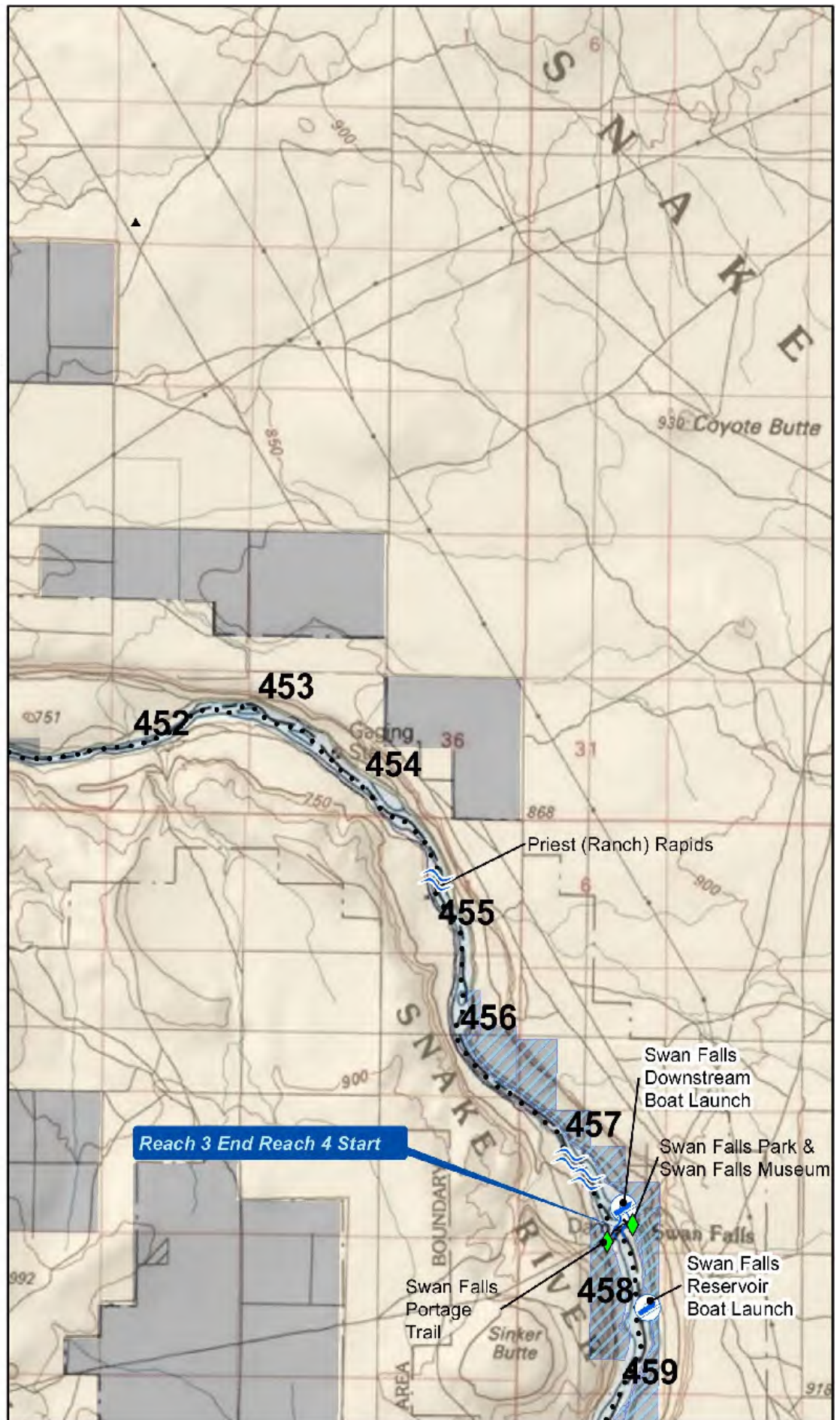
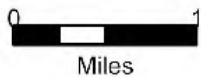
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Celebration Park

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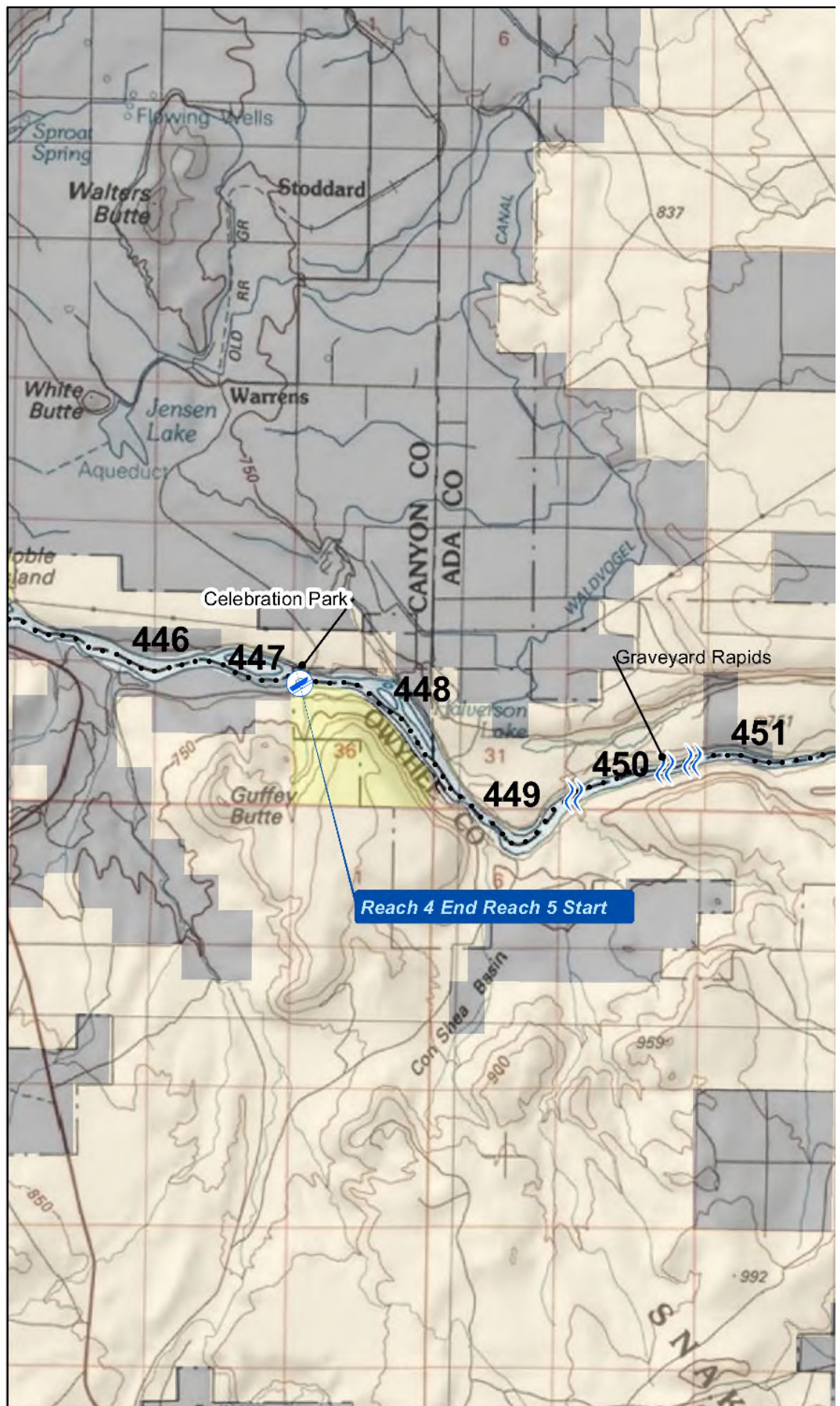
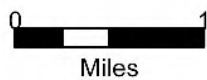
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### Land Ownership

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## REACH 5

Celebration Park  
to Walters Ferry

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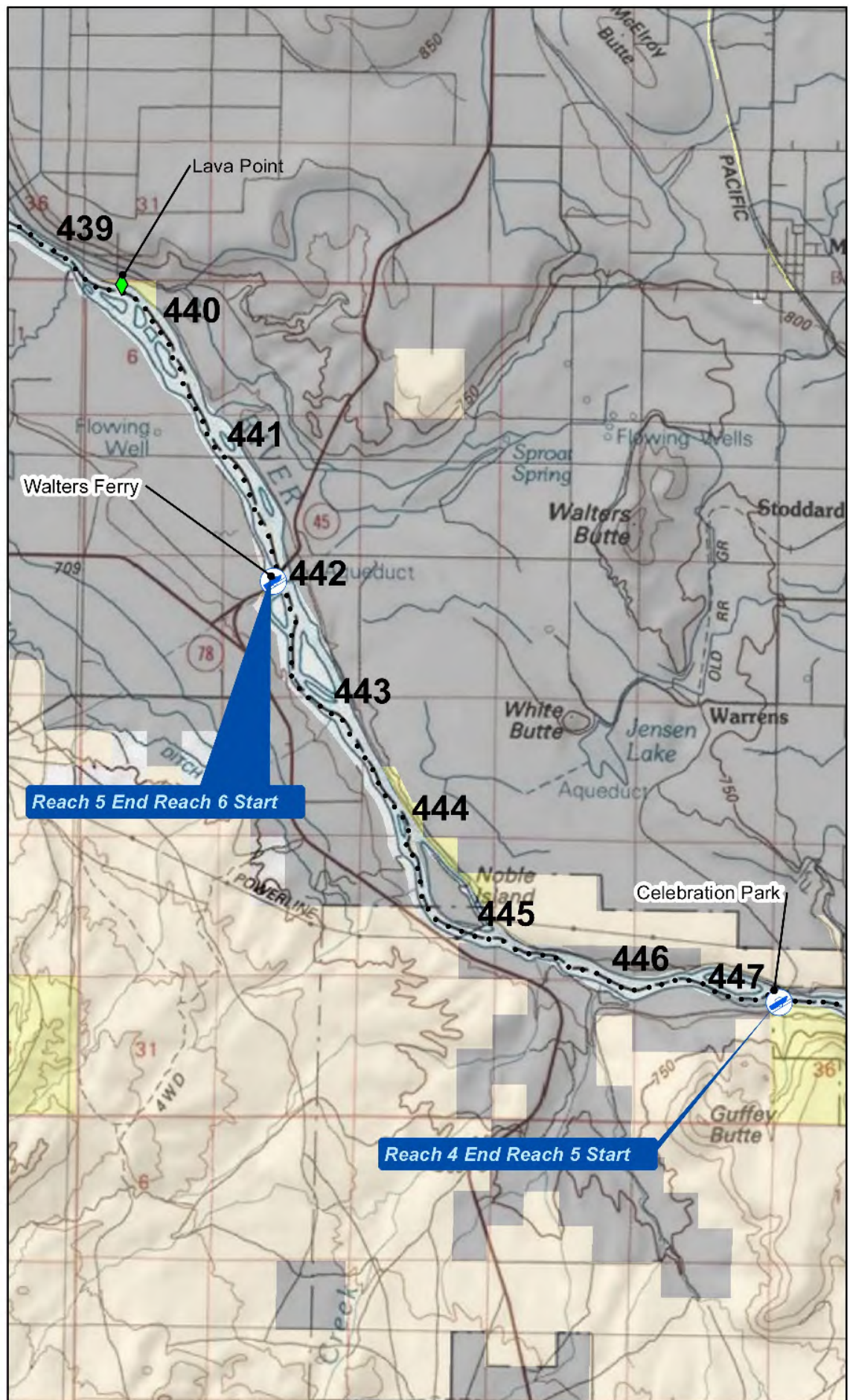
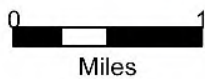
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# *The Snake River*



People have floated, camped, fished and farmed along the Snake River for at least the last 11,000 years. We can be certain that not all of these people referred to this miraculous, western waterway as the Snake River. Just during the last 250 years the river we call the Snake has had a surprising array of names.

Currently, it is believed that the Snake River was named for the people that lived along its reaches, most likely Shoshoni Indians. Plains Indians to the east referred to these nomadic bands as the “Snake”.







Idaho State Historical Society Reference Series indicates that Blackfeet found Shoshoni sticks with snake heads painted on them in 1784 which may have contributed to the term “Snake”. The conventionalized sign language used by Indians to designate these people is a sort of snake-like motion and the Plains Siouan language term for the people along the Snake River was snake or rattlesnake. Regardless, as explorers ventured west into the land of the “Snake” they followed their river.

Spring snow melts of the Two Ocean Plateau in Yellowstone National Park are responsible for the Snake and Missouri Rivers. Together they constitute over 5000 miles of American riverways flowing into two oceans. Rills of Wyoming, runoff destined to be the Snake River, capture each other, filling Jackson Lake in Grand Teton National Park. Lake water spills through Jackson Hole, flows west through Wyoming’s Snake River Canyon and exits at Alpine Junction. Idaho catches the Snake at Palisades Reservoir.

As the Snake River flows east it captures the Henry’s Fork, the Teton River, the Portneuf River and the Raft River. On its lower course it captures the Bruneau River, the Malad River, the Boise River, Owyhee River, Malheur, Payette, Weiser and Burnt Rivers. After capturing the Salmon, the Grande Ronde and Clearwater Rivers, it joins the Columbia River on its way to the Pacific. The Snake River flows 1,040 miles through four western states. It drains about 108,000 square miles, gouging the deepest canyons in North America.

On a parallel course of thought, the time line of human occupation along the Snake River begins with broad spectrum foragers, semisedentary foragers and eventually equestrian foragers or bison dependent tribes. French expeditions failed twice, in the late 1700’s, to contact the “Snake” Indians. The French sought the Snake River as a convenient way to the Pacific Ocean. After Louisiana was transferred to the United States, the Lewis and Clark Expedition succeeded in exploring the lower Snake River. The Astor Expedition, John C. Fremont, Benjamin Bonneville, the British Northwest Company and Hudson Bay Company sent large expeditions along the Snake River in search of furs and precious metals. In the middle 1800’s the Oregon Trail which followed much of the Snake River through Idaho brought a major influx of Euro-American settlers to the State.

The modern history of the Snake River is studded with dams. Dams for irrigation of agricultural areas and dams for the generation of hydroelectric power are found all along the course of the Snake River. Arguably, dams created the economy of modern Idaho. Tamed reaches or wild, cradled in steep canyons or spread across fertile valleys, the nation’s fourth largest river, The Snake, is the life vessel of Idaho.

### **Did you know about Parting of the Waters?!**

**Snow on the ridge that forms the Continental Divide along Two Oceans Plateau in Yellowstone National Park melts to create North Two Ocean Creek. As it flows south it squarely hits the ridge that forms the summit of Two Oceans Pass where it splits in two. Water from this creek is sent down each side of the Divide, half destined for the Snake River and the Pacific Ocean and half destined for the Yellowstone, Missouri and Mississippi Rivers to the Atlantic. This phenomenon is the “Parting of the Waters” National Natural Landmark.**

#### **Other Names for the Snake River:**

**Paiupa  
Barlow’s Fork  
Shoshone River**

**Yampa-pah  
Lewis Fork**

**Po-og-way  
Lewis River**

**Road River  
Mad River**

**Sagebrush River  
Saptin River**



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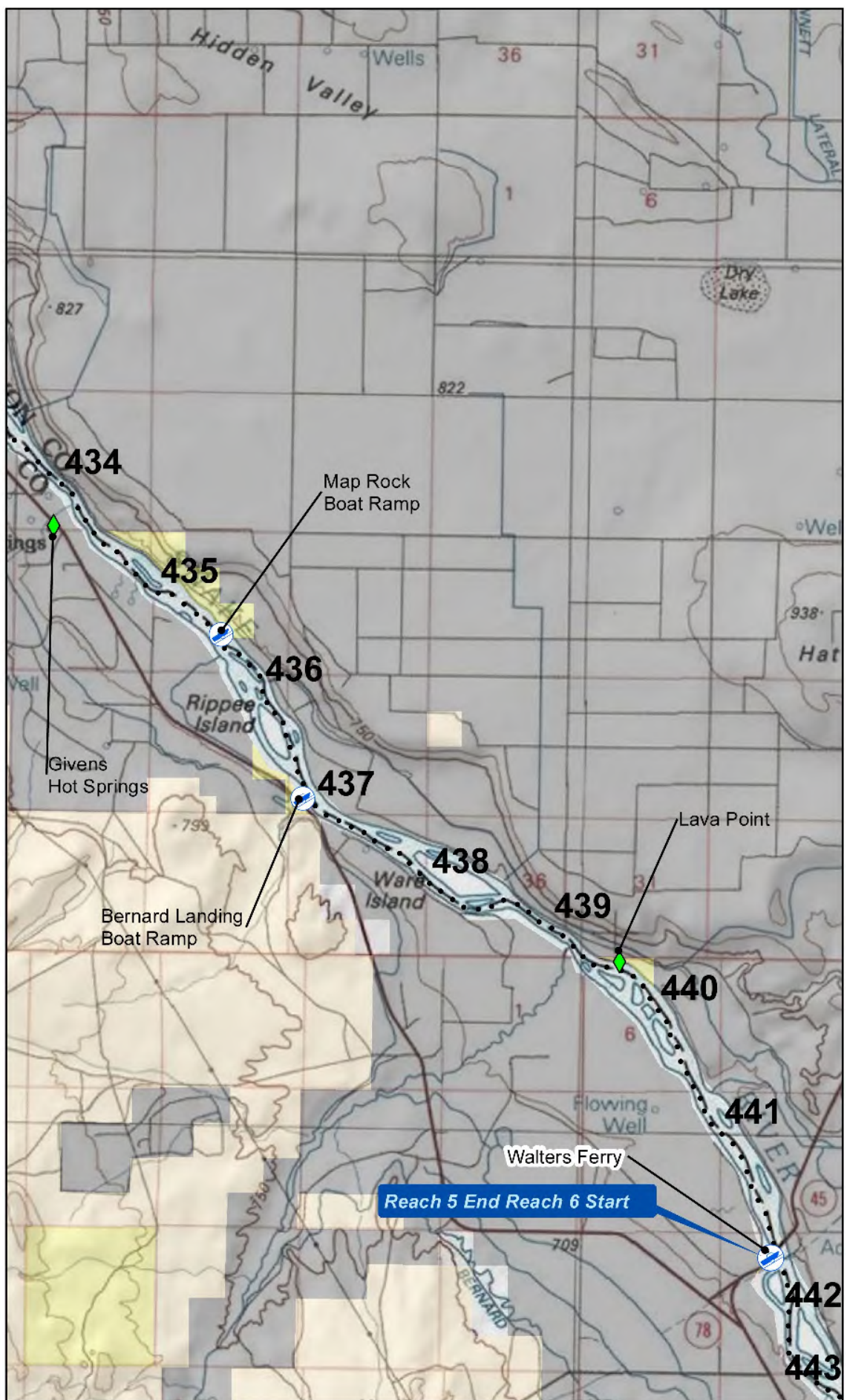
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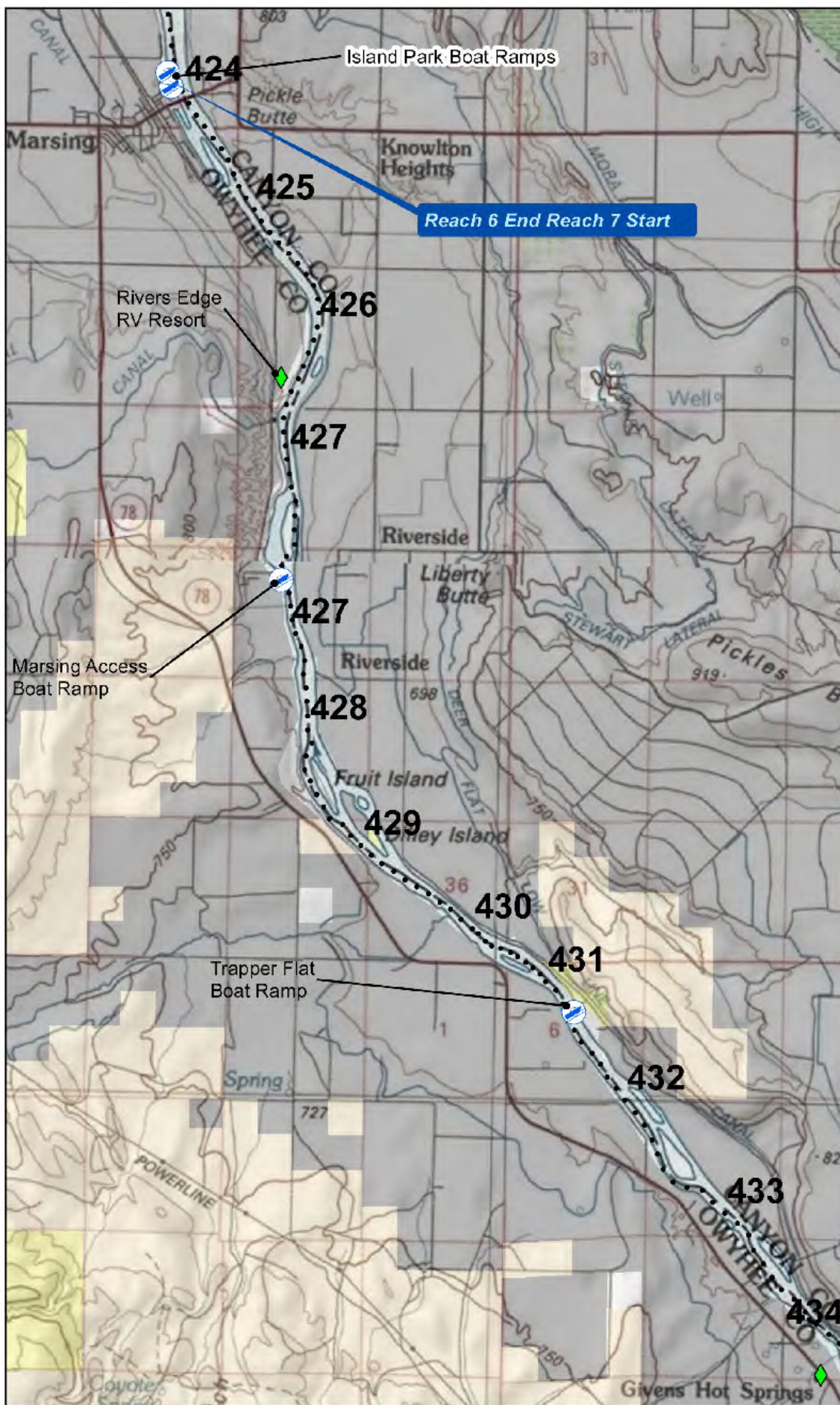
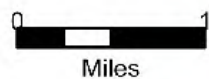
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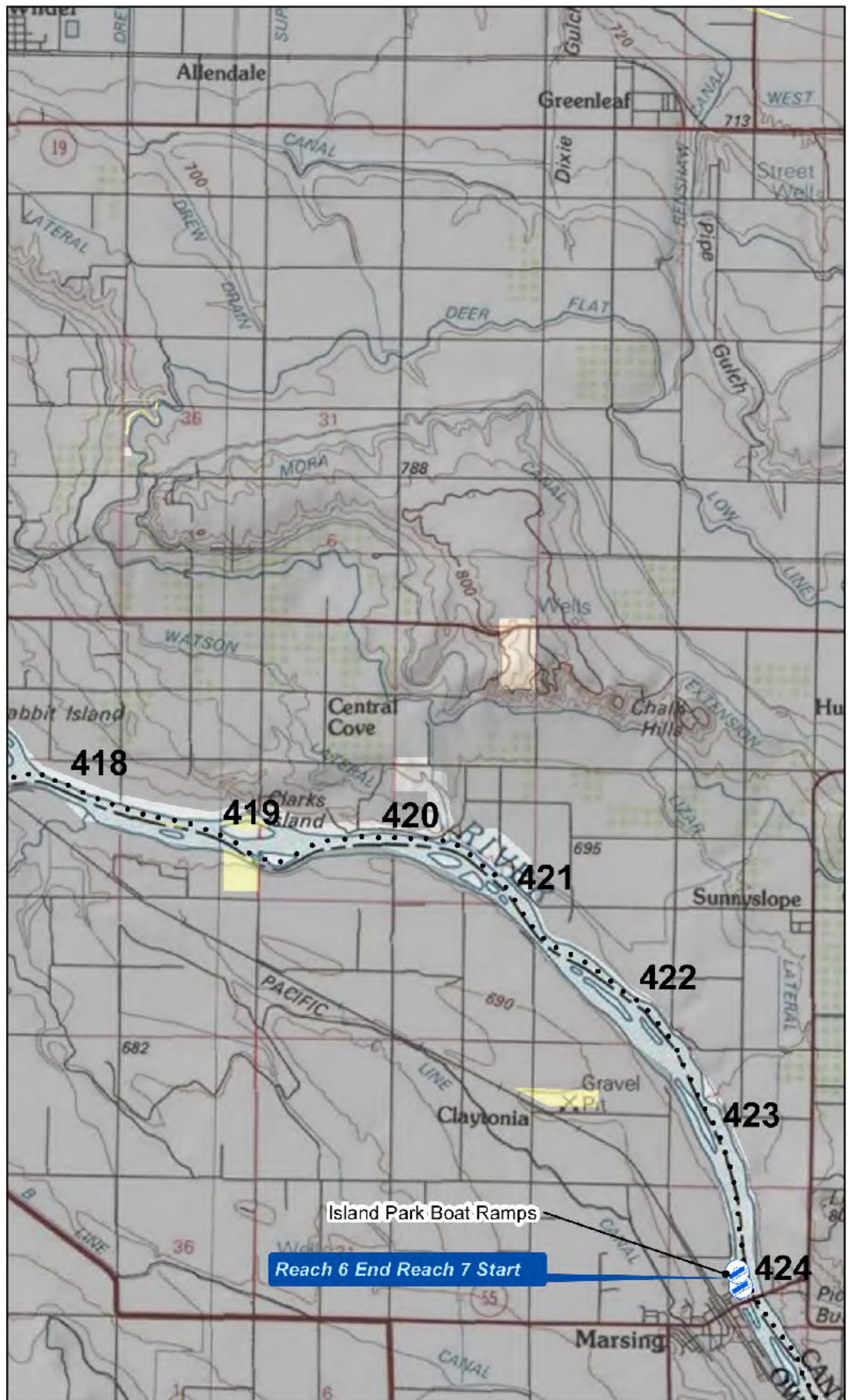
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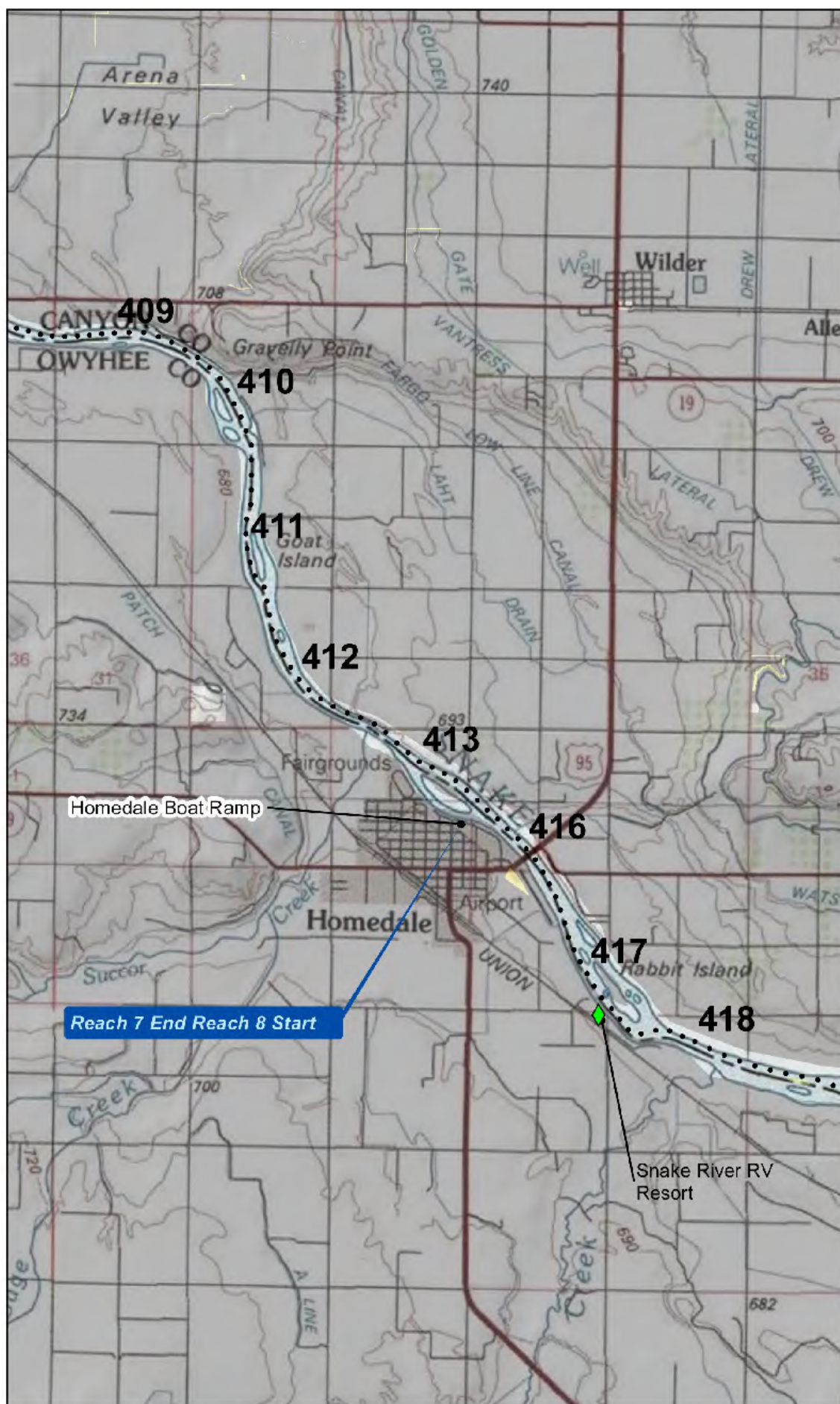
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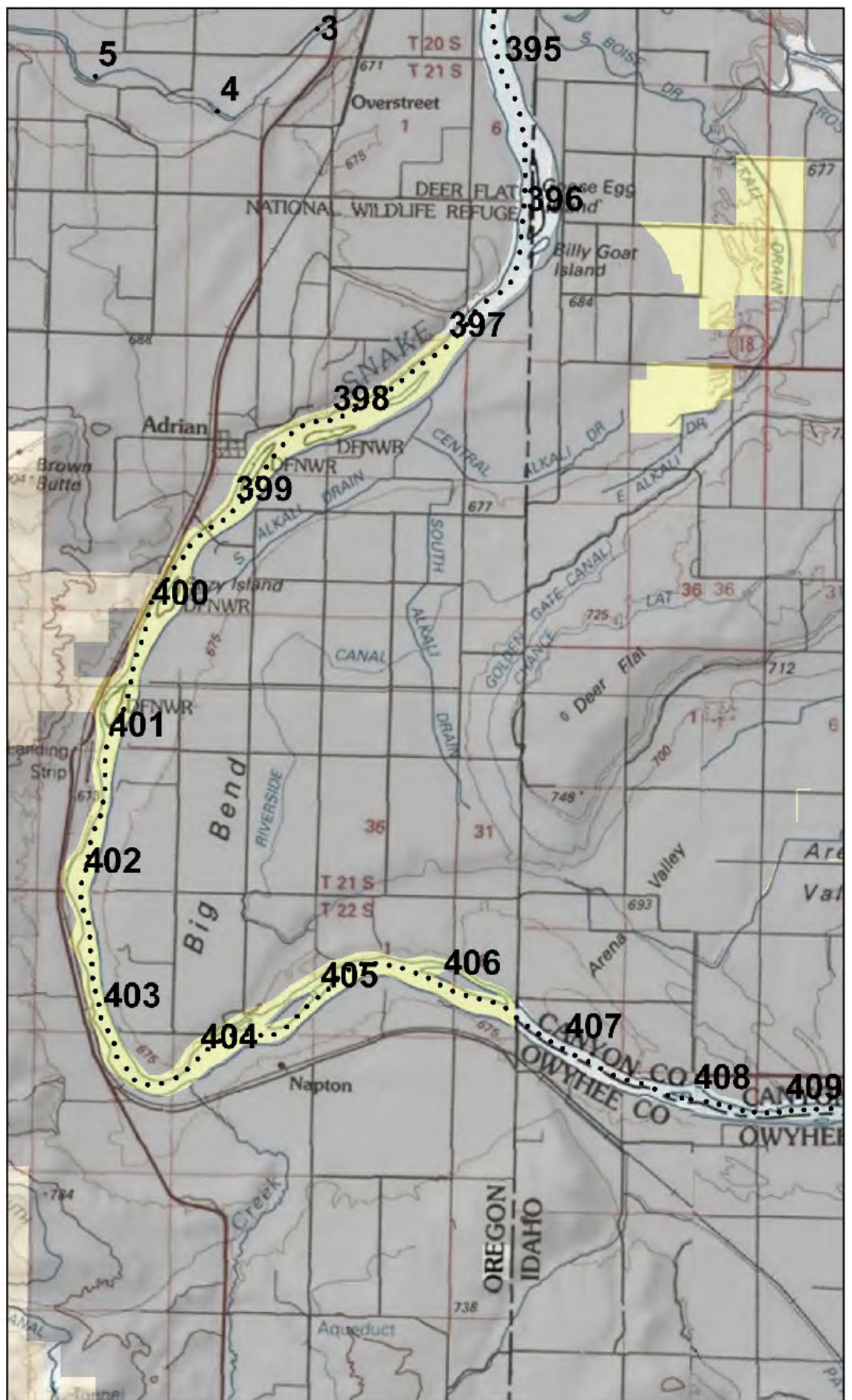
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


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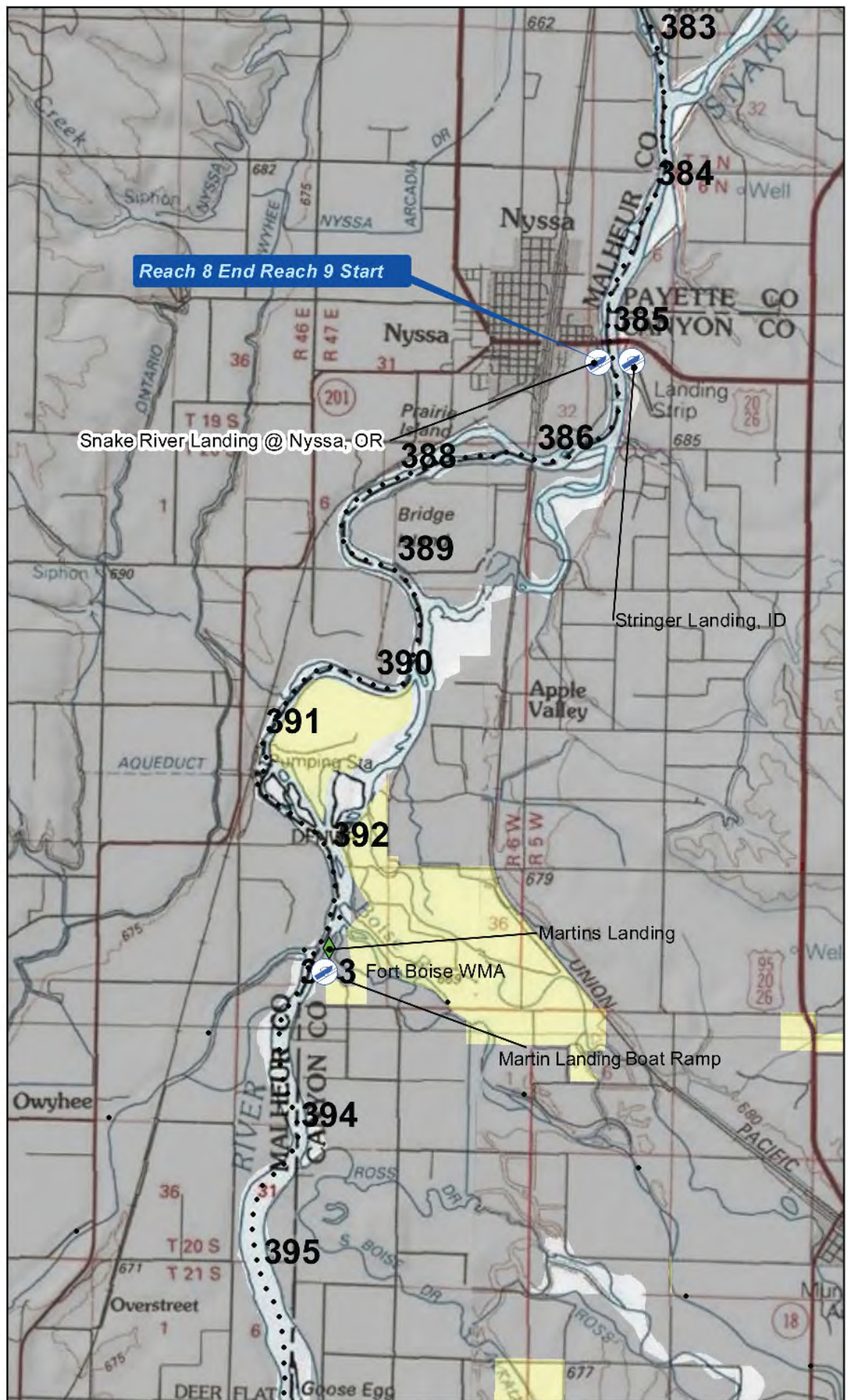
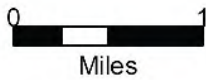
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## REACH 9

Nyssa to  
Payette

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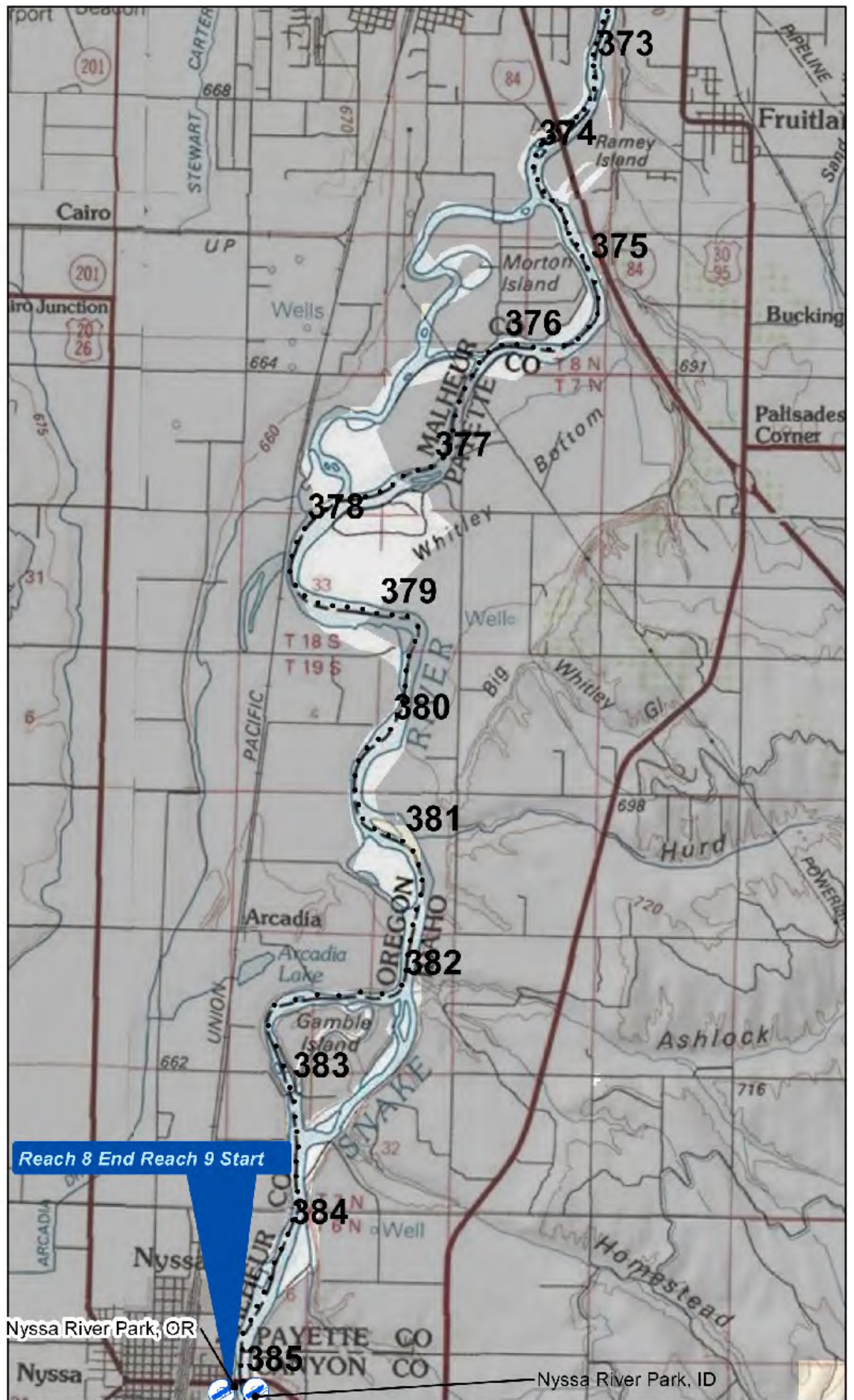
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## REACH 9

Nyssa to  
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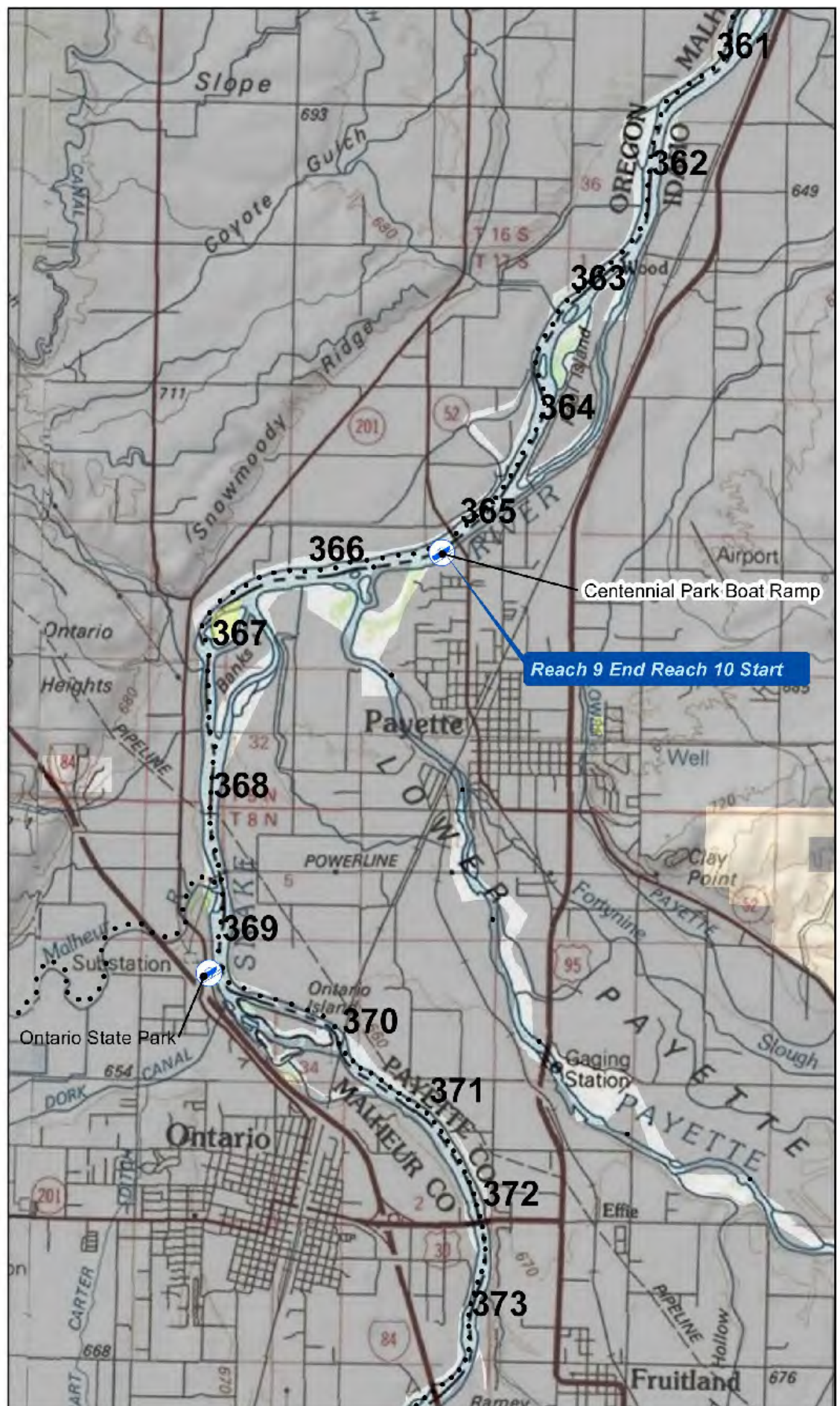
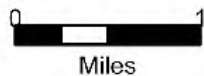
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## REACH 10

Payette to  
Weiser

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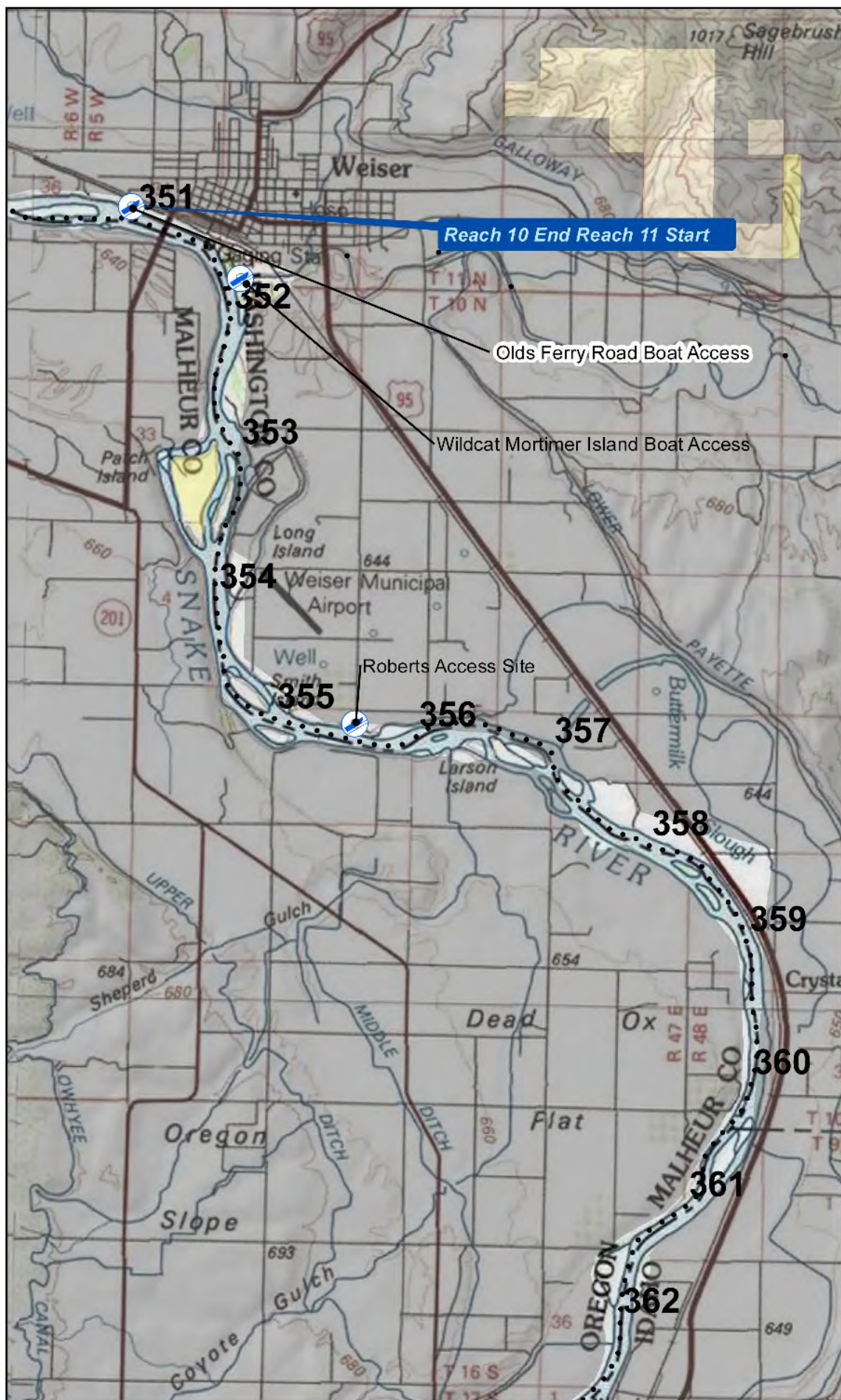
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## REACH 10

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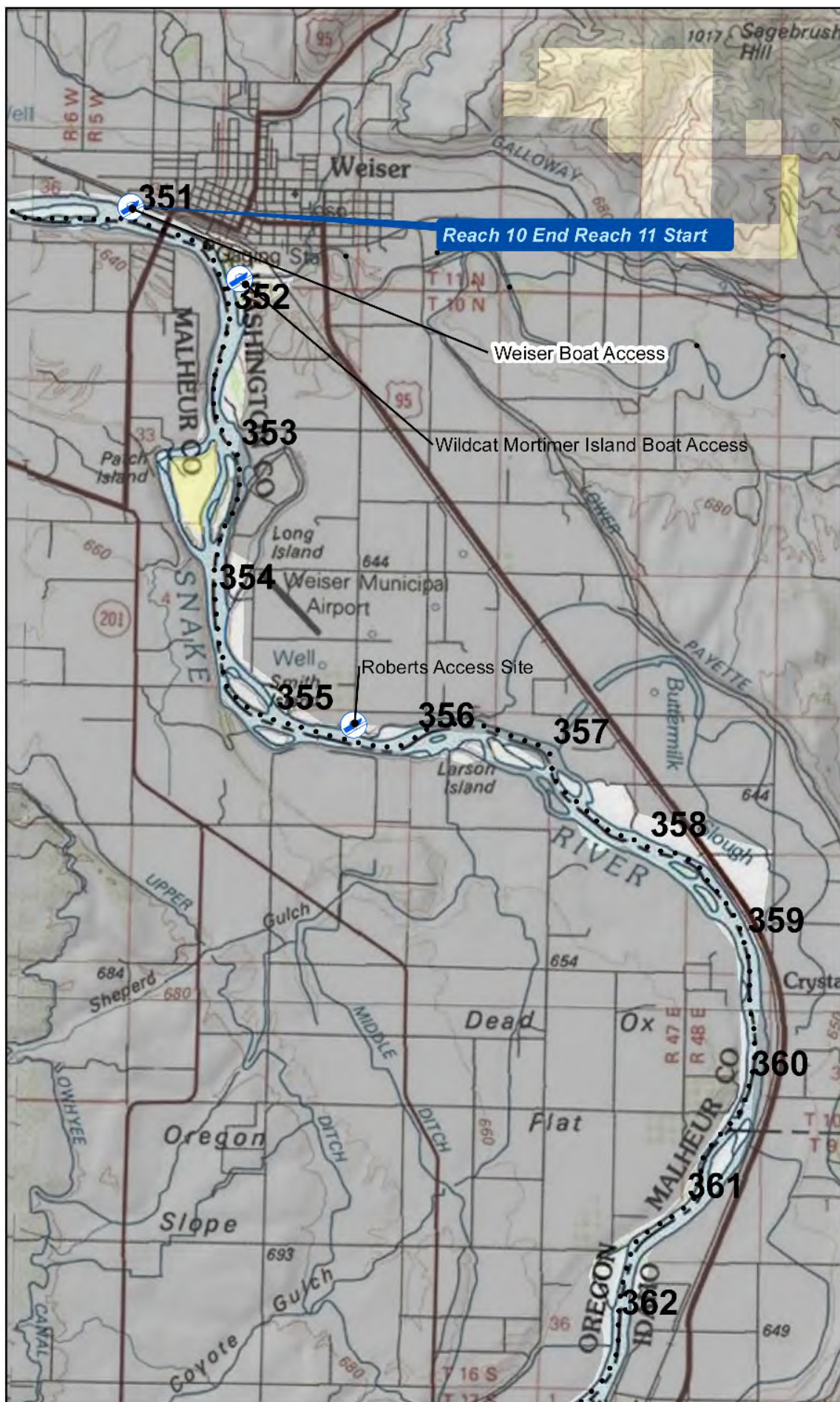
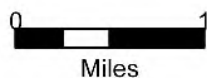
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## REACH 11

Weiser to  
Farewell Bend

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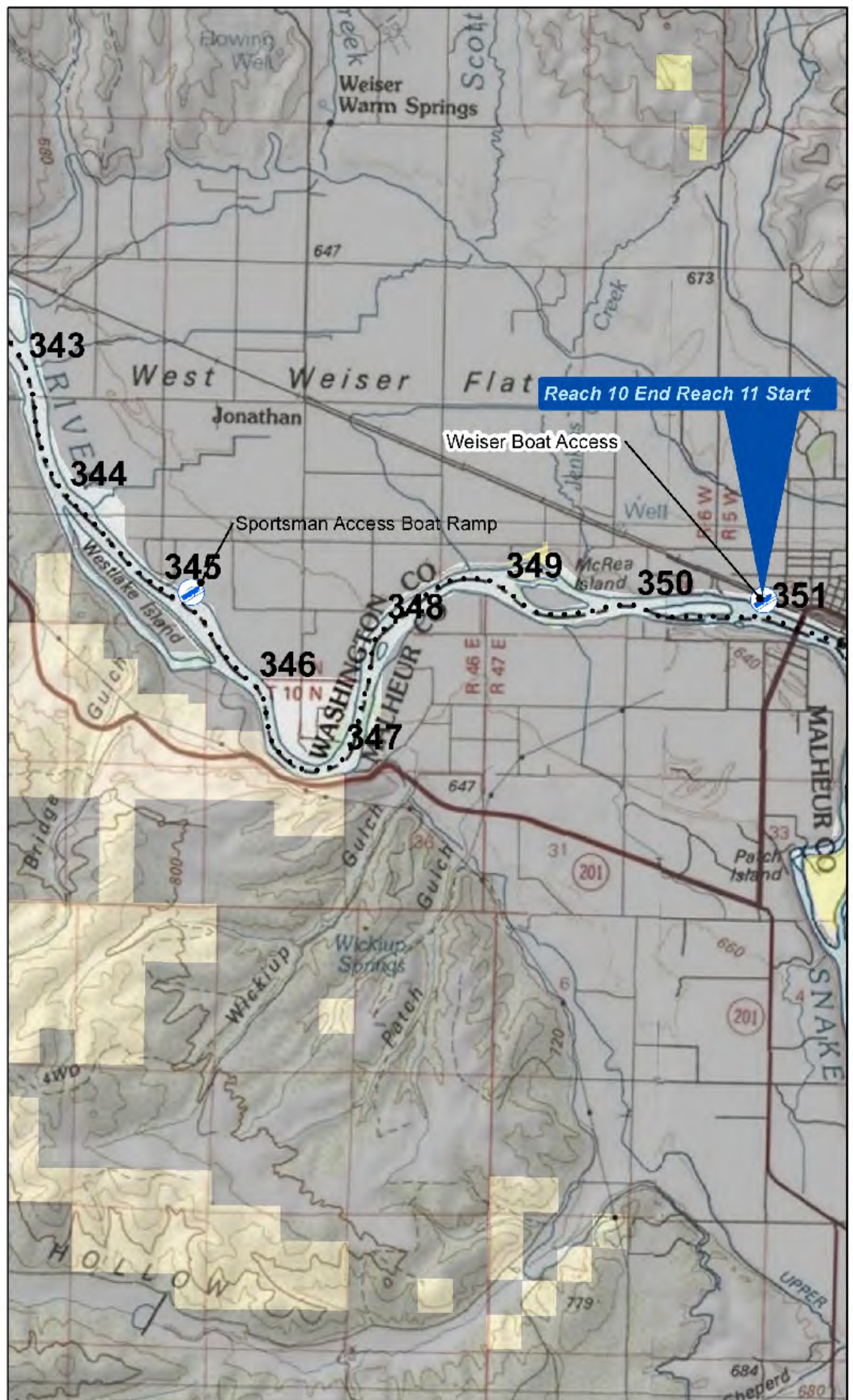
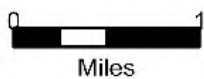
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## REACH 11


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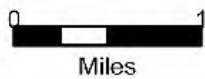
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## REACH 11





Weiser to  
Farewell Bend

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### Legend

-  Point of Interest
-  Boat Launch
- River Miles

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-  State
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