

BRUNEAU & JARBIDGE RIVERS

BOATER SKILL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BRUNEAU RIVER

The Bruneau River flows north from the Jarbidge mountains of northern Nevada through the Owyhee Uplands on its way to the Snake River in southern Idaho. The river has cut two principal canyons in the plateau: the Jarbidge River and the West Fork Bruneau River canyons. The Jarbidge River carries the majority of the system's flow and becomes the Bruneau River where the West Fork empties into the Jarbidge about 24 miles north of the Nevada border. Only very experienced boaters should float the 69 miles of the Bruneau and Jarbidge rivers due to challenging rapids, log jams and other hazards. Some hazards can't be seen until boaters are on top of them.

The Bruneau and Jarbidge rivers can be run by kayak or raft. The most difficult segment of the Bruneau River is a five-mile section in the lower portion of the canyon. Your ability to run the Bruneau should be judged by your skill in running the sustained Class IV whitewater found in Five Mile Rapids, beginning at river mile 58.5.

BOATER SKILL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WEST FORK

The West Fork should be run only by kayak and only by expert kayakers. It is extremely challenging due to its small size, numerous Class IV and V rapids and potential for strenuous portages.

BOATER SKILL REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP CREEK

Sheep Creek is the mystery run in the Bruneau Drainage. It flows into the Bruneau River 13 miles downstream from Indian Hot Springs. Runnable river flows are dependent on heavy rain fall and it is rarely boatable in any craft. When it does have water, Sheep Creek is a challenging run with a handful of Class IV and V rapids such as Gun-shy, Blind Date and Grants Slam. This is a 19 mile run for expert kayakers, in addition to the 27 miles of the Bruneau. The launch site is upstream of Marys Creek at a bridge off of Highway 51.

BOATER SKILL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JARBIDGE RIVER

The Jarbidge River is a narrow technical river. Navigating around the many obstacles in a raft requires constant maneuvering in tight spaces. Boats over 14' are not recommended on the Jarbidge.

If you boat the Jarbidge River, you should be aware that there are two or more long, rocky and arduous portages, depending on your skill and the water level. Additional hazards on the Jarbidge are the ever-changing log jams. Be cautious of blind corners and constricted areas where logs can

stick on rocks and trees lean in off the banks. Due to rising and falling flows, the locations and severity of logjams can be different from one day to the next.

SPRING BOATING SEASON

The normal float season is during spring runoff from about April 1 to June 15. The flow of the Bruneau River generally peaks in mid to late May. However, cold or warm weather or heavy rain can cause dramatic fluctuations in water levels at any time. You should be prepared for severe weather conditions, including strong winds, accompanying rain, and snow storms.

The ideal time to float the Bruneau River is when water flows are between 500 and 2,500 cfs at the Bruneau USGS gauge. Go to <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nmis/> to find water levels at the Bruneau USGS gauge. The river is best for rafts when flows are over 1,000 cfs. It is recommended that the Bruneau and Jarbidge rivers not be boated in any craft when the USGS gauge reading is above 2,500 cfs.

The Jarbidge River is normally floatable in rafts beginning the first part of May when the Bruneau gauge reading exceeds 1,000 cfs, and/ or the Jarbidge USGS gauge reads 100 cfs or more. The Jarbidge USGS gauge is in Nevada and represents one third to one half of the flow at the Jarbidge put in.

The West Fork Bruneau River is a lower-elevation watershed that has an earlier snow melt than that of the Jarbidge River. It is runnable in a kayak with around 300 cfs and above on the Rowland USGS gauge, located on the Idaho Nevada border. Go to <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nmis/> to find water levels at the Rowland USGS gauge.

SUMMER BOATING SEASON

The Bruneau River is usually floatable with inflatable kayaks from about June 15 to as late as July 31, when water levels are between 200 and 500 cfs. Due to a number of large, exposed boulder fields in the river channel, you should expect to make several portages and numerous linings. Low water conditions also demand that you be prepared to deal with punctures and other equipment damage.

Even with an inflatable kayak, you should avoid the Jarbidge River at flows under 350 cfs on the Bruneau gauge because of nearly continuous, shallow rapids. To avoid running Five Mile Rapids on the lower Bruneau, you can make an arduous portage up the Roberson Trail to the canyon's eastern rimrock at river mile 57.8. Refer to the river access map to find this location. Otherwise, a full day of scouting and lining is required to get through the first three miles of Five Mile Rapids.

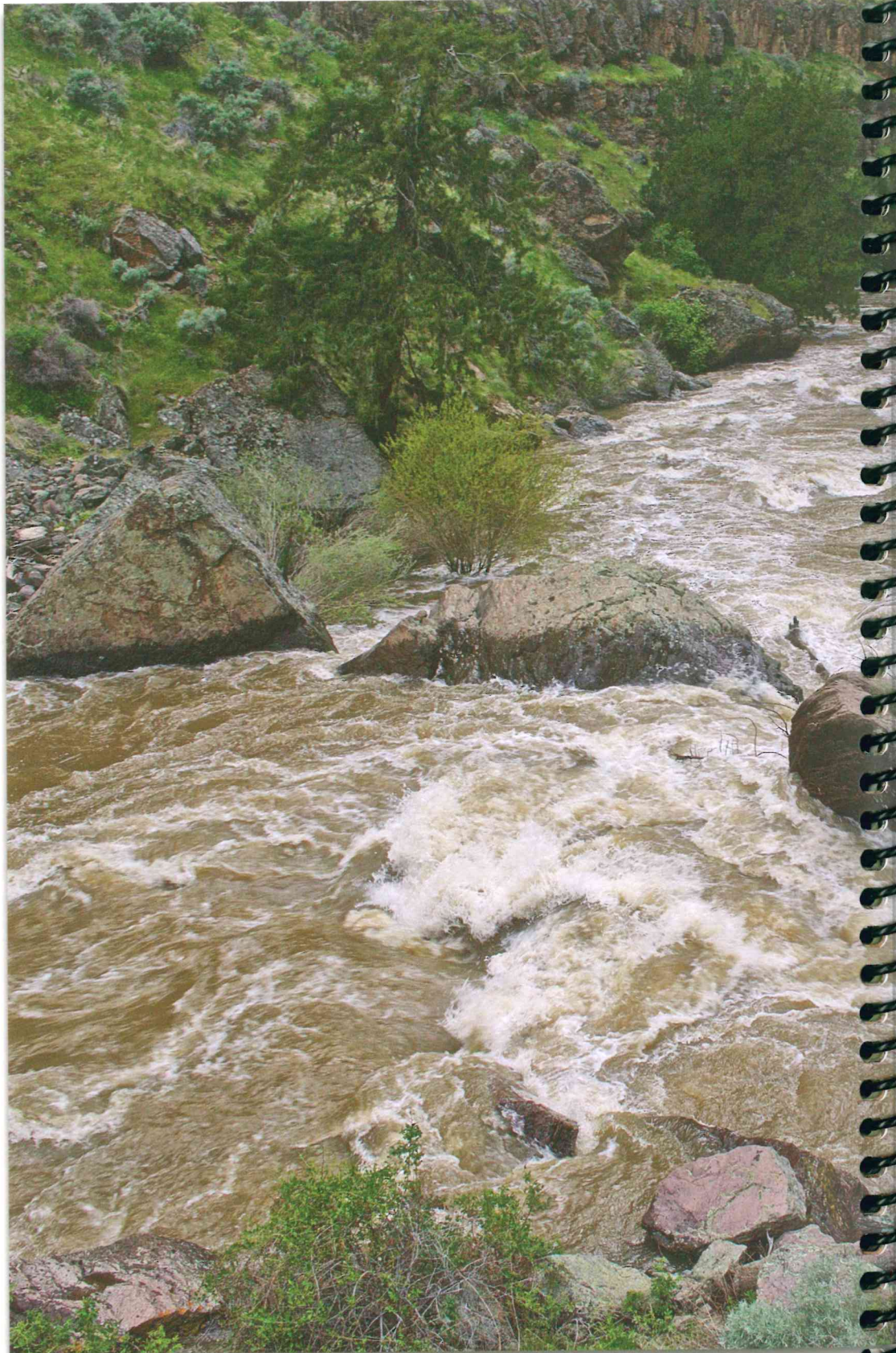
BRUNEAU-JARBIDGE RIVER FLOW INFORMATION

Idaho Department of Water Resources (208)327-7865

The USGS gauges for river flows are at:

Jarbridge

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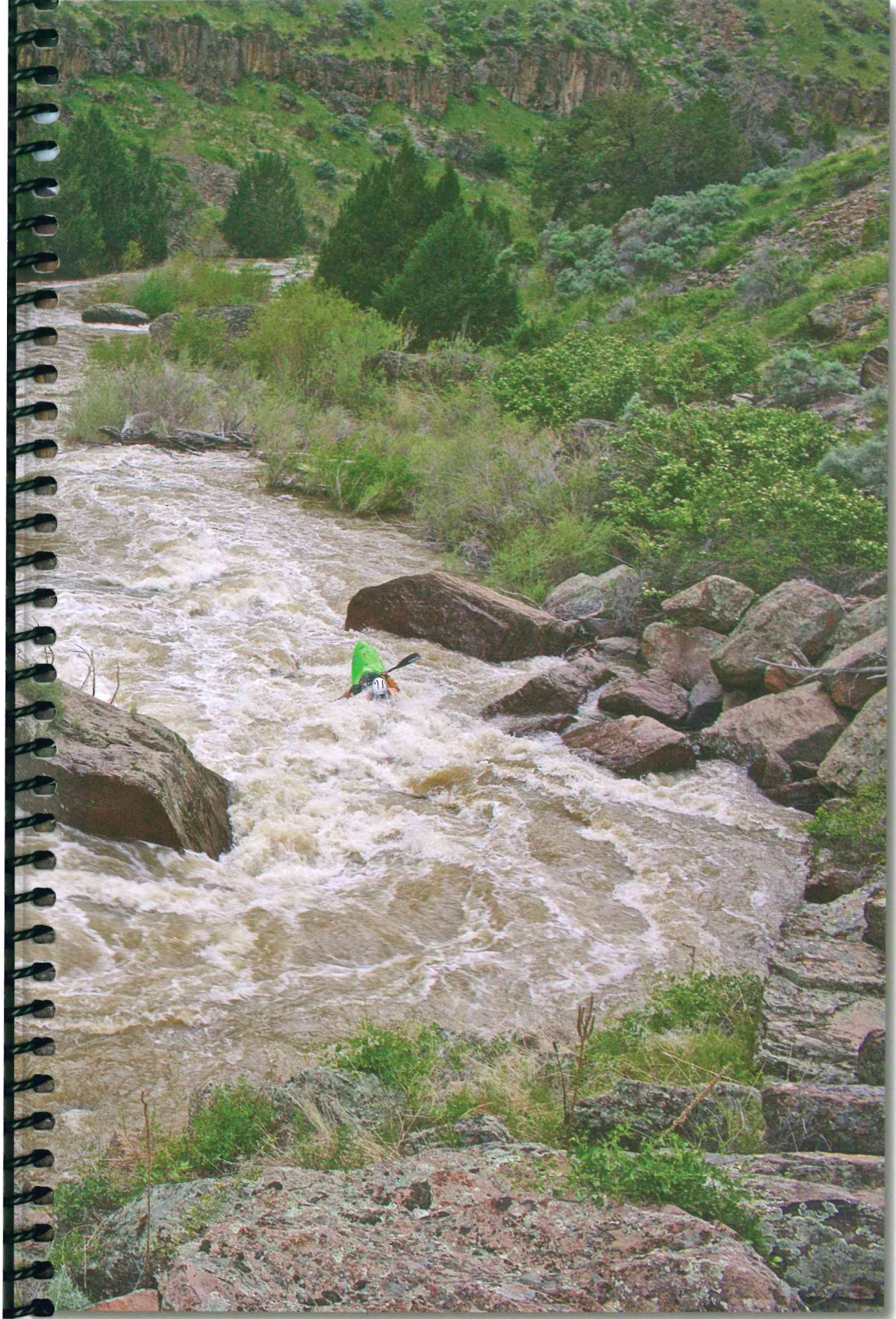
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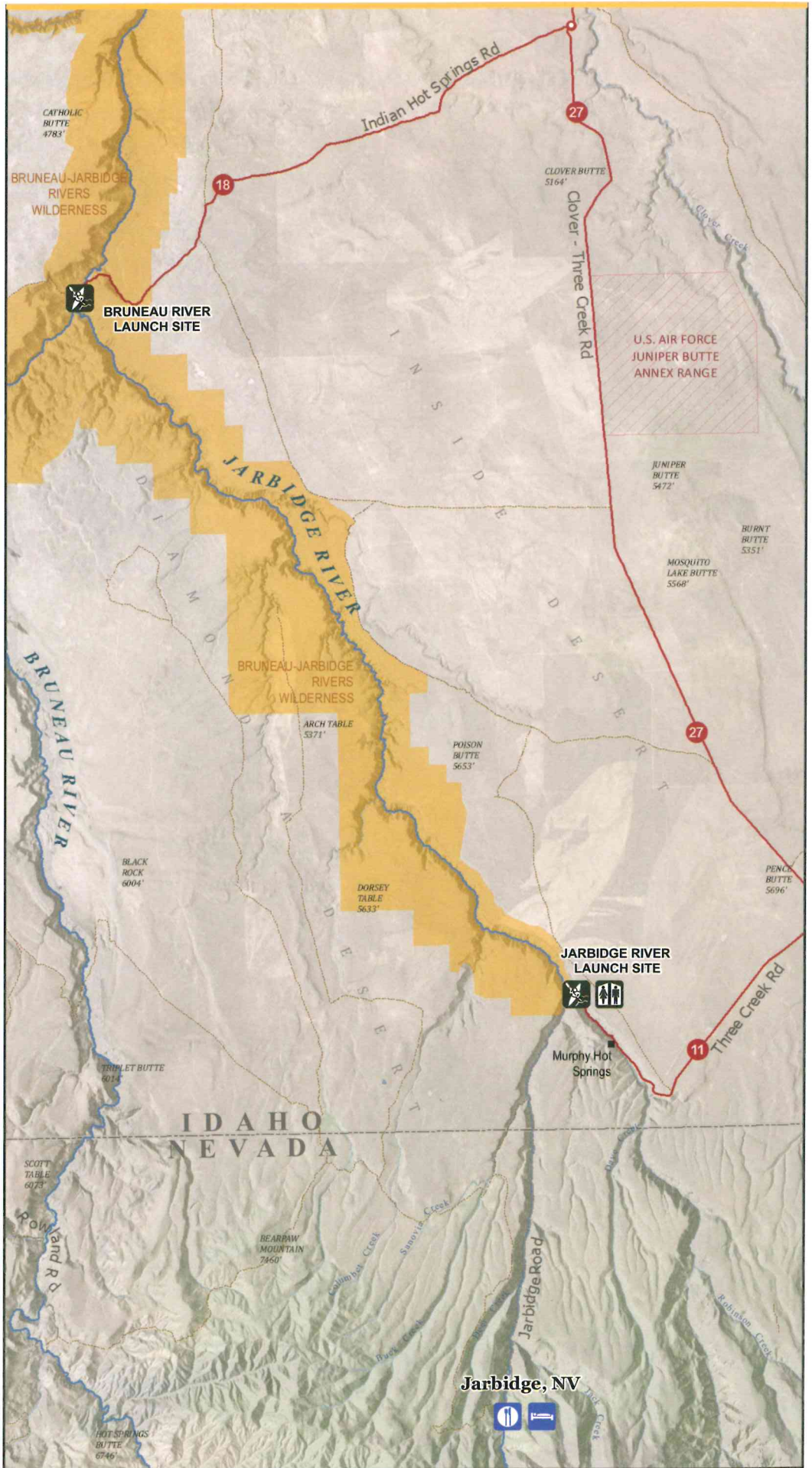
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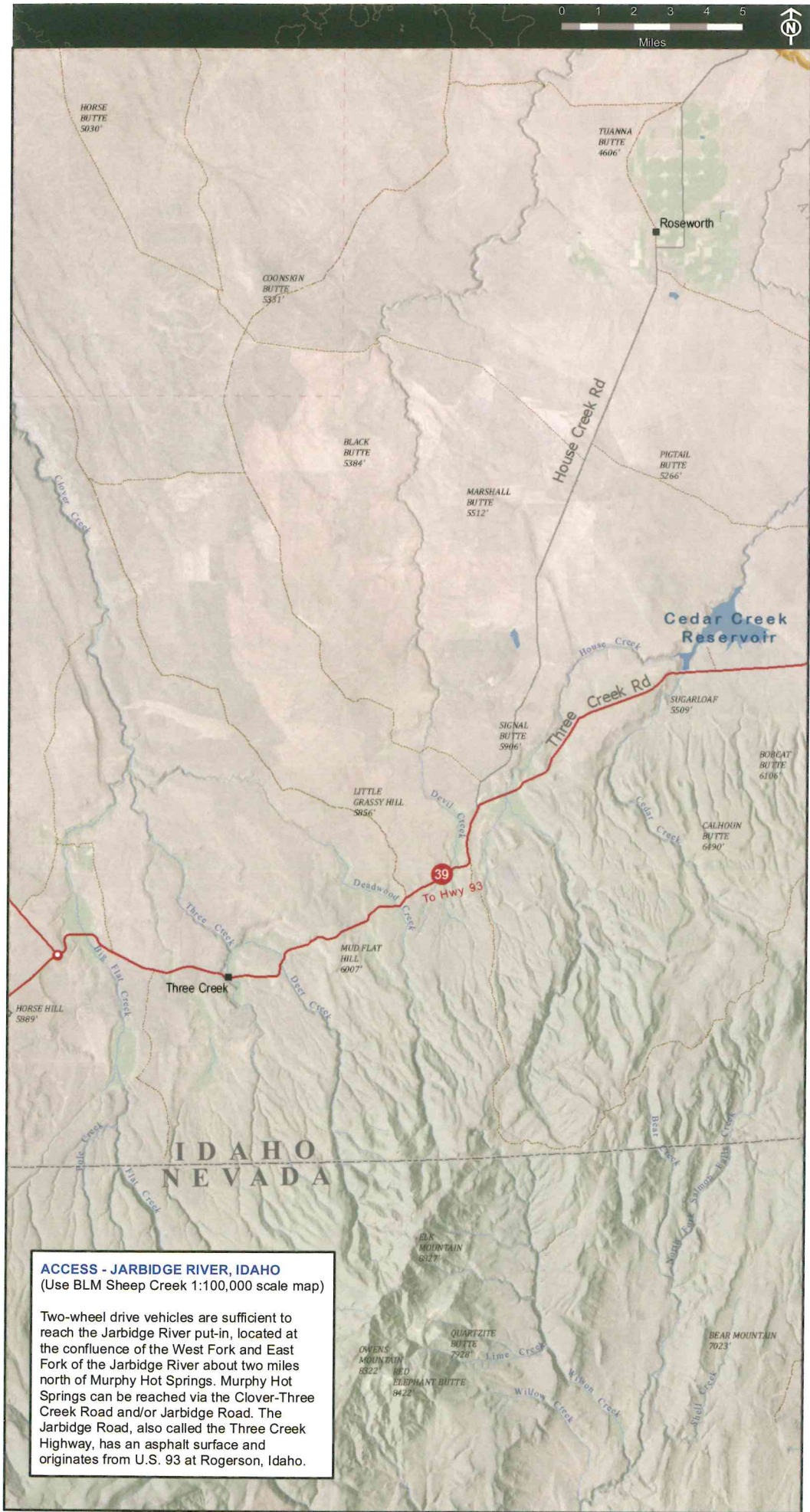
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Wally's Wallow, Jarbidge River, PJ Moran



JARBIDGE ACCESS MAP

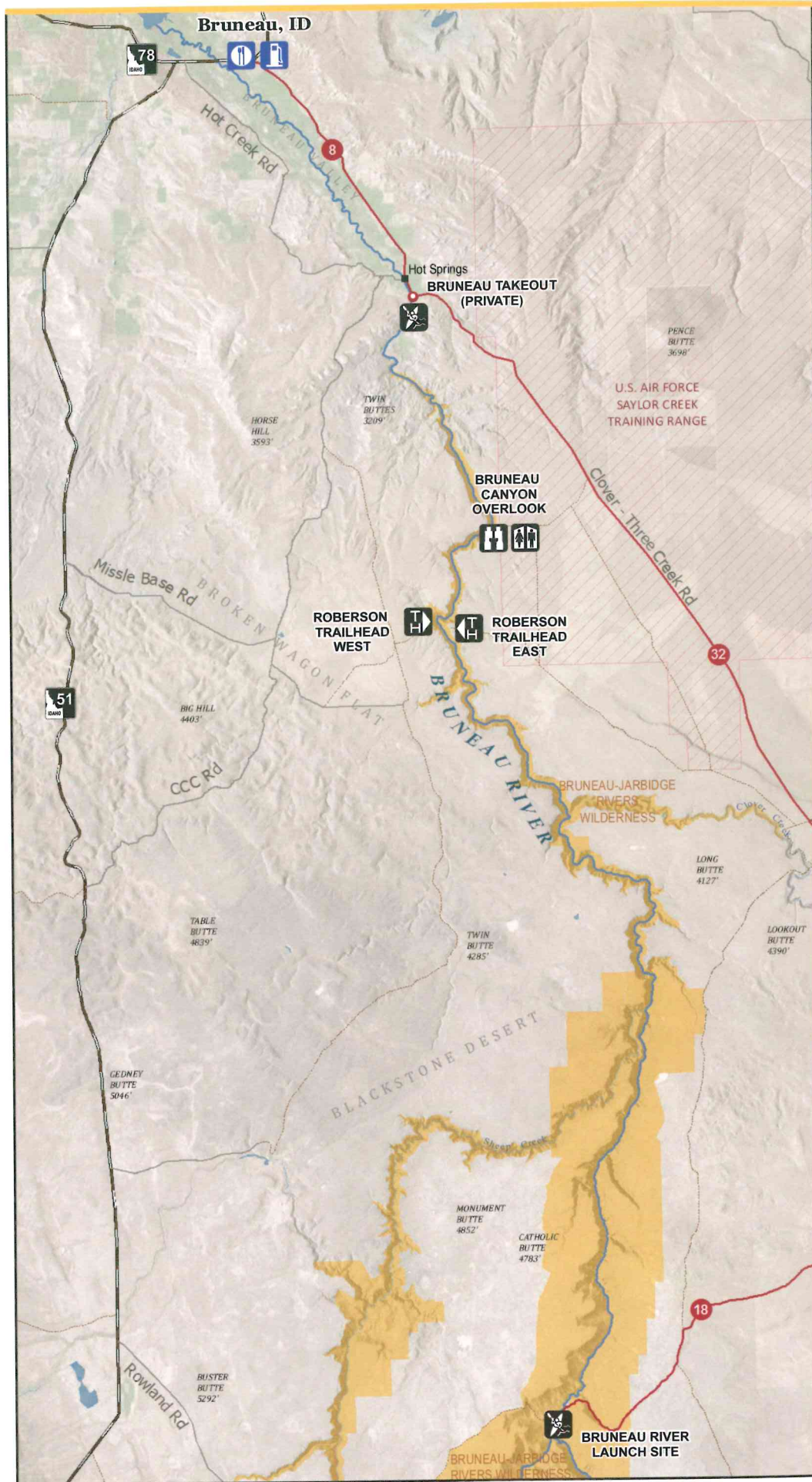




ACCESS - JARBIDGE RIVER, IDAHO
 (Use BLM Sheep Creek 1:100,000 scale map)

Two-wheel drive vehicles are sufficient to reach the Jarbidge River put-in, located at the confluence of the West Fork and East Fork of the Jarbidge River about two miles north of Murphy Hot Springs. Murphy Hot Springs can be reached via the Clover-Three Creek Road and/or Jarbidge Road. The Jarbidge Road, also called the Three Creek Highway, has an asphalt surface and originates from U.S. 93 at Rogerson, Idaho.

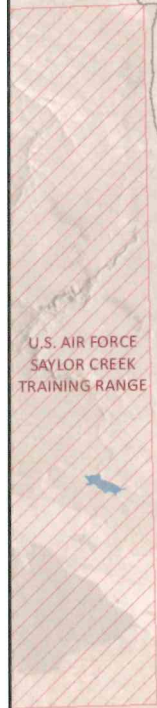
BRUNEAU ACCESS MAP



ACCESS - BRUNEAU RIVER, IDAHO

Bruneau River (Use BLM Sheep Creek 1:100,000 scale map)
Four-wheel drive, high-clearance vehicles are required to access the Bruneau River launches, located on both private and public land at Indian Hot Springs, located downstream from the confluence of the Jarbidge and West Fork Bruneau rivers. Access from the west is via a very rough dirt road off the gravel-surfaced Grasmere-Rowland Road. Access from the east is the preferred route, and requires traveling over a rough dirt road off the Clover-Three Creek Road. Both access routes originate from Highway 51.

Bruneau River Takout (Use BLM Glens Ferry 1:100,000 scale map)
The primary takeout point for the river system is located on private land about a mile downstream from Hot Creek on the east side of the Bruneau River. Access to this site is via a good quality gravel road from the Clover-Three Creek Road. The takeout is accessible with a two-wheel drive vehicle. Trips beginning on the Jarbidge and West Fork Bruneau rivers can also take out at Indian Hot Springs.



U.S. AIR FORCE
SAYLOR CREEK
TRAINING RANGE

WINTER
CAMP BUTTE
4406'

SAYLOR
CAP BUTTE
3566'

Pot Hole Rd

B R U N E A U D E S E R T

BLACK
BUTTE
4206'

NOTCH
BUTTE
3904'

TWIN BUTTES
3497'

THE BIG
BILL
3976'

NOTCH
BUTTE
3586'

CROW'S NEST
BUTTE
4265'

Balanced Rock Rd

Clover - Three Creek Rd

Clover Rd

Clover Creek

Indian Hot Springs Rd

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CLOVER BUTTE
5164'

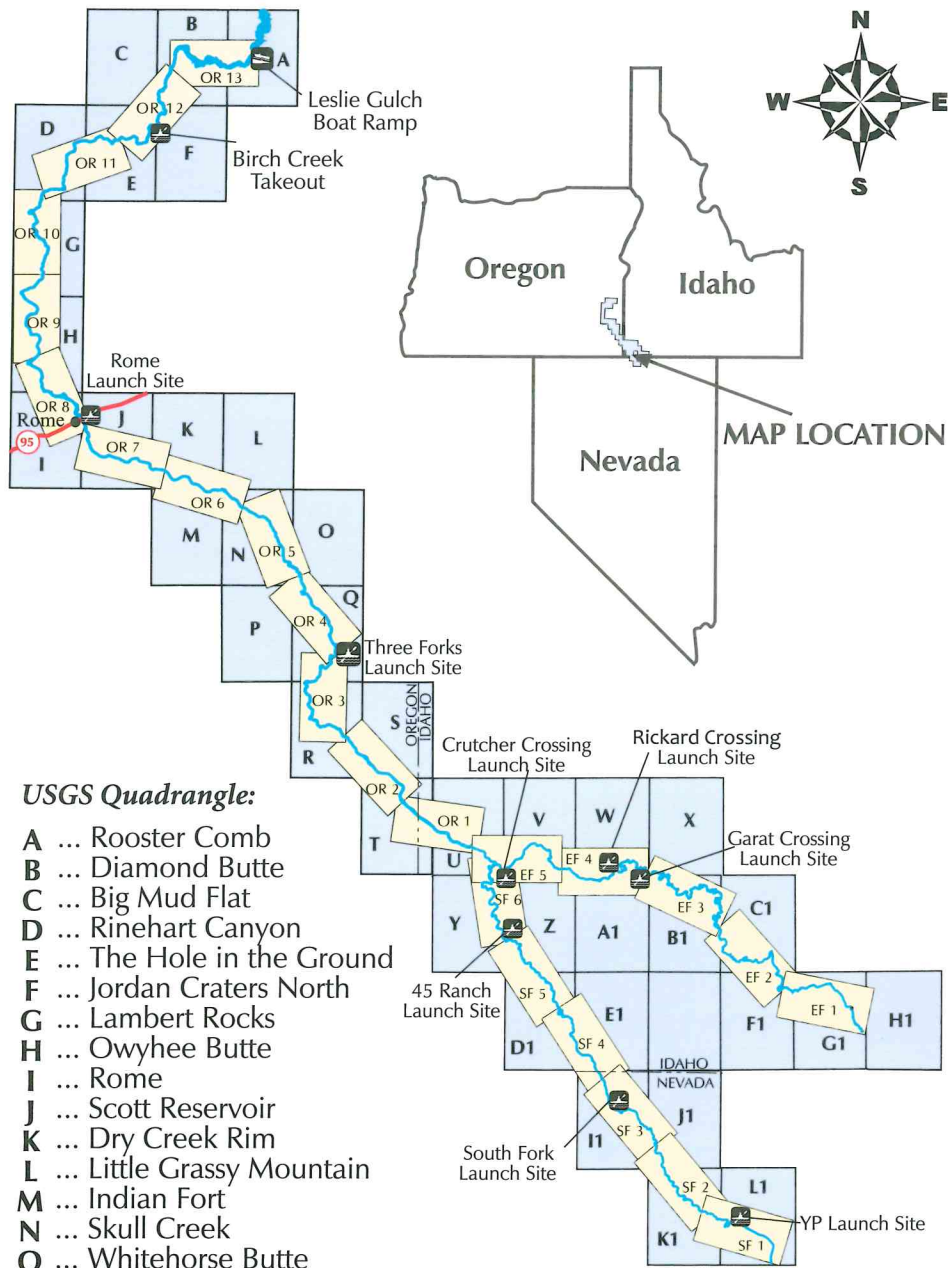
Clover - Three Creek R

HORSE
BUTTE
5030'

U.S. AIR FORCE
JUNIPER BUTTE
ANNEX RANGE

COONSKIN
BUTTE
5341'


























BRUNEAU-JARBIDGE LOCATION MAP











USGS Quadrangle:

- A** ... Rooster Comb
- B** ... Diamond Butte
- C** ... Big Mud Flat
- D** ... Rinehart Canyon
- E** ... The Hole in the Ground
- F** ... Jordan Craters North
- G** ... Lambert Rocks
- H** ... Owyhee Butte
- I** ... Rome
- J** ... Scott Reservoir
- K** ... Dry Creek Rim
- L** ... Little Grassy Mountain
- M** ... Indian Fort
- N** ... Skull Creek
- O** ... Whitehorse Butte
- P** ... Squaw Flat
- Q** ... Three Forks
- R** ... Drummond Basin
- S** ... Deacon Crossing
- T** ... Beaver Charlie Breaks
- U** ... Bull Basin Camp
- V** ... Red Basin
- W** ... Brace Flat
- X** ... Dickshooter Ridge
- Y** ... Spring Creek Basin
- Z** ... Grassy Ridge
- A1** ... Piute Basin West
- B1** ... Piute Basin East
- C1** ... Jarvis Pasture
- D1** ... Coyote Hole
- E1** ... Bull Camp Butte
- F1** ... Juniper Basin
- G1** ... Juniper Basin SE
- H1** ... Mountain View Lake
- I1** ... Rubber Hill, NV
- J1** ... State Line Camp, NV
- K1** ... Peterson Table West, NV
- L1** ... Peterson Table East, NV

BRUNEAU-JARBIDGE MAP LEGEND

-  River
-  Stream
-  Wild and Scenic River Designation
-  River Mile Marker
-  Portage or Lining Recommended
-  Launch Site
-  Camping
-  Boat Launch
-  Restroom
-  Historical Site
-  Latitude/Longitude Coordinate
-  Dam
-  Rapids Class II
-  Rapids Class III
-  Rapids Class IV
-  Rapids Class V
-  Rapids Class VI
-  Road or 4WD Trail
-  Hiking Trail (non-mechanized)
-  Pipeline
-  Contour Line
-  Lake
-  Playa
-  Map Overlap
-  State Boundary

Land Status

-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Bureau of Reclamation
-  Indian Reservation
-  Private Land
-  State Land
-  BLM Wilderness (ID)
-  Non-Wilderness Access Route (cherrystem)
-  BLM Wilderness Study Area (NV, OR)

Coordinate System: Projection - UTM Zone 11, Datum NAD 1983, units in meters

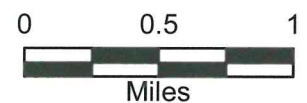
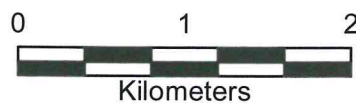
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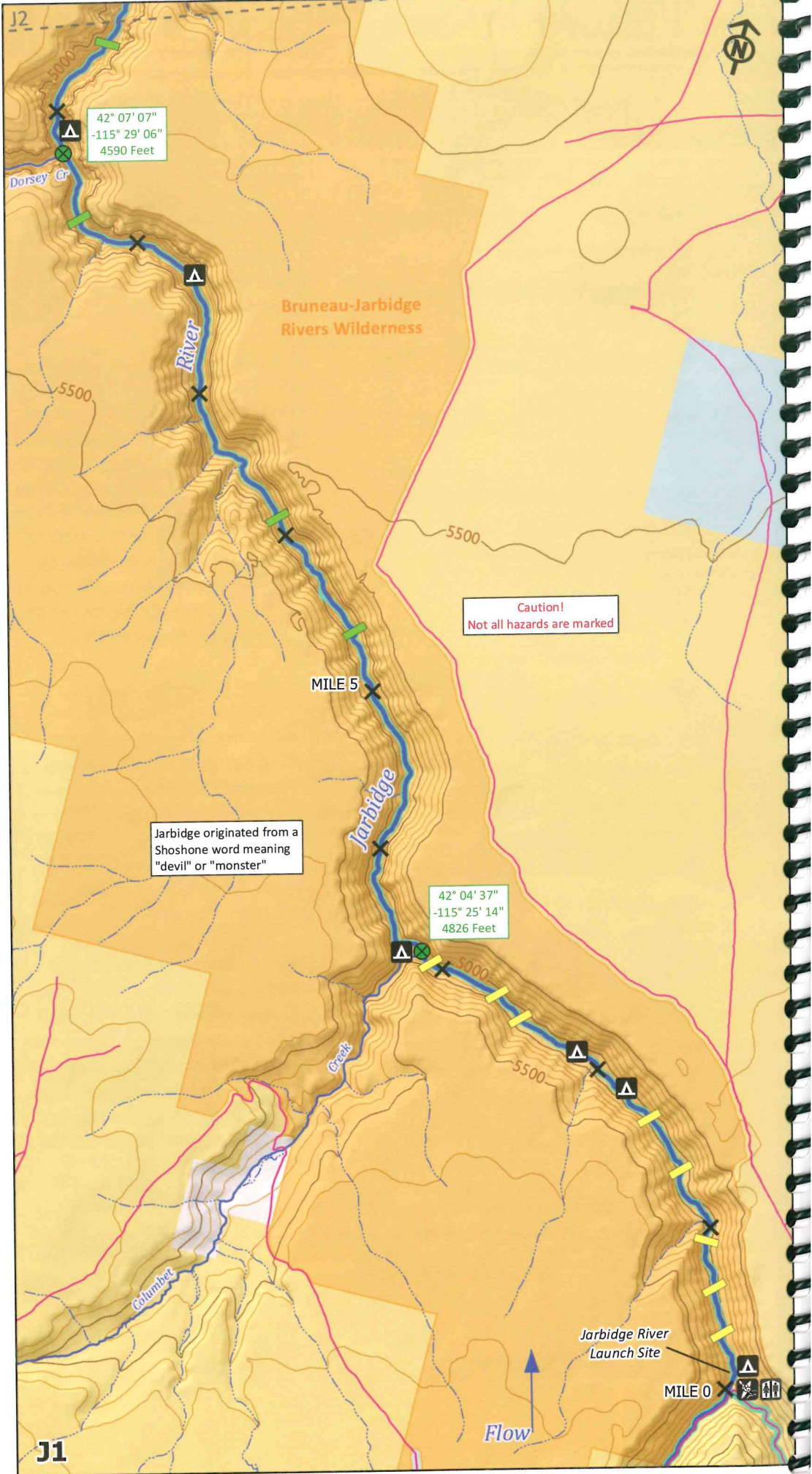
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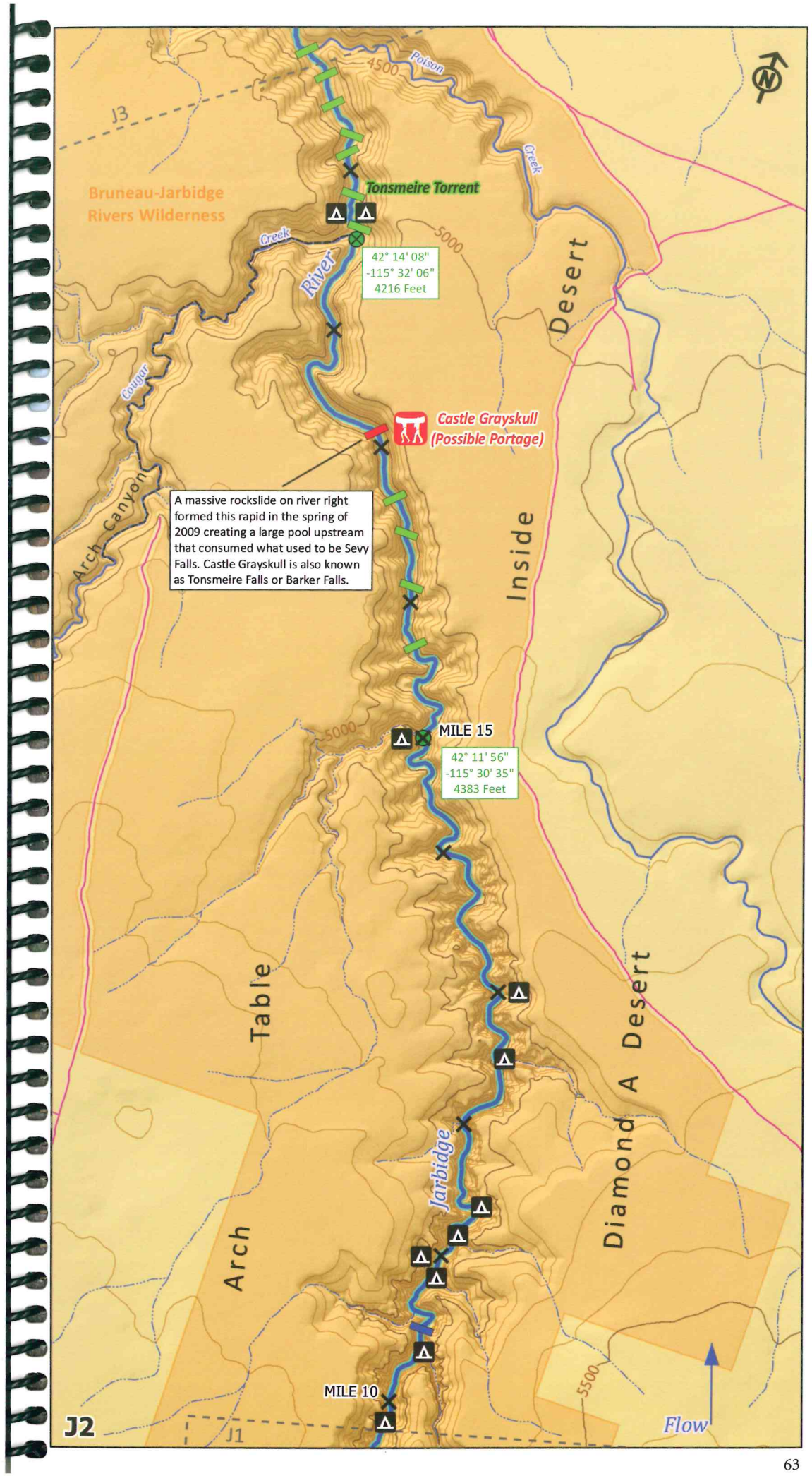
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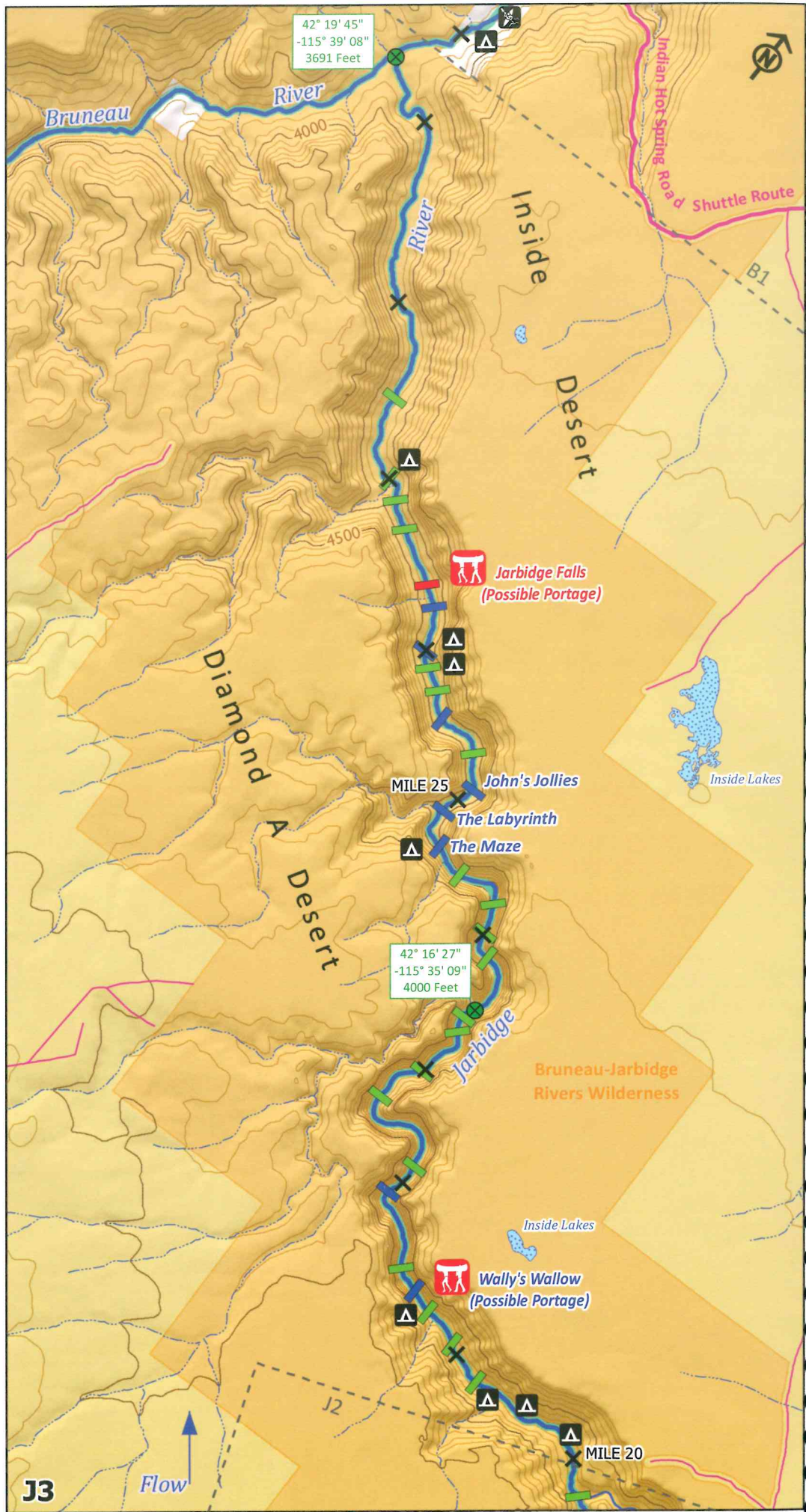
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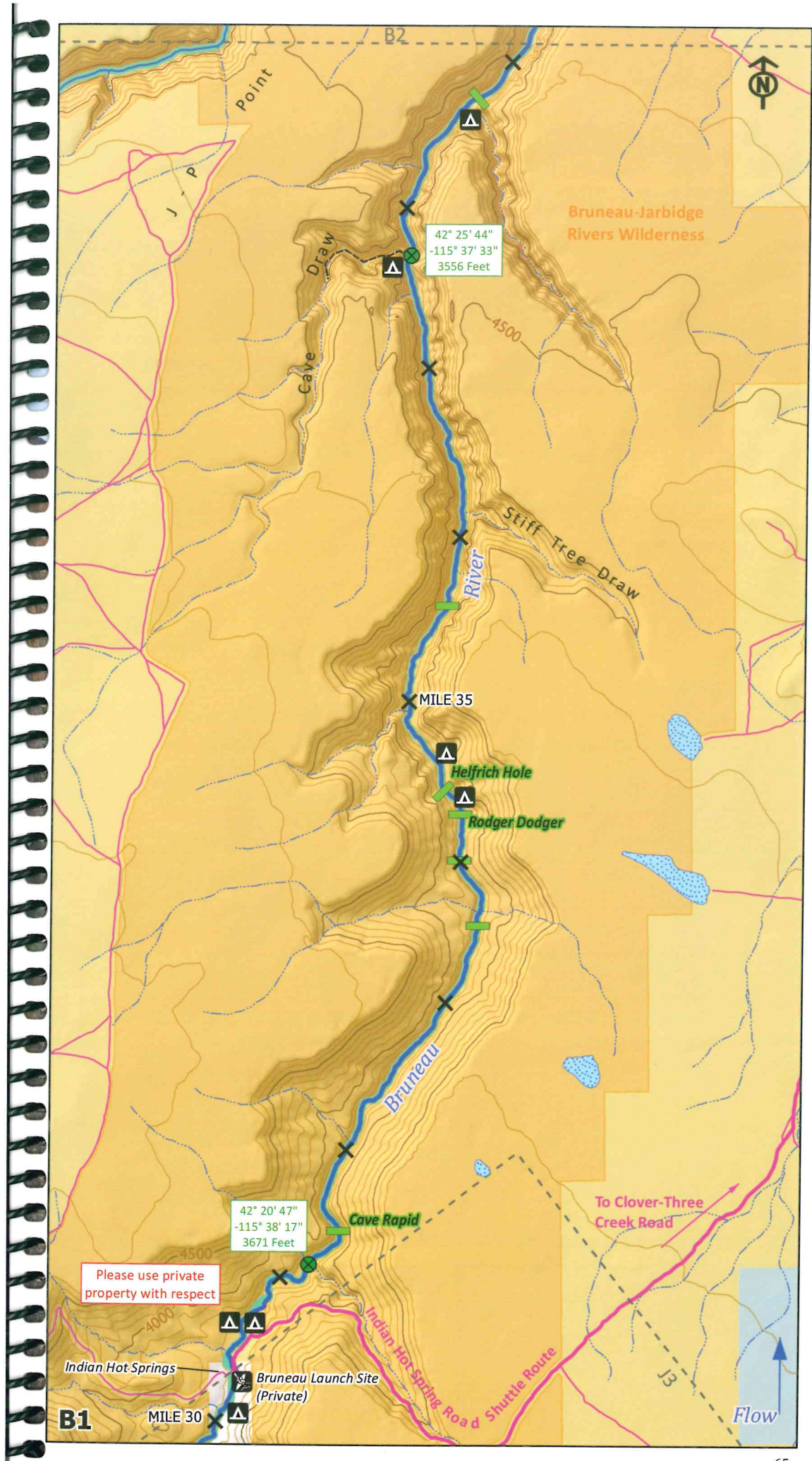
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B1

MILE 30

MILE 35

B2

Please use private property with respect

Indian Hot Springs

Bruneau Launch Site (Private)

Bruneau-Jarbidge Rivers Wilderness

42° 25' 44"
-115° 37' 33"
3556 Feet

42° 20' 47"
-115° 38' 17"
3671 Feet

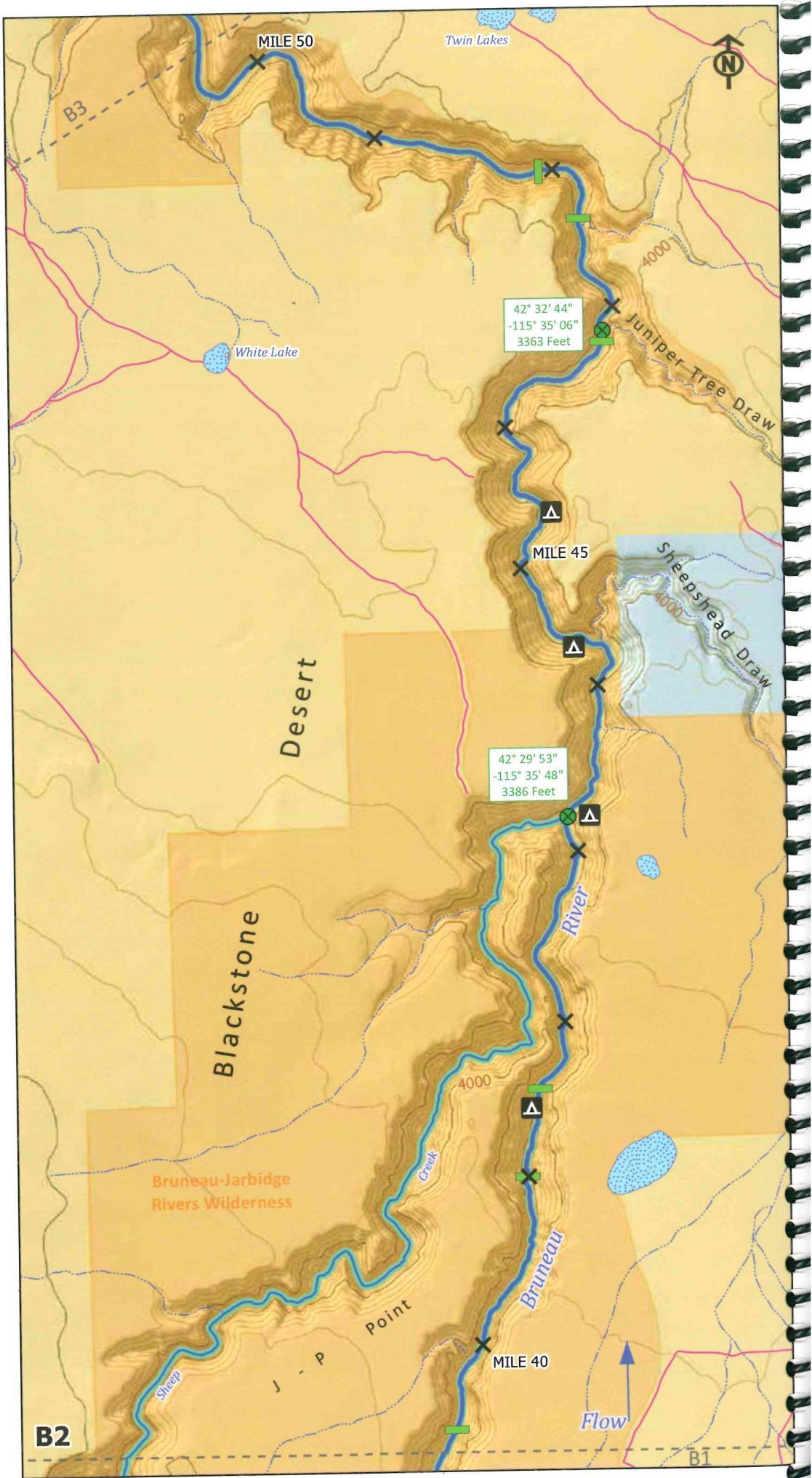
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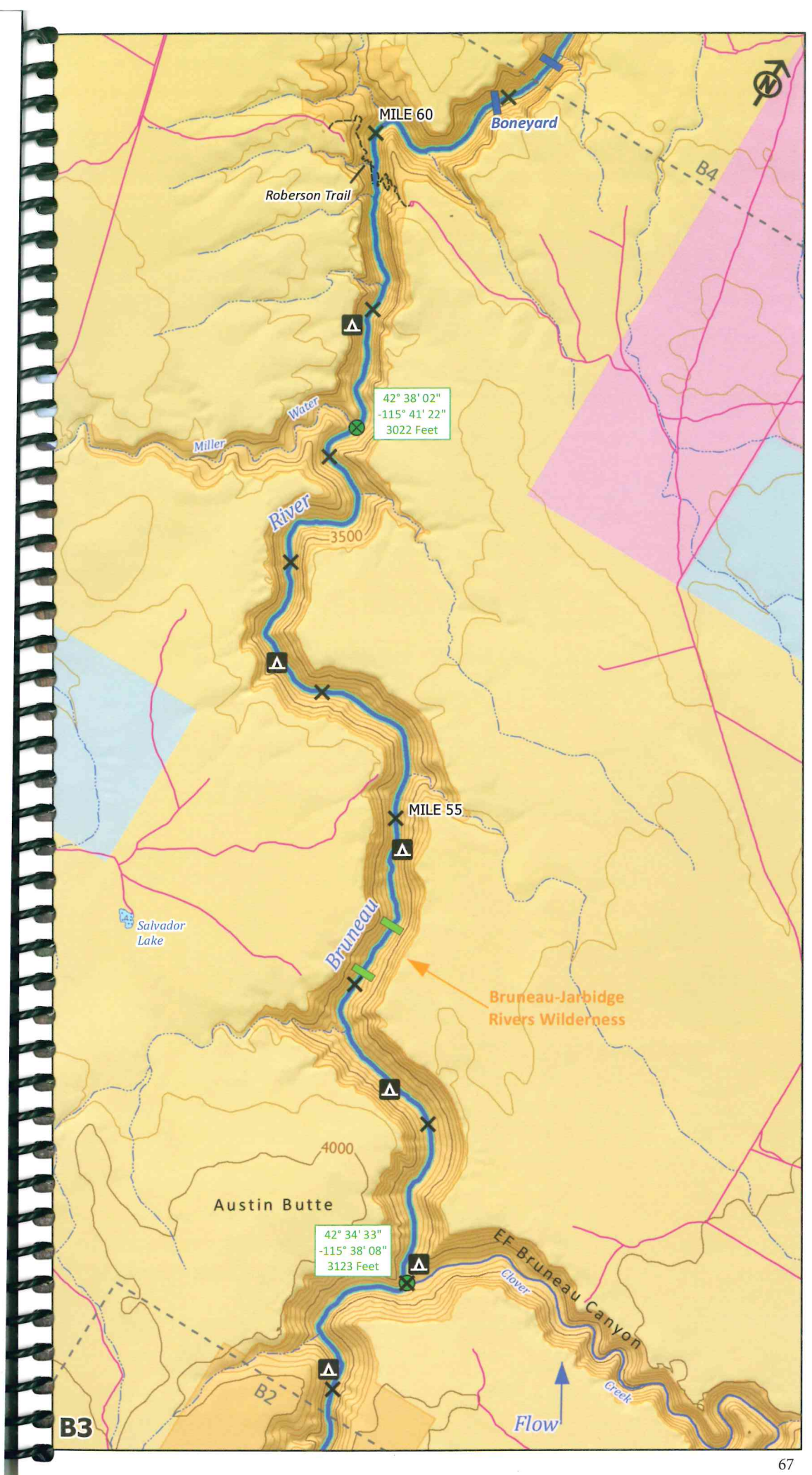
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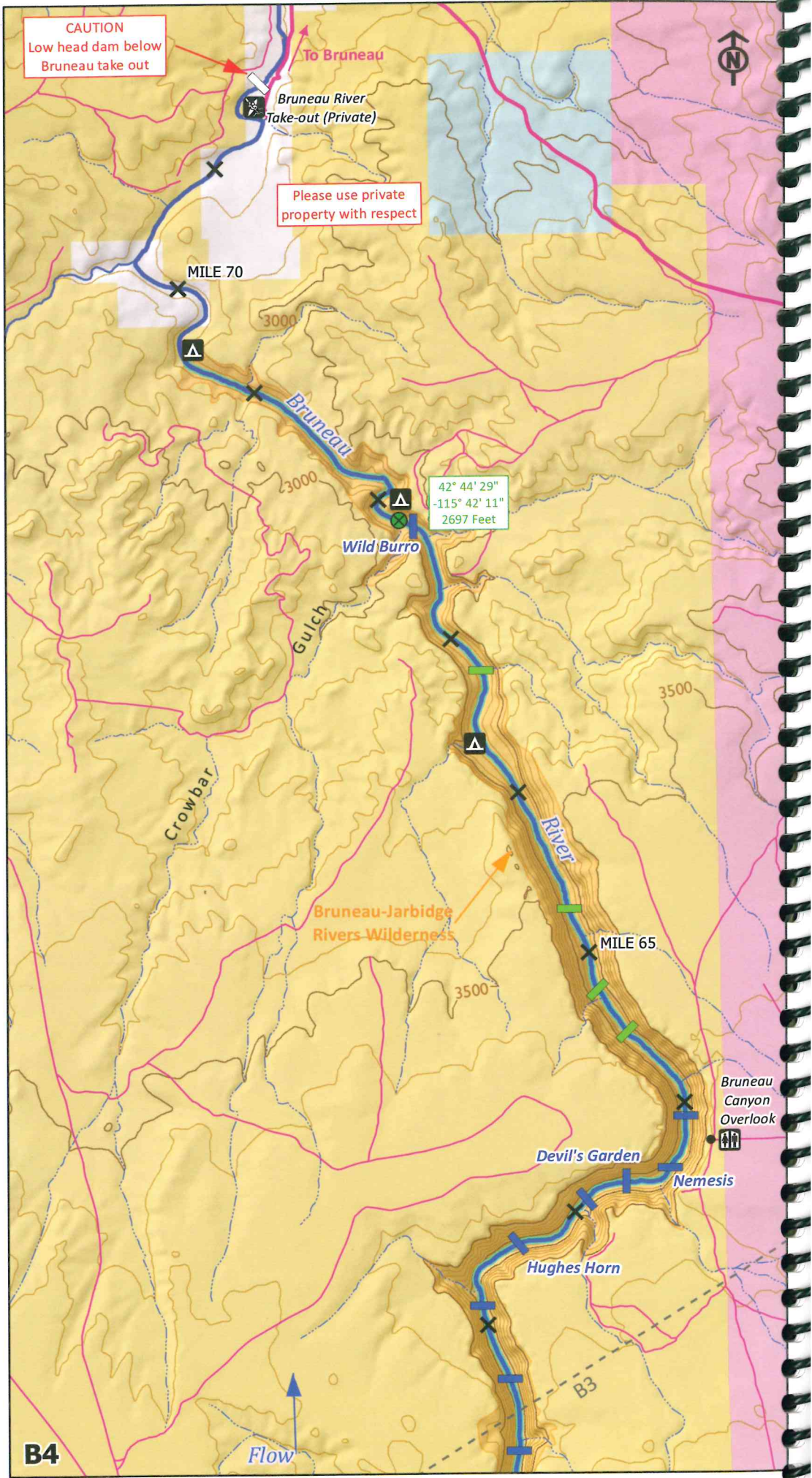
Helfrich Hole

Rodger Dodger

Flow







EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency Phone Number 911

Owyhee County Sheriff in Murphy, ID (208)495-1154

Malheur County Sheriff in Vale, OR (541)473-5126

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, Owyhee (208)759-3246

Boise Interagency Logistics Center Dispatch (208)384-3400

BLM Vale District Dispatch (541)473-6296

South-Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch (800)974-2373

Idaho EMS Communication Center, Boise (877)554-3367

OUTFITTERS & AGENCIES

For outfitter/guide service information or to report illegal outfitting or hunting:

Oregon State Marine Board
435 Commercial St. NE
Salem, OR 97310
(503)378-8587

Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association (IOGA)
P.O. Box 95
Boise, ID 83701
(208)342-1438

Oregon Fish and Wildlife
3814 Clark Blvd.
Ontario, OR 97914
(541)889-6975

IOGA Licensing Board
1365 N. Orchard #172
Boise, ID 83706
(208)327-7380 general
(208)327-7167 enforcement

Nevada Division of Wildlife
60 Youth Center Road
Elko, NV 89801
(775)777-2300

Idaho Department of Fish and Game
3101 S. Powerline Road
Nampa, ID 83686
(208)465-8465
Report wildlife crimes: 1(800)632-5999

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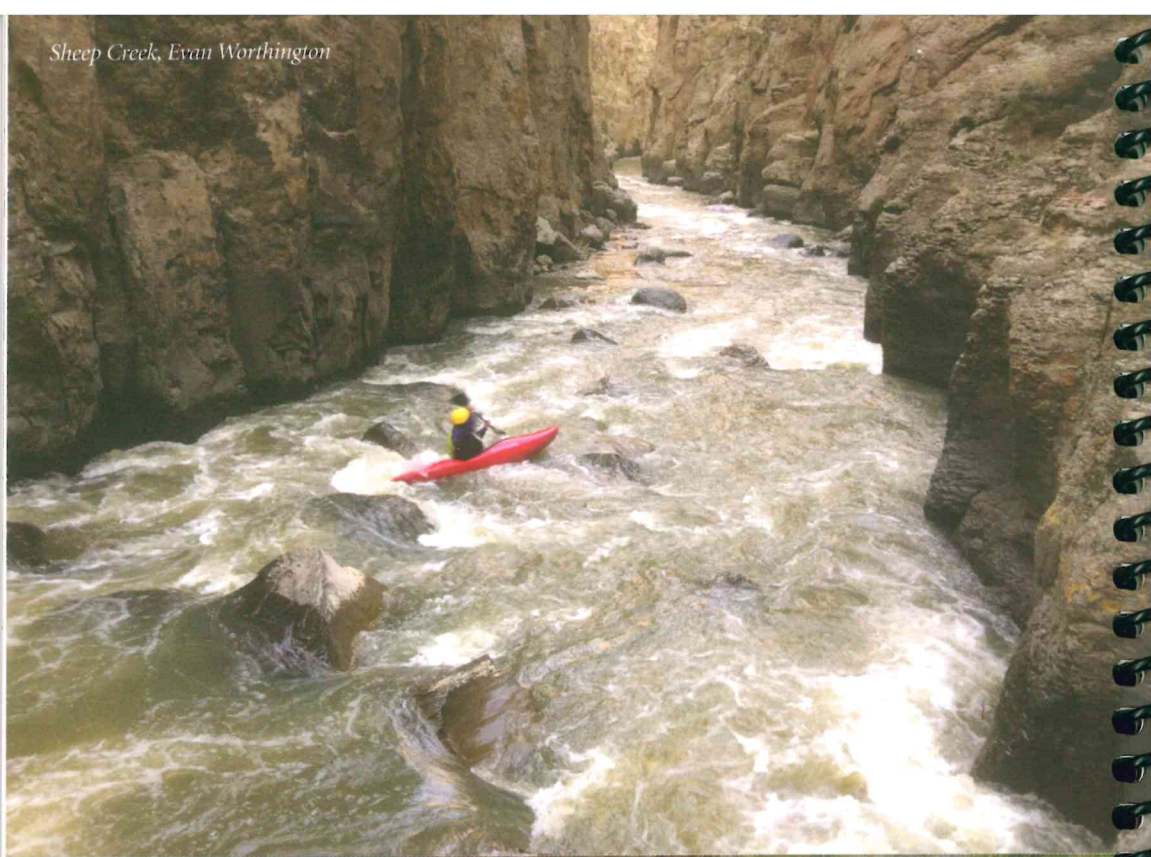
Boise District Office
3948 S. Development Avenue
Boise, Idaho 83705
208-384-3300

Vale District Office
100 Oregon Street
Vale, Oregon 97918
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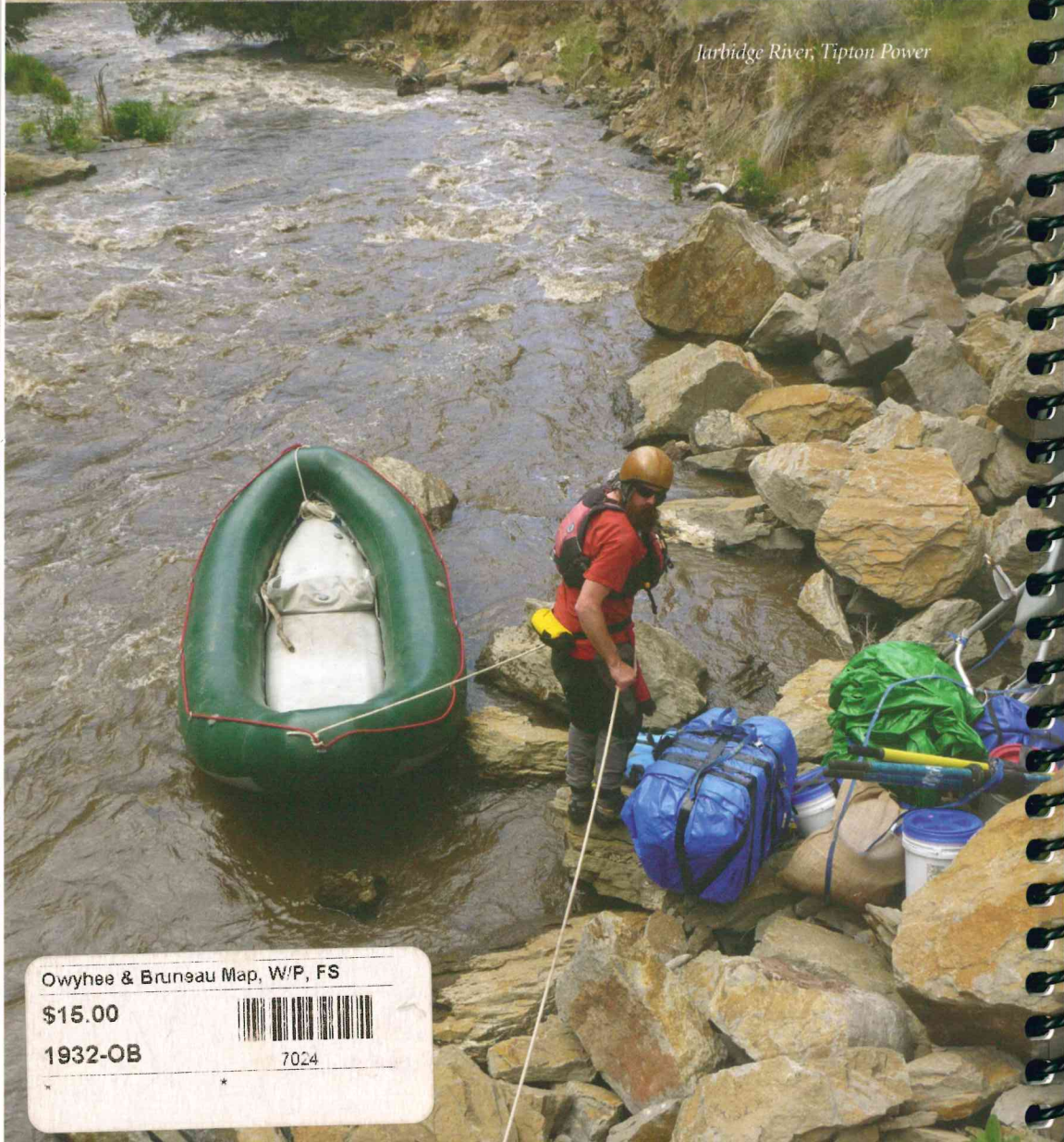
Twin Falls District Office
2536 Kimberly Road
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
208-735-2060

Elko District Office
3900 E. Idaho Street
Elko, Nevada 89801
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Sheep Creek, Evan Worthington



Jarbridge River, Tipton Power



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