

General Location Map Owyhee and Bruneau River Systems



Owyhee River Boater Registration Form

Each party planning a float trip on the Owyhee River is required to register with BLM prior to the trip. Please fill in the registration form and leave it at a river launch site or mail it to BLM at the appropriate address listed on back.

Trip Leader Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Number of People in Party _____

Number and Type of Craft

_____ Raft _____ Cataract _____ Kayak
_____ Canoe _____ Drift Boat _____ Inflatable Kayak
_____ Other (specify)

Required Equipment Check-off

_____ Coastguard-approved personal flotation device for each person
_____ Fire pan or similar container
_____ Leakproof Portable Toilet

Launch Date (month/day/year) _____

Launch Location: (please circle one)

Rome / Three Forks

Indian Reservation / Garat Crossing / Rickert Crossing / Crutcher Crossing

YP Ranch / Pipeline (Nevada) / 45 Ranch

Take-out Date (month/day/year) _____

Take-out Location: (please circle one)

Three Forks / Rome / Birch Creek / Leslie Gulch

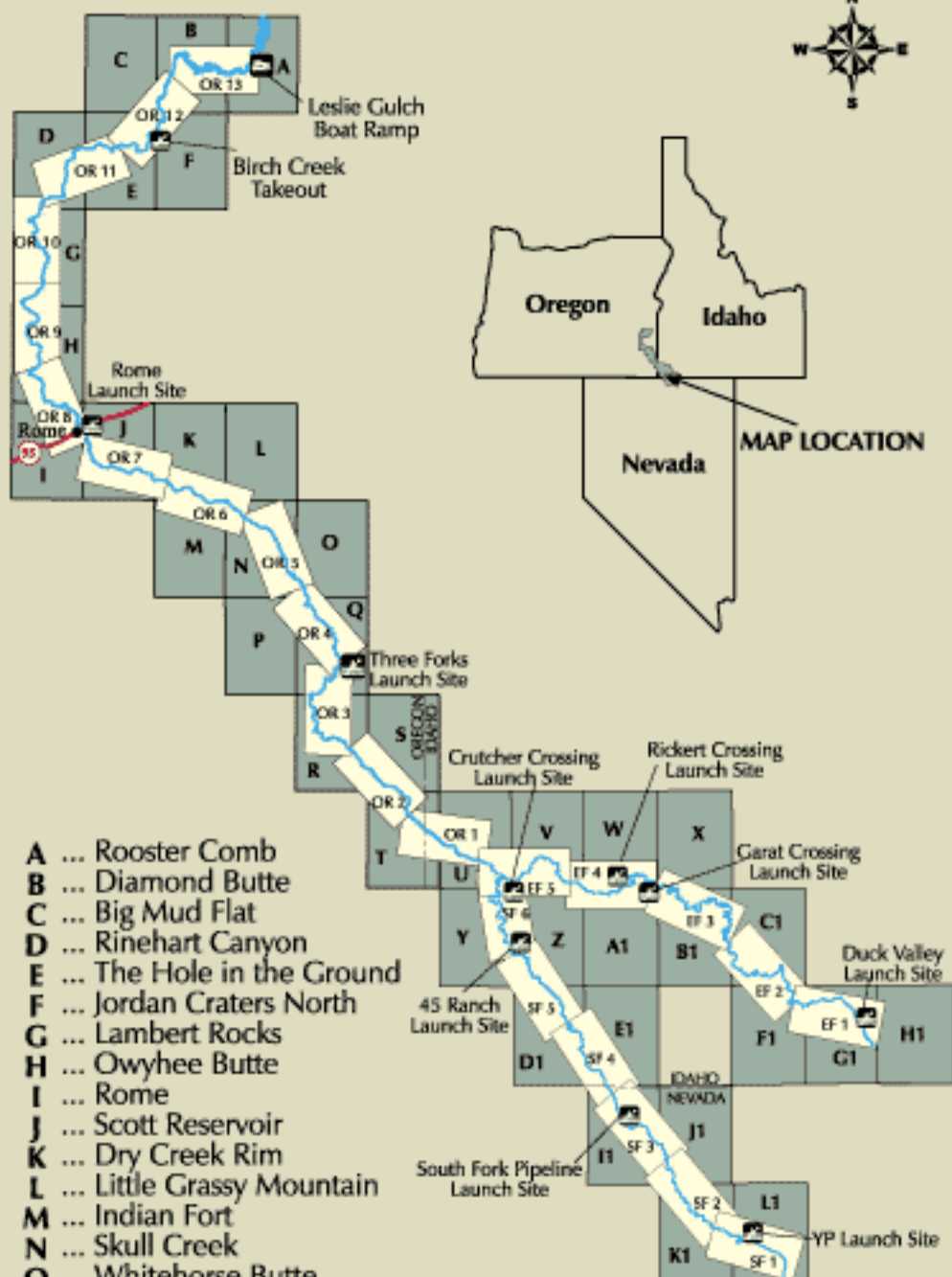
Garat Crossing / Rickert Crossing / Crutcher Crossing

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Check box if you would be willing to fill out a post-trip questionnaire.

Owyhee River Location Map

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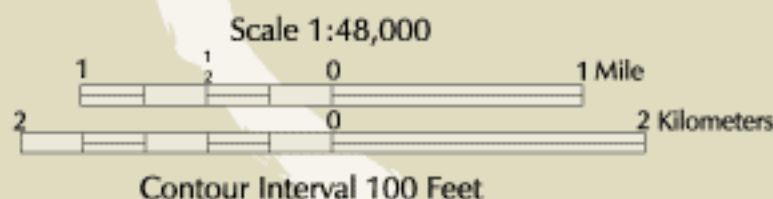


- A** ... Rooster Comb
- B** ... Diamond Butte
- C** ... Big Mud Flat
- D** ... Rinehart Canyon
- E** ... The Hole in the Ground
- F** ... Jordan Craters North
- G** ... Lambert Rocks
- H** ... Owyhee Butte
- I** ... Rome
- J** ... Scott Reservoir
- K** ... Dry Creek Rim
- L** ... Little Grassy Mountain
- 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

Owyhee River Map Legend

 River	 State Boundary
 Stream	 Road or 4-Wheel Drive Trail
 Wild River Designation	 Hiking Area or Trail
 Rapid	 Contour Line
 Logjam	 Map Overlap
 River Mile Marker	
 Spring	
 Portage or Lining of Boat Likely	
 Launch Site	
 Camping	
 Boat Launch	
 Historical Site	
 Latitude/Longitude Coordinates	
	Land Status
	 Bureau of Land Management
	 Private
	 State Land
	 Bureau of Reclamation
	 Military Reservation
	 Indian Reservation

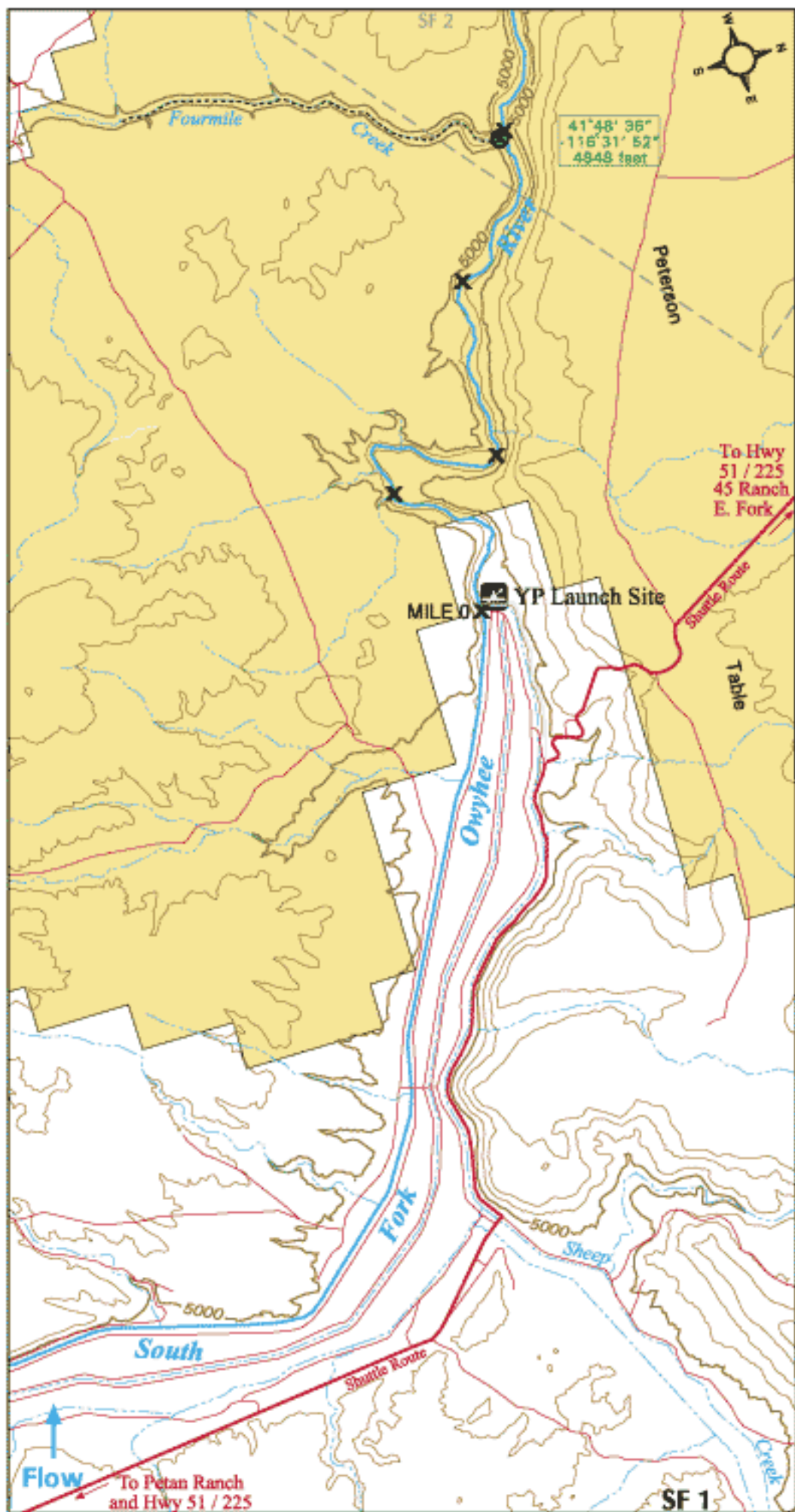


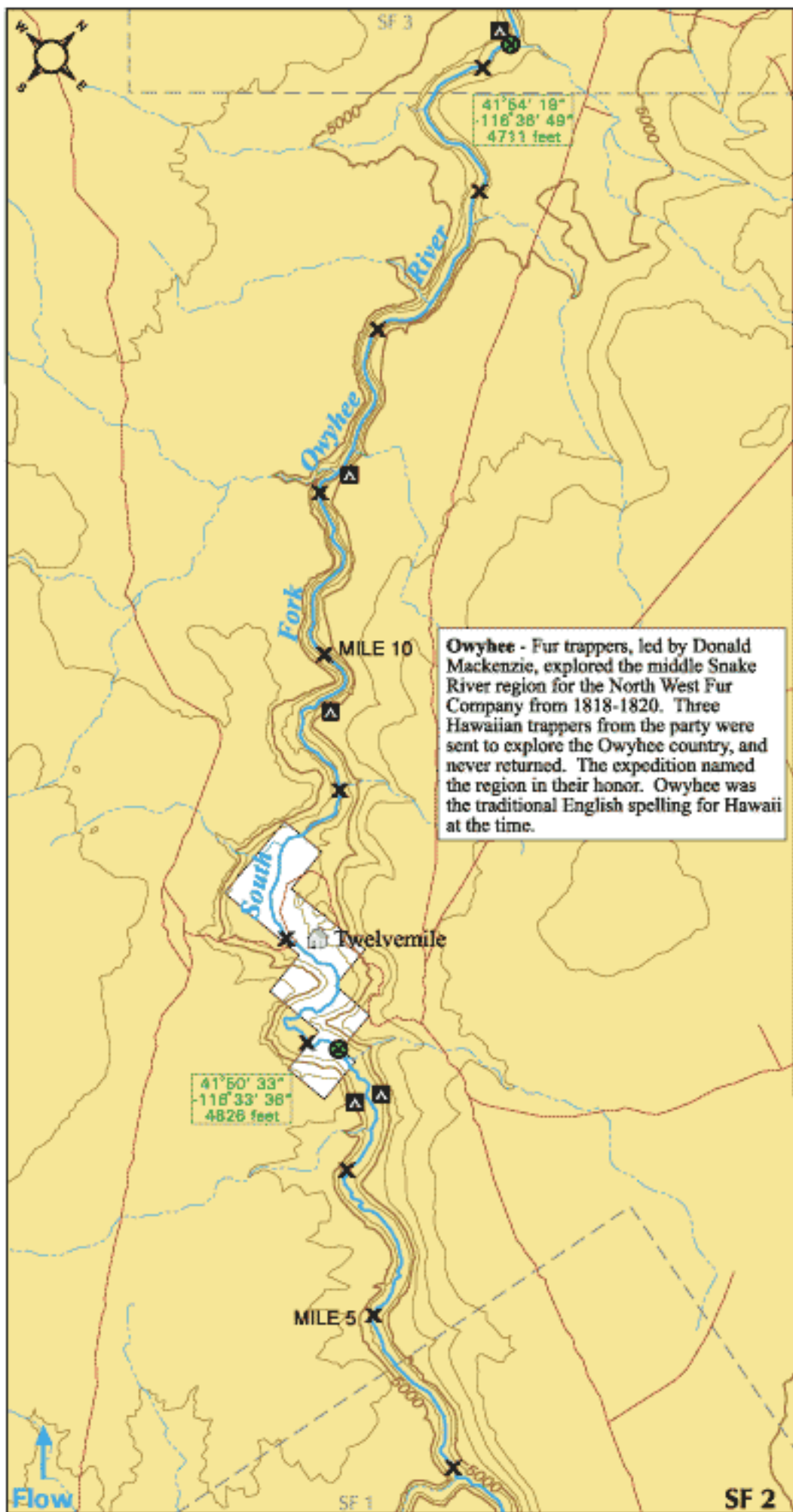
Coordinate System: Projection - UTM Zone 11, Datum NAD 1927, units in meters

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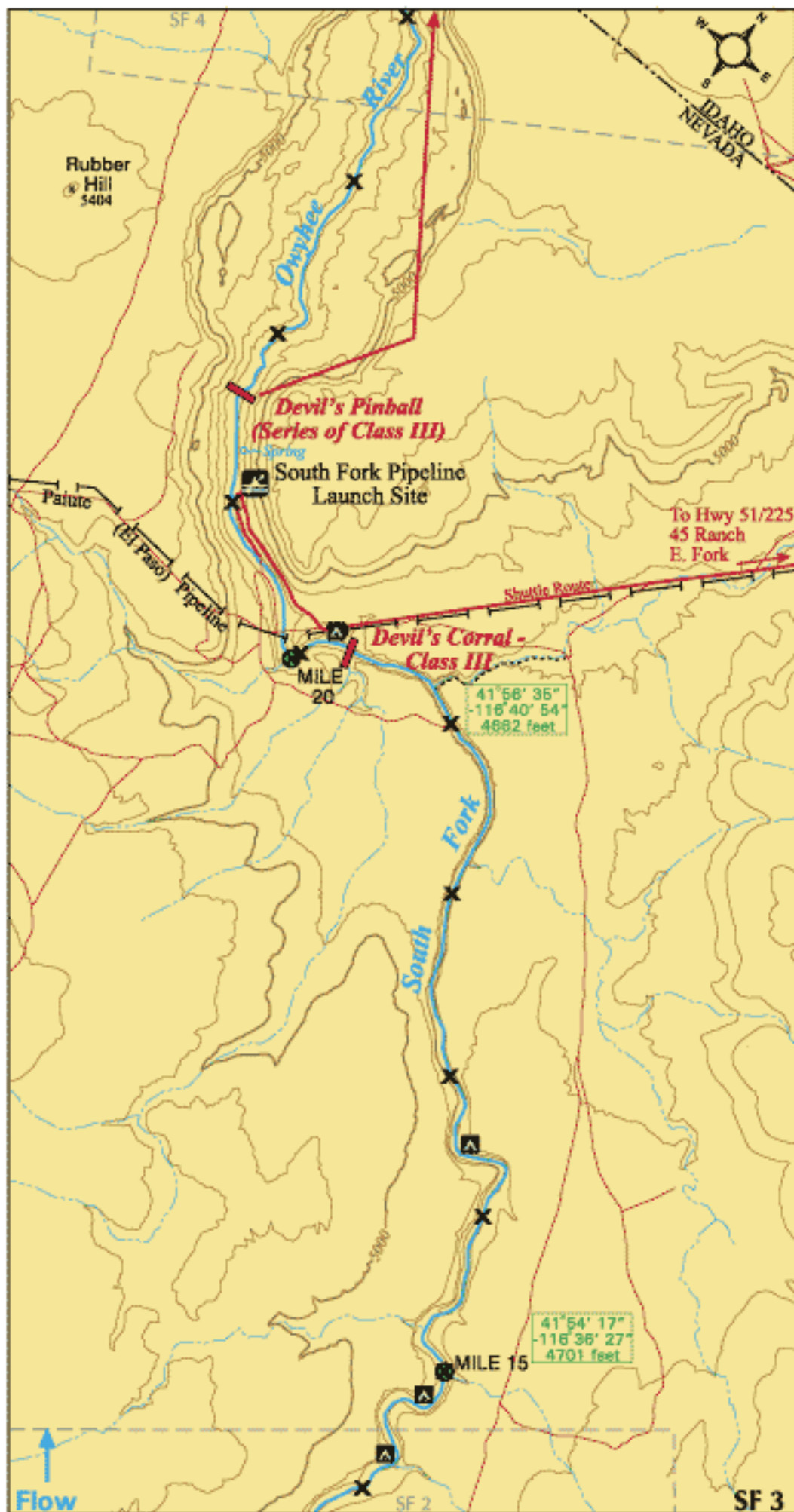
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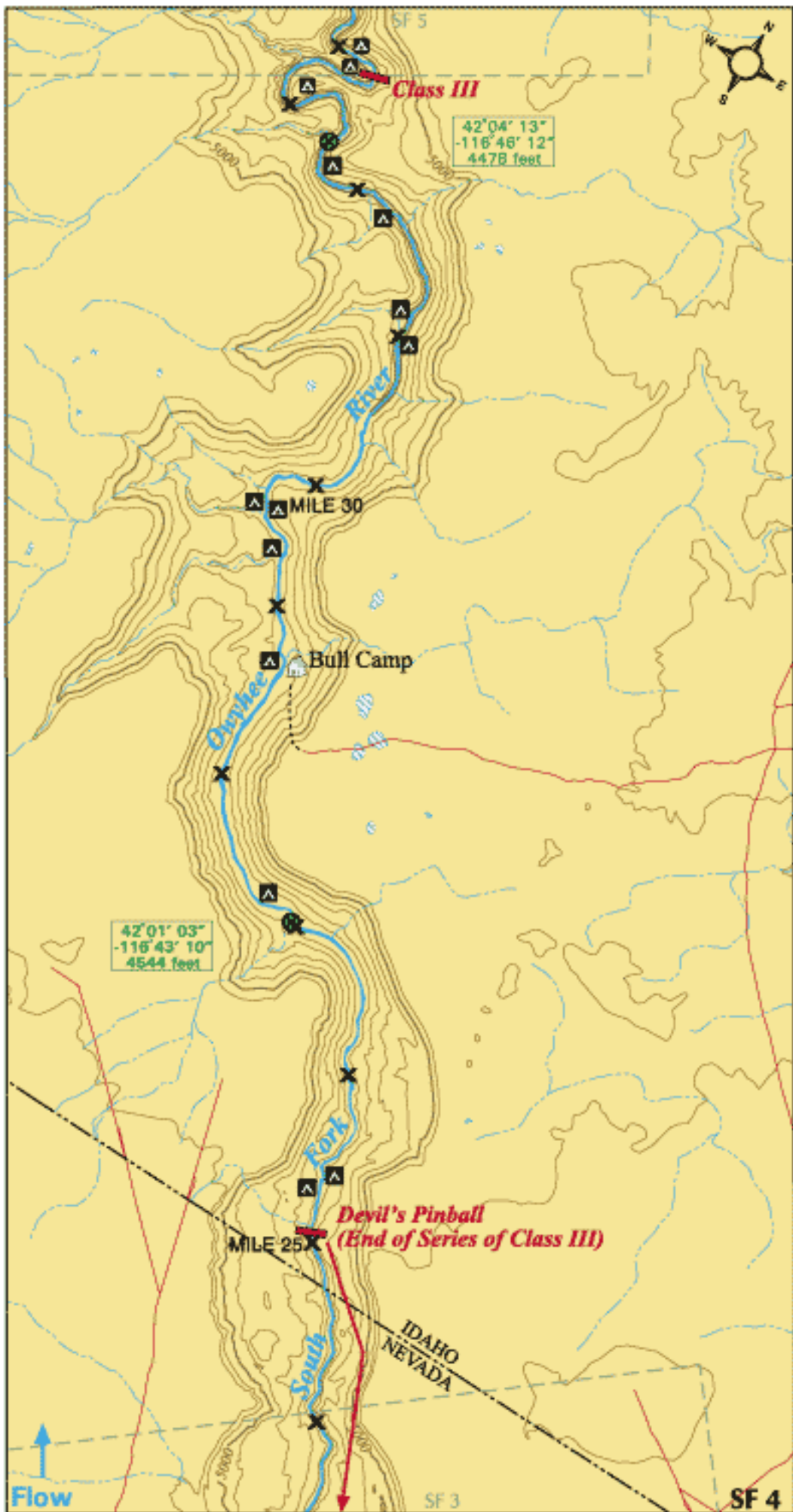
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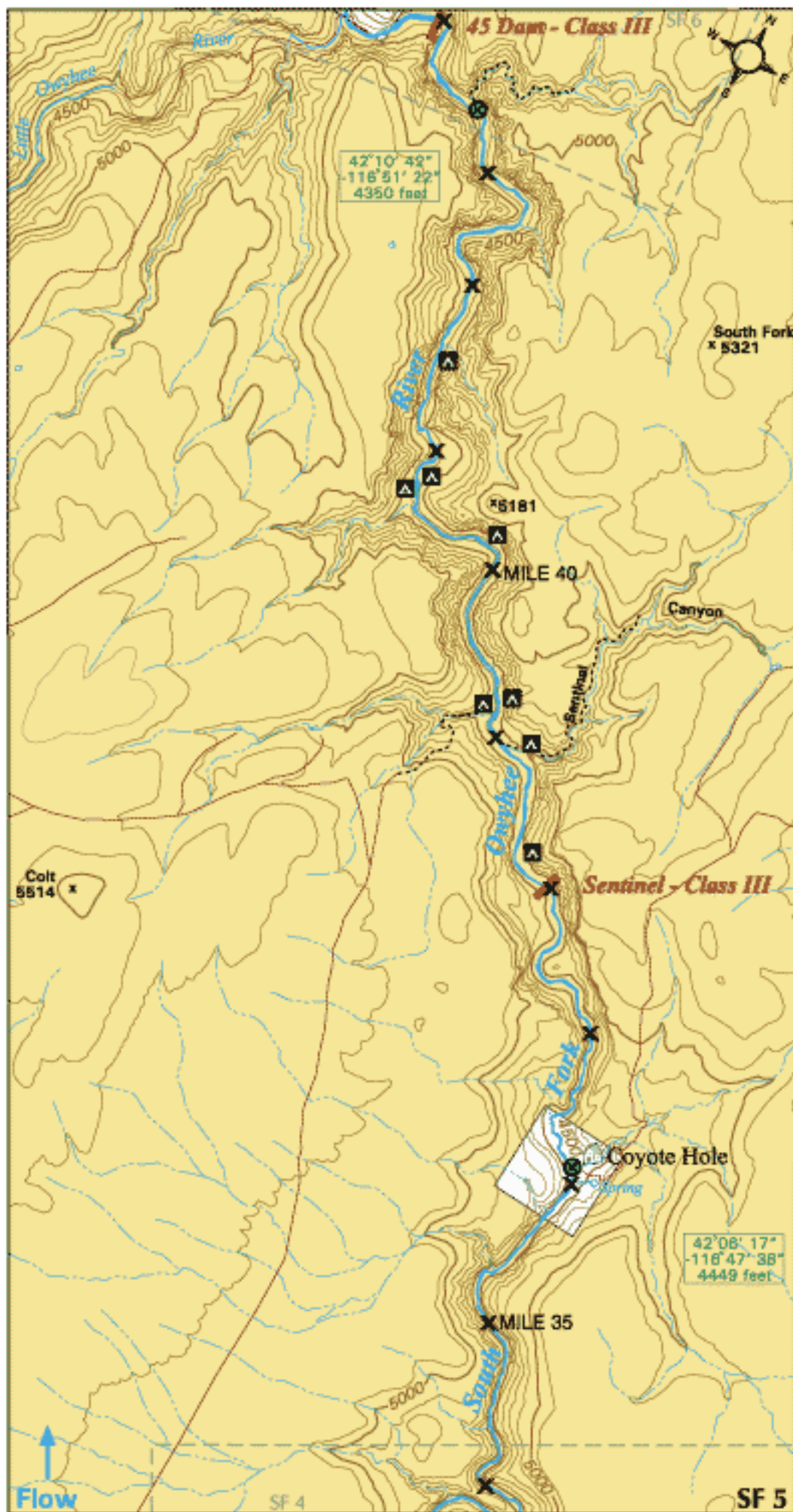


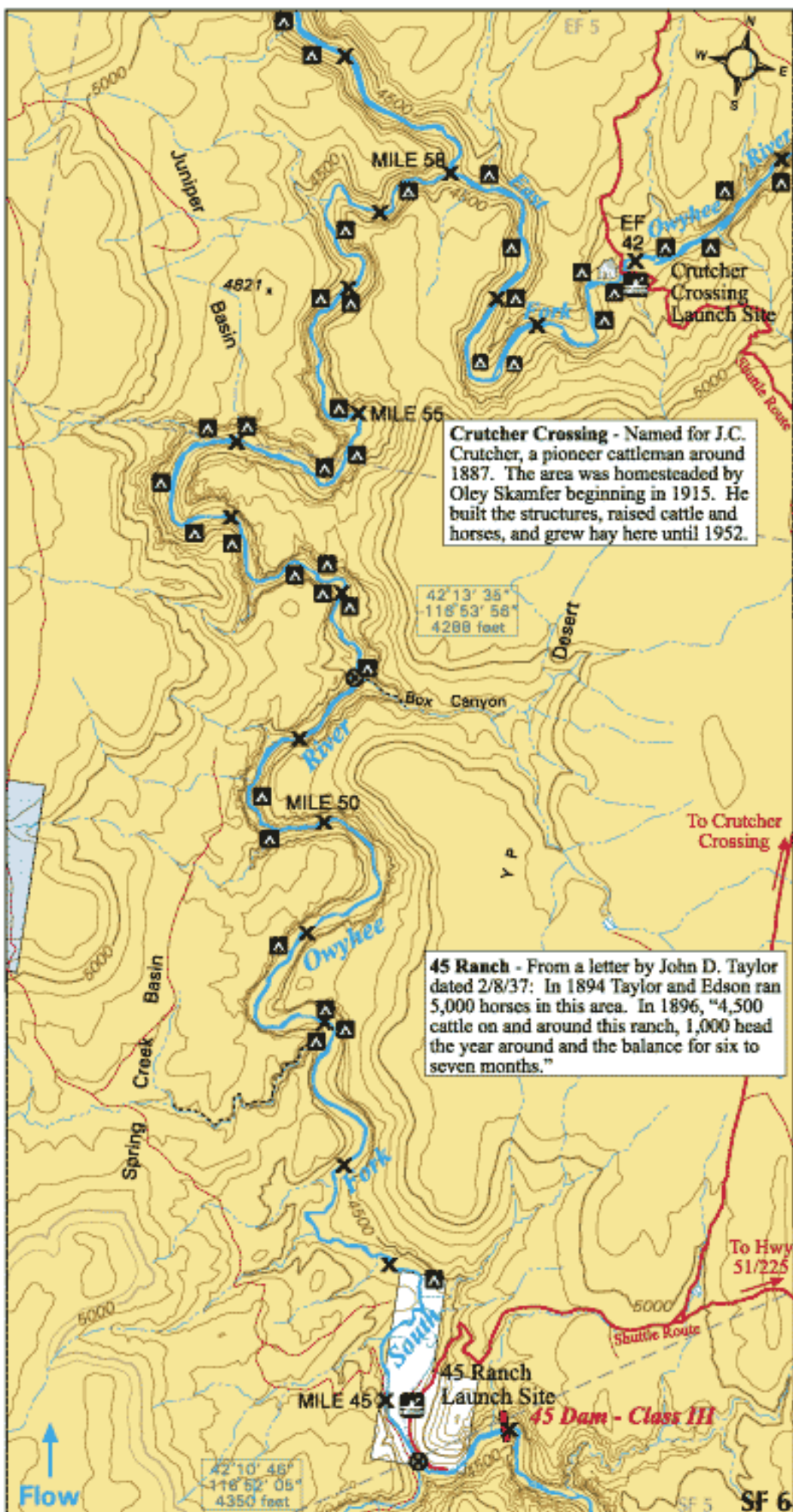


Owyhee - Fur trappers, led by Donald Mackenzie, explored the middle Snake River region for the North West Fur Company from 1818-1820. Three Hawaiian trappers from the party were sent to explore the Owyhee country, and never returned. The expedition named the region in their honor. Owyhee was the traditional English spelling for Hawaii at the time.



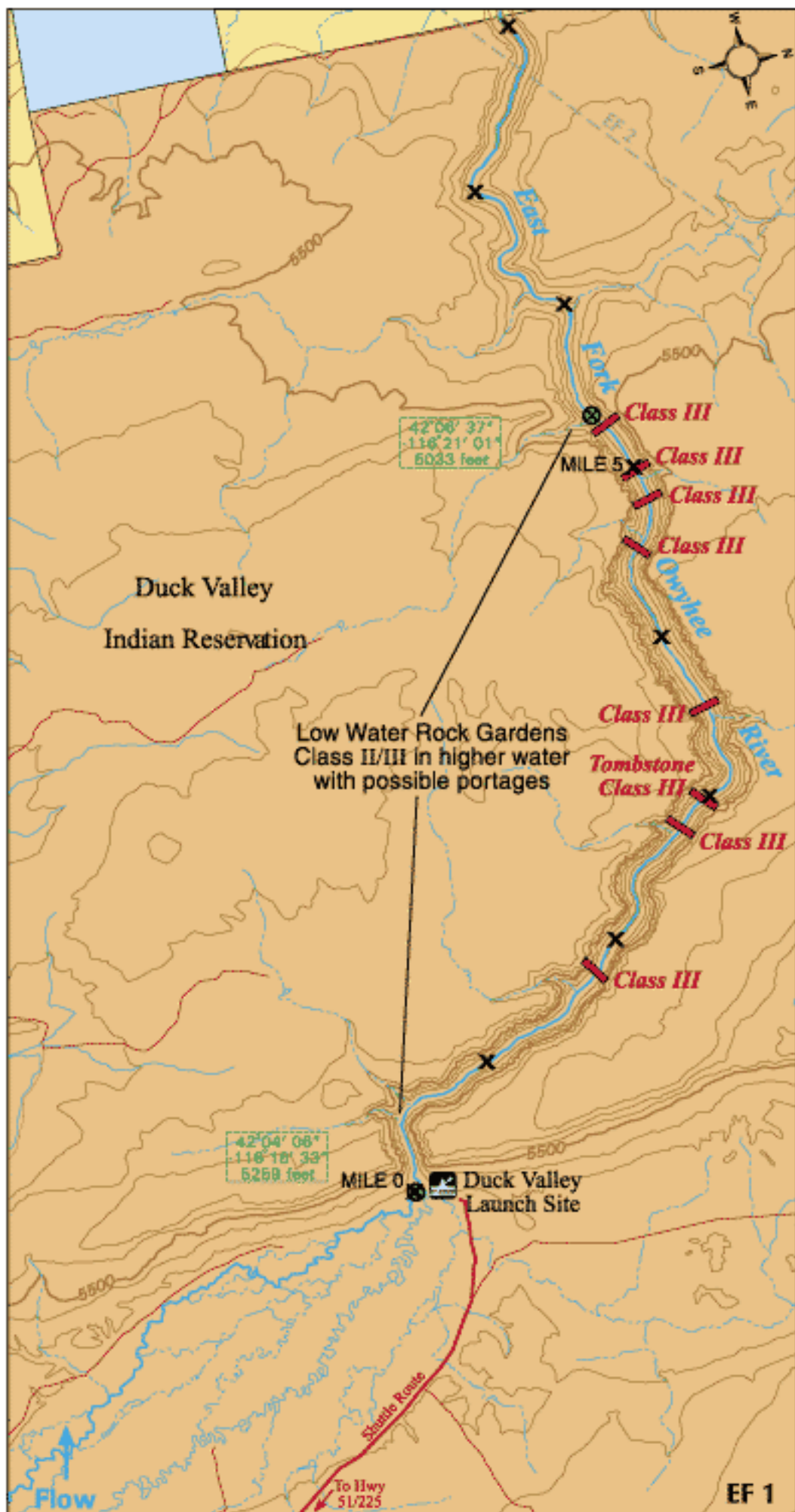


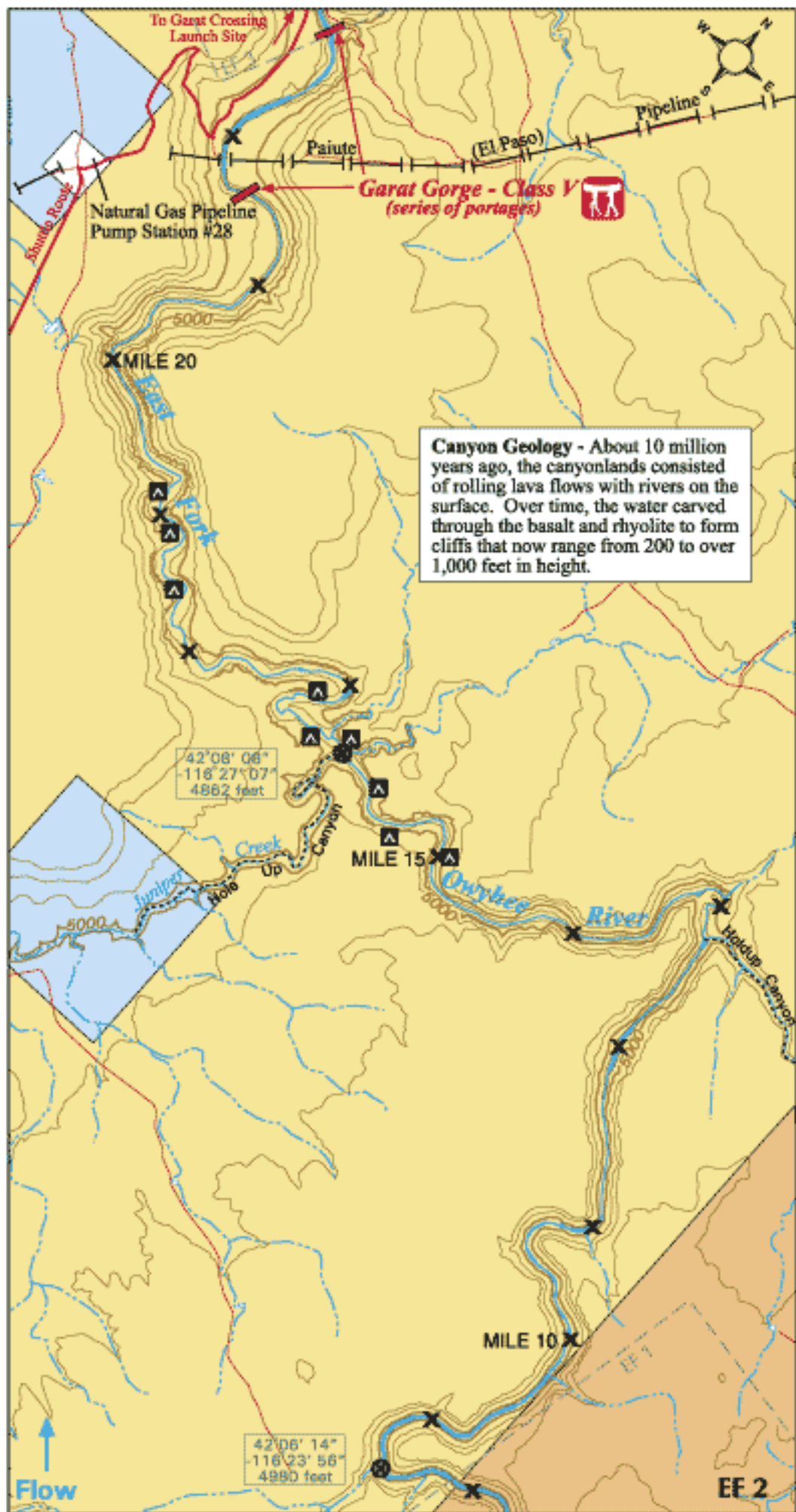


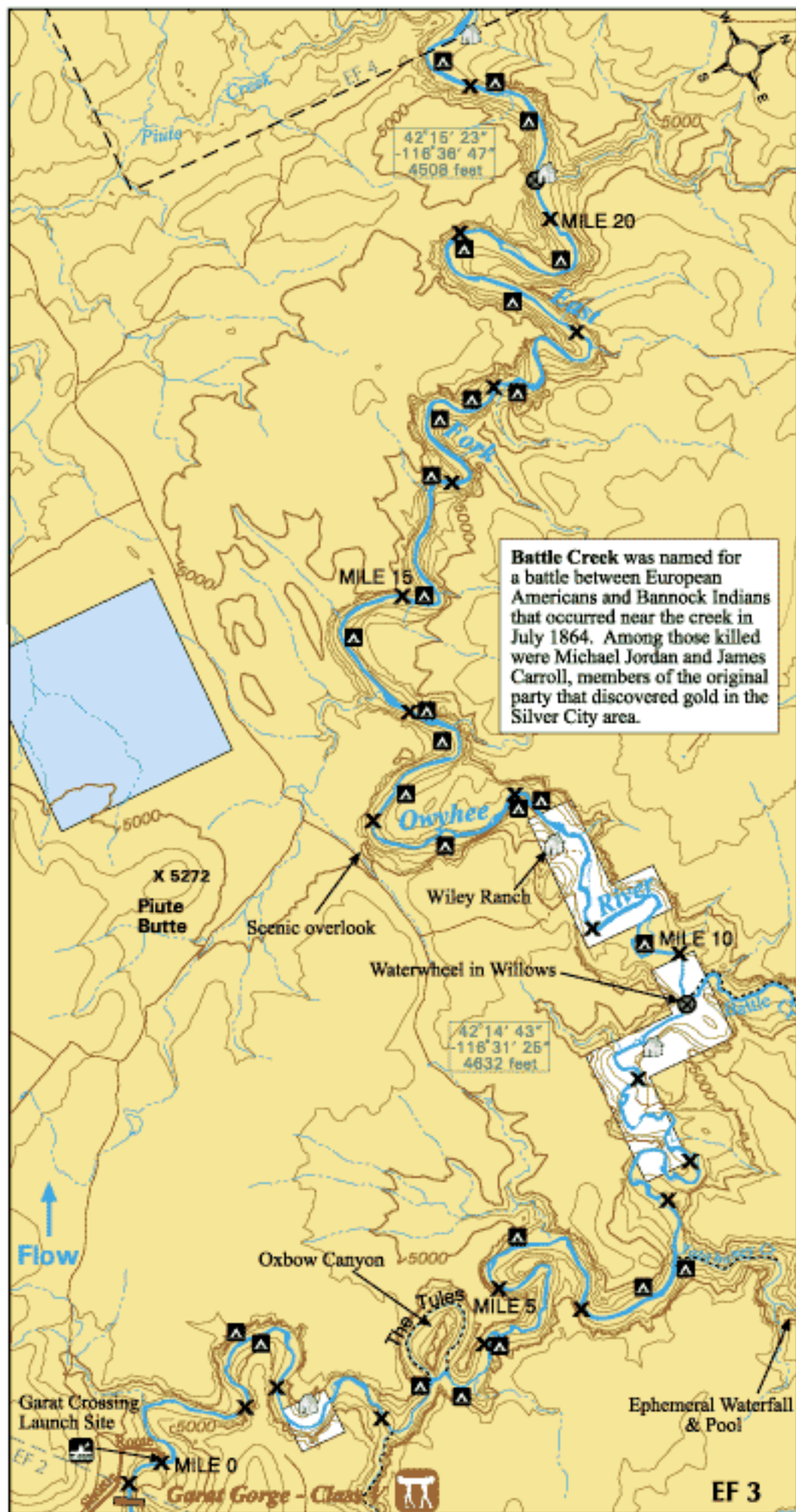


Crutcher Crossing - Named for J.C. Crutcher, a pioneer cattleman around 1887. The area was homesteaded by Oley Skamfer beginning in 1915. He built the structures, raised cattle and horses, and grew hay here until 1952.

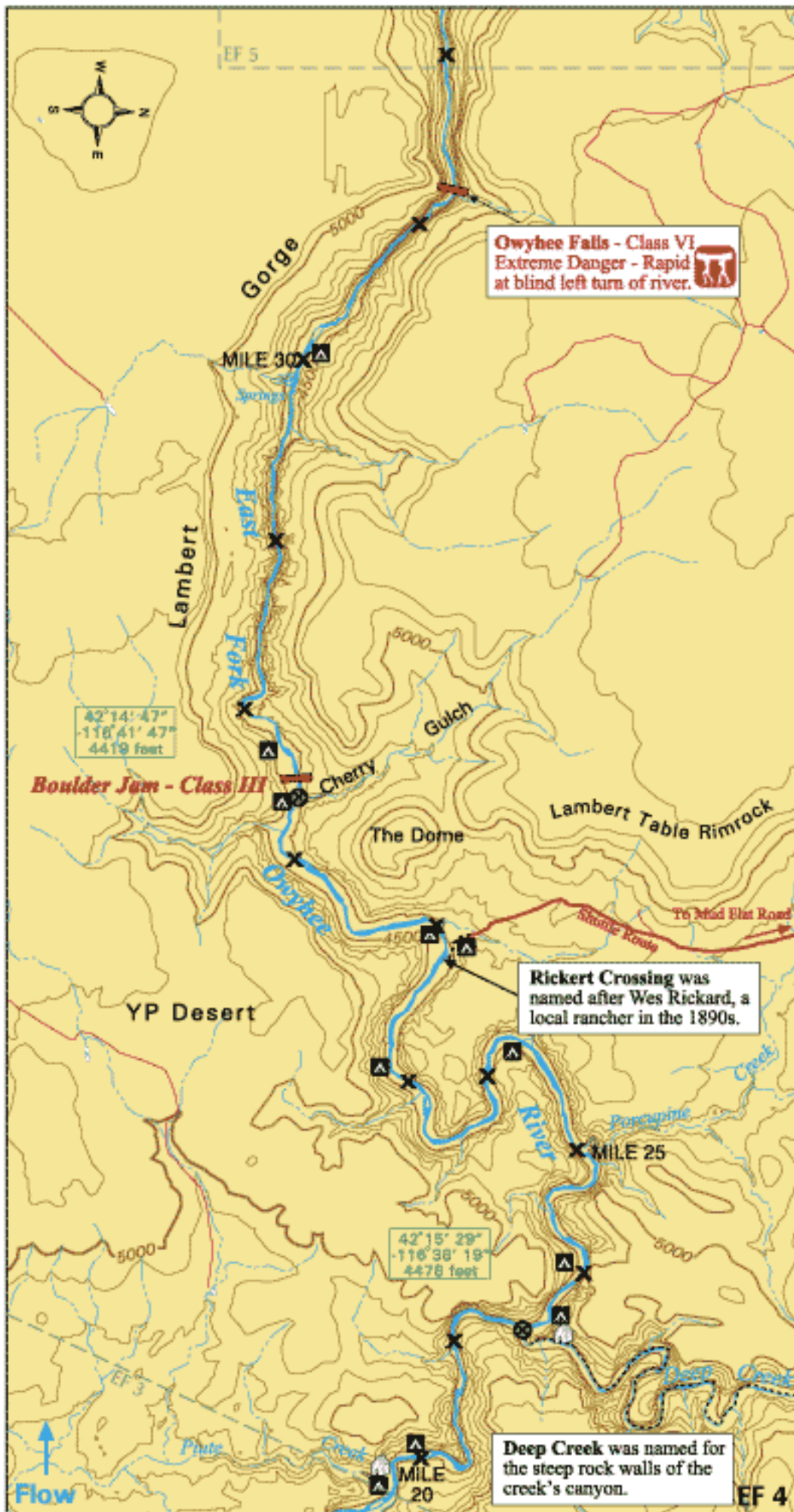
45 Ranch - From a letter by John D. Taylor dated 2/8/37: In 1894 Taylor and Edson ran 5,000 horses in this area. In 1896, "4,500 cattle on and around this ranch, 1,000 head the year around and the balance for six to seven months."

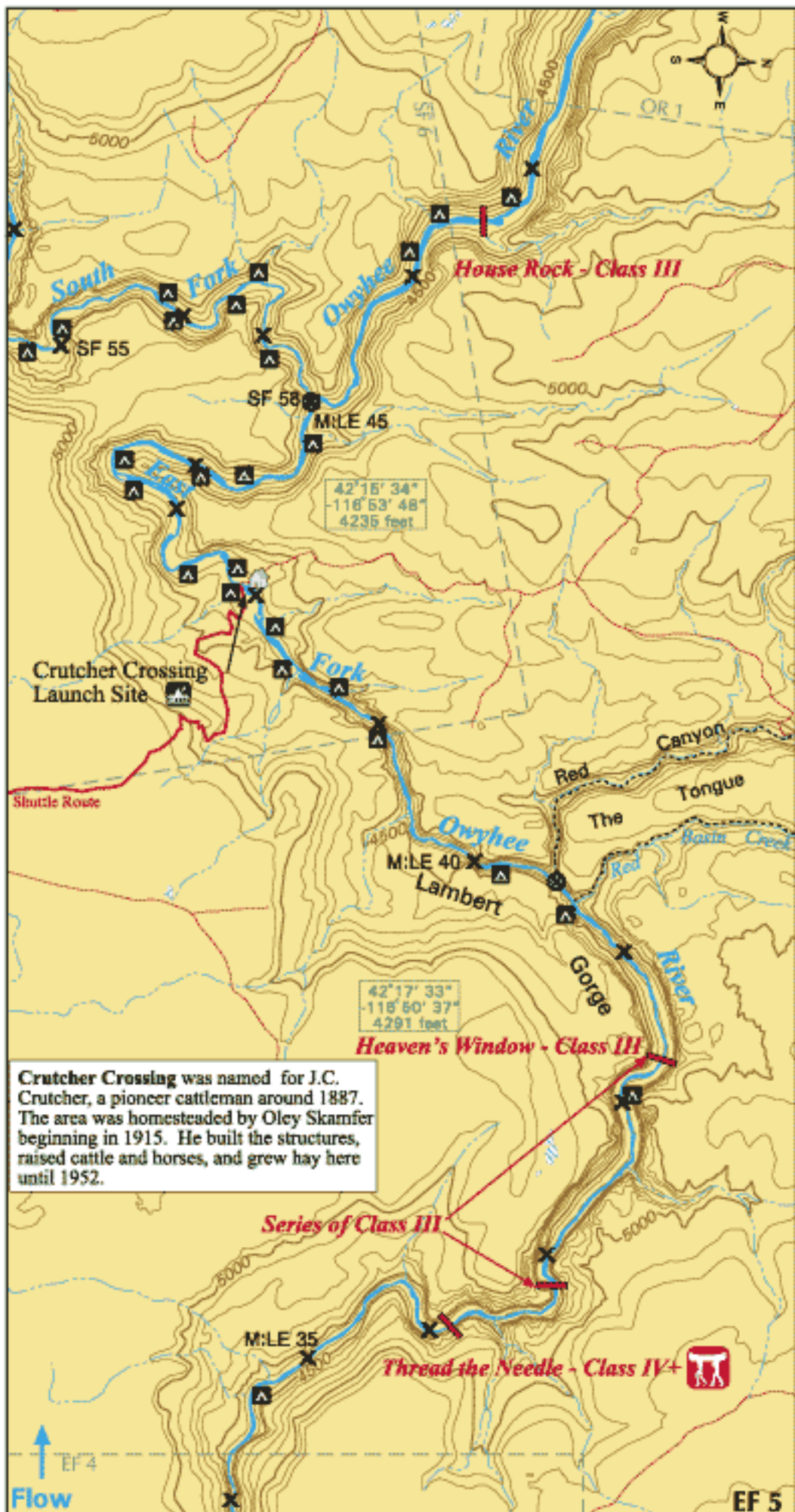


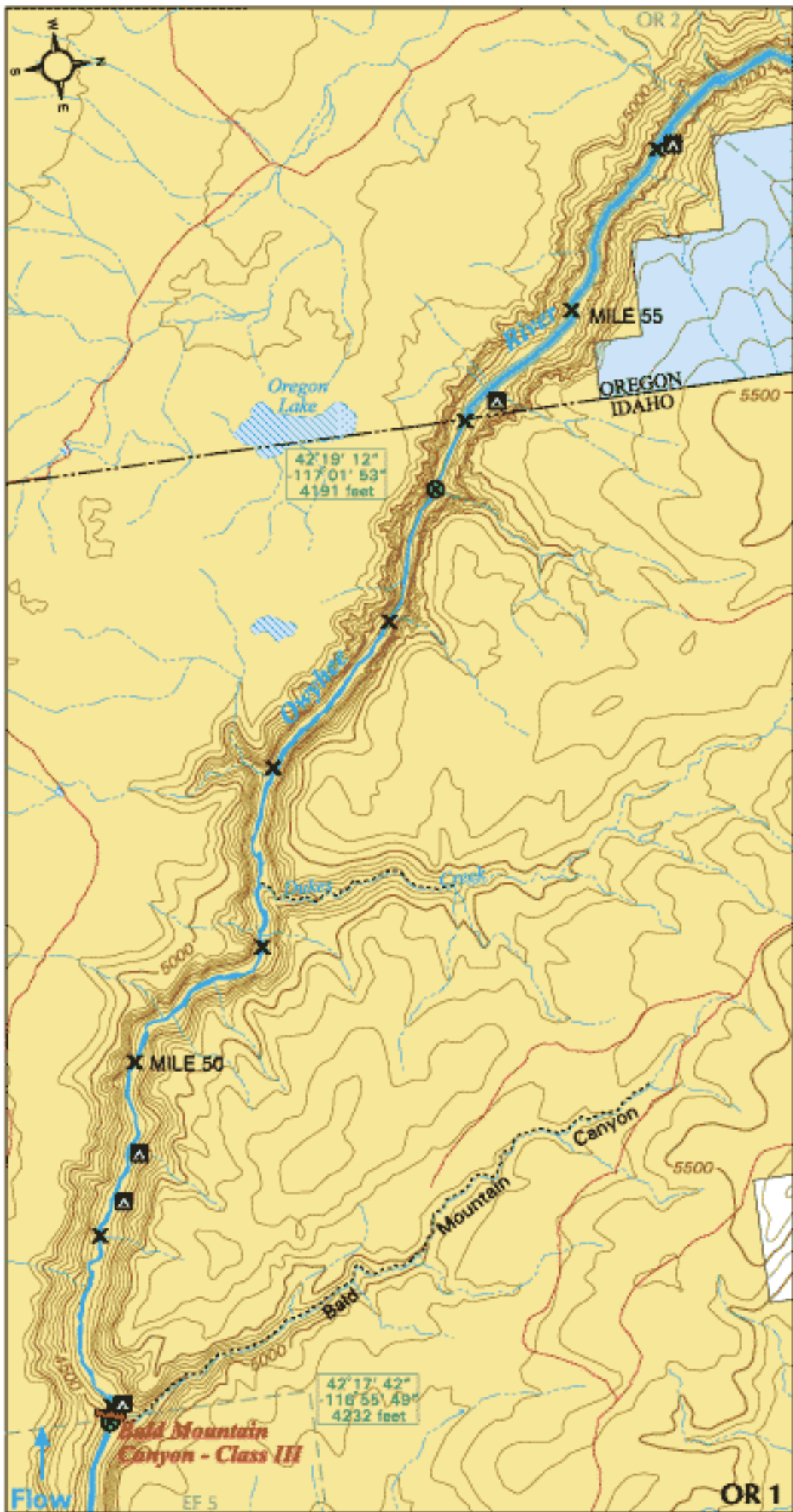


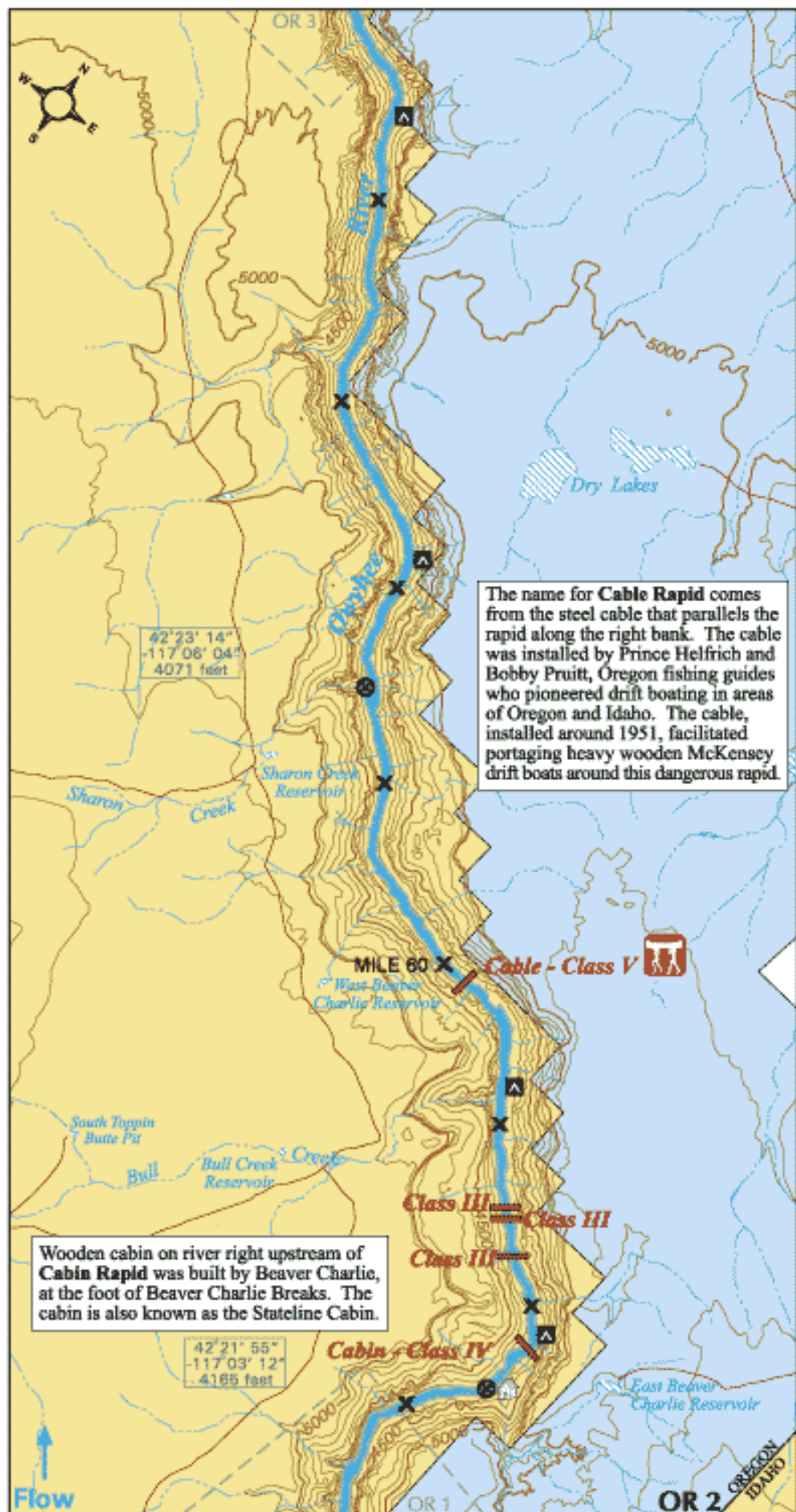


Battle Creek was named for a battle between European Americans and Bannock Indians that occurred near the creek in July 1864. Among those killed were Michael Jordan and James Carroll, members of the original party that discovered gold in the Silver City area.









The name for **Cable Rapid** comes from the steel cable that parallels the rapid along the right bank. The cable was installed by Prince Helfrich and Bobby Pruitt, Oregon fishing guides who pioneered drift boating in areas of Oregon and Idaho. The cable, installed around 1951, facilitated portaging heavy wooden McKensey drift boats around this dangerous rapid.

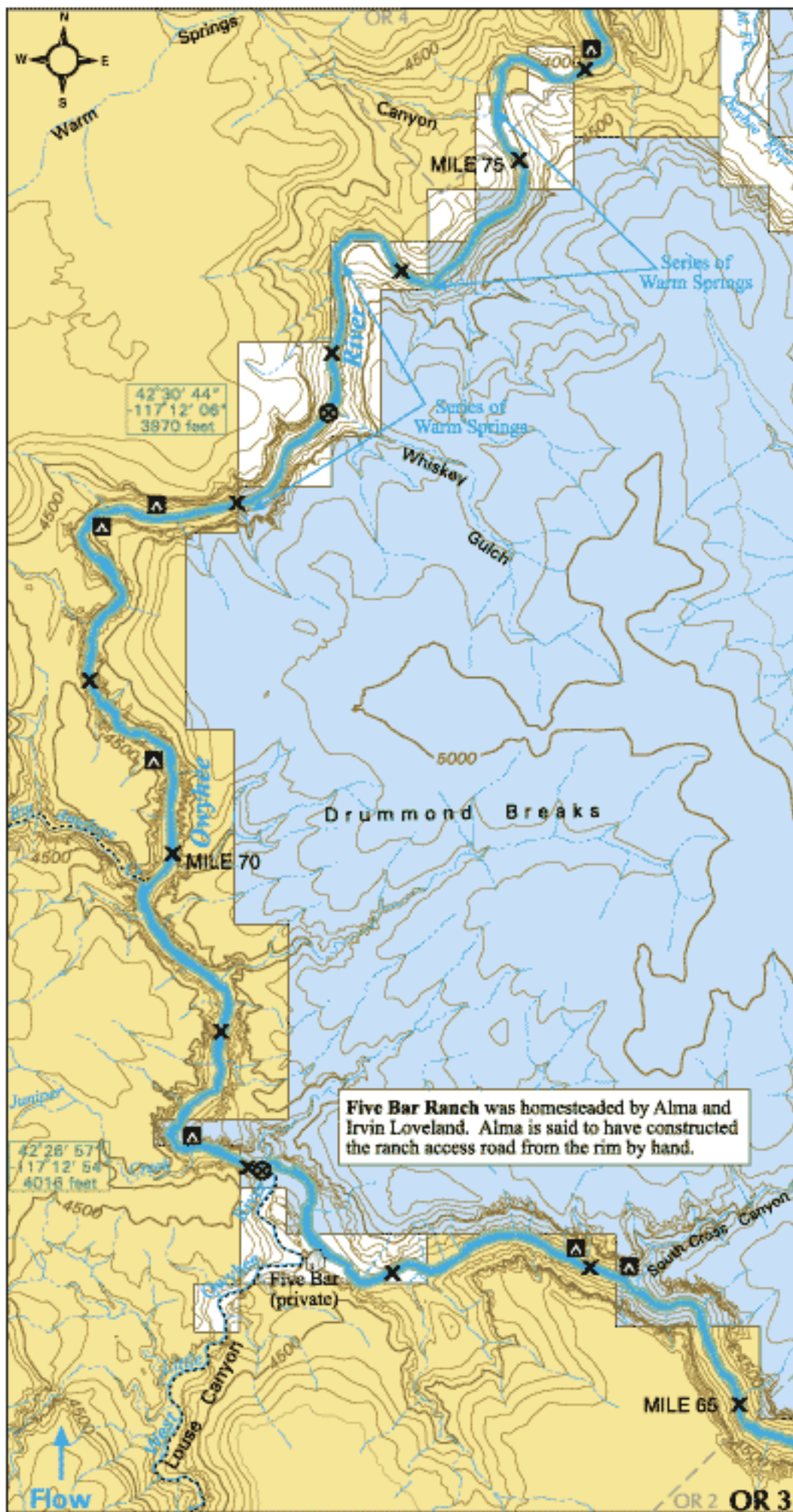
Wooden cabin on river right upstream of **Cabin Rapid** was built by Beaver Charlie, at the foot of Beaver Charlie Breaks. The cabin is also known as the Stateline Cabin.

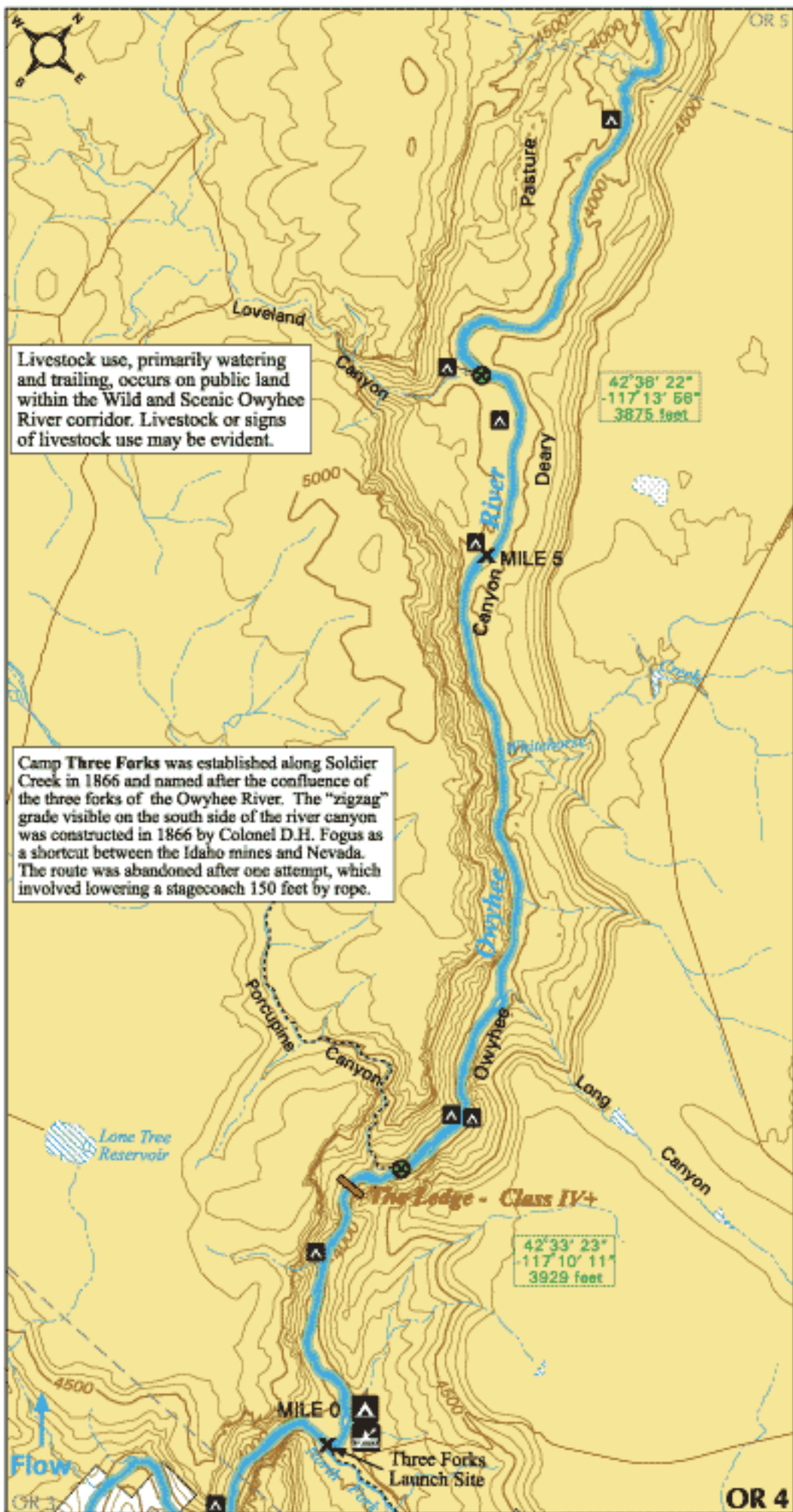
42°23'14"
-117°06'04"
4071 feet

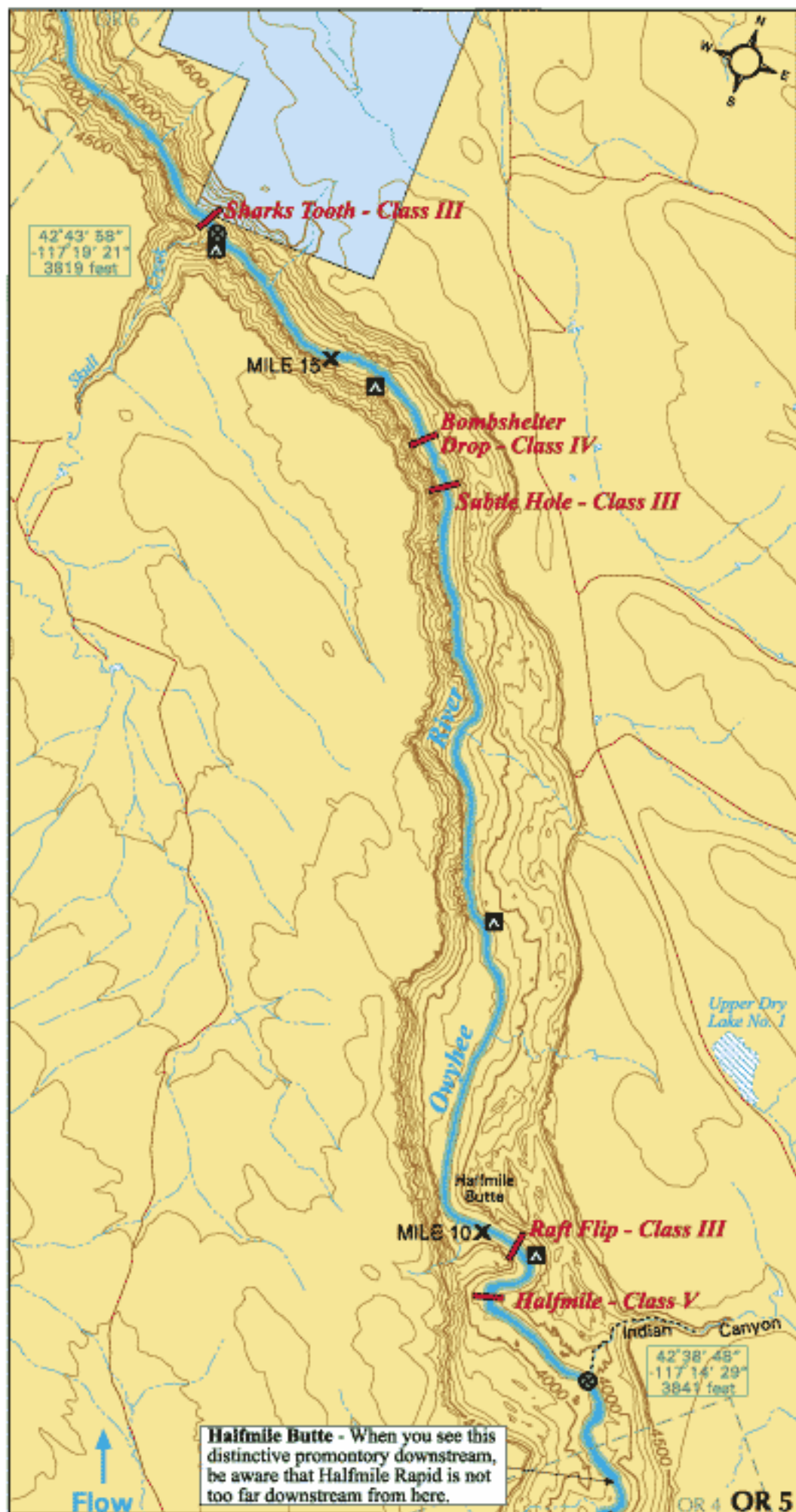
42°21'55"
-117°03'12"
4185 feet

Flow

OREGON
IDAHO

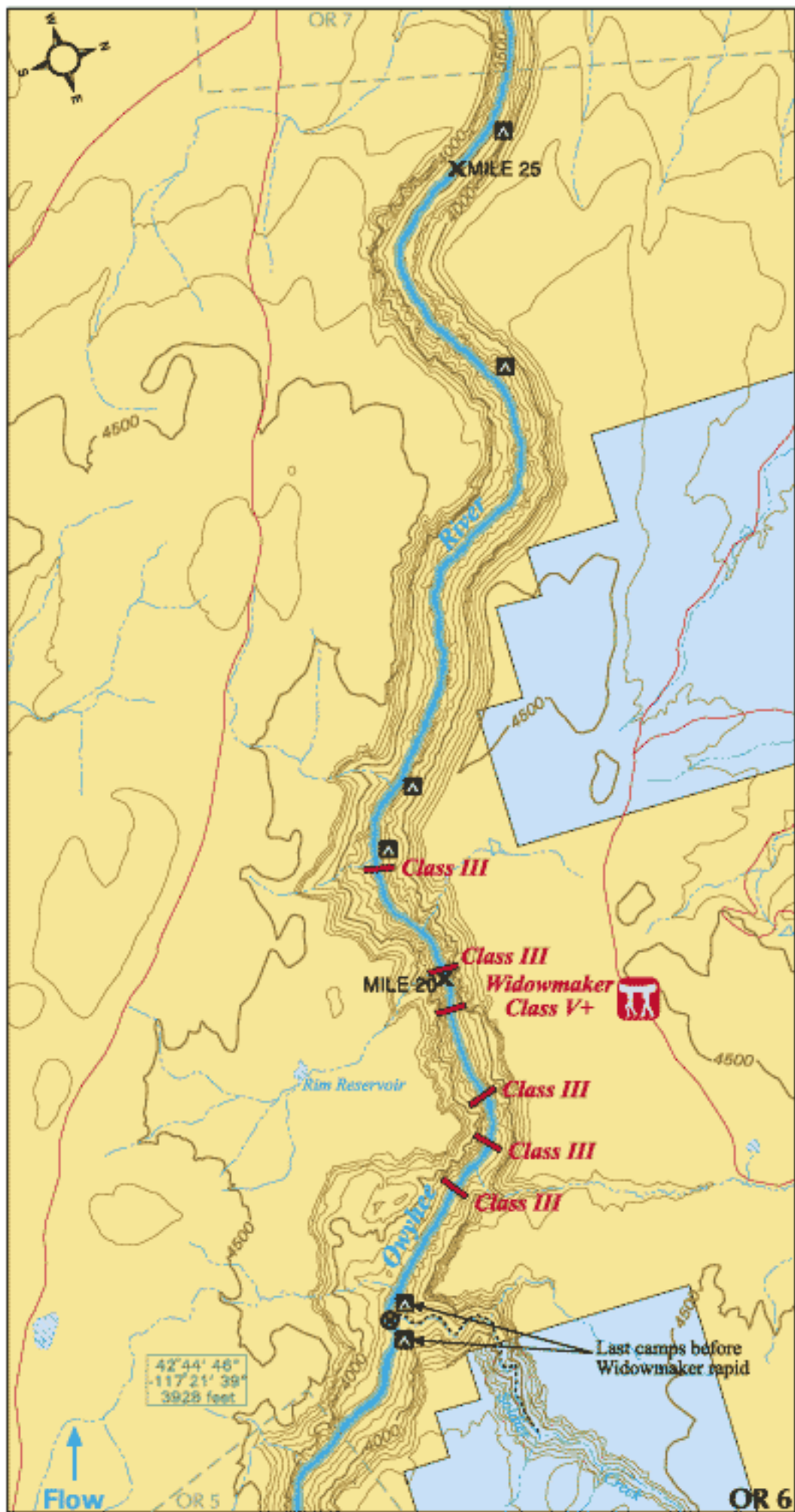


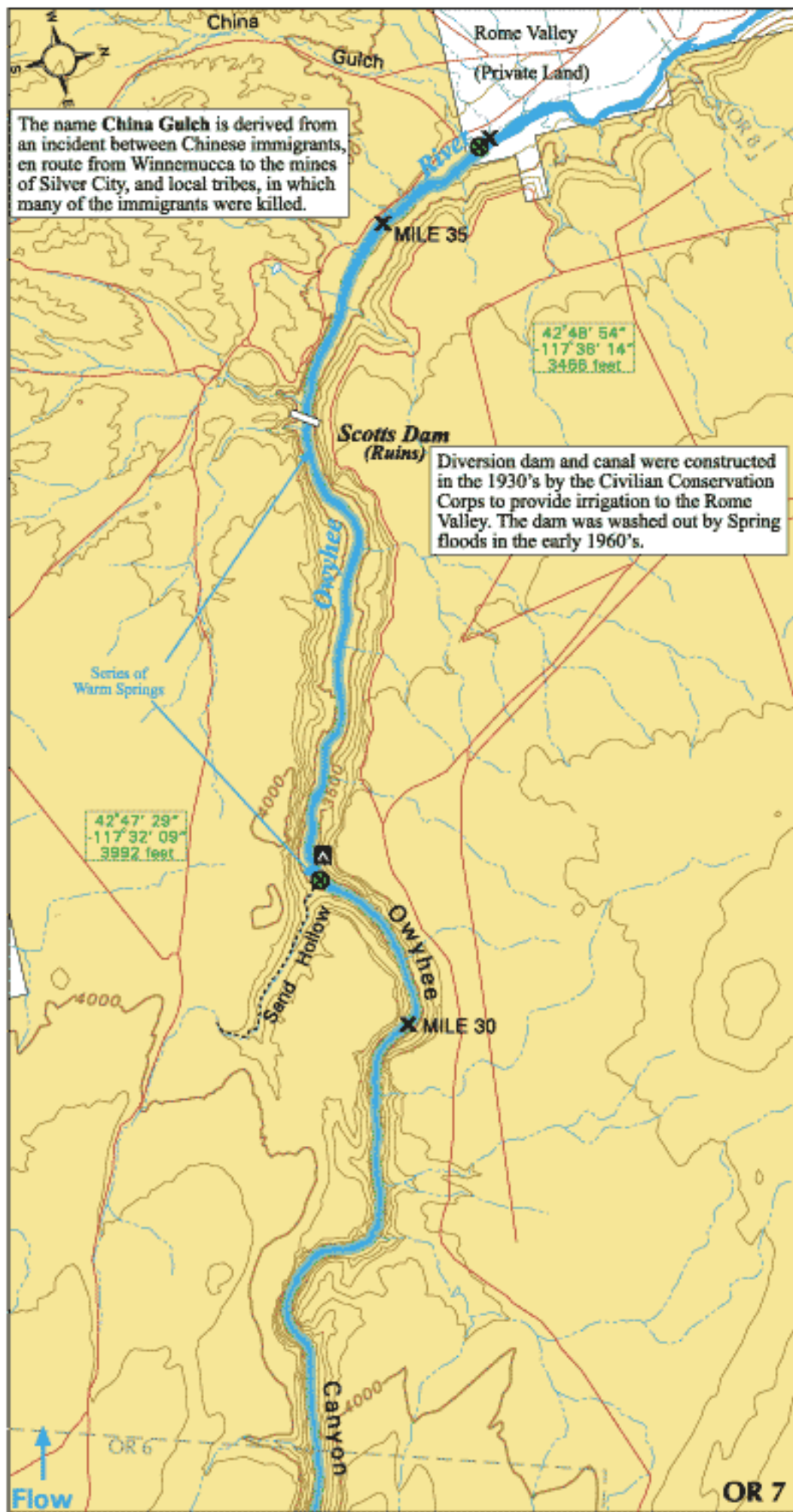




Halfmile Butte - When you see this distinctive promontory downstream, be aware that Halfmile Rapid is not too far downstream from here.

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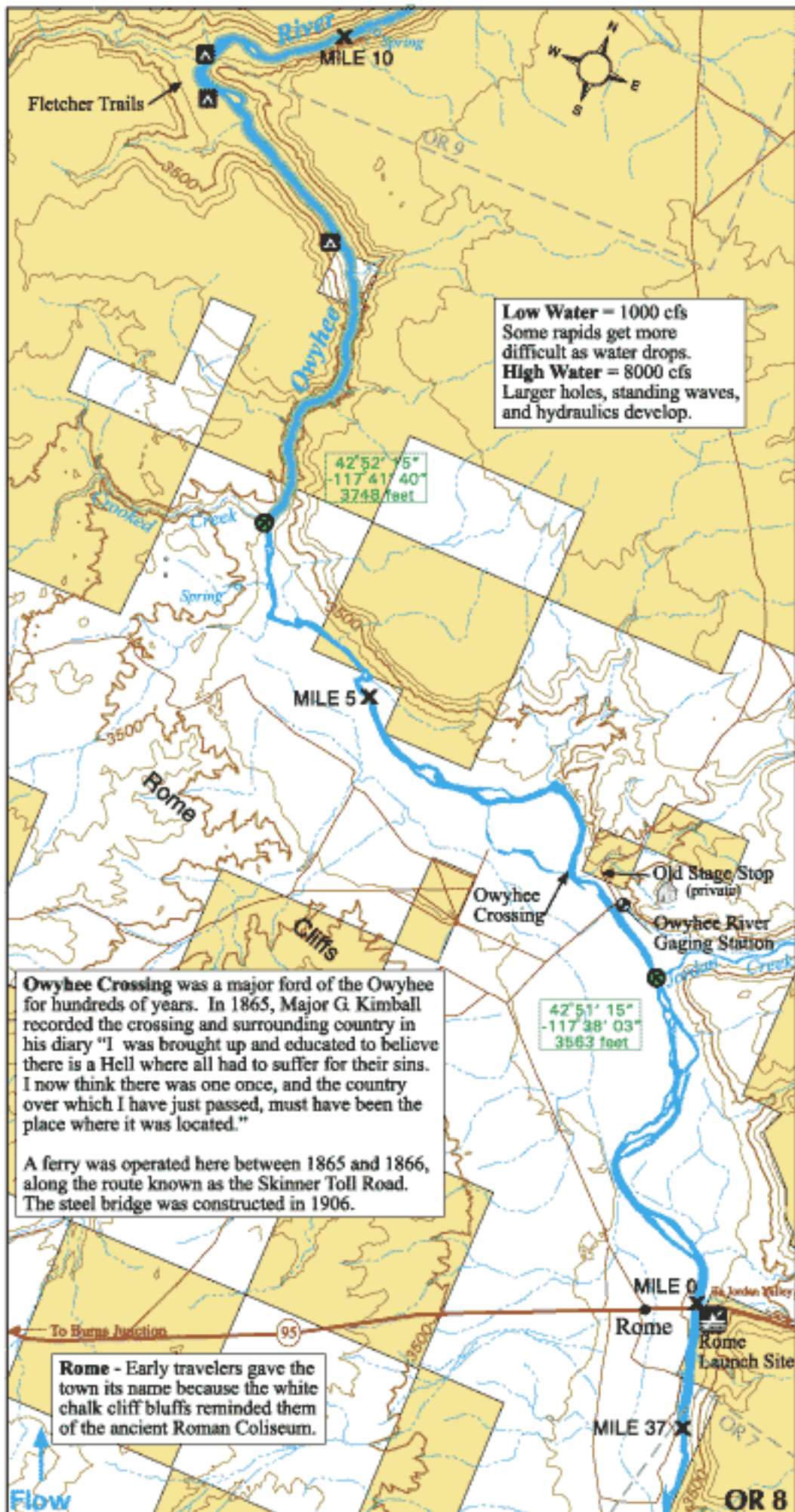


The name **China Gulch** is derived from an incident between Chinese immigrants, en route from Winnemucca to the mines of Silver City, and local tribes, in which many of the immigrants were killed.

Diversion dam and canal were constructed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps to provide irrigation to the Rome Valley. The dam was washed out by Spring floods in the early 1960's.

Flow

OR 7



Low Water = 1000 cfs
 Some rapids get more difficult as water drops.
 High Water = 8000 cfs
 Larger holes, standing waves, and hydraulics develop.

42°52' 75"
 -117°41' 40"
 3748 feet

42°51' 15"
 -117°38' 03"
 3663 feet

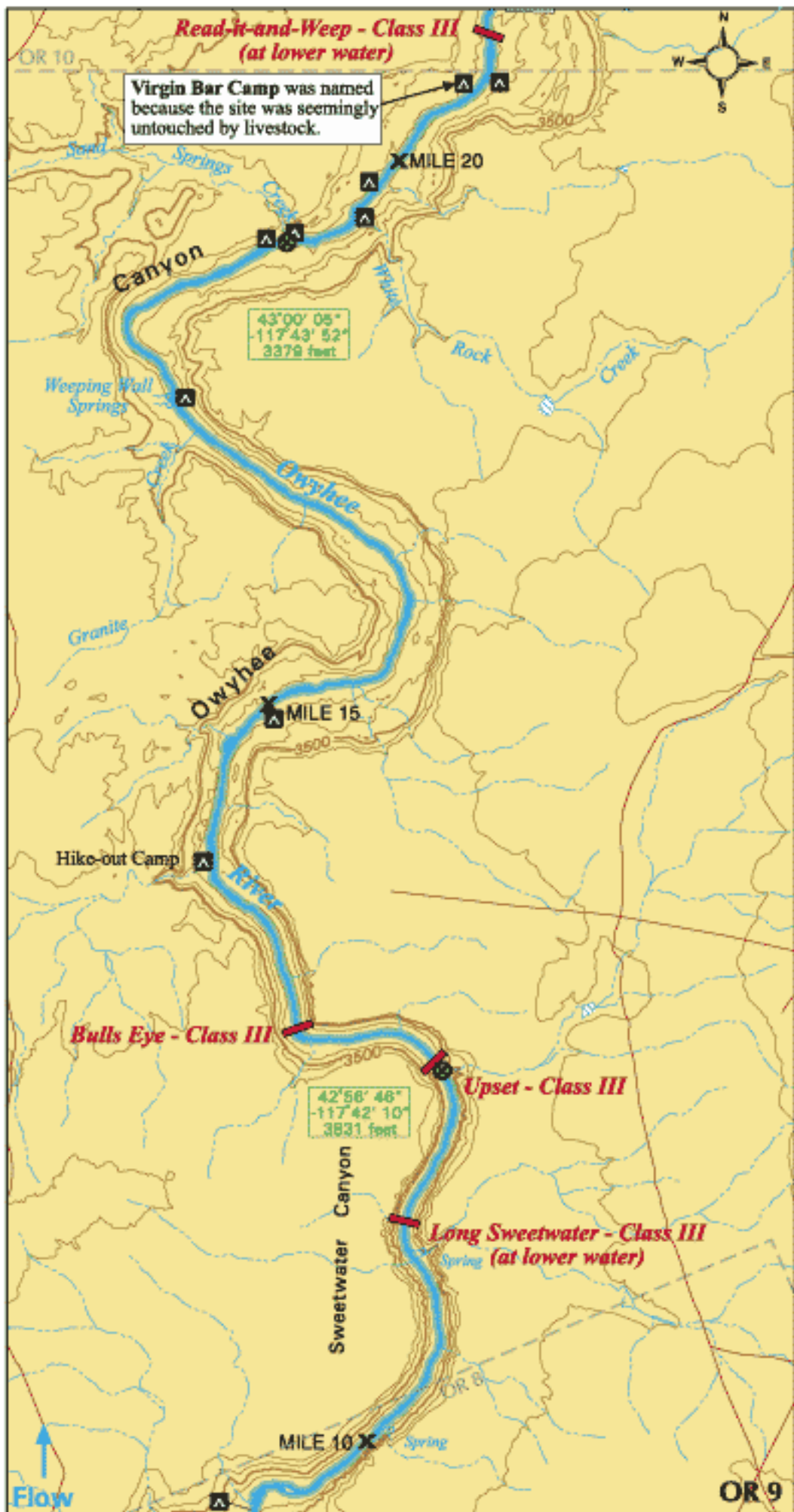
Owyhee Crossing was a major ford of the Owyhee for hundreds of years. In 1865, Major G. Kimball recorded the crossing and surrounding country in his diary "I was brought up and educated to believe there is a Hell where all had to suffer for their sins. I now think there was one once, and the country over which I have just passed, must have been the place where it was located."

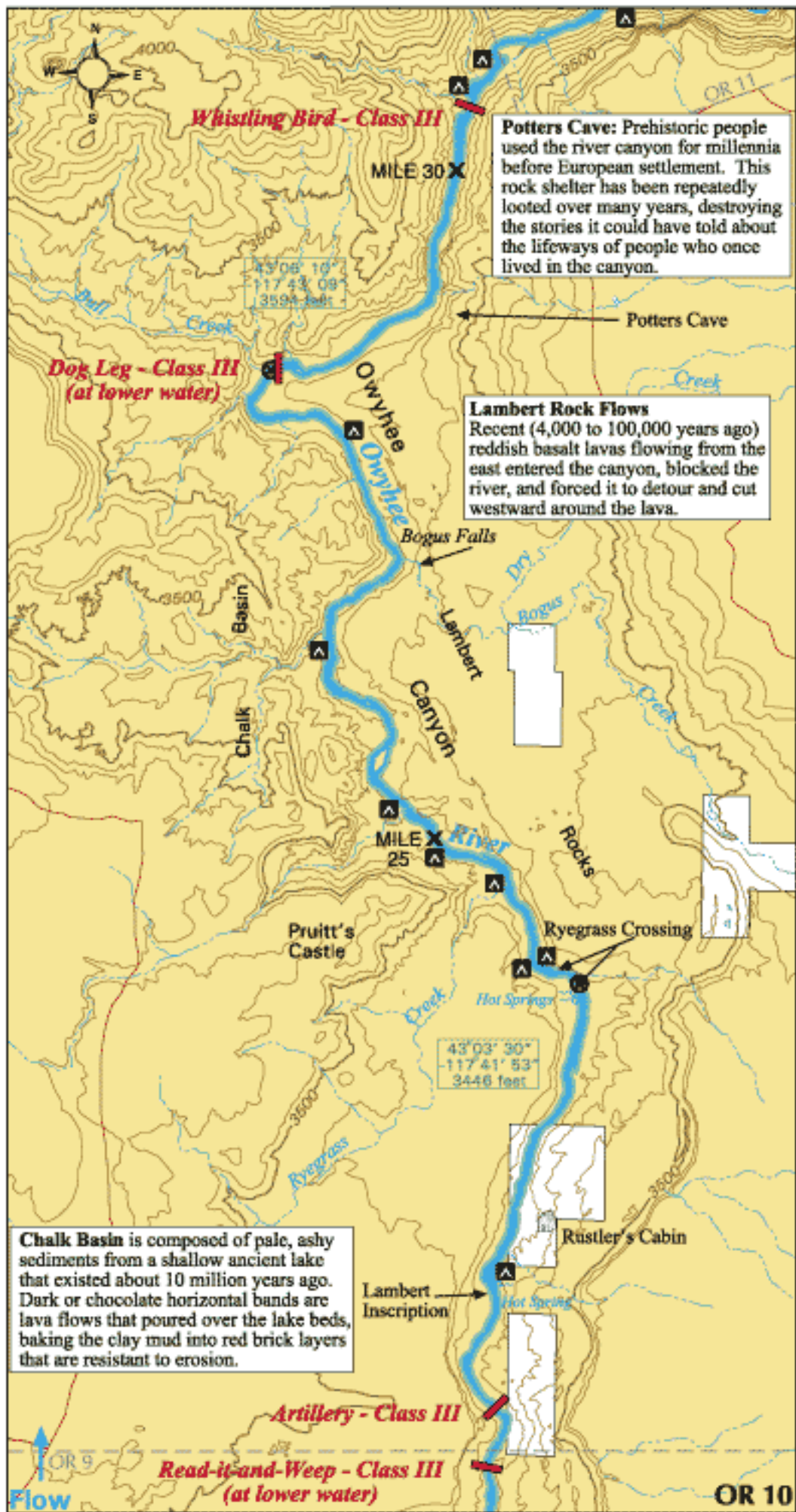
A ferry was operated here between 1865 and 1866, along the route known as the Skinner Toll Road. The steel bridge was constructed in 1906.

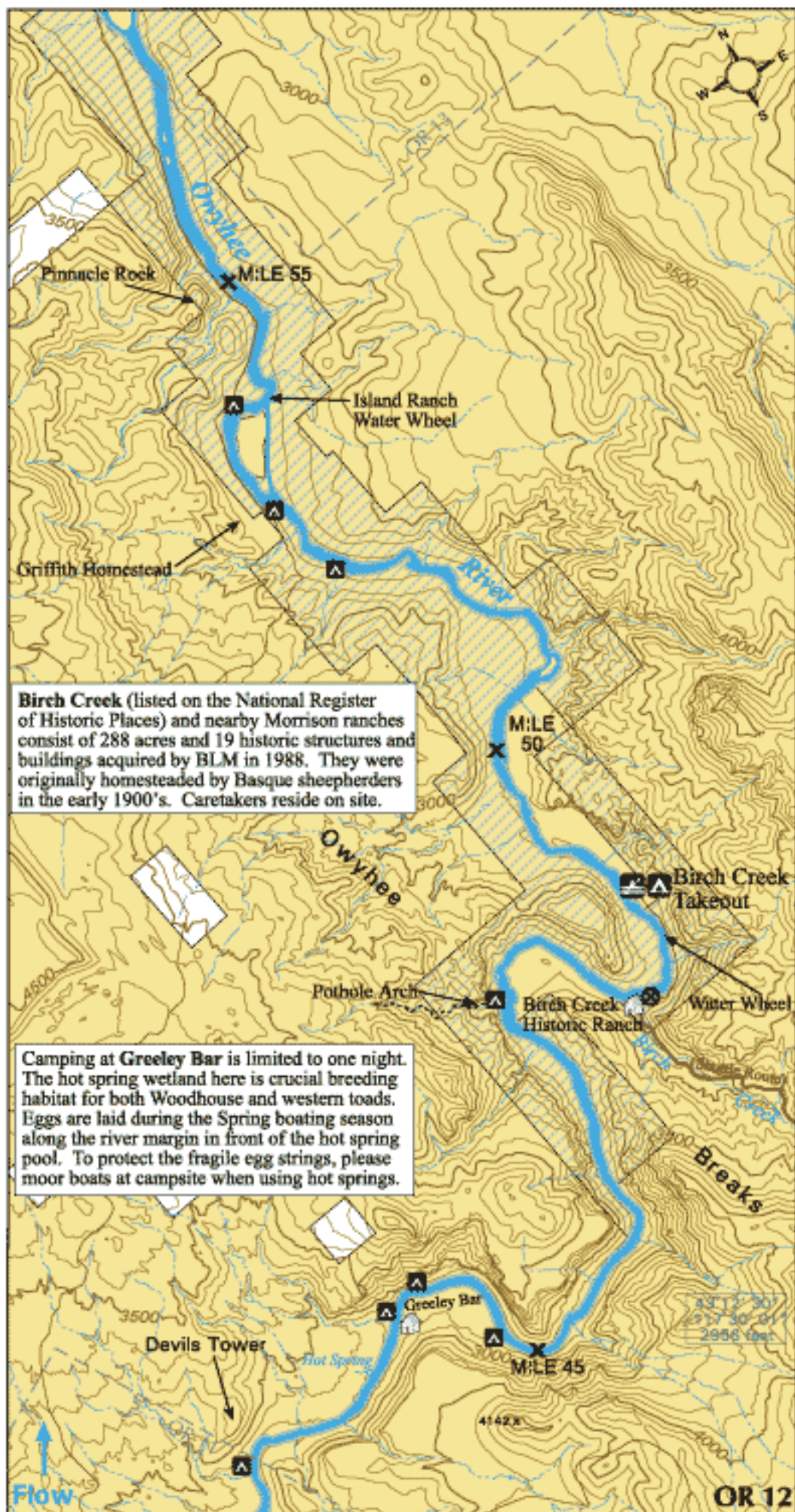
Rome - Early travelers gave the town its name because the white chalk cliff bluffs reminded them of the ancient Roman Coliseum.

Flow

OR 8







Leslie Gulch Boat Ramp

Rooster Comb
4223

Owyhee Reservoir - At the time of its construction in 1932, the 417 foot high Owyhee Dam was the highest dam in the world. It was built, in part, as a prototype for Hoover Dam. Completion of the dam ended anadromous fish migrations to upstream tributaries in the Owyhee River basin.

X MILE 65

43° 18' 33"
-117° 24' 58"
2707 feet

Owyhee

MILE 60X

Slack water begins here when the reservoir is full. Motorized use authorized below this point.

Blue Breaks

Diamond Butte

Flow

OR 13

