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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB

Dear Friends,

The canoeing season is nearly upon us again and it's time to get out the paddles, dust off the life preservers and hold our first RMCC meeting. We are getting together on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the National Bureau of Standards, 325 S. Broadway in Boulder to select trip leaders for this year's outings, elect officers, welcome new people and renew acquaintances. It is an important meeting which will set the tone of the club's activities for the season, and we really hope you'll all be able to come.

We thank all of you for returning the questionnaires last fall and for the many constructive comments. We've tried to plan the program around the preferences you indicated. Although no one will be able to join in on all of the trips, we hope you will select the ones that are most interesting and that fit best with your summer plans. The trip list enclosed covering the rest of the season will be supplemented with more detailed information about each one after the trip leaders have been chosen. Generally, the "Easy" rating indicates runs for all including those with limited river canoeing experience or for more experienced canoeists with small children aboard. Several "Easy" trips would prepare paddlers for most "Intermediate" ones, but check with that trip leader for a specific river. The "Difficult" rivers are more dangerous and require mastery of all paddling and rescue techniques.

Jeff Keeler will be leading the first canoe outing--a trip down the South Platte River from Milliken to Greeley, Colorado on Saturday, May 1st. This will be a flat water trip--good experience for those new to river canoeing and enjoyable for everyone. If you want to join the trip but can't attend the meeting, please call Jeff at [ ] for the details and to let him know you will be coming.

Finally, we need to collect dues of \$3.00 per family to cover the cost of mailing, xeroxing, etc. Additional notices and mailings will only go out to those on the active list. You may bring it to the meeting or mail a check to our Treasurer, Jeanne Waters [ ]

It looks like a great summer for the Club. We look forward to seeing all of the familiar faces at the meeting on Tuesday, the 20th, and to greeting the newcomers. So talk to that friend who has had a canoe in his garage for years and let him know about our activities. Also, think about trips you would like to lead, and if you can't attend the meeting please call Bob McLaughlin ahead of time at [ ], [ ] during the day or [ ] evenings to be included. See you Tuesday in Boulder!

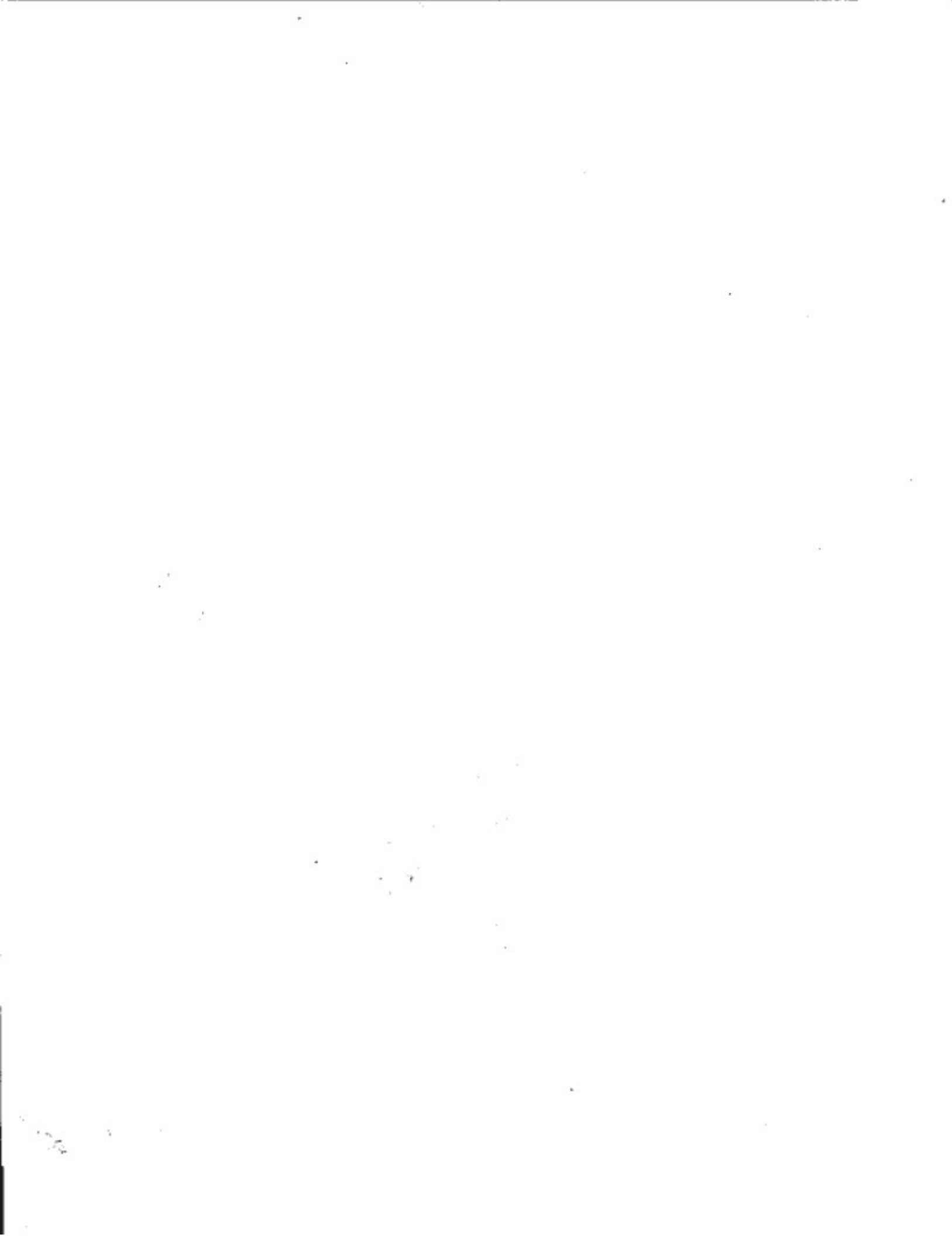
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<u>Date</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Driving</u>
May 1	S. Platte	Milliken to Greeley, Colo.	Easy	1 1/2 hrs.
May 15-16	Colorado	Grandby to Hot Sulphur Springs, Colo.--Parshall to Ranch	Easy	2 1/2 hrs.
May 29-31	Yampa	Craig to Juniper Springs, Colo.	Intermediate	6 hrs.
June 5-6	N. Platte	Oshkosh to Lewellen, Neb.	Easy	5 hrs.
June 19-20	N. Platte	Bennett Peak to Saratoga, Wyo.	Easy	4 hrs.
July 3-5	Snake	Moran Jct. to Moose Visitor's Ctr. Grand Teton Nat'l Park, Wyo.	Easy	12 hrs.
July 17-18	Rio Grande	Wagon Wheel Gap to S. Fork, Colo.	Intermediate	5 hrs.
July 31	S. Platte	Crook, Colo.	Easy	2 1/2 hrs.
Aug. 14	Colorado	Radium to State Bridge, Colo.	Difficult	3 1/2 hrs.
Sept. 4-6	Green	Whiskey Grove to Warren Bridge Campgrounds, Wyo.	Intermediate	10 hrs.
Sept. 18	Blue	Green Mtn. Reservoir to Kremmling, Colo.	Intermediate	3 hrs.

For further information call: Jeff Keeler at   
 or  
 Bob McLaughlin at



ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB

MAY NEWSLETTER

Our first outing was a rousing success. Thanks to Jeff Keeler's efforts we floated 20 canoes down the Platte with little more than wet feet. A good dinner at a restaurant in La Salle topped off a day of beautiful weather and real comradery. Fresh from such success we're about to fearlessly paddle into the second trip, an easy run down the Colorado River from Grandby. We have enclosed a brief description of the trip with details on put-in points and times. There is a report on each of the next four trips. In a later mailing we will cover the months of July and August. Please be sure to contact the leader if you want to carpool or if you need space in a canoe or a paddler to fill the space you have!

Don Walker and his wife have generously volunteered their home for the next meeting on Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. The program will include a few slides on each of the remaining trips to give you a better idea of the water conditions and surrounding areas. We hope to have a good turnout so circle the date on your calendar. The address is 1601 South Valentine Way, Lakewood. To reach the area drive south on Union to Green Mountain Drive (about 2 miles south of Alameda). Turn west (right) for about 3 blocks to Valentine Way. Their house is on the corner.

Some old members and newcomers have not yet paid their dues for this year. If you're one of them, please send a check for \$3.00 to Jeanne Waters. There were some errors in the address information sent out in the last mailing. To set the record straight here are the newly elected Club Officers:

President: Bob McLaughlin

Secretary/

Jeanne Waters

Treasurer:

Program Don Walker

Chairman:

In addition, Jeff Keeler's correct phone number is 494-5405.

We've just learned that the Colorado Mountain Club has organized a wilderness canoe trip in the Boundary Waters of Canada (Quetico Provincial Park) for August 9th through August 18th. All food and equipment will be provided. If you're interested call Eric Durland at  or Fred Welch at  for information. There are only a few openings left.

If you have any ideas for club trips or programs, please bring them up at a meeting or drop a note to one of us. We want to build a strong club that is responsive to a wide range of canoeing interests. We need your help and experience.

Looking forward to seeing you  
on the water!

Bob, Jeanne & Don

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB

May 15-16, 1976 - Colorado River from Grandby Enroute to Kremmling

Trip Leader: Bob McLaughlin

A rerun of last year's popular trip. This run is only slightly more difficult than this year's first outing on the Platte River. There is some maneuvering required in avoiding rocks and in staying in the deeper channel, but it is still Class I water and is suitable for the whole club including those who want to bring children. Since Grandy is only 2 1/2 hours from Denver it is possible to go on either of the days trips alone and return that night.

On Saturday we will float from Grandby to Hot Sulphur Springs, a distance of about 10 miles. Meet to begin the car shuttle at 11:00 a.m. at the put-in on U.S. 40 west of Grandby and about 0.8 miles past the intersection of Colorado State 125. There is a large parking area on the left side of the highway. We should reach the take-out at the campground at the west edge of Hot Sulphur Springs by 4:30. Water, pit toilets and picnic tables are provided for those staying overnight.

Byers Canyon, the section of the Colorado River just beyond Hot Sulphur Springs, is unrunable. Since Sunday's put-in is difficult to find we will meet at the Hot Sulphur Springs Campground at 9:30 a.m. We should complete the 8-mile trip by early afternoon leaving time for hiking in the area or a leisurely drive back to Denver.

I will be scouting the river on Wednesday. Please call me on Wednesday evening after 8:00 p.m. or anytime Thursday evening if you will be joining us.

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May 29-31, 1976 - Yampa River from Craig to Juniper Springs, Colo.

Information: Bob McLaughlin

For those with a sense of adventure the Yampa trip will be a 40-mile long canoe-camping excursion in isolated country. All information indicates that this will be a relatively easy trip on Class I water. We've rated it Intermediate because there is no access to the highway once the trip has begun; no one in our club has previously run this section.

At this time we are planning to leave Denver on Friday evening and drive to Craig that night. We'll meet at a location to be chosen about 9:00 the next morning and begin the trip as soon as possible. All camping gear and food will be carried in the canoes. Hopefully, the trip can be completed by Sunday night; however, it may run over into the third day of the Memorial Day Weekend, depending on water and weather conditions.

We need an experienced canoeist as a trip leader for this run. He would have to arrive a little early to select and obtain access to the put-in and take-out points. If you are planning to go on this trip and would be able to do the scouting, please call me as soon as possible so that I can get the word to the rest of the members.

Please let me know by the 21st of May if you plan to go on the trip.

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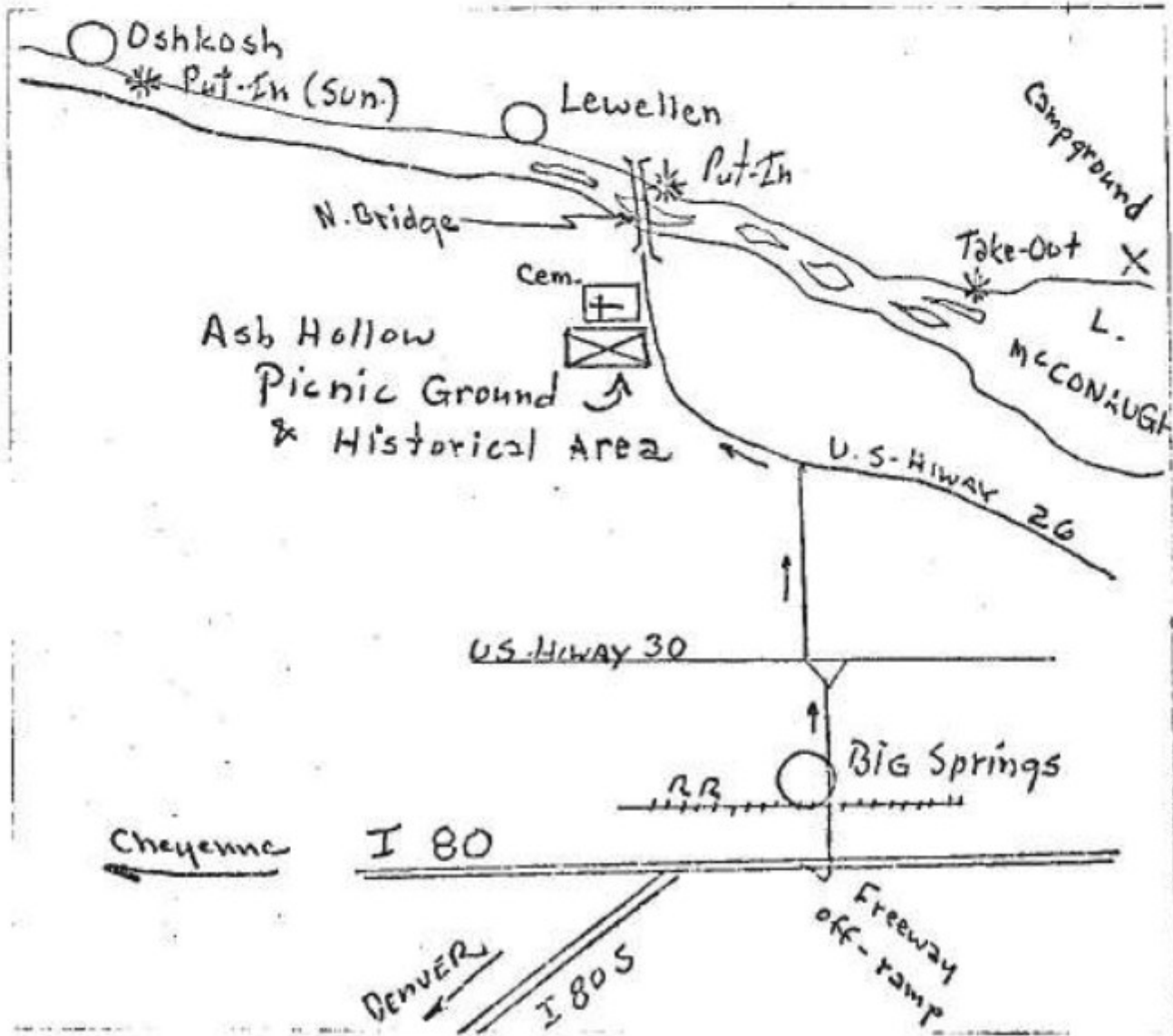
June 5-6, 1976 - North Platte River from Oshkosh to Lewellen, Nebraska

Trip Leader: Hal Rupp

This scenic trip on calm, flat water (Class B or less) is ideal for a family camping weekend. We will float through a wildlife refuge with islands to explore so bring your cameras! Weather will determine the order in which the 5 and 12-mile sections are canoed.

The rendezvous will be at noon on Saturday at the Ash Hollow Campground (see map below). The distance from Denver is 220 miles for a driving time of about 4 1/2 hours. Camping space is available at Ash Hollow or at other campgrounds in the area.

Please call me by Friday, May 28, if you are coming on the trip.



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June 19-20, 1976 - North Platte River from Bennetts Peak to Saratoga, Wyo.

Trip Leader: Don Walker

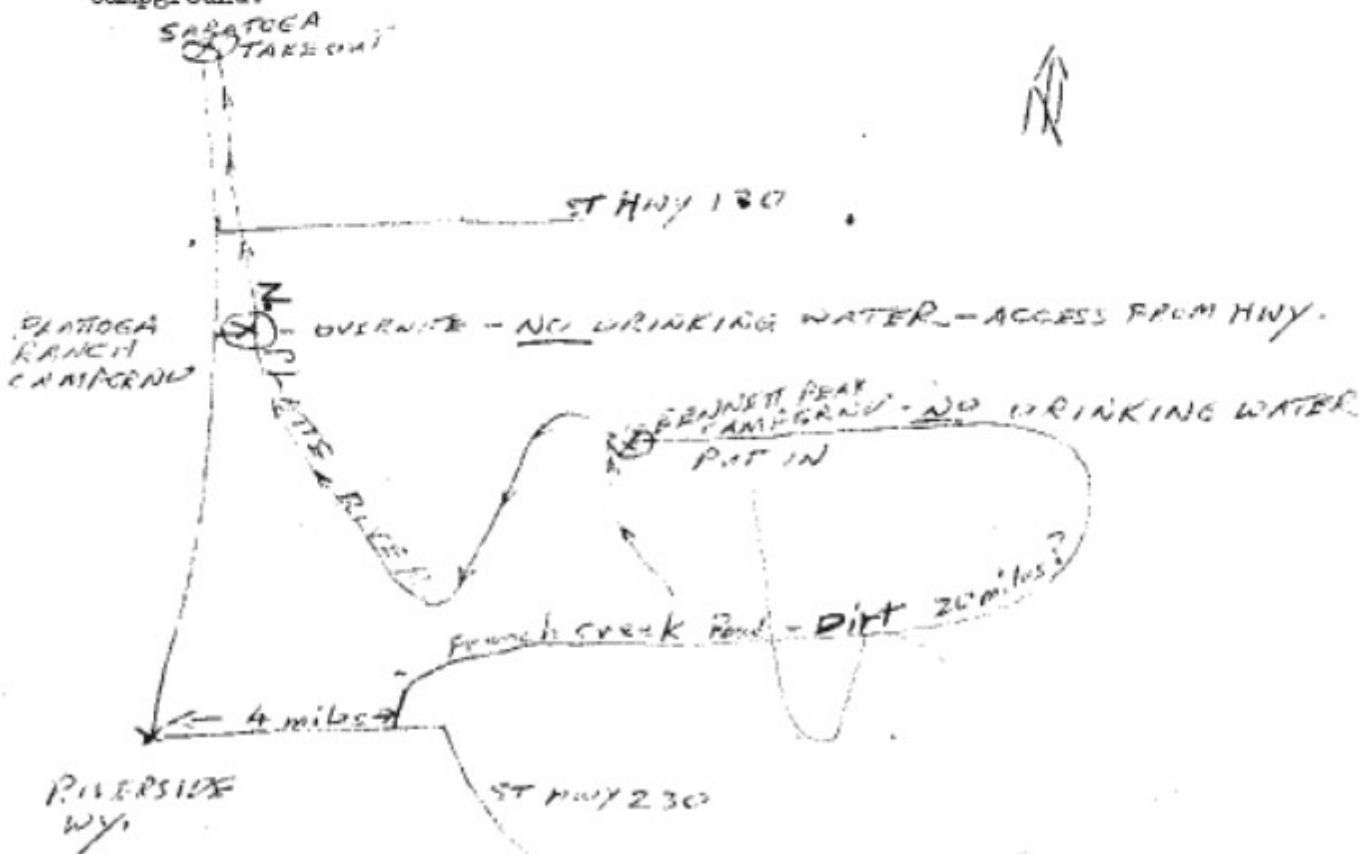
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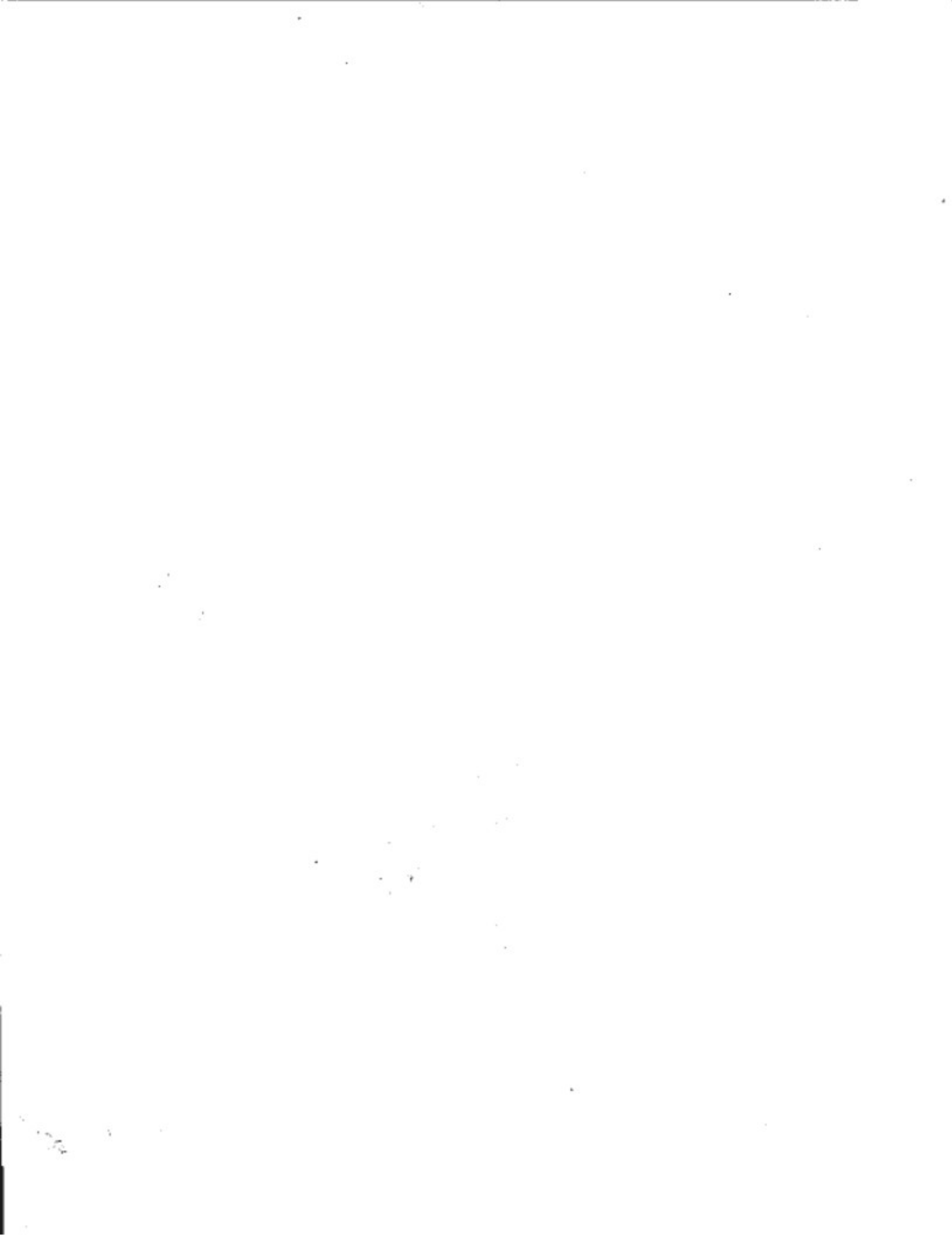
This trip is in two sections, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, of progressively easier water. At this time in June the water will be considerably higher than during last August's trip. It could be high enough and fast enough that you won't want small children along. There are no rapids of any consequences but downed trees and undercut bluffs could present problems to the inattentive.

Section A will be run from Bennett Peak Campground to Plattoga Ranch Campground and Fishing Access area, about 10 miles. Rendezvous at Bennett Peak Campground at 11:30 a.m. June 19. Canoes can be unloaded and car shuttle to Plattoga Ranch will take about 2 hours round trip. Put in time is 1:30 p.m. and trip should be completed by 5:00 p.m. Camping is available at Bennett Peak and Plattoga or in the nearby Medicine Bow Forest. Motels and restaurants available in Saratoga.

Section B from Plattoga Ranch to town of Saratoga is about 12 miles. Car shuttle from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Put in at 9:00 a.m. and we should arrive in Saratoga by 1:00 p.m. in time for leisurely drive home through the Snowy Range of Laramie or back through North Park.

Driving time from Denver to Bennett Peak Campground by way of North Park and French Creek Road is about 5 hours. French Creek Road is 4 miles east of Riverside, Wyoming on State Highway 230. There are signs to Bennett Peak Campground.





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Our next outing on the long July 4th weekend will be on the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park with Bruce and Jeanne Waters. It will be the highlight of the summer for many of us. Descriptions of this trip and the others in July and August are enclosed. Please contact the leader for each trip you plan to attend so that you will get the latest information and he can anticipate the size of the group. Due to the low runoff this year the trip planned for the South Platte River near Crook, Colorado on July 31 must be cancelled. (Trip #8). Bring suggestions for that weekend to the next meeting and we will choose a replacement run. Bob McLaughlin [redacted] will have the location decided on and the name of the trip leader after that meeting for those interested who could not attend; there will be no announcement mailed for the new trip chosen.

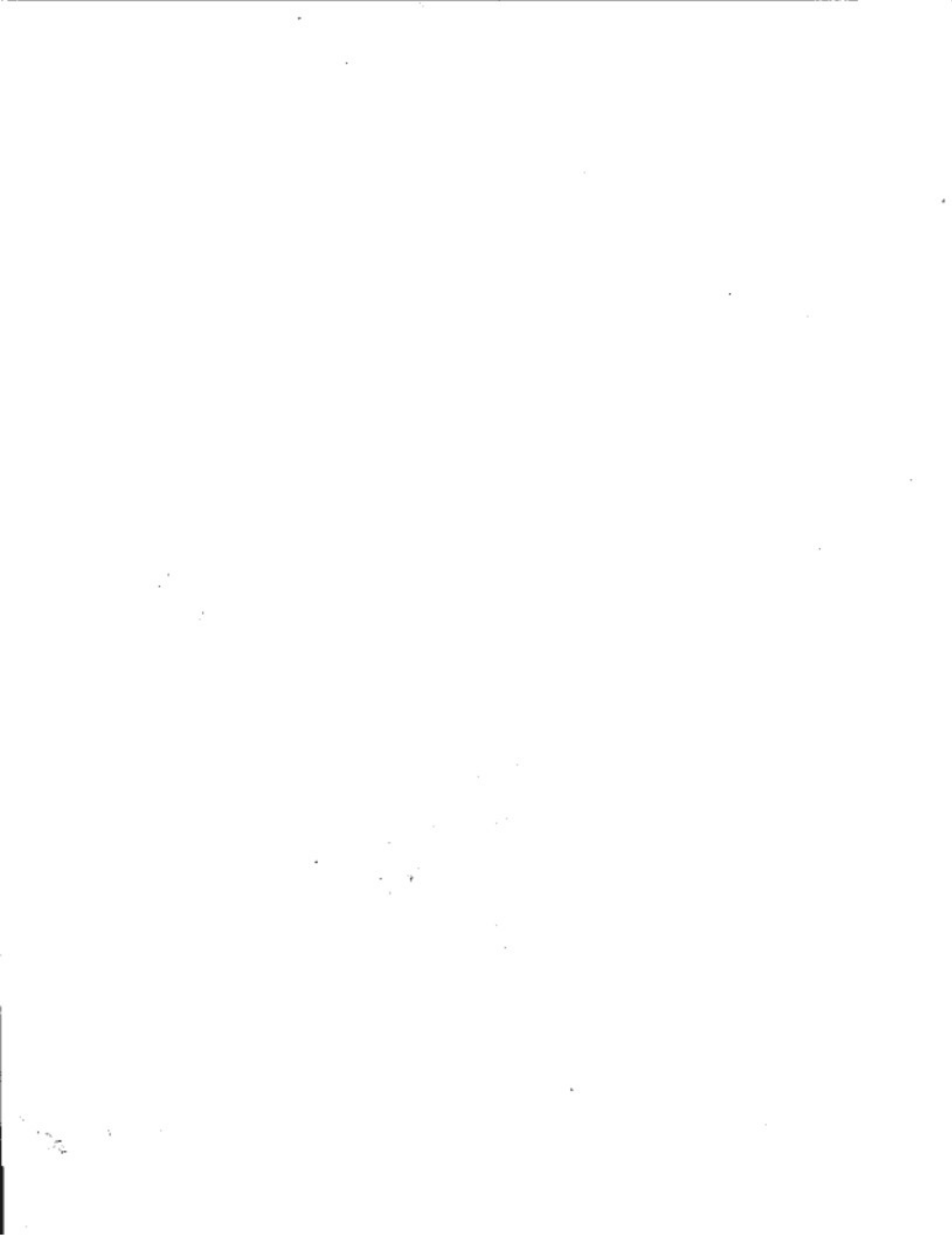
Due to popular demand an informal all day whitewater practice session will be held Saturday, July 10, 1976, for those wishing to sharpen their whitewater skills. Jeff Keeler will offer the training session on either the Poudre in the relatively easy fly fishing section or on the South Platte below Deckers. We will play in several rapids over a three-mile section and emphasize side slipping, ferrying, eddy turns, eddy exits, whitewater strokes and ad hoc self rescue. Participants must have paddling experience. Jeff reserves the right to limit the group size and to accept only those who he feels are qualified. This session is simply an opportunity for supervised practice under whitewater conditions and will not bring everyone to any given level of proficiency. Contact Jeff Keeler at [redacted] before July 8 if you are interested.

A membership list is included in the hope that it will help in connecting the names, faces, and canoes and will promote easier car pooling. Several of you may want to plan a trip on your own or re-run a favorite club trip. Trip leaders are still needed for the open run on July 31, the Green River over Labor Day and the Blue River in September. Please call Bob McLaughlin if you can make a contribution to the club in this way.

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Jaskovsky, Jim & Biz  
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Jones, Ray  
✓ Keeler, Jeff & Lorna  
Kinter, Bob  
Mawyer, Barry & Helene  
McCullough, Don  
✓ McLaughlin, Bob  
Montgomery, Alan & Barbara  
Oliver, Dan & Judy  
Patton, Perry  
Passoth, Richard  
Ream, Greg & Linda  
Rupp, Hal  
Shugrue, John & Pat  
Shuster, Chuck  
Sutton, Sylvia  
VanderVeer, Russ  
Wahle, Bruce  
Walker, Don & Sally  
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SNAKE RIVER, GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK, WYOMINGJULY 4, 5, 6, 1976

Trip Leaders: Bruce and Jeanne Waters

Distance to Grand Teton National Park: approximately 500 miles, 10 hours

Route: I-25 to Fort Collins, then U.S. Highway 287 north to Laramie, WY. From Laramie to Rawlins, I-80. From Rawlins, either 287 north/west, all the way to Moran Junction (east entrance to the park), or continue on I-80 to Rock Springs, then U.S. 187/189 north to Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

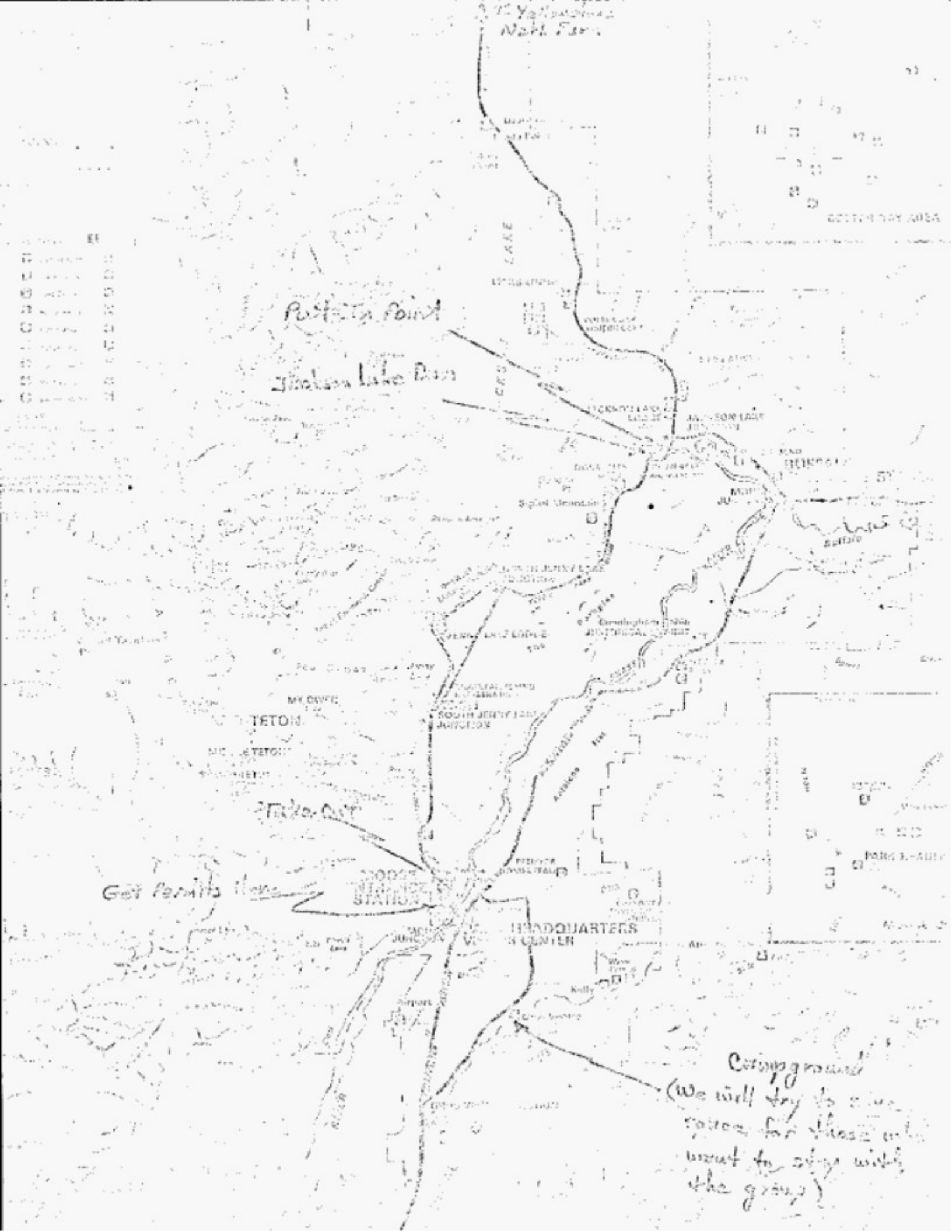
Put-in: We will try to arrive early enough to secure campsites at the Gros Ventre campground in the south end of the park for all who are planning to come on the trip and want to camp with the group. We will leave word at the entrance to that campground one way or the other. If campsites are not available together, camp in any designated camping area. We will meet to begin the car shuttle Sunday, July 4th, at 9:30 a.m., at the boat launching area just below Jackson Lake. This is 4.5 miles upstream from the Pacific Creek launching area where we put in last year; consequently, this 4.5 mile stretch has not been scouted yet. We plan to scout it by car when we first arrive. I understand from the ranger, Scott Coburn, that this is the easiest stretch of the river. To get to the boat launching area via Rockefeller Parkway, take a left at Moran Junction and another left at Jackson Lake Junction. The road to the launching area is to the left just before the dam. To get there via Teton Park Road, cross the dam and take a right. You should receive a park map when you arrive.

River Conditions: The Snake at this point is running strong and cold. The canoeing at this time last year was not difficult. The country is quite scenic--grassland, tree covered slopes, and in the distance the Grand Tetons, which take on a different look around each new bend in the river. Last year we saw a grazing moose, quite a few birds, and several beaver dams. I will contact rangers at the Moose Ranger Station for current information on the river conditions. Since you will have to stop there also, to obtain a (free) permit registering your canoe in the park for one year, you may also want to ask for current river information. The permit you receive should be posted on your canoe before we begin the trip.

Take-out: We will end our trip at the raft take-out point just behind the Moose Ranger Station. This means our trip will be approximately 25 river miles. The river is easily run in a day, even considering the stops we will be making. Be sure to bring a lunch to eat along the way. Last year this trip only took us about 4 1/2 hours--this year we hope to stay out a little longer. There is also a possibility of extra canoeing, outside the park, for those who are interested. We will discuss this further when we meet at the park.

Notes: Canoeing is also available on many lakes in the park, and you may want to fish or hike. Plan to spend some time, if possible, exploring these other areas of the park. We will be sharing the river with rafters, many of whom are commercial ventures with permits to run rafts in the park. For those who wish further information, I have a brochure on Canoeing the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park which I will gladly share. I would like to know by June 23th if you plan to go on this trip.

Jeanne Waters



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Park City Point  
 Jackson Lake Dam

Get Permits Here

Camping ground  
 (We will try to save some for those who want to stay with the group)

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Trip #7

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB

July 17-18, 1976 - Rio Grande River from Wagon Wheel Gap to South Fork, Co.

Trip Leader: Bob McLaughlin

The Rio Grande in May was one of our most exciting trips last year. The upper section was a rock garden with sizeable eddies while the lower part was fairly choppy with frequent standing waves. Running it this late in the season, the water level will be much lower and the current less swift. It will be ideal for the canoeist experienced in negotiating river obstacles. I would not recommend the trip for small children or to those with canvas canoes.

To reach the area, drive south on I-25 to Walsenburg and west on US 160 to South Fork. Our rendezvous and the overnight camping area will be at Palisade Campground, about 10 miles north of South Fork on Colo. 149 and approximately 5½ hours from Denver. This area is adjacent to the river and has pit toilets and drinking water. We'll meet at the campground at 1:00 PM on Saturday and transfer the canoeing gear to Wagon Wheel Gap for a 2½ hour trip down to the campground. On Sunday we'll begin the car shuttle at 8:30 and start the 5 hour lower section to South Fork an hour later.

I will be happy to coordinate car pooling for those interested and to try to match paddlers with spaces in canoes. Please call me by Wednesday, July 14, for the latest details if you plan to attend.

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August 14, 1976 - Colorado River from Radium to State Bridge

Trip Leader - Jaff Koeler

This relatively easy whitewater section is a favorite of the commercial rafters and beginner kayakers. The trip is challenging to a somewhat experienced open canoeist. Two Class I rapids and an exciting Class II rapid appear early in the 10 mile stretch and are followed by flat water and smaller riffles into State Bridge. Each canoe should have at least one experienced person aboard. Those persons who participate in the whitewater "practice session" in July should be able to "follow the leader" through the difficult sections. We will attempt to play in the rapids by eddy-jumping upstream and running the lower portion of the rapids more than once.

Rendezvous will be at the "Pumphouse Put-in", a BLM campground about 2 miles north of the Radium townsite. A well-traveled dirt road leaves the gravel road between State Bridge and Kremmling to the Northwest. Drive about 1-2 miles to the river put-in. Meet at 10 a.m. for the shuttle to State Bridge. Put-in time should be about 11:30. A lunch stop after the first rapid or two should allow take-out between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Travel time via US-6/I-70 is about 3 hours. Camping is probably still available at the put-in, although drinking water is not available.

The trip can be run either Saturday or Sunday. If you are interested, call me with your preference. The trip will be run Sunday unless a Saturday majority prevails. Dinner at Copper Mountain or Dillon should wind up the weekend nicely.

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September 4-5, 1976 - Colorado River from Burns to Dotsero, Colo.

Trip Leader: Dan Chiras

This is a 2-day trip of intermediate difficulty, and therefore, it is recommended that there be at least one experienced canoeist in each canoe. The rapids are of class I and II difficulty but each can be portaged. It is not advisable to bring young children. The total distance for the two days is approximately 26 miles.

We will rendezvous at the highway bridge about 5 miles upstream of Burns at 10:30 on Saturday morning to begin the car shuttle. We plan to be on the river by 11:30 and to paddle to Jack Flats (near Twin Bridges) the first day. You can carry your camping gear in the canoe but it would be better to leave it in your car packed as economically as possible since we will have to ferry it across the river to the campsite. It is advisable to pack the gear in water-tight containers and to use backpacker's discretion in selecting what you bring. Some of the dehydrated foods would be ideal for this trip. On Sunday we will get an early start and canoe the remaining 16 or so miles to Dotsero.

It is probably fastest to take I-70 to the Wolcott exit, Colo. 131 to McCoy and the dirt road toward Burns. The put-in is at the bridge crossing at the Colorado River (about 8 miles). For those who want to drive up Friday afternoon or evening there is a campsite on the road that leads to Radium. There are also excellent areas in the Routt National Forest on Colo. 134.

If you plan to come please call me at work at  <sup>203</sup> until as late as 8:30 in the evening, or at home at

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September 18, 1976 - Blue River from Green Mountain Reservoir to Kremling, Co.

Trip Leader: John and Pat Shugrue

This trip should be a fine finale to the season's schedule. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and provide a brilliant aspen show. The upper section of this 14 mile intermediate run requires constant rock dodging. There are 2 small drops which can be portaged and a diversion dam that must be carried. The lower section is an easy paddle on flat water. There are no high standing waves. Last year a couple of children were brought by experienced canoeists without incident.

The meeting point will be north of the Green Mountain Dam where the Spring Creek Road crosses the Blue. We will begin the car shuttle at 10:00. The total time for the trip including a stop for lunch will be about 5 hours. After we've loaded our canoes and gear those who are interested can drive into Kremling for a super dinner at the Wagon Wheel.

Some members of the club will be running a section of the Blue further upstream on Sunday, September 19, 1976. If you're interested in staying overnight at one of the many campgrounds in the area and then running from Dillon to the Blue River Campground give me a call for the latest details. In any event, please call me by Wednesday, September 15, if you plan to come.

To reach the put-in for Saturday's trip drive west on I-70 to Dillon and then north on Colo. 9 past Silverthorne to the Green Mountain Reservoir. Turn left on Spring Creek Road, about a mile north of the reservoir, and follow it's winding path to the Blue. Travel time will be about 2½ hours.