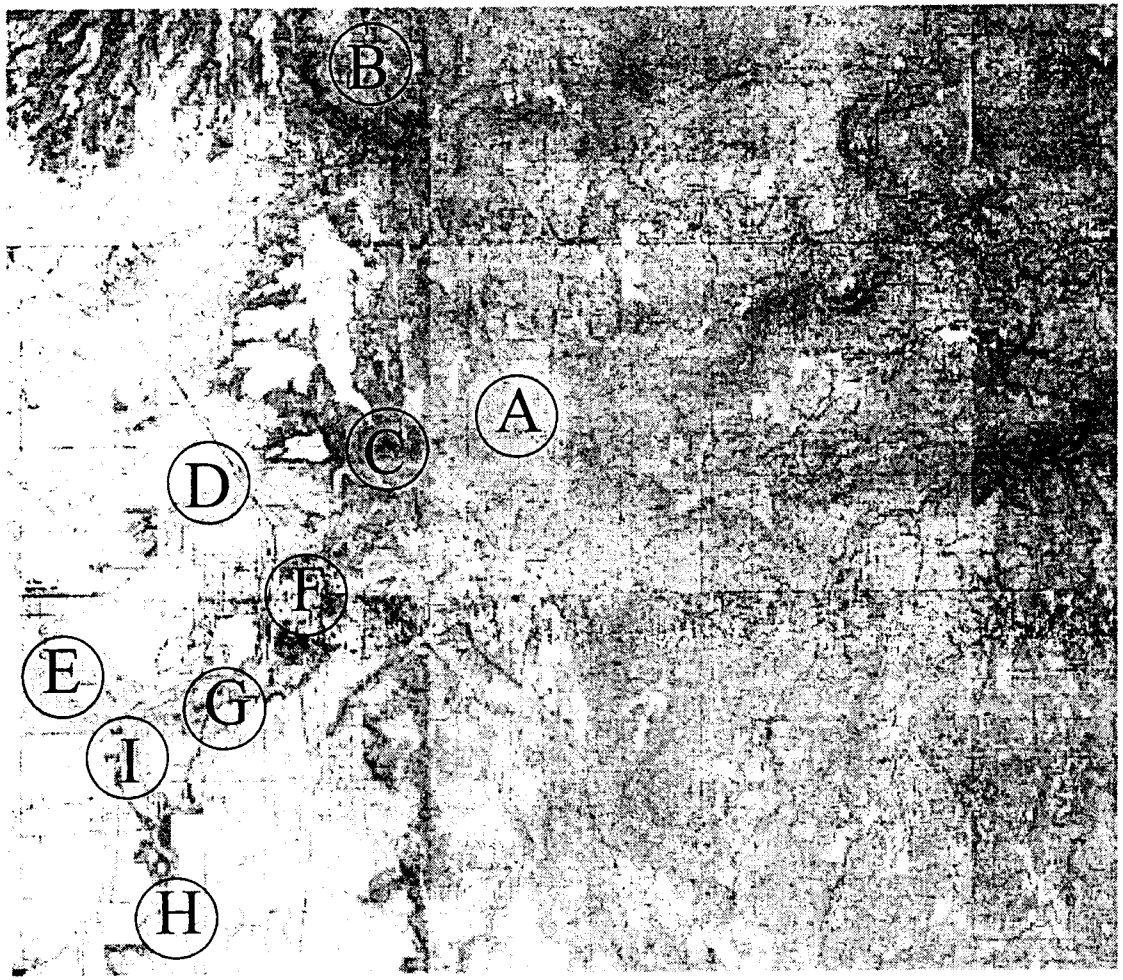
Recreation Master Plan Framework

What Studies are Needed for Oroville Recreation Plan

- Major Resources Areas
- Potential Recreation Clusters
  - Where they are
  - Image/character/unique values
  - Issues and constraints
  - Opportunities – suggested projects
  - Recommended studies
- Recreation Clusters – Needed Components for Future Growth
- Overall Studies

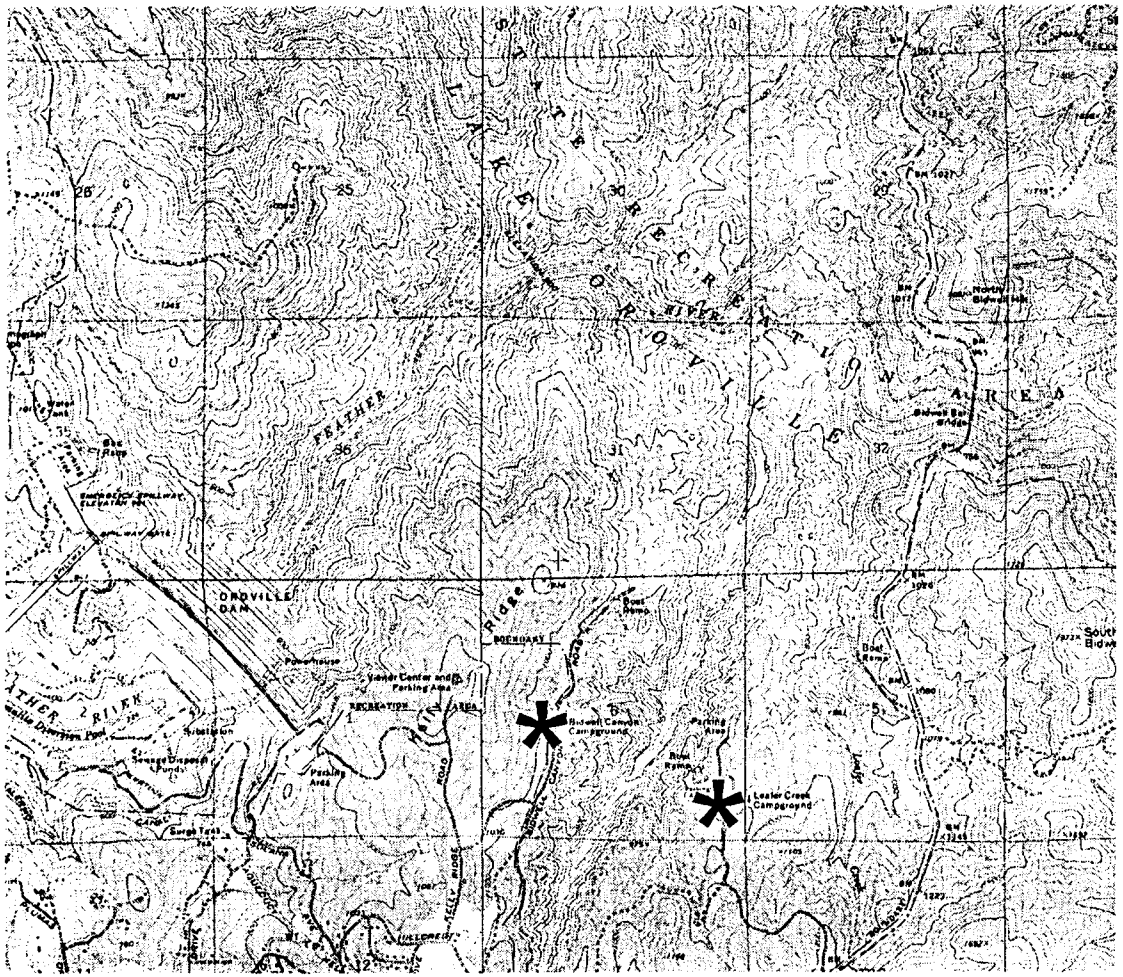
Oroville Complex – Major Resource Areas & Potential Recreation Clusters



A. Oroville Reservoir
B. Limesaddle
C. Diversion Pool
D. Forebay
E. Afterbay
F. Feather River 1
G. Feather River 2
H. Feather River 3
I. Wildlife Area

A. Oroville Reservoir

(Bidwell/Loafer Creek, Reservoir as a whole)



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Image/ Character/ Unique Values

- Excellent bass fishery
- Crowded Bidwell Bar area
- Open, treed Loafer Creek area
- Unique boat in & floating campsites

Issues & Constraints

- Big draw downs limit scenic boating to spring/early summer
- No swimming at Loafer Creek area July, August, September
- Incomplete complex at Loafer Creek
- Bidwell facility crowded, not well planned

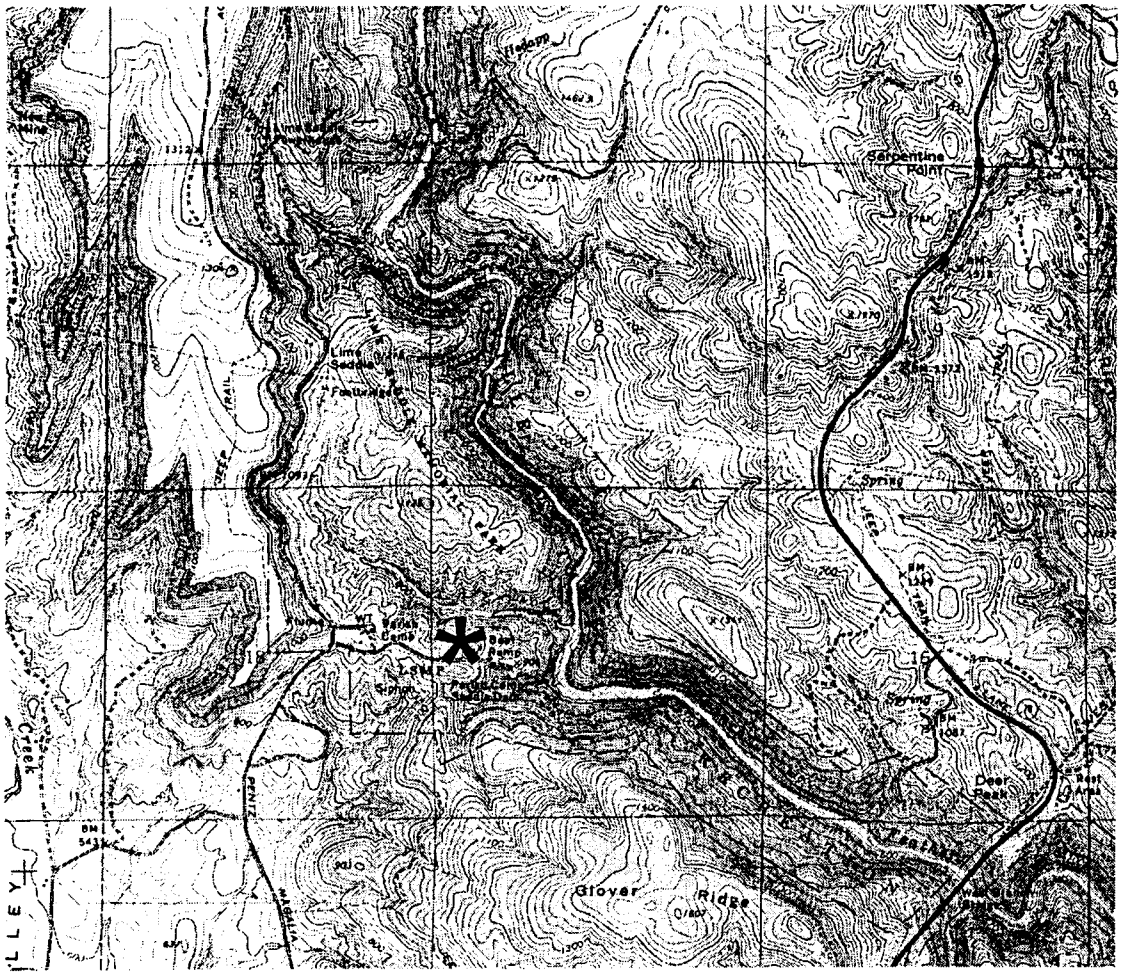
Opportunities

- Take advantage of existing infrastructure to make improvements to area that will extend the use season
- Relocate some camping at Bidwell Creek in order to increase parking for boaters
- Improve trailhead for equestrians south of Bidwell Saddle Dam
- Create onshore and launching facilities at other lakeside locations i.e. Foreman Creek and Potter's Ravine as demand increases
- Consider additional facilities at Loafer Creek in order to create a more complete unit (warm water swimming at constant level pool, etc.)
- Investigate possibility of establishing a tour boat operation on the Lake

Recommended Studies

- 20 year actual/monthly Reservoir elevation history & projection for next 20 years compared to elevations of shoreline recreational facilities
- Loafer Creek swimming cove feasibility study

B. Limesaddle



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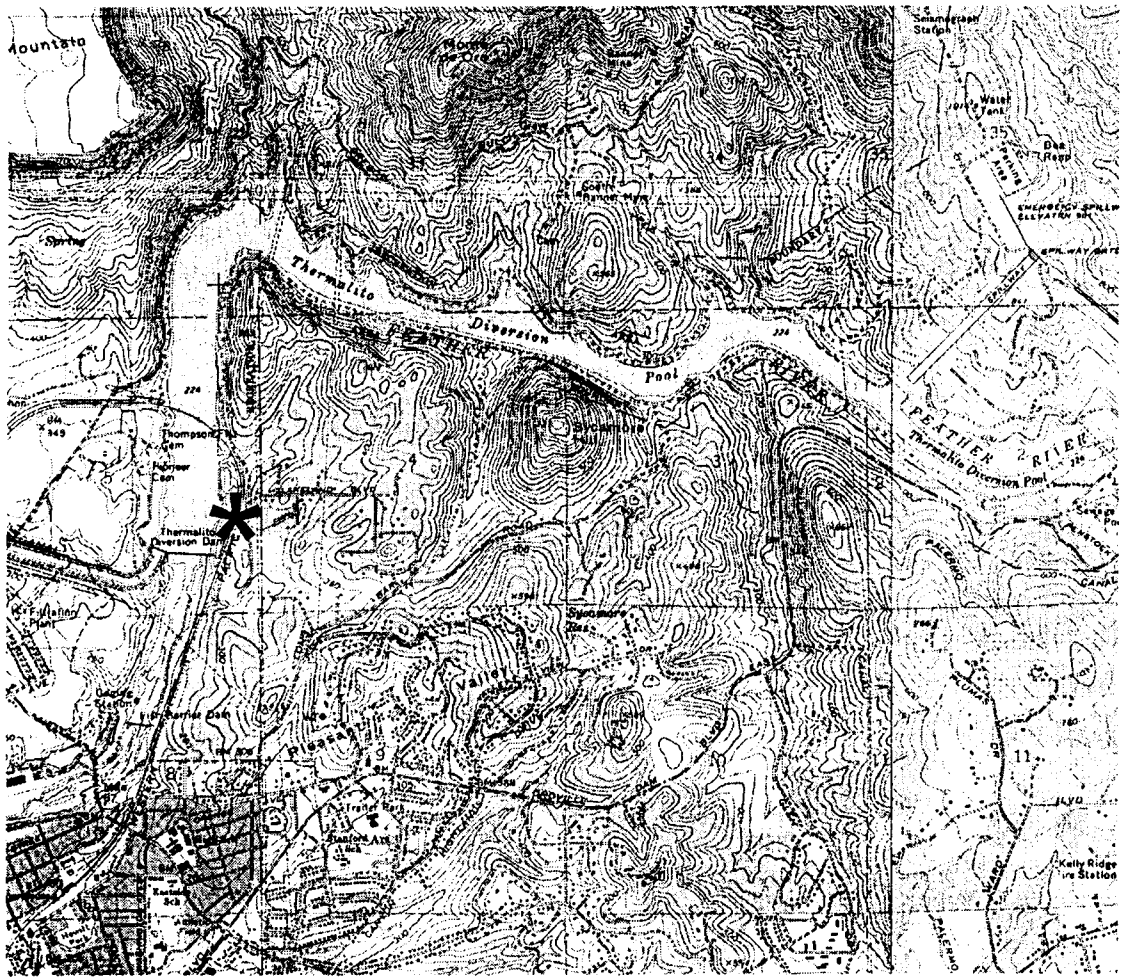
C. Thermalito Diversion Pool



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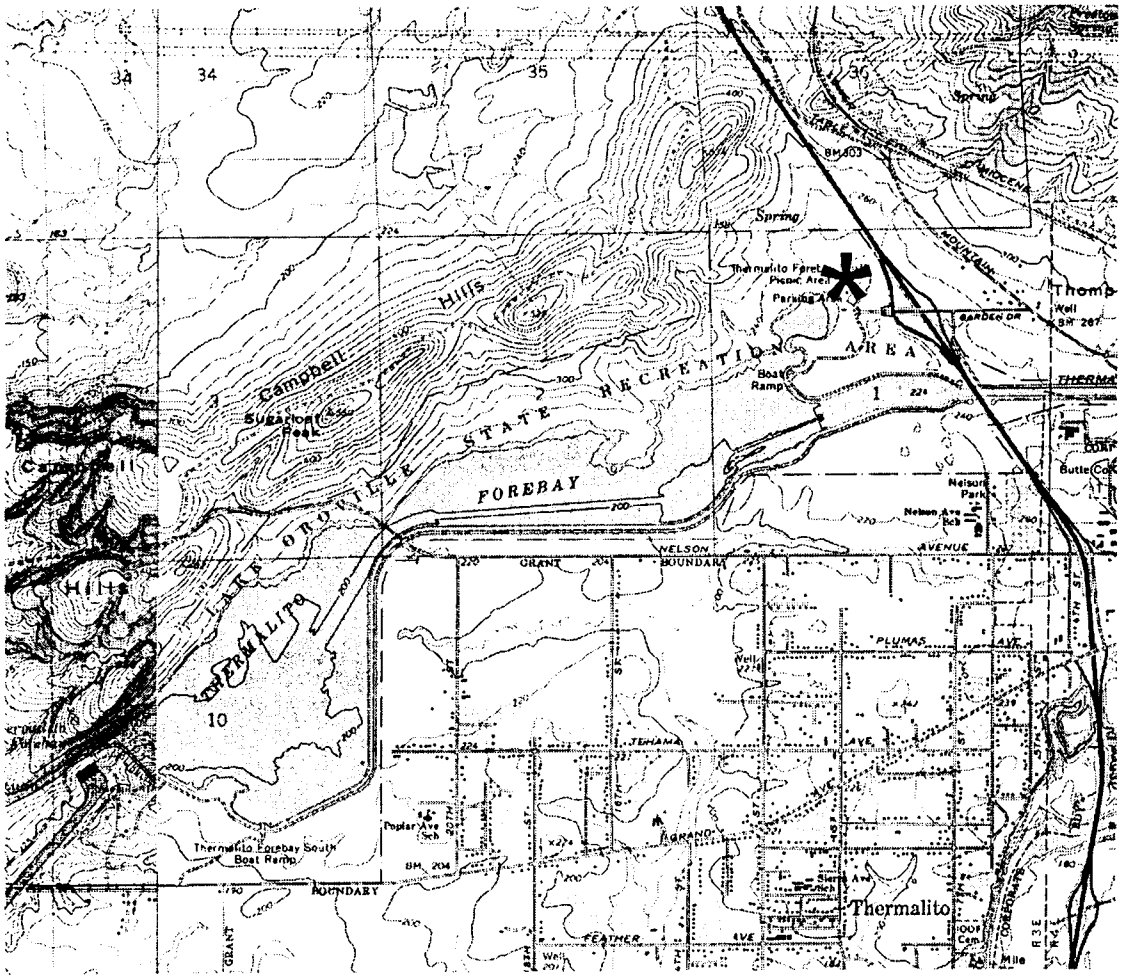
D. Thermalito Forebay



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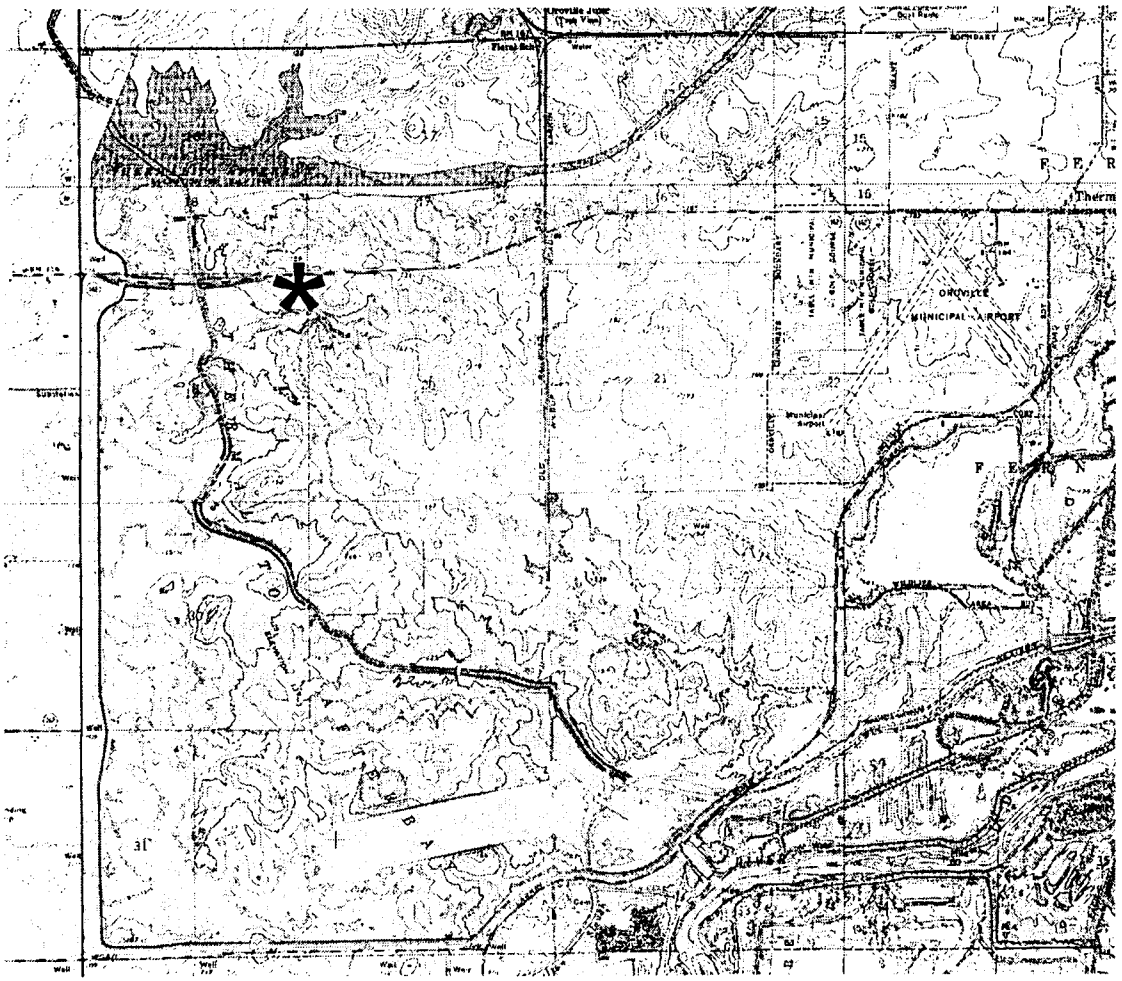

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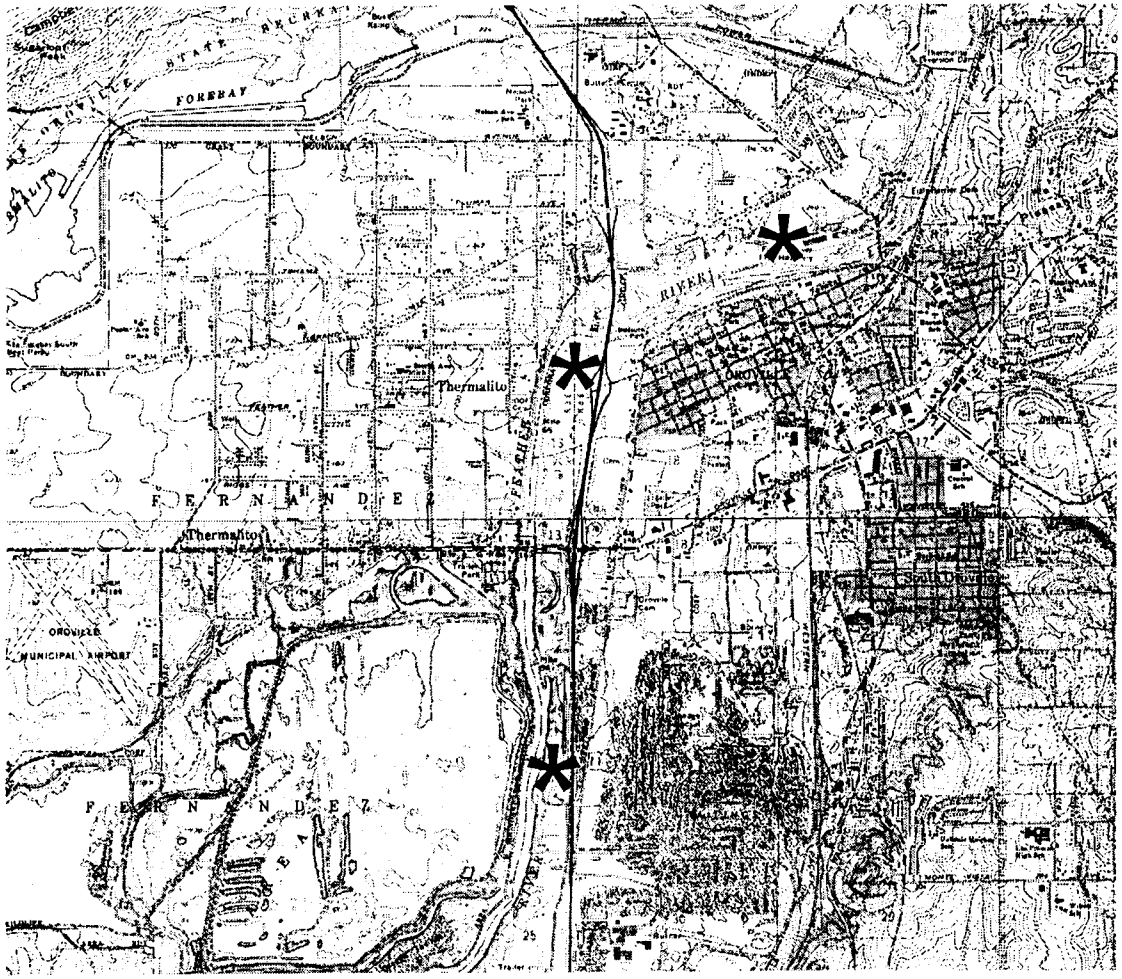
F. Feather River next to Historic Oroville



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Image/ Character/ Unique Values

- Community river frontage – Historic
- Connects to wildlife area down river
- Visible from freeway
- Close to hatchery Chinese temple, community center, and nature center
- A urban/natural interface area

Issues & Conflicts

- Significant damage to natural values
- Levee separates city from river
- Conflict with CDPR on site for visitor center
- How to reconnect the city with the river (physically, visually, emotionally, & culturally)
- Low flow (400-600 cfs.) and cold water for fish needs
- Renewal of fish hatchery visitor facilities
- Trail access along Hwy 70 and access across the diversion dam
- Closed former city park site

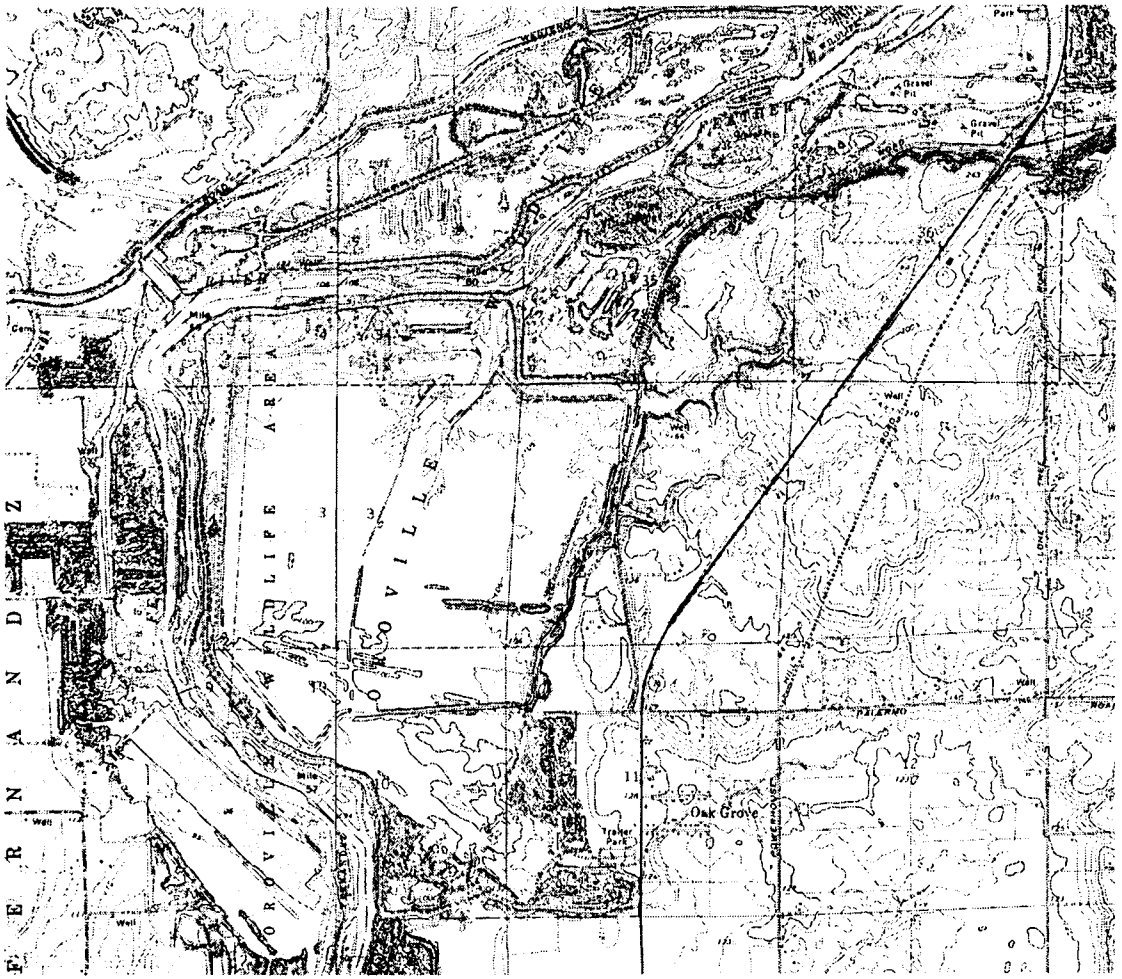
Opportunities

- Provide an "Old Oroville" historic/cultural city core re-developed area as a visitor information and visitor serving area
- Potential projects
  - Visitor center
  - Loop trails
  - 9 hole golf course
  - Transportation link (train) between city and wildlife area downriver
  - Transportation link (train) from diversion pool area, through City, to wildlife area downriver
  - Tribal Cultural Center
  - Flash dam restoration
  - Gold mining dredger park/visitor center
  - Relocate industrial uses between river and freeway and improve scenic values at city entry
  - Recreation related public/private partnerships along river front

Recommended Studies

- Selection of the best visitor center site
- Selection of the best Tribal cultural site
- Flash dam feasibility
- Golf course feasibility study

G. Feather River in Wildlife Area



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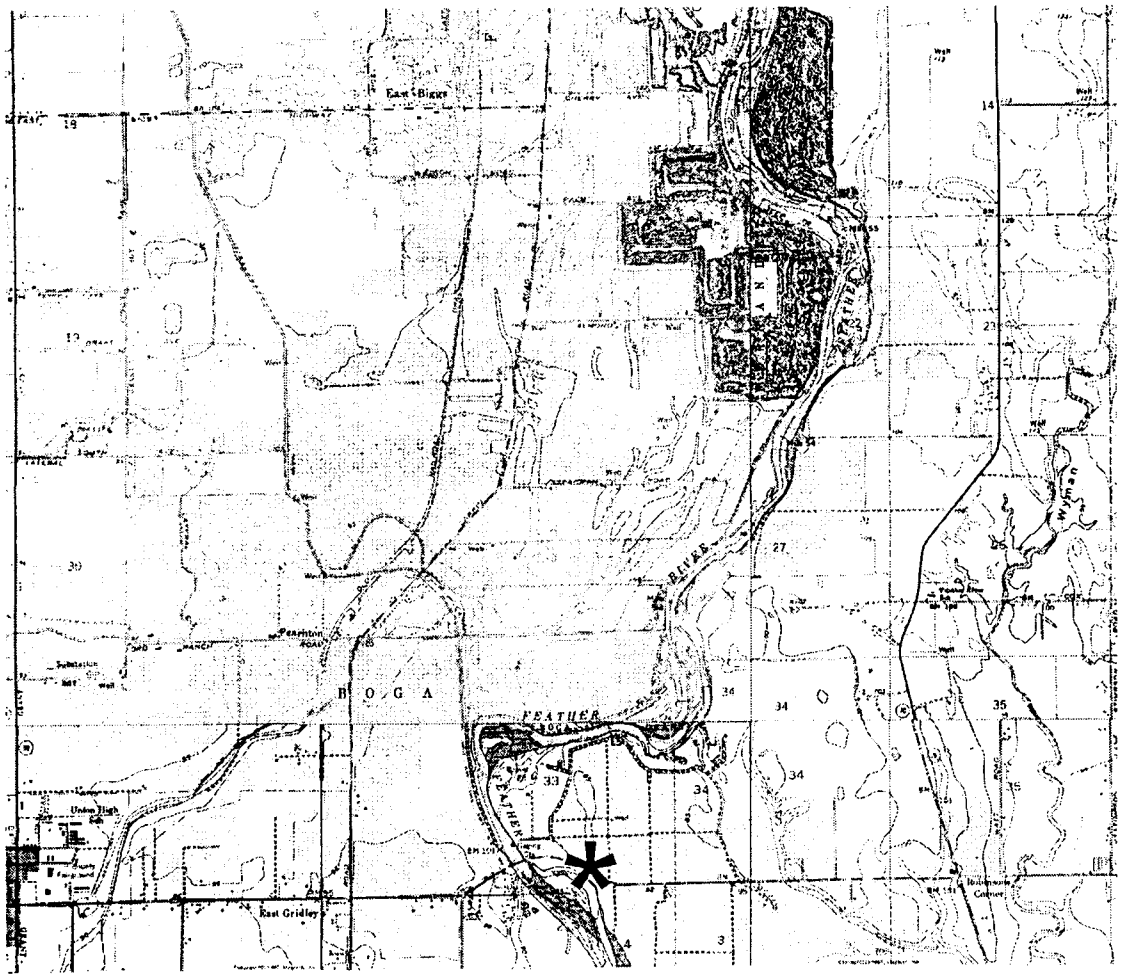
H. Feather River near Gridley



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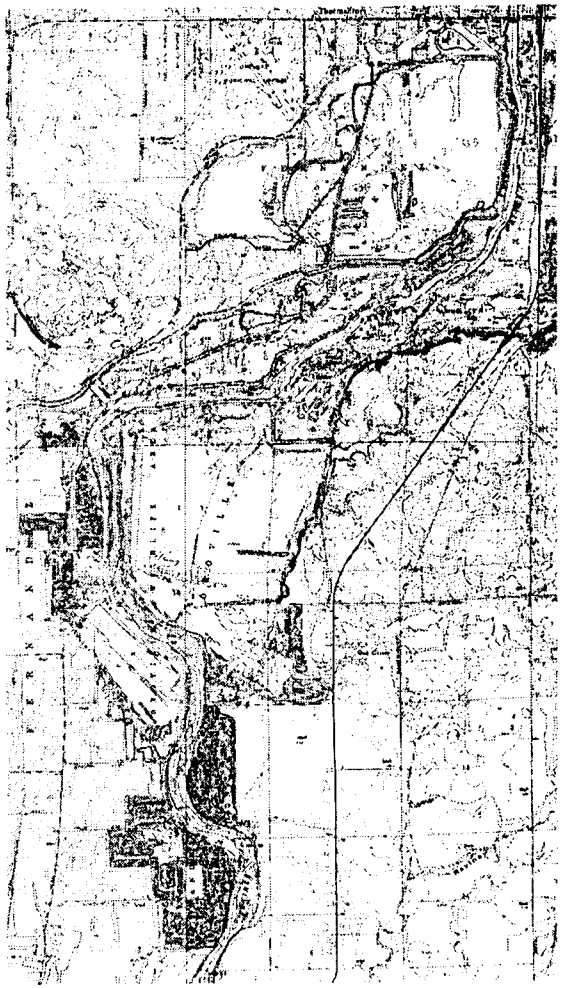

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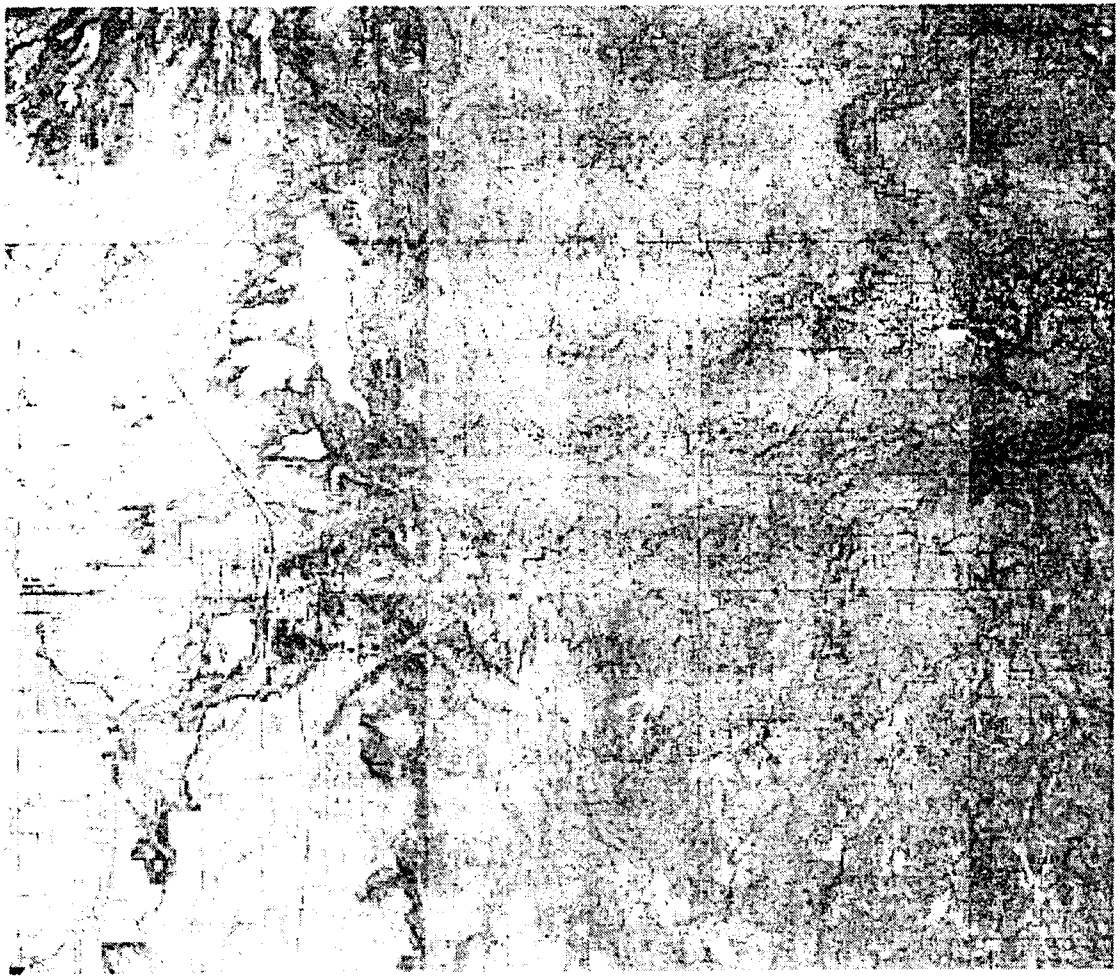
General ALP Project Area



- Recommended Studies
- Review of Existing Studies

Recommended Studies

- Complete inventory & analysis of all regional resources (cultural, archeological, recreation, fish & wildlife, open space, agriculture, etc.)
- Opportunities & constraints analysis by resource area
- Synchronized planning between CDWR, CSP, CDFG, and local government
- Fisheries study – All water bodies
- Recreation demand study
- Trail plan connecting all resource areas within the ALP project area

Recommended Studies – cont.

- Regional tourism study/market analysis
- Weather impact on recreation use opportunities by resource area
- Warm water swimming area potentials within ALP project area
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Project economic feasibility studies as appropriate
- Engineering feasibility studies
- Recreation Facility Operations & Management Plan

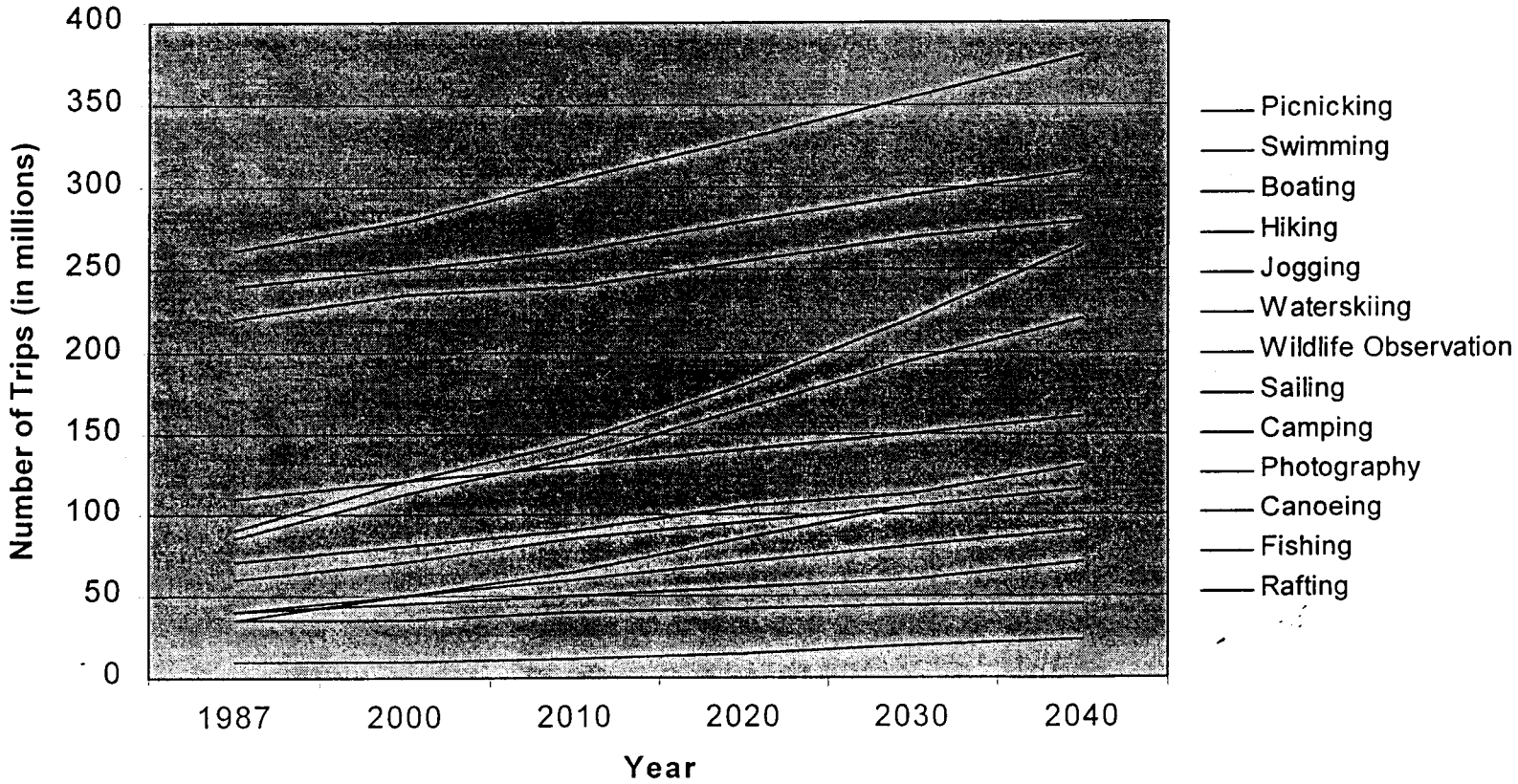
Review of Existing Studies

- "CDPR Outdoor Recreation Preference Survey", 1997
- "Reservoirs of Opportunity: Report of the National Recreation Lakes Study Commission," June 1999
- Review current studies on Lake Shasta, Lake Berryessa, Lake Folsom, and the Delta

Projected Participation Charts

- Recreation Activities
- Day-Use Related Activities
- Trails Related Activities
- Wildlife Related Activities
- Boating Related Activities
- River Related Activities

Projected Participation in Recreation Activities



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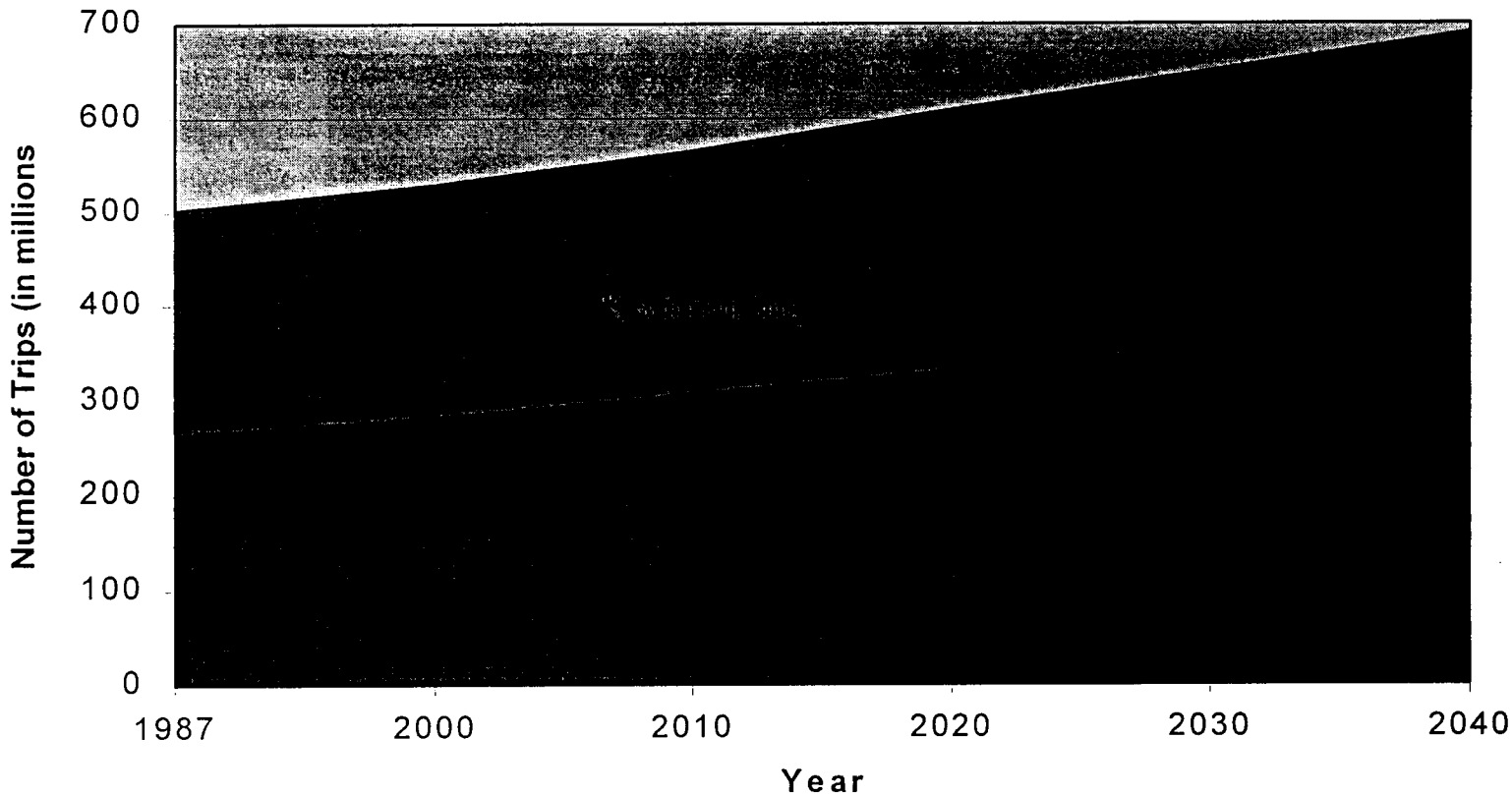

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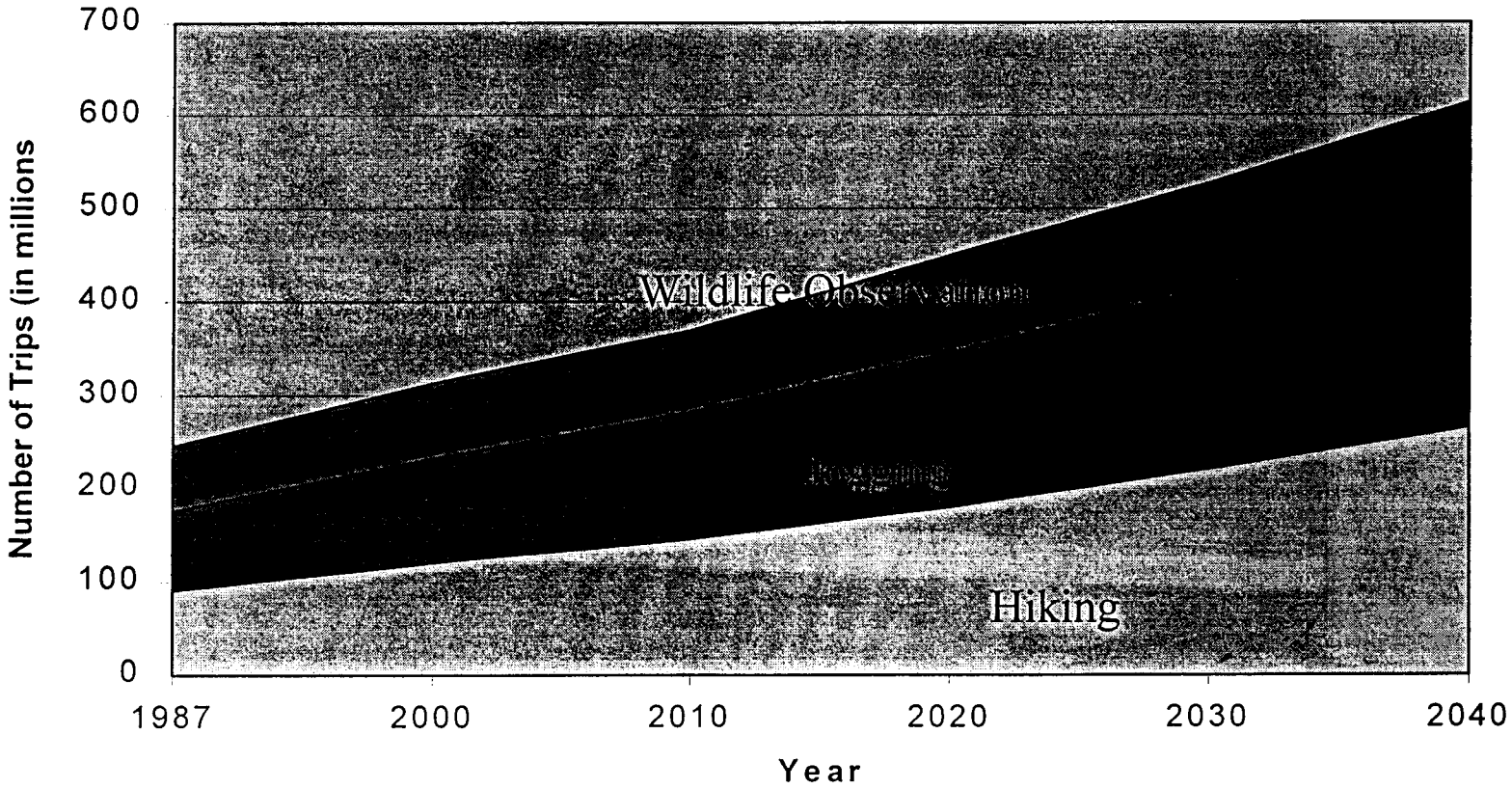

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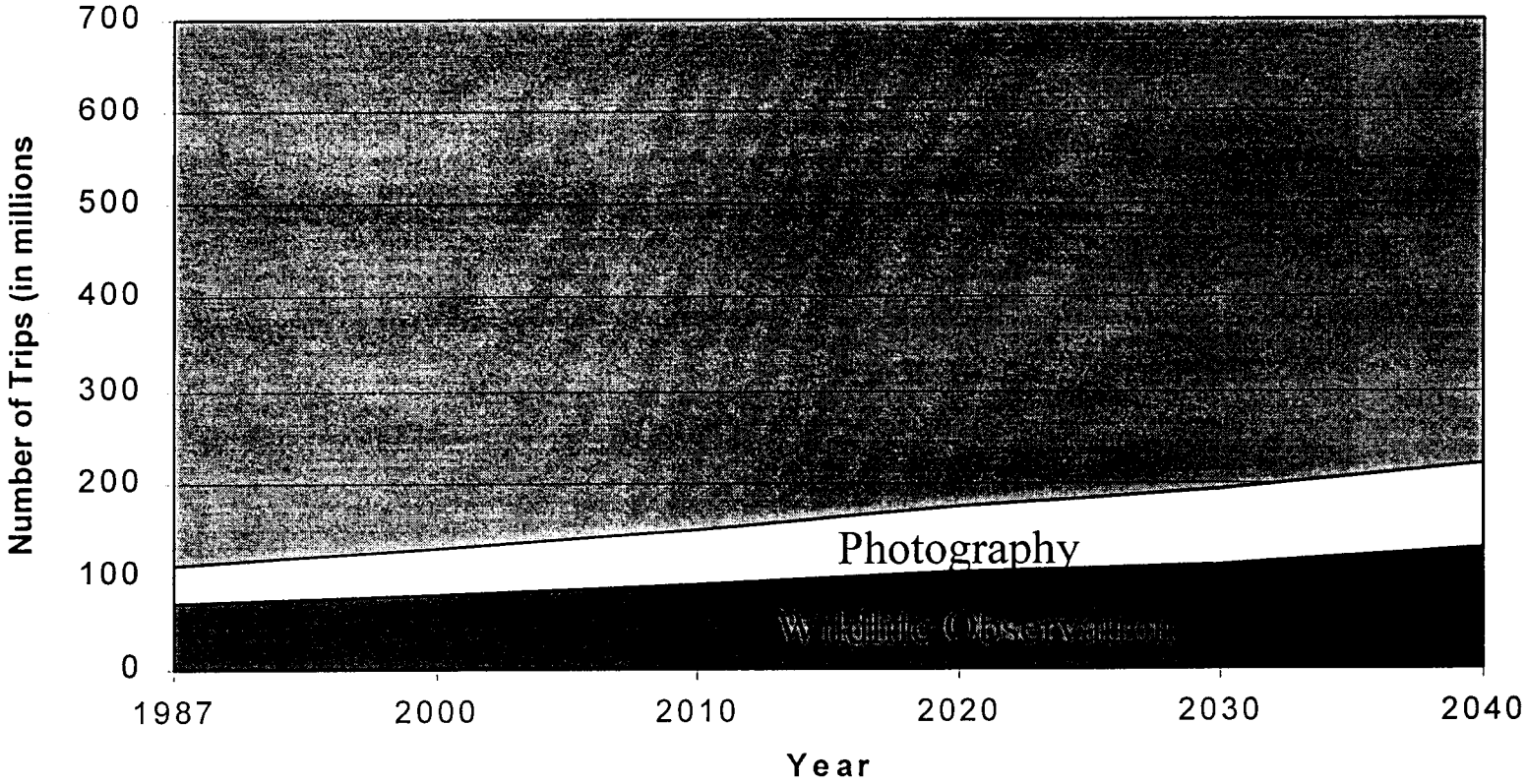

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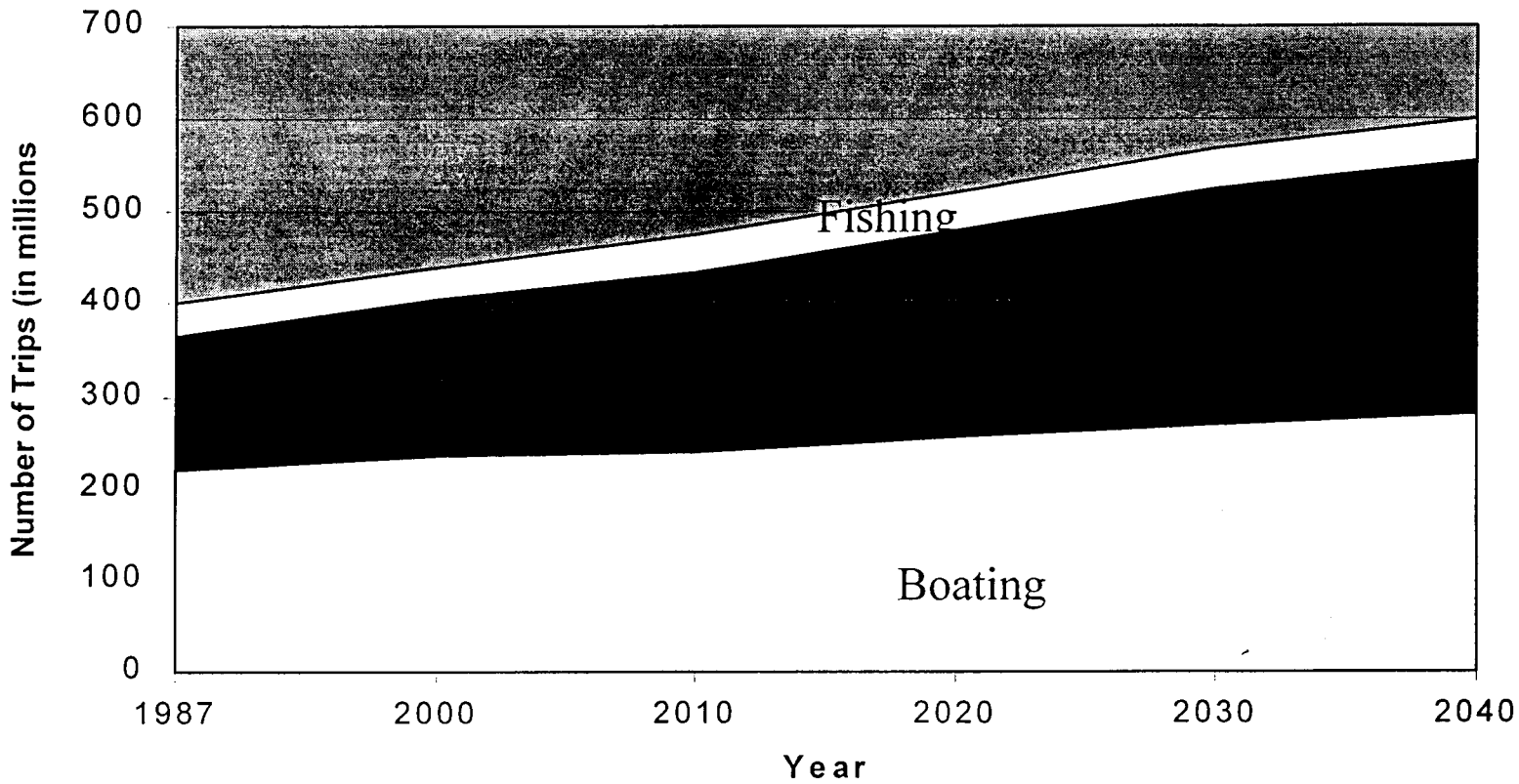

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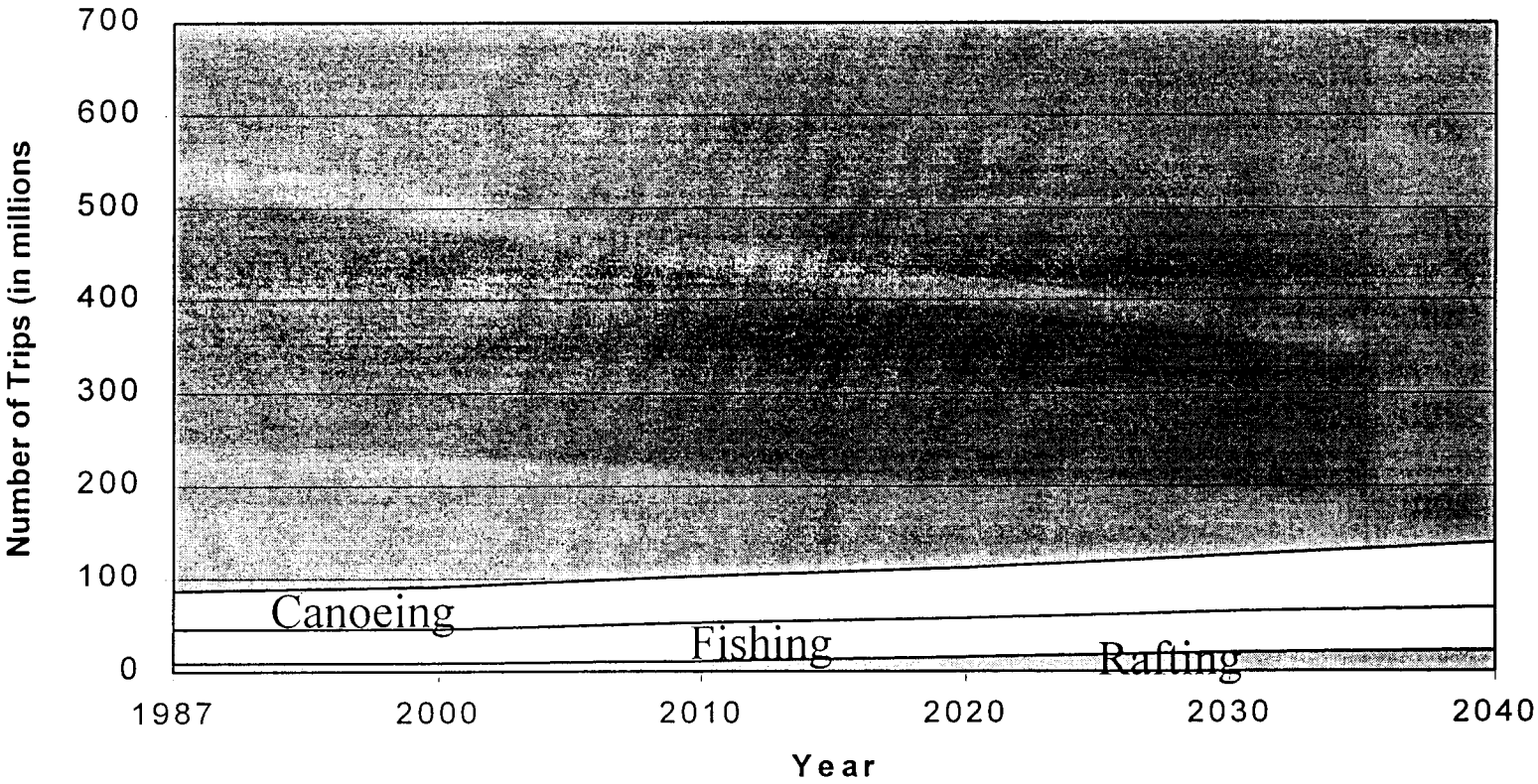

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