

APPENDIX 5

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC LAND PARCELS

Parcels are listed and numbered from north to south. Acreages are estimated as closely as possible given the changing nature of the river. Boundary lines for these parcels include the thread of the Snake River, which regularly changes; as a result, the parcels shrink and grow in size with changes in river morphology. Parcels without realty case numbers are U.S. surface that was not included in the litigation of ownership of riparian lands along the river. Case number 111691 includes all lands adjacent to State of Wyoming lands, and includes several parcels along the length of the river.

Parcel Number	Realty Case Number	Location	Size (approx)	Description
1	WYW-111703	T42N, R116W, Sec 9, 10	19 acres	This parcel lies mostly between the levees along the right bank of the Snake River. It lies within the boundary of GTNP, and is over 1 mile long. The parcel became part of GTNP in the ownership litigation.
2	WYW-111691	T42N, R116W, Sec. 16 NW	178 acres	The parcel lies completely inside the levee along the right bank. This parcel lies adjacent to a parcel of State land within the boundary of GTNP, and directly west of the Jackson Hole Airport. The parcel became part of GTNP in the ownership litigation.
3	WYW-111691	T42N, R116W, Sec 20, 21	12 acres	Lies between the levees, along the right bank and adjacent to the south boundary of GTNP. Contains cottonwood trees and grassy and gravelly openings. Wildlife and visual resource values. Access is from the river or through the Park. A portion of parcel 3 lies inside the boundary of GTNP and became part of GTNP in the ownership litigation. (Map 2)
4	No case number	T42N, R116W, Sec. 20 NESE	5 acres	Lies inside the levee along the right bank. This parcel appears to be U.S. property that was not litigated in the 1970's suits. Consists mostly of a gravel bar. Access is from the river. (Map 2)
5	111691	T42N, R116W, Sec. 20 SESE	0 acres	Lies inside the levee along the right bank, and adjacent to approximately 40 acres of State land. The parcel has been eroded away. (Map 2)
6	WYW-121768, 121769, 121770	T42N, R116W, Sec 29 NE	25 acres	Portions of two large islands. Much of the area is gravel bar and subject to annual flooding. Some cottonwood trees are present on the south end. Access is from the river only. (Map 2)

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7	WYW-111693	T41N, R116W, Sec 5,6	78 acres	Lies both within and outside the levee along the right bank, at the confluence of the Gros Ventre River. Includes a portion of a large island, and about 30 acres of uplands outside the levee; a portion of this area is marshy and provides good wildlife habitat. Many cottonwood trees on uplands and the island. Some cold springs. The boundaries of this parcel were fixed in the judgment. Access is from the river only. (Map 3)
8	No case number	T42N, R116W, Sec 34	41 acres	This parcel lies on the left bank of the Gros Ventre river, adjacent to GTNP and across the river from the Jackson Hole Country Club. It was not disputed in the 1979 suits. Cottonwood riparian area. A portion of the area has been mined for gravel. Provides scenic backdrop to the river as viewed from the golf course. Access is through the Park or from the river. Some historical ranching and rural trash dumps. The fence is not on line, and livestock have grazed part of the parcel. (Map 3)
9	WYW-112092	T41N, R116W, Sec. 6, 7, 12, 13	295 acres	Lies within and outside the levee along the left bank, beginning below the confluence of the Gros Ventre in section 6 and extending almost to the Wilson Bridge; about 3 miles in length. Known as the Walton Greenway or Rabbit Flats. A large area outside the levee contains extensive cottonwood woodland. The Walton Ranch holds a grazing authorization on this parcel. The parcel did not meet Standard #4. A quarry on the north end of the area on private land generates fairly heavy truck traffic. This parcel is very popular with local people as a recreation area for hiking, dog walking, cross-country skiing, etc. Adjacent to Emily Stevens Park at the south end. Access is available for foot traffic from Wyoming Highway 22; the levee road is gated and locked and allows only quarry traffic and other authorized vehicles. The south boundary line of the parcel is fixed in accordance with the judgment. The judgment also specified the closing of the levee road, and that the United States would maintain the parcel "in an optimum condition for the protection and preservation of aquatic and wildlife habitat". Mineral extraction is prohibited, and a portion of the parcel is closed to gravel extraction, in accordance with the judgment. There are patches of young to middle-aged cottonwoods within the levees. There is a potentially significant historic site, consisting of an old roadbed and causeway. (Map 4)

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10	WYW-111691	T41N, R117W, Sec. 13 NENE	25 acres	Lies along the left bank, adjacent to a parcel that was State land at the time of the judgments, about in the middle of the Walton Greenway. Characteristics, access, and condition similar to that of the Walton Greenway. (Map 4)
11	WYW-111695	T41N, R117W, Sec. 24 NWNW	3 acres	Lies along the right bank, both inside and outside the levee. This is the northernmost "rabbit ear" of Rabbit Flats. Cottonwood riparian; a small channel runs through it. Boundary line is fixed in the judgment. Access from the levee from the Wilson Bridge boat ramp. (Map 4)
12	WYW-111710	T41N, R117W, Sec. 24	6 acres	Lies along the right bank, both inside and outside the levee. The southern "rabbit ear". Characteristics, access, and condition similar to those of the northern rabbit ear. There is a gravel processing operation on private land adjacent to this parcel. (Map 4)
13	WYW-112088	T41N, R117W, Sec. 23-24	11 acres	Lies along the right bank, outside the levee. Just north of the Wilson bridge. Access from a road off of the Teton Village road. This parcel contains the Wilson Bridge boat ramp. Public land extends to the levee only, not to the water's edge. The easement is limited to boat launching and takeout only. This boat ramp is a major river access point both for leaving the river and for launching. Parking at the area is very limited. (Map 4)
14	WYW-121762	T41N, R117W, Sec. 24	5 acres	Lies along the left bank, north of the Wilson bridge and adjacent to Emily Stevens Park. Cottonwood riparian area. Access from Wyoming Highway 22. (Map 4)
15	WYW-121772	T41N, R117W, Sec. 26	21 acres	Lies along the left bank, south of the Wilson bridge. Wooded islands. This area is under grazing lease to the R. Bruce Porter Estate. Cottonwood riparian area with grassy meadow openings. Access is from the river only. (Map 6)
16	WYW-111714	T41N, R117W, Sec. 26, 35	51 acres	Lies along the left bank, inside the levee. Adjacent to and under grazing lease with parcel 15. Similar conditions and uses exist. Access from the river only. (Map 5)
17	WYW-111713	T41N, R117W, Sec. 26	19 acres	Lies along the right bank in the center of section 26, inside and outside the levee. The cottonwood and understory shrub condition is very good. Access from the levee south from Wilson Bridge. (Map 5)
18	WYW-121767	T41N, R117W, Sec 26	25 acres	Lies along the right bank, inside and outside the levee. Condition similar to parcel 17. The south boundary of the parcel is fixed in the judgment. Access from the levee south from Wilson Bridge. There has been unauthorized camping on the parcel in the past. (Map 5)

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19	WYW-111691	T41N, R117W, Sec. 35	144 acres	Lies along the right bank, mostly outside the levee. Both north and south boundaries are fixed. Cottonwood riparian area, with several channels and old oxbows present. Access from the levee south from Wilson Bridge. Popular with locals for recreation, horse trails, OHV trails. (Map 5)
21	WYW-111691	T40N, R117W, Sec. 14	61 acres	Lies on the left bank, mostly outside the levee; extends for about ½ mile east of the river. Cottonwood riparian area with several channels (spring creeks) across area. Access from the river only. Elk migration route to the South Park feedground. Did not meet land health Standard #3; cause not yet determined or verified. (Map 6)
23	WYW-111715	T40N, R117W, Sec. 24, 25	89 acres	Consists of 2 parcels lying along the right bank, mostly outside the levee. Good condition cottonwood lowland, with channels running through. Parcel under grazing lease to Snake River Ranch Co. There is access from the Fall Creek Road, a Teton County road. This parcel was resurveyed in 1998. This parcel met the land health standards. A couple small buildings and several corrals are located on the parcel. (Map 7)
24	No case number	T40N, R117W, Sec. 25; T40N, R116W, Sec. 30	2 acres	Lies along the right bank. Access from the river only. There is no levee in this area. Former size about 150 acres; most of this has been lost due to erosion by the shifting riverbed. The parcel may have eroded completely away. (Map 7)
25	WYW-111691	T40N, R116W, Sec. 28, 29, 32, 33, 34	210 acres	Lies along the left bank, just upstream of the South Park bridge, and extends for about 1.5 miles. The parcel has been transferred to the WGFD through the R&PP process and is now a part of the South Park Elk Feedground. (Map 8)
26	No case number	T40N, R116W, Sec. 34	23 acres	Lies along the right bank, on both sides of U.S. Highway 191/189 at the South Park Bridge. Grassy meadow, cottonwood trees, and willow bars. Supports some recreation from the adjacent Evans trailer park. Gravel extraction from the river is taking place just downstream of this parcel. Access from U.S. Highway 191/189 and the Munger Mountain road. The area on the west side of U.S. Highway 189/191 is a popular vehicle access for shore fishing. (Map 8)
27	No case number	T40N, R116W, Sec 27 SESW	40 acres	Parcel is not on the river; this is the trash transfer station site. Access on U.S. Highway 191/189. (Map 8)