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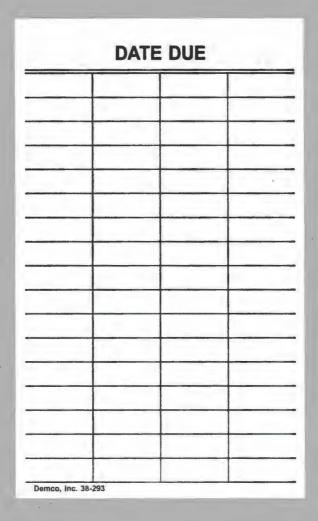
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Introduction

Beaver Creek was designated a National Wild River on December 2, 1980 when Congress amended the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (P.L. 90-542) as part of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (P.L. 96-487). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in its River Management Plan for the Beaver Creek National Wild River (USDI 1983) proposed that "a reservation of minimum water flows sufficient for public recreation and to support the values for which the area was designated will be determined in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land and Water Management."

In April 1985, the BLM initiated a water rights quantification project for Beaver Creek. This project culminated in the report, Water Rights Assessment for Beaver Creek National Wild River, Alaska (Van Haveren, et al. 1987), which became the basis for an application for reservation of water with the State of Alaska. On May 26, 1989, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Land and Water

Management issued a Certificate of Reservation for Beaver Creek (LAS 11997). The water right issued to the BLM by the DNR is at three locations on Beaver Creek: Mile 6, Mile 36.5, and Mile 110.5. In granting this right, the DNR required that this reservation be reviewed at least once every 10 years to determine if the reservation is still needed. Part of this review process includes documentation of the streamflow during the 10-year period. To achieve the best estimates possible for annual streamflow on Beaver Creek, the DNR requested that hydrologic monitoring be done at the three locations noted above and that winter as well as summer flows be determined.

This report is a summary of the streamflow data from 1988 to 1992 collected by the BLM in response to the DNR's request. The BLM will continue to inventory the water resources on Beaver Creek, not only to comply with DNR's request, but also to provide managers and resource users with information necessary for management and utilization of this watershed.

Basin Characteristics

The Beaver Creek watershed, located in the eastern interior of Alaska, is part of the Yukon-Tanana physiographic province. This area is characterized by forested upland plateaus, some of gentle relief, but others topped by steep 4,000- to 5,000-foot tundra-covered mountains. Beaver Creek, like its tributaries, is narrow and steep in the headwaters, but widens downstream as the gradient decreases, increasing the meandering to form sloughs and extensive marshy lowlands. The relatively flat floodplain, often underlain by discontinuous permafrost, ranges from one to three miles wide. Numerous springs occur in the basin, especially in the area downstream of Big Bend (River Mile 37), and contribute significantly to winter streamflow. The region is drained ultimately by the Yukon River.

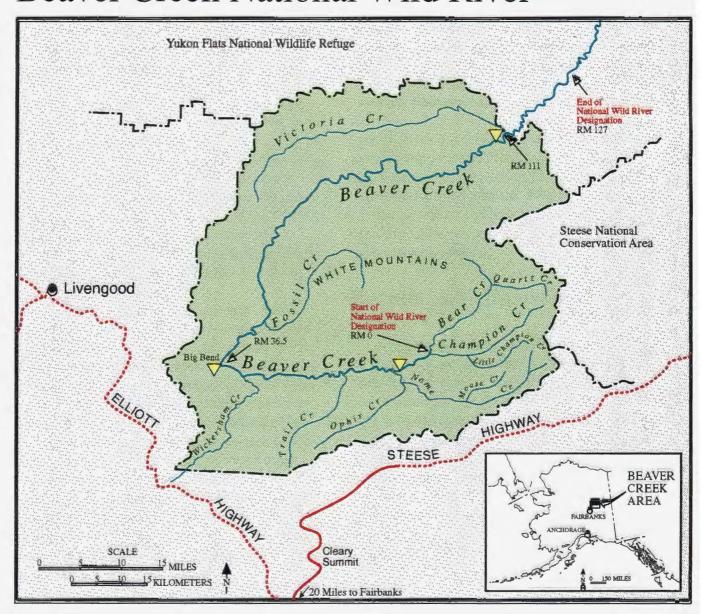
The basin lies in the subpolar continental climatic zone: long, cold winters and short, hot summers. Temperature extremes range from -70° F in winter to +90° F in summer. Precipitation averages 10 to 15 inches per year at nearby recording stations, though variations are great due to the surrounding topography. Precipitation is generally greater at higher elevations and during the summer, with most coming as rainfall from late June to early September (U.S. Department of Commerce 1963). Snowfall averages about 50 inches per year, with about 20 inches remaining on the ground prior to spring break-up. Break-up usually begins in late April to mid-May and high streamflow may persist into June. Freeze-up on streams often begins at higher elevations in mid-September, though some streams lower in the basin remain open until November. Ice cover is usually continuous for the winter, except in the vicinity of springs, and freezing to the bottom may occur in places.

This report covers the first 111 miles of Beaver Creek (Figure 1) included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and the White Mountains National Recreation Area, beginning at the confluence of Bear and Champion Creeks (RM 0) and ending at the confluence with Victoria Creek (RM 111). Additional information can be found in the Proposed Inclusion of the Beaver Creek into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (U.S. Department of the Interior 1973) and the River Management Plan for the Beaver Creek National Wild River (U.S. BLM and U.S. F&WS 1983).

Methods

Stream gages were installed by BLM at three sites on Beaver Creek. They were placed as near as possible to the locations specified by DNR in LAS 11997. An automated water-level recorder (data logger and pressure transducer) was installed in 1988 above Victoria Creek at RM 110.5. This gage recorded water level data for the summer periods from 1988 to 1992, with the exception of 1990 when the recorder failed. The other two sites, at Big Bend (RM 36.5) and above Nome Creek (RM 6), had crest-stage gages installed in 1989. These are non-automated gages that record the peak water level whenever it exceeds a preset minimum (base) level. At each site visit, both types of gages were referenced to elevation (bench) marks and to the current water level. Cross-sectional discharge (streamflow) measurements were made using a Price AA current meter to measure water velocity and a top setting wading rod and tag line for depth and width. At least once a year, the stream banks, high-water marks, and water surface profiles were surveyed using a level and stadia rod. A water level versus discharge rating was developed by combining the direct discharge measurements (Rantz et al. 1982) and computer-simulated peak flows using the slope-area method (Dalrymple and Benson 1967). The rating curves—actually log-log regression plots—were then used to compute discharge from the recorded water level and crest-stage data. By

Beaver Creek National Wild River



Legend

RM

River Mile of Beaver Creek National Wild River



BLM River Gage



White Mountains National Recreation Area

comparing differences in discharge measurements and peak flows at the three sites using regression analysis, data from the automated gage was used as the independent variable to compute monthly average flows for the nonautomated gaging sites (dependent variable). During periods when no data is available, such as during spring break-up, fall freeze-up, or recorder malfunction, the data was estimated from similar comparisons using regression analysis with the U.S. Geological Survey data from the gage on the Salcha River (USDI 1989 to 1992). The Salcha River data produced the highest correlation values (Table B-2), while the basin closely approximates Beaver Creek in watershed characteristics.

For the winter period, beginning in the autumn of 1989, under-ice discharge measurements were made as nearly simultaneously as possible on the three sites, two to three times during the winter. These measurements were made by drilling a series of holes in the ice to define the cross-section, then measuring the depth and velocity in each hole using a USGS vertical-axis, vane-type current meter mounted on a graduated rod. Where the measurements were sufficiently accurate to represent the flow conditions, streamflow was computed directly by regressing discharge on the time (date) for the periods covered for each site. This methodology is based on the assumption that once ice and snow cover isolate the stream from precipitation and temperature changes, the flow to the stream recedes uniformly as the water table is lowered by reduction of water in the aquifer (Rogers and Armbruster 1990). Where no data was available, such as the early winter of 1989, the regression correlation to the USGS Salcha River data was used to compute the estimated streamflow for the period. Where some discharge measurements were considered unreliable, such as late winter of 1990 when flows were difficult to measure, the most reliable measurement was used to compute all three sites based on their previously measured differences.

The regression equations for the Beaver Creek basin were computed using Beaver Creek above Victoria Creek as the base station, since it had a longer and more detailed record (Table B-2). Each of the three streamflow conditions—low flow (less than about 300 cfs), medium flow (between 300 and 3,000 cfs), and peak flow (greater than 3,000 cfs)—were analyzed to provide the greatest possible accuracy. A similar approach was used to compare Beaver Creek to the Salcha River. Wherever regression equations were used to compute mean monthly discharge, the values have been identified in the tables as estimates.

Results and Discussion

Appendix A contains discharge data, listed by year and site location, for the period of record. A summary table at the end of each year's data lists the mean monthly streamflow. This was computed from the recorded daily values table, regression equations determined from winter under-ice measurements, and comparisons to other sites on Beaver Creek or to the Salcha River. Appendix B lists the discharge ratings and regression equations used in the computations.

A mean monthly data summary for the period of record was computed for the three Beaver Creek sites (Table 1, Figure 1). This can then be compared to the Salcha River (Table 2) and the monthly estimates used in the original water rights application (Table 3). In general, the flows in Van Haveren et al. 1987, used in the application, underestimated the measured streamflow by about 77 percent (ranging from 48 to 97 percent). The underestimation is probably due to a lack of comparable data to test the validity of the correlations used to estimate the original data set. Both Hess and Boulder Creeks, used for the original computations, were less comparable to Beaver Creek than was the Salcha River. Neither Hess Creek nor Boulder Creek has a significant winter base

Table 1
Monthly mean discharge data:
Beaver Creek, 1988-1992

| | | Discharge (cfs) | |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Month | Above Nome Creek | Beaver Creek At Big Bend | Above Victoria Creek |
| January | 23 | 56 | 86 |
| February | 17 | 43 | 68 |
| March | 14 | 35 | 56 |
| April | 113 | 180 | 381 |
| May | 651 | 1,461 | 3,052 |
| June | 735 | 1,654 | 2,628 |
| July | 234 | 437 | 950 |
| August | 407 | 845 | 1,640 |
| September | 462 | 990 | 1,862 |
| October | 167 | 367 | 599 |
| November | 81 | 200 | 304 |
| December | 42 | 117 | 165 |

Table 2 Monthly mean discharge data: Salcha River, 1949-1991

| Salcha Hitel, 1545-15. | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Month | (cfs) | | | | |
| January | 247 | | | | |
| February | 198 | | | | |
| March | 181 | | | | |
| April | 352 | | | | |
| Мау | 4,485 | | | | |
| June | 3,943 | | | | |
| July | 2,751 | | | | |
| August | 3,074 | | | | |
| September | 2,466 | | | | |
| October | 1,073 | | | | |
| November | 474 | | | | |
| December | 336 | | | | |

Table 3
Monthly mean discharge data:
Beaver Creek estimates used in 1987 Water Rights Application

| | Discharge (cfs) | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--|--|
| | | Beaver Creek | | | |
| Month | Above | At | Above | | |
| | Nome Creek | Big Bend | Victoria Creek | | |
| January | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.9 | | |
| February | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.9 | | |
| March | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.9 | | |
| April | 6.6 | 29 | 60 | | |
| May | 233 | 1,019 | 2,106 | | |
| June | 158 | 691 | 1,428 | | |
| July | 77 | 346 | 696 | | |
| August | 71 | 314 | 649 | | |
| September | 67 | 295 | 609 | | |
| October | 13 | 55 | 115 | | |
| November | 1.3 | 5.9 | 13 | | |
| December | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1.9 | | |

Source: Van Haveran et al. 1987

flow. Beaver Creek more nearly resembles the Salcha River, with moderate streamflow persisting throughout the winter.

Finally, the peak flow statistics (Table 4) were computed from the annual peak data (Table 5) using a log-Pearson III flood-frequency relationship. These values also exceeded those used in the original 1987 estimates derived from regional flood-frequency relationships (Table 6). Since only five years of data is

available for Beaver Creek, the calculations were only carried out to a 10-year recurrence interval event to avoid the uncertainty of predicting large magnitude flood events from a limited data set (Bedient and Huber 1988). The large differences probably are due to uncertainty in using regional data, lack of any precipitation data in the basin, and a small (five-year) set of measured data used for the comparison.



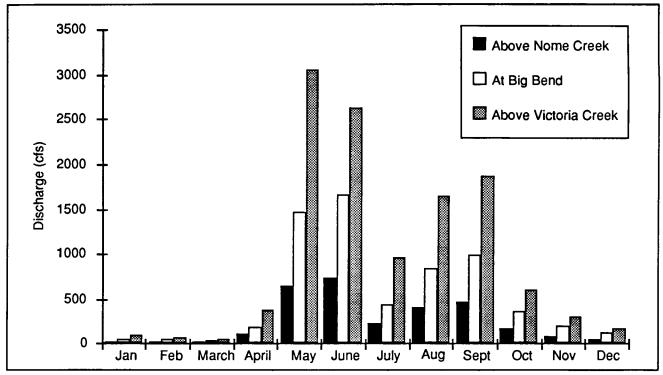


Table 4
Log Pearson III flood frequency estimates for Beaver Creek

| | | Beaver Cree | k |
|------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Year | Above Nome Creek | At Big Bend | Above Victoria Creek |
| 1.5 | 3,575 | 8,840 | 12,680 |
| 2 | 4,155 | 9,684 | 15,080 |
| 5 | 4,835 | 12,560 | 19,740 |
| 10 | 5,498 | 15,110 | 21,360 |

Table 6 1987 flood frequency estimates for Beaver Creek (derived from Parks and Madison 1985)

| | | Beaver Creek | |
|------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Year | Above Nome Creek | At Big Bend | Above Victoria Creek |
| 1.5 | not determined | not determined | not determined |
| 2 | 867 | 3,114 | 5,851 |
| 5 | not determined | not determined | not determined |
| 10 | 2,224 | 7,037 | 12,424 |

Source: Van Haveran et al. 1987

Table 5 Instantaneous peak flows: Beaver Creek, 1988-1992

| | Instantaneous Peak Discharge (cfs) | | | | | | |
|------|------------------------------------|----------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| : | Beaver Creek | | | | | | |
| Year | Above | At | Above | | | | |
| | Nome Creek | Big Bend | Victoria Creek | | | | |
| 1988 | no data | no data | 7,286 | | | | |
| 1989 | 3,810 | 8,750 | 18,800 | | | | |
| 1990 | 4,011 | 8,534 | 12,581 | | | | |
| 1991 | 3,154 | 10,069 | 15,273 | | | | |
| 1992 | 5,505 | 15,623 | 19,642 | | | | |

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Appendix A

Table A1
Daily discharge of Beaver Creek above Victoria Creek, 1988

| | | Dischar | | _ | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|-----------|--|--|
| Date | June | July | August | September | | |
| _ | | 004 | 000 | 0.000 | | |
| 1 | | 964 | 833 | 2,366 | | |
| 2 | | 862 | 819 | 2,051 | | |
| 3 4 | | 724 | 830 | 1,755 | | |
| 4 | | 611 | 756 | 1,609 | | |
| 5 | | 545 | 755 | 1,740 | | |
| 6 | | 593 | 712 | 2,284 | | |
| 7 | | 562 | 676 | 3,104 | | |
| 8 | | 523 | 641 | 3,215 | | |
| 9 | | 485 | 636 | 2,633 | | |
| 10 | 1,535 | 510 | 817 | 2,113 | | |
| 10 | 1,555 | 310 | 017 | 2,110 | | |
| 11 | 1,261 | 517 | 922 | 1,857 | | |
| 12 | 1,675 | 552 | 873 | 1,633 | | |
| 13 | 2,237 | 563 | 1,064 | 1,483 | | |
| 14 | 2,334 | 545 | 1,846 | 1,327 | | |
| 15 | 1,930 | 534 | 2,065 | 1,208 | | |
| | | | | ., | | |
| 16 | 2,772 | 480 | 2,525 | | | |
| 17 | 5,350 | 492 | 2,654 | | | |
| 18 | 6,035 | 438 | 2, <u>1</u> 31 | | | |
| 19 | 3,607 | 522 | 1,762 | | | |
| 20 | 2,394 | 478 | 1,500 | | | |
| 21 | 1,909 | 458 | 1,382 | | | |
| 22 | 1,778 | 458 | 1,302 | | | |
| 23 | 1,749 | 469 | 1,552 | | | |
| 24 | 1,447 | 486 | 3,165 | | | |
| 25 | 1,159 | 536 | 4,459 | | | |
| 25 | 1,133 | 550 | 4,409 | | | |
| 26 | 925 | 594 | 3,447 | | | |
| 27 | 858 | 519 | 2,604 | | | |
| 28 | 785 | 459 | 2,095 | | | |
| 29 | 826 | 473 | 1,984 | | | |
| 30 | 1,060 | 546 | 1,935 | | | |
| 31 | · , = = = | 673 | 2,119 | ! | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Maximum | 6,035* | 594 | 4,459 | 3,215* | | |
| Minimum | 785* | 438 | 636 | 1,208* | | |
| Mean | 2,077* | 519 | 1,764 | 2,054* | | |
| *Rased on | • | full month | · | ŕ | | |
| *Based on less than a full month. | | | | | | |

Table A2
Dally discharge of Beaver Creek above Victoria Creek, 1989

| | | Discha | rge (cfs) | |
|---------|---------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Date | June | July | August | September |
| | | | | |
| 1 | | 3,792 | 632 | 418 |
| 2 | | 3,693 2,821 | 609 597 | 406 395 |
| 3 4 | | 2,030 | 597 586 | 395 372 |
| 5 | 1,774 | 1,569 | 628 | 388 |
| 1 | • | | | |
| 6 7 | 1,820 | 1,293 | 707 | 398 |
| | 1,791 | 1,106 | 738 | 391 |
| 8 | 1,703 | 962 | 827 | 411 |
| 9 | 1,395 | 870 | 810 | 421 |
| 10 | 1,378 | 1,142 | 685 | 409 |
| 11 | 2,407 | 897 | 634 | 403 |
| 12 | 2,554 | 802 | 616 | 450 |
| 13 | 2,109 | 731 | 581 | |
| 14 | 1,659 | 670 | 578 | |
| 15 | 1,351 | 640 | 605 | |
| 16 | 1,163 | 673 | 664 | |
| 17 | 963 | 658 | 645 | |
| 18 | 1,054 | 623 | 605 | |
| 19 | 1,643 | 596 | 576 | |
| 20 | 1,798 | 632 | 553 | |
| 21 | 1,479 | 884 | 536 | |
| 22 | 1,244 | 860 | 546 | |
| 23 | 1,062 | 862 | 527 | |
| 24 | 1,130 | 927 | 508 | |
| 25 | 13,489 | 868 | 480 | |
| 26 | 14,045 | 781 | 454 | ! |
| 27 | 8,691 | 840 | 481 | |
| 28 | 4,937 | 914 | 467 | |
| 29 | 4,546 | 920 | 453 | |
| 30 | 3,748 | 849 | 446 | |
| 31 | _, | 724 | 432 | |
| Maximum | n 14,045* | 1,569 | 827 | 450* |
| Minimum | | 596 | 432 | 388* |
| Mean | 3,113* | 863 | 585 | 409* |
| | n less than a | | | |

Table A3
Beaver Creek discharge measurements, 1989

| Date measured | Discharge (cfs) | Stage (ft) | Width (ft) | Area (ft²) | Avg. velocity (ft/s) | Avg. depth (ft) | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Above Nome Creek | | | | | | | | |
| June 19 | 353 | 1.98 | 128 | 142 | 2.40 | 1.2 | | |
| June 25* | 3,810 | 5.18 | 173 | 722 | 5.28 | 4.2 | | |
| July 25 | 192 | 1.65 | 153 | 95 | 1.83 | .7 | | |
| September 6 | 111 | 1.47 | 86 | 73 | 1.54 | 1.0 | | |
| October 31 | 64 | n/d | 68 | 75 | .90 | 1.6 | | |
| At Big Bend | | | | | | | | |
| June 25* | 8,750 | 8.75 | 248 | 1,580 | 5.54 | 6.4 | | |
| August 9 | 329 | 2.84 | 168 | 313 | 1.05 | 2.3 | | |
| September 6 | 213 | 2.52 | 156 | 251 | .76 | 1.7 | | |
| November 1 | 191 | n/d | 140 | 242 | .85 | 2.0 | | |
| Above Victoria Cr | eek | | | | | | | |
| May 23 | 2,959 | 3.40 | 262 | 914 | 3.26 | 3.6 | | |
| June 25* | 18,800 | 9.81 | 295 | 2,490 | 7.55 | 8.4 | | |
| July 28 | 986 | 1.66 | 200 | 358 | 2.71 | 2.0 | | |
| September 12 | 450 | 1.03 | 205 | 326 | 1.34 | 1.7 | | |
| November 16 | 190 | n/d | 184 | 233 | .88 | 1.7 | | |

Table A4
Monthly mean discharge data: Beaver Creek, 1989

| | | Discharge (cfs | s) |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Month | Above Nome Creek | Beaver Creek At Big Bend | Above Victoria Creek |
| January | 17 | 43 | 63 |
| February | 16 | 41 | 56 |
| March | 16 | 41 | 54 |
| April | 162 | 278 | 478 |
| May | 474 | 1,034 | 2,217 |
| June | 920 | 2,032 | 3,113 |
| July | 205 | 372 | 863 |
| August | 173 | 302 | 585 |
| September | 155 | 264 | 409 |
| October | 74 | 197 | 288 |
| November | 54 | 155 | 192 |
| December | 39 | 100 | 120 |

^{*}slope-area indirect discharge measurement

Table A5
Beaver Creek discharge measurements, 1990

| Date measured | Discharge (cfs) | Stage (ft) | Width (ft) | Area (ft²) | Avg. velocity (ft/s) | Avg. depth (ft) | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Above Nome Cred | ek | | | | | | | |
| February 14 | 4 | n/d | 30 | 23 | 0.16 | 1.0 | | |
| June 7 | 415 | 2.11 | 153 | 161 | 2.54 | 1.1 | | |
| September 21 | 482 | 2.55 | 91 | 183 | 2.27 | 2.2 | | |
| December 13 | 48 | n/d | 46 | 76 | 0.64 | 2.2 | | |
| At Big Bend | | | | | | | | |
| March 20 | 1 | n/d | 45 | 5 6 | 0.04 | 1.1 | | |
| June 7 | 1,052 | 3.90 | 195 | 509 | 1.95 | 2.9 | | |
| September 21 | 1,119 | 4.09 | 241 | 358 | 3.18 | 1.5 | | |
| December 11 | 109 | n/d | 132 | 207 | 0.54 | 1.7 | | |
| Above Victoria Cr | Above Victoria Creek | | | | | | | |
| March 20 | 10 | n/d | 100 | 72 | 0.24 | 0.7 | | |
| September 21 | 2,005 | 2.91 | 372 | 779 | 2.58 | 2.2 | | |
| December 11 | 180 | n/d_ | 120 | 189 | 0.84 | 1.7 | | |

Table A6 Monthly mean discharge data: Beaver Creek, 1990

| | | Discharge (cfs | 6) |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Month | Aboye Nome Creek | Beaver Creek At Big Bend | Above Victoria Creek |
| January | 8 | 19 | 32 |
| February | 5 | 17 | 28 |
| March | 4 | 16 | 27 |
| April | 55 | 125 | 248 |
| May | 461 | 998 | 2,170 |
| June | 272 | 525 | 1,318 |
| July | 215 | 394 | 940 |
| August | 275 | 533 | 1,338 |
| September | 1,086 | 2,475 | 4,686 |
| October | 244 | 563 | 967 |
| November | 14 | 239 | 390 |
| December | 45 | 102 | 157 |

Table A7
Daily discharge of Beaver Creek above Victoria Creek, 1991

| Date | May | June | Discharge (cfs) July | August | September |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1 2 3 4 5 | | 5,128 6,782 6,545 5,068 4,181 | 1,420 1,377 1,298 1,999 3,136 | | 2,295 2,102 1,939 1,798 1,684 |
| 6 7 8 9 10 | | 4,175 4,641 5,044 4,172 3,249 | 2,898 2,277 1,894 1,576 1,412 | | 1,565 1,493 1,429 1,458 1,525 |
| 11 12 13 14 15 | | 2,756 2,517 2,663 2,928 2,613 | 1,292 1,210 1,276 1,127 1,101 | 1,474 | 1,701 1,813 2.990 3,633 3,020 |
| 16 17 18 19 20 | | 2,377 2,185 2,085 1,967 1,889 | 1,090 1,094 1,140 1,206 1,288 | 1,457 1,386 7,373 13,813 13,751 | 2,516 2,195 1,970 1,792 1,681 |
| 21 22 23 24 25 | 5,376 5,223 | 1,793 1,743 1,703 1,775 1,705 | 1,215 1,143 1,103 1,034 993 | 7,486 5,150 4,206 6,060 6,810 | 1,617 1,640 1,630 1,598 |
| 26 27 28 29 30 31 | 4,946 4,575 4,490 4,153 4,230 4,174 | 1,601 1,555 1,539 1,502 1,527 | 987 1,113 1,212 1,363 1,570 | 5,445 4,311 3,573 3,110 2,795 2,521 | |
| Maximum Minimum Mean *Based on | 5,376* 4,153* 4,646* less than a | 6,782 1,502 2,980 I full month. | 3,136 987 1,425 | 13,813* 1,386* 5,337* | 3,633* 1,429* 1,962* |

Table A8
Beaver Creek discharge measurements, 1991

| Date measured | Discharge (cfs) | Stage (ft) | Width (ft) | Area (ft²) | Avg. velocity (ft/s) | Avg. depth (ft) |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Above Nome Cred | ek | | | | | |
| March 6 | 21 | n/d | 29 | 20 | 1.08 | 1.0 |
| August 15 | 237 | 2.06 | 90 | 107 | 2.13 | 1.3 |
| September 24 | 499 | 2.31 | 94 | 205 | 2.43 | 1.4 |
| December 13 | 47 | n/d | 34 | 25 | 1.95 | 1.2 |
| At Big Bend | | | | | | |
| February 25 | 53 | n/d | 120 | 96 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| July 25 | 348 | n/d | 163 | 278 | 1.35 | 2.3 |
| September 24 | 809 | 3.69 | 173 | 344 | 2.45 | 2.3 |
| Above Victoria Cr | eek | | | | | |
| February 25 | 87 | n/d | 95 | 118 | 0.74 | 1.6 |
| September 24 | 1,453 | 2.23 | 379 | 703 | 2.15 | 2.2 |
| December 16 | 169 | n/d | 110 | 160 | 1.16 | 1.5 |

Table A9
Monthly mean discharge data: Beaver Creek, 1991

| , | | Discharge (cfs | s) |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Month | Above Nome Creek | Beaver Creek At Big Bend | Above Victoria Creek |
| January | 34 | 78 | 128 |
| February | 26 | 59 | 96 |
| March | 19 | 45 | 73 |
| April | 72 | 159 | 290 |
| May | 1,195 | 2,777 | 5,603 |
| June | 761 | 1,840 | 2,980 |
| July | 290 | 569 | 1,425 |
| August | 971 | 2,165 | 3,619 |
| September | 405 | 853 | 1,962 |
| October | 264 | 514 | 831 |
| November | 107 | 270 | 377 |
| December | 43 | 142 | 171 |

Table A10
Dally discharge of Beaver Creek above Victoria Creek, 1992

| | Discharge (cfs) | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| Date | June | July | August | September | | | |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | | 1,377 1,289 1,199 1,074 970 | 2,067 1,616 1,332 1,140 998 | 901 1,097 1,482 1,445 1,312 | | | |
| 6 7 8 9 10 | 2,937 | 878 795 728 678 648 | 892 838 797 771 754 | 1,212 1,104 1,029 959 876 | | | |
| 11 12 13 14 15 | 2,889 2,662 2,396 2,162 2,010 | 658 775 1,233 1,467 1,306 | 767 765 754 770 775 | 832 806 772 742 746 | | | |
| 16 17 18 19 20 | 2,306 3,400 4,652 4,024 2,810 | 1,227 1,171 977 882 861 | 809 823 807 893 1,055 | 681 647 607 607 589 | | | |
| 21 22 23 24 25 | 2,253 2,776 7,650 6,664 3,824 | 870 859 803 768 759 | 1,091 1,042 962 897 841 | 520 480 364 | | | |
| 26 27 28 29 30 31 | 2,881 2,692 2,236 1,827 1,565 | 752 879 1,023 1,496 1,759 1,942 | 790 788 820 931 959 939 | | | | |
| Maximum Minimum Mean *Based on | 7,650* 1,565* 3,171* less than | 1,759 648 1,005 a full month. | 1,091 775 895 | 1,482* 364* 861* | | | |

Table A11 Beaver Creek discharge measurements, 1992

| Date measured | Discharge (cfs) | Stage (ft) | Width (ft) | Area (ft²) | Avg. velocity (ft/s) | Avg. depth (ft) |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Above Nome Cre | ek | | | | | |
| March 13 | 16 | n/d | 30 | 27 | 0.55 | 1.0 |
| June 10 | 836 | 2.66 | 160 | 266 | 3.04 | 1.8 |
| July 23 | 208 | 1.80 | 90 | 107 | 2.15 | 1.3 |
| November 17 | 57 | n/d | 62 | 86 | 0.68 | 1.5 |
| At Big Bend | | | | | | |
| January 3 | 96 | n/d | 100 | 209 | 0.45 | 2.1 |
| March 10 | 41 | n/d | 110 | 148 | 0.26 | 1.5 |
| June 10 | 1,625 | 4.47 | 162 | 550 | 2.87 | 3.7 |
| July 23 | 417 | 2.92 | 144 | 304 | 1.21 | 2.4 |
| November 12 | 164 | n/d | 100 | 160 | 1.02 | 1.8 |
| Above Victoria Cr | eek | | | | | |
| March 10 | 75 | n/d | 110 | 90 | 0.59 | 0.9 |
| June 10 | 2,927 | 3.44 | 227 | 934 | 3.09 | 4.1 |
| July 23 | 753 | 1.55 | 227 | 513 | 1.36 | 2.4 |
| November 12 | 265 | n/d | 171 | 195 | 0.93 | 1.2 |

Table A12 Monthly mean discharge data: Beaver Creek, 1992

| | | Discharge (cfs | 5) |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Month | Above Nome Creek | Beaver Creek At Big Bend | Above Victoria Creek |
| January | 32 | 82 | 123 |
| February | 22 | 56 | 92 |
| March | 16 | 38 | 69 |
| April | 165 | 155 | 508 |
| May | 474 | 1,034 | 2,217 |
| June | 989 | 2,218 | 3,810 |
| July | 224 | 414 | 1,005 |
| August | 209 | 381 | 895 |
| September | 202 | 366 | 841 |
| October | 85 | 194 | 311 |
| November | 58 | 135 | 256 |
| December | 40 | 123 | 211 |

Table A13 Instantaneous peak and lowest recorded daily mean discharges: Beaver Creek, 1988-1992

| | · · · | | | Beaver Creek | |
|------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | Above Nome Creek | At Big Bend | Above Victoria Creek |
| 1988 | Instantaneous Peak | Discharge Stage Date | no data obtained at this site | no data obtained at this site | 7,286 5.74 June 17 |
| | Lowest Recorded Daily Mean | Discharge Date | | | 438 July 18 |
| 1989 | Instantaneous Peak | Discharge Stage Date | 3,810 5.18 June 25 | 8,750 8.75 June 25 | 18,800 9.81 June 25 |
| | Lowest Recorded Daily Mean | Discharge Date | n/d | n/d | 372 September 4 |
| 1990 | Instantaneous Peak | Discharge Stage Date | 4,011 5.26 September 8 | 8,534 8.51 September 8 | 12,581 7.99 September 8 |
| | Lowest Recorded Daily Mean | Discharge Date | n/d | n/d | n/d |
| 1991 | Instantaneous Peak | Discharge Stage Date | 3,154 4.97 August 20 | 10,069 8.86 August 20 | 15,273 8.98 August 20 |
| | Lowest Recorded Daily Mean | Discharge Date | n/d | n/d | 987 July 26 |
| 1992 | Instantaneous Peak | Discharge Stage Date | 5,505 5.78 June 1 | 15,623 10.21 June 1 | 19,642 10.40 June 1 |
| | Lowest Recorded Daily Mean | Discharge Date | n/d | n/d | 364 September 23 |

Appendix B

Table B1 Discharge regressions based on Beaver Creek above Victoria Creek

| Discharge regressions based on beaver creek above victoria creek | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----|----------------|--|--|--|
| Beaver Creek above Nome Creek | | | | | | |
| Discharge (cfs) | Equation | r² | Standard error | | | |
| ≤300 | Q=11.39 x 1.0063 Qv | .91 | .19 | | | |
| >300 and ≤3,000 | Q=120.1 x 1.0006 Qv | .77 | .30 | | | |
| >3,000 | Q=665.4 x 1.0001 ^{Qv} | .93 | .21 | | | |
| Beaver Creek at Big | Bend | | | | | |
| Discharge (cfs) | Equation | r² | Standard error | | | |
| ≤300 | Q=29.76 x 1.0058 Qv | .90 | .26 | | | |
| >300 and ≤3,000 | Q=193.9 x 1.0008 Qv | .89 | .26 | | | |
| >3,000 | Q=1,376 x 1.0001 ^{Qv} | .97 | .18 | | | |

Q=discharge

Qv=discharge at reference site, i.e. above Victoria Creek r²=coefficient of determination

Table B2 Discharge regressions based on Salcha River

| Discharge (cfs) | Equation | r² | Standard error |
|-------------------|---------------------|------|----------------|
| ≤1,000 | Q=29.57 x 1.0032 Qs | 0.92 | 0.26 |
| >1,000 and ≤7,000 | Q=605.4 x 1.0003 Qs | 0.78 | 0.38 |
| >7,000 | Q=2,840 x 1.0001 Qs | 0.84 | 0.33 |

Table B3 Sample regression based on Beaver Creek winter discharge measurements

| Period | Date | Discharge (cfs) | Equation | r² | Standard error |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------|----------------|
| Fall 1989 | 9/6/89 10/31/89 | 111 64 | Q=2,167.4 x 0.9899 Day | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| Winter 89/90 | 10/31/89 2/14/90 | 64 4 | Q=814,640 x 0.9733 Day | 1.00 | 0.00 |