

Memorandum

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Subject: Wrights Lake & Dark Lake Visual Encounter Surveys

CDFG field crews surveyed Wrights Lake and Dark Lake, El Dorado County, for diurnal amphibians using CDFG visual encounter survey protocol on June 2nd, 2009. No herpetofauna were found at Wrights Lake and 5 garter snakes (*Thamnophis couchii*) were observed at Dark Lake during the survey effort. No Species of Special Concern were observed at either lake.

Negative data was validated by monitoring surveys at Stanislaus Meadow (Lake ID's 39887, 40256, and 40256.01) on May 26th, 2009. Four adult and two subadult *Rana sierrae* were active and basking along stream banks at this known population.

I recommend that stocking be resumed at Wrights Lake and Dark Lake.

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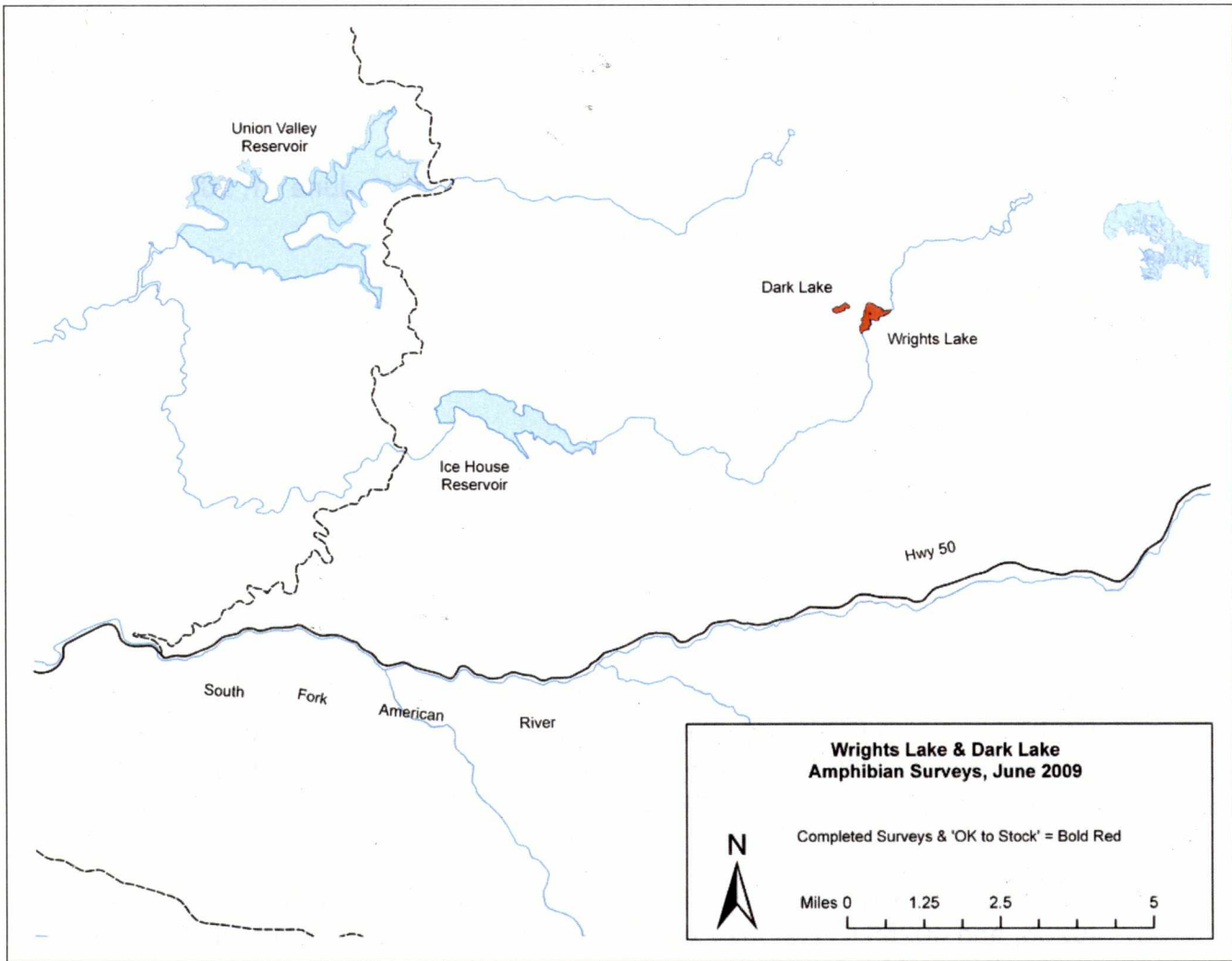


Figure 1: Survey Locations for Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frog – Wrights Lake & Dark Lake, El Dorado County