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Survey of Ice House, Union Valley, & Loon Lake Reservoirs, El Dorado County.

Saturday, August 1, 1964

A tour of the subject waters was made on Saturday, August 1, to ascertain the relative use and fishing quality prevailing at the time. The day was clear but a fair wind was blowing.

Ice House Reservoir. At 11 a.m. three boats were observed on the reservoir and nine cars counted at the various access points from the dam to the inlet. Thus a total of about 25 anglers were using the reservoir Saturday morning. The campground and boat launching ramp were closed as the U. S. Forest Service is paving the camp roads. Five camps were located along the reservoir shore. The following creel check data were collected:

Boat	Shore	No. Anglers	Total Hours	RT	KOK
	x	2	6	0	0
	x	2	4	0	0
x		1	2	0	0
	x	3	6	0	0

These anglers were mostly bait fishermen of limited skill. When at Loon Lake this day talked with a retired angler that fished Ice House consistently last year and this year up to late June. He reported quality KOK fishing present both years. This year he said the KOK tapered off in mid June.

Union Valley Reservoir. At 1 p.m. water temperature was 74°F, a fair wind and five boats, most anglers observed actively fishing. Probably about one-half of the reservoir could be seen. There are a number of dirt roads leading down to the upper end of the reservoir. Car counts were as follows:

Dam (as seen with glasses from Jones Creek)	8 cars - could be more
Jones Creek access	12
Wolf Creek access	13
Road access across from Wolf Creek	<u>7</u>
Total	40 cars plus those not counted at dam
	50 cars (total estimate)

Boat	Shore	No. Anglers	Total Hours	RT	RT Lengths
x		2	6	1	5.2, 5.5, 5.7, 6.0,
	x	2	4	5	6.0, 6.0, 6.3, 7.0,
	x	5	20	8	7.0, 7.4, 7.6, 7.8,
	x	3	15	3	8.0, 8.4, 8.5, 8.5
	x	1	2	5	
	x	2	2	0	
		<u>15</u>	<u>49</u>		

It appears that most of the RT taken are from this year's plant (87,720 - 8/oz. on 3/10/64 and 100,002 - 21/oz. on 5/14/64).

Loon Lake. At 3 p.m water temperature was 68° F. (note this is six degrees lower than Union Valley). Counted a total of 22 cars around lake but was only able to locate four anglers. Creel check data as follows:

Boat	Shore	No. Anglers	Total Hours	RT
x		1	2	8 (Troll - D.D. & worms)
	x	2	2	1
	x	2	2	0

RT lengths: 10.2, 9.5, 9.3, 9.0, 8.6, 8.0, 8.3, and 8.2.

The light use and poor fishing observed was due in part to the windy conditions. Also August is the poorest month of trout angling.

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