NERO Fishing Opportunities

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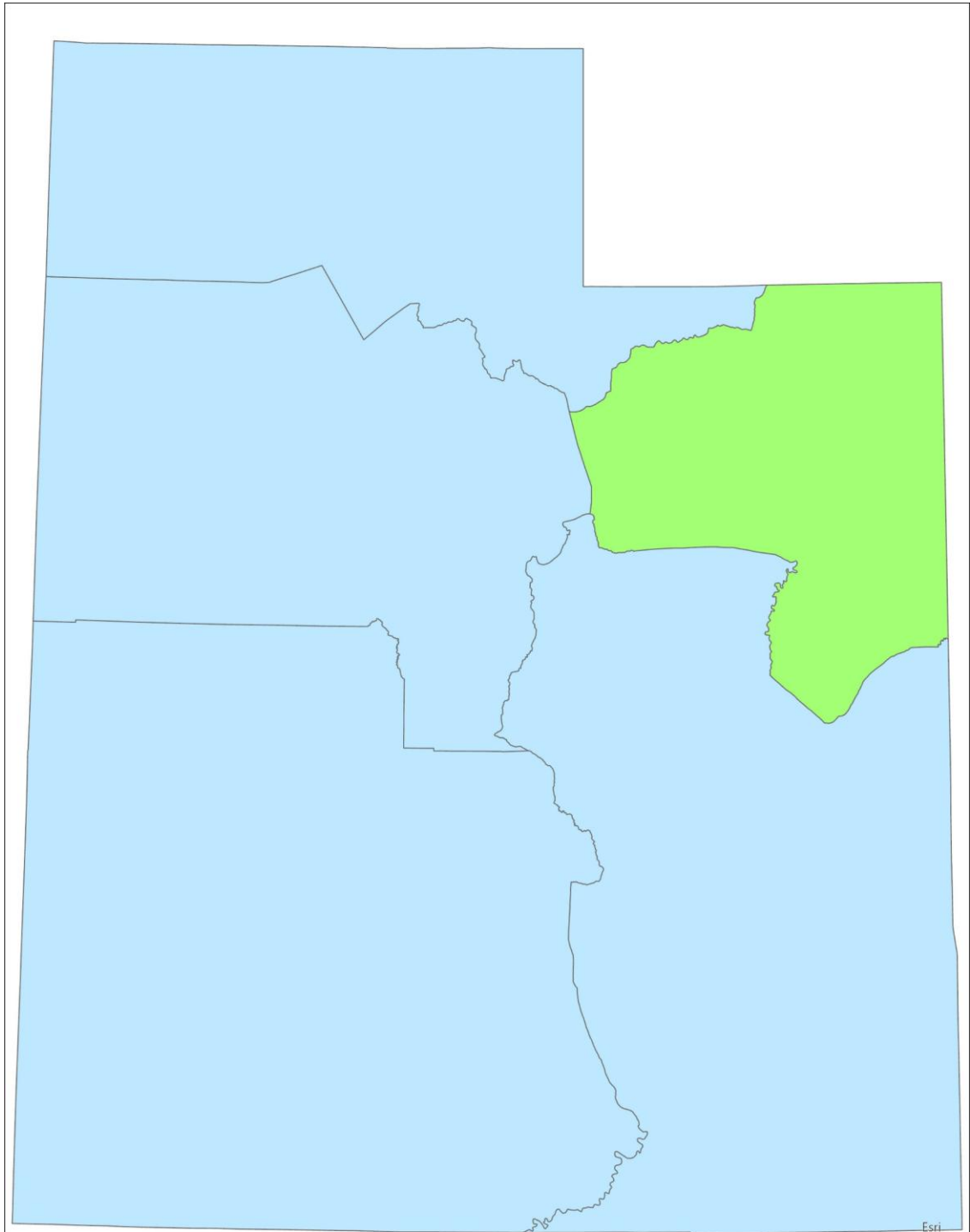


West Side Streams

- Currant Creek
- West Fork Duchesne River
- Duchesne River
- Rock Creek
- Lake Fork River
- Yellowstone River
- Swift Creek
- Strawberry River



West Side Streams

- Currant Creek
  - Below Currant Creek Reservoir
    - BN primary species
    - Also stocked RBT below Water hollow
  - Above Currant Creek Reservoir
    - CT primary species
- Strawberry River
  - Pinnacles upstream and Below Starvation
    - BN primary species
    - CRCT and Mountain Whitefish





Strawberry River Habitat

- 2018 Dollar Ridge Fire
  - Destroyed access
  - Restored through EWP project
- Additional 6 million for habitat work









West Side Streams

- West Fork Duchesne
  - Above Vat Diversion
    - CRCT only species
  - Below Vat Diversion
    - CRCT primary species
    - BN and a few RBT
- Duchesne River
    - BN primary species
    - Mountain Whitefish and RBT
    - Access easement from Hanna upstream





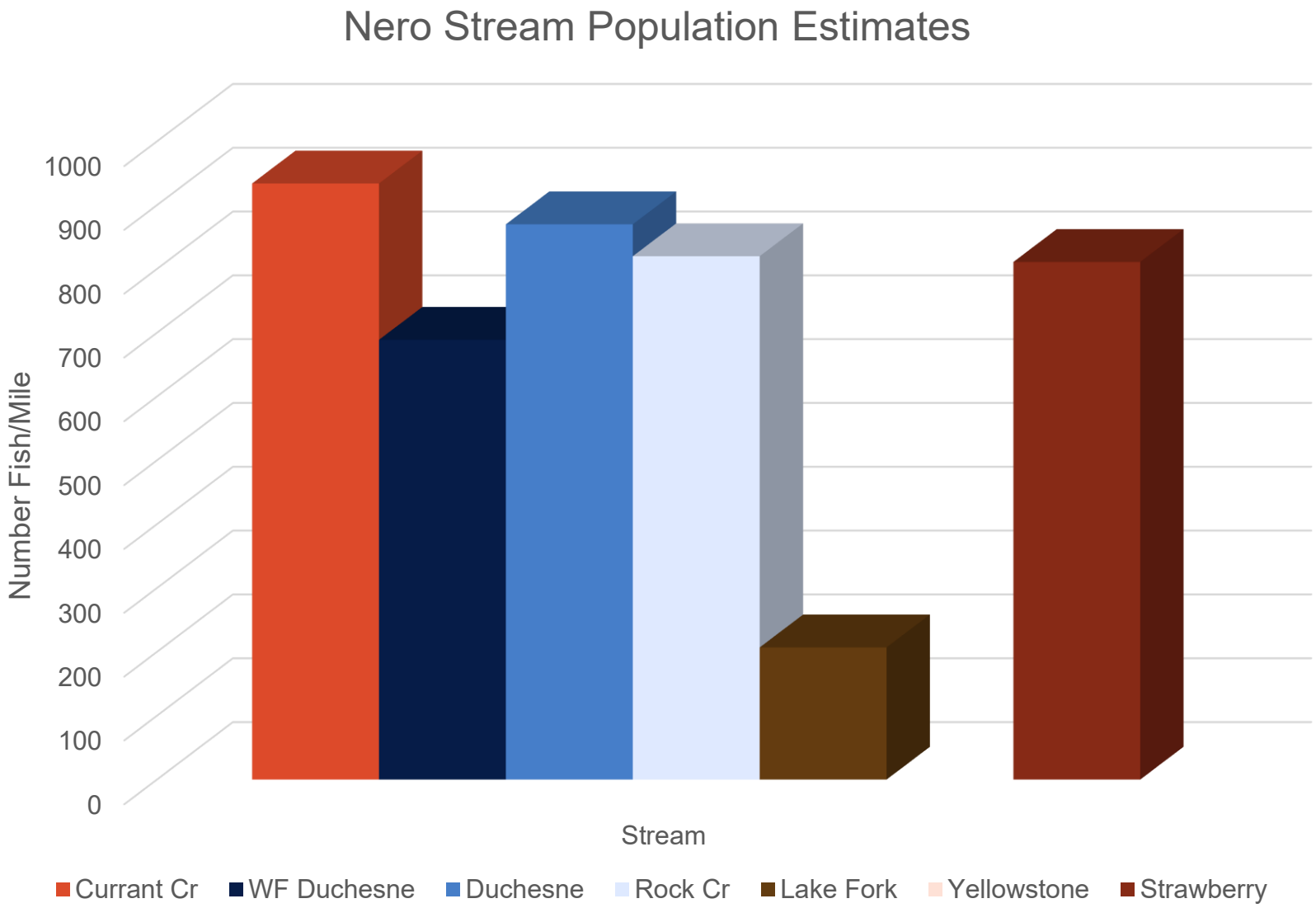
West Side Streams

- Rock Cr, Lake Fork, Yellowstone
  - Accessible Sections
    - BN primary species
    - RBT, CT, BK
  - Less Accessible Sections
  - Fast fishing
  - Solitude and Scenery
    - BK primary species
    - CT also





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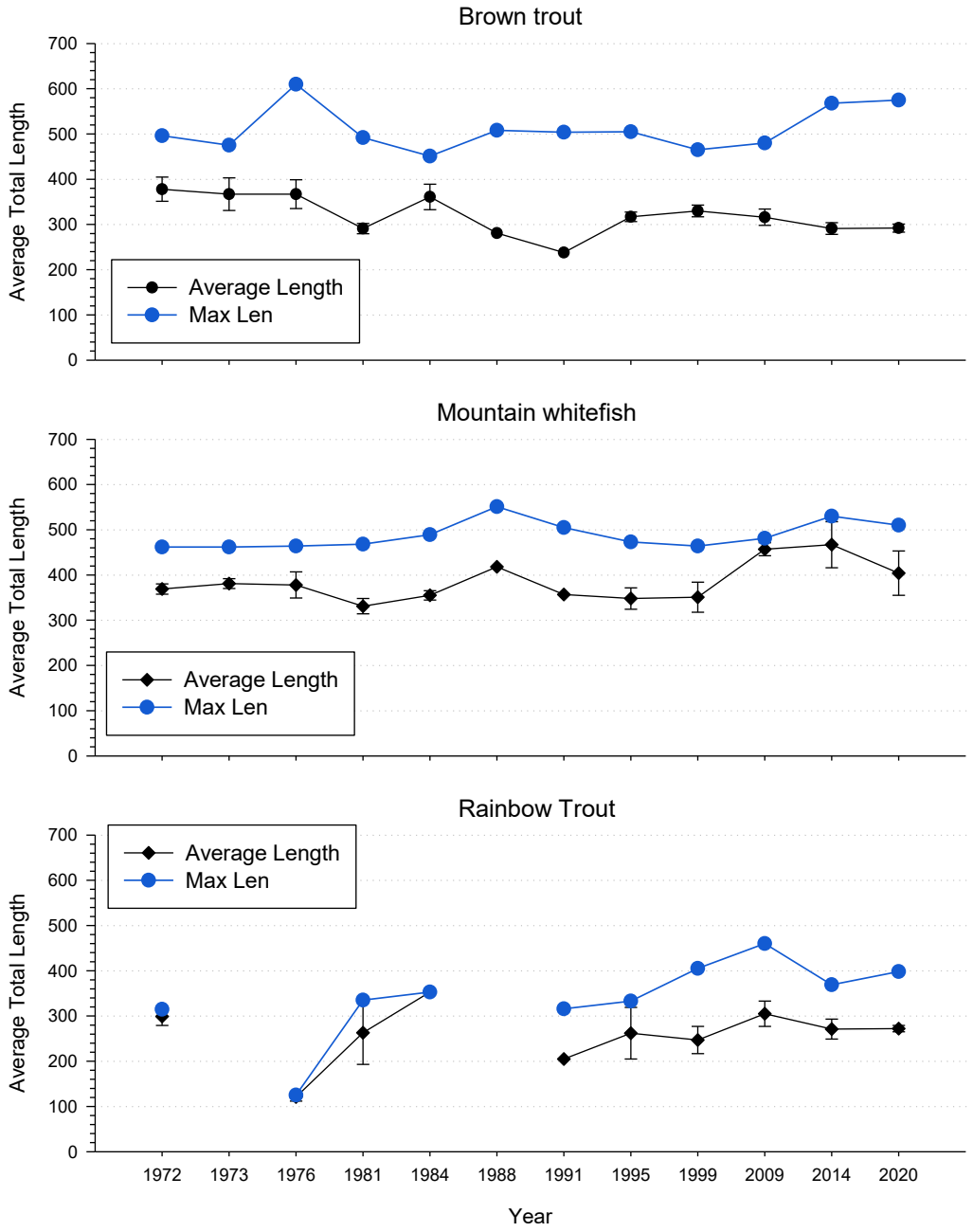
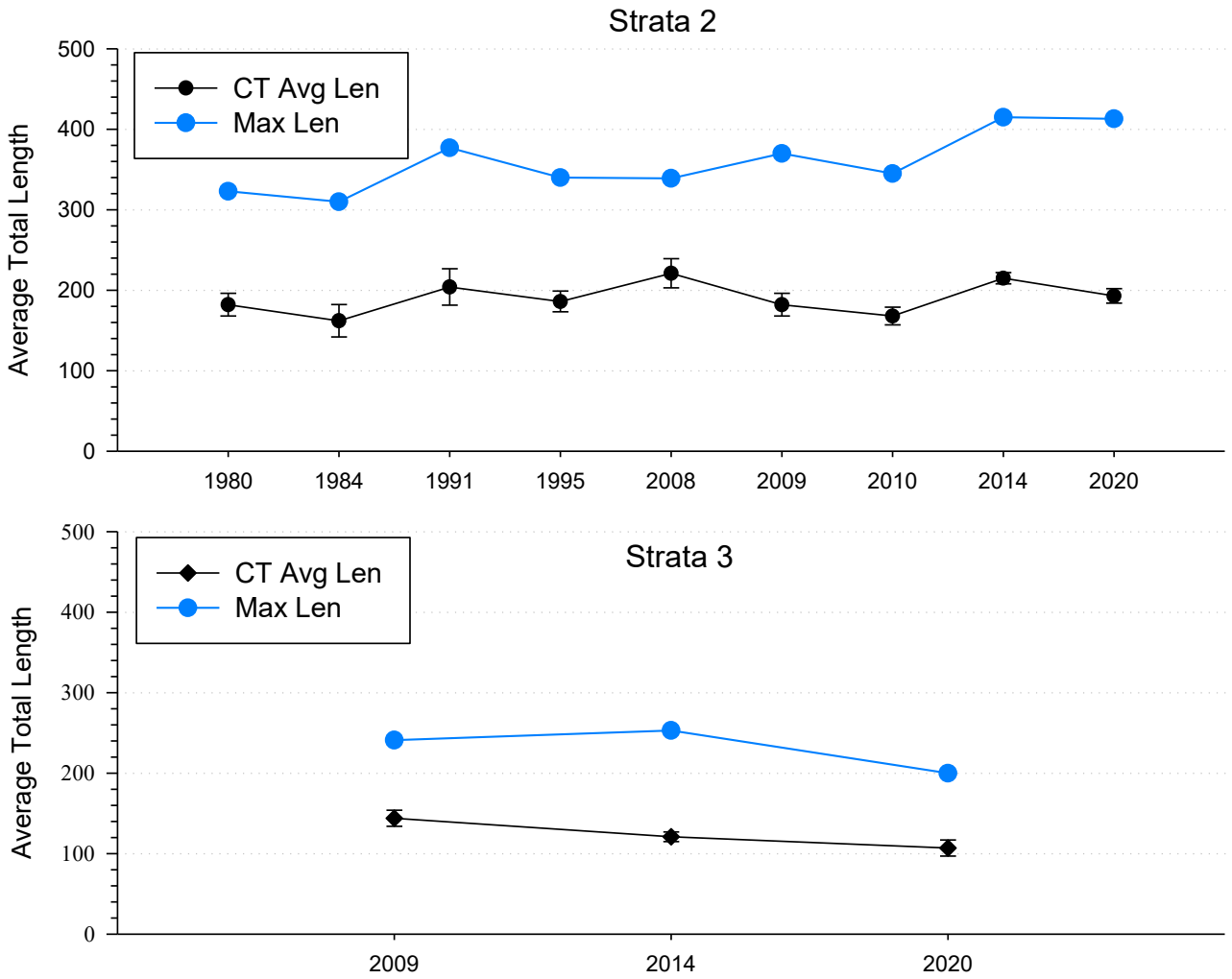
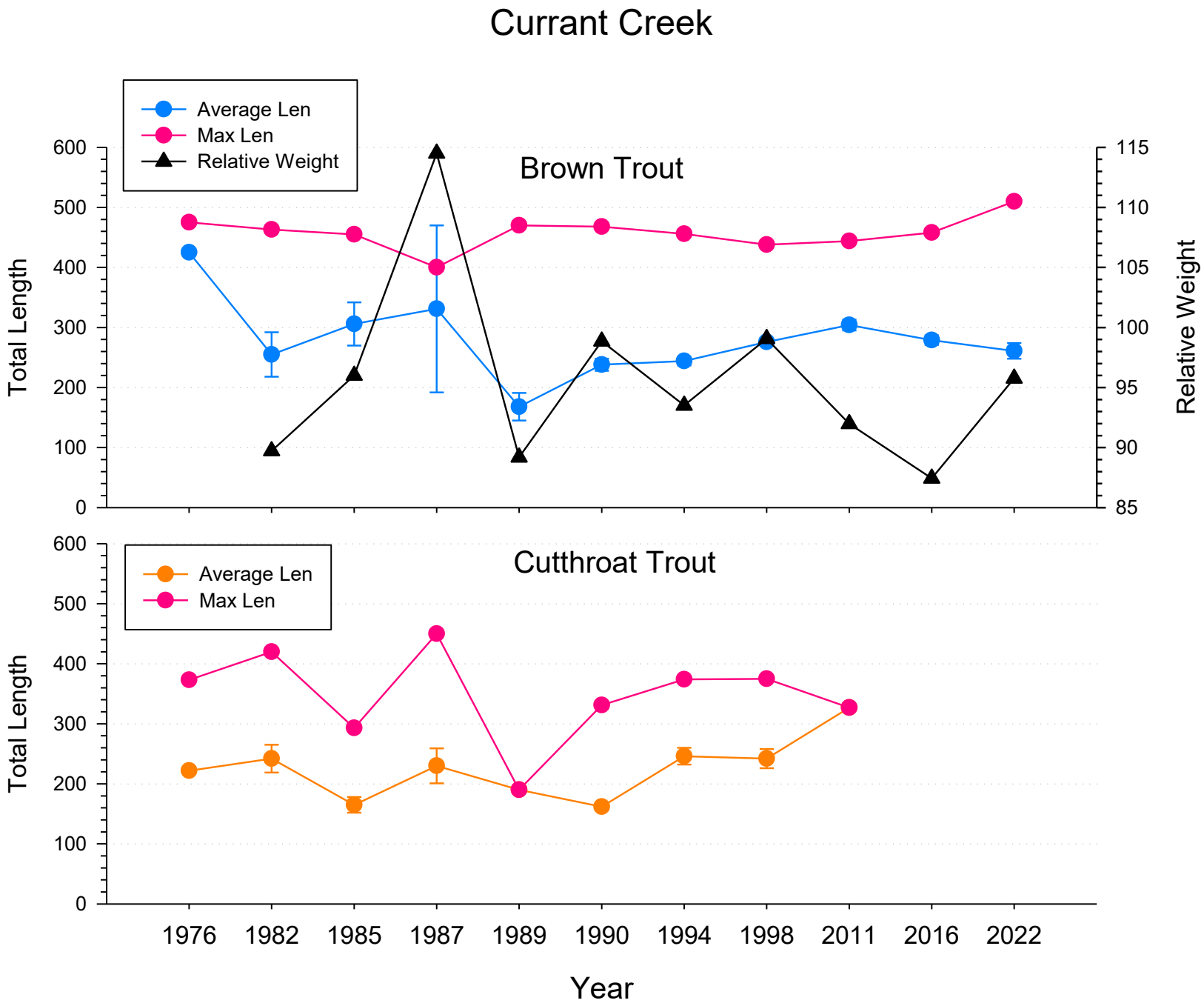
Number Fish/Mile
1000
900
800
700
600
500
400
300
200
100
0
Stream
Currant Cr
WF Duchesne
Duchesne
Rock Cr
Lake Fork
Yellowstone
Strawberry

Duchesne River 2020

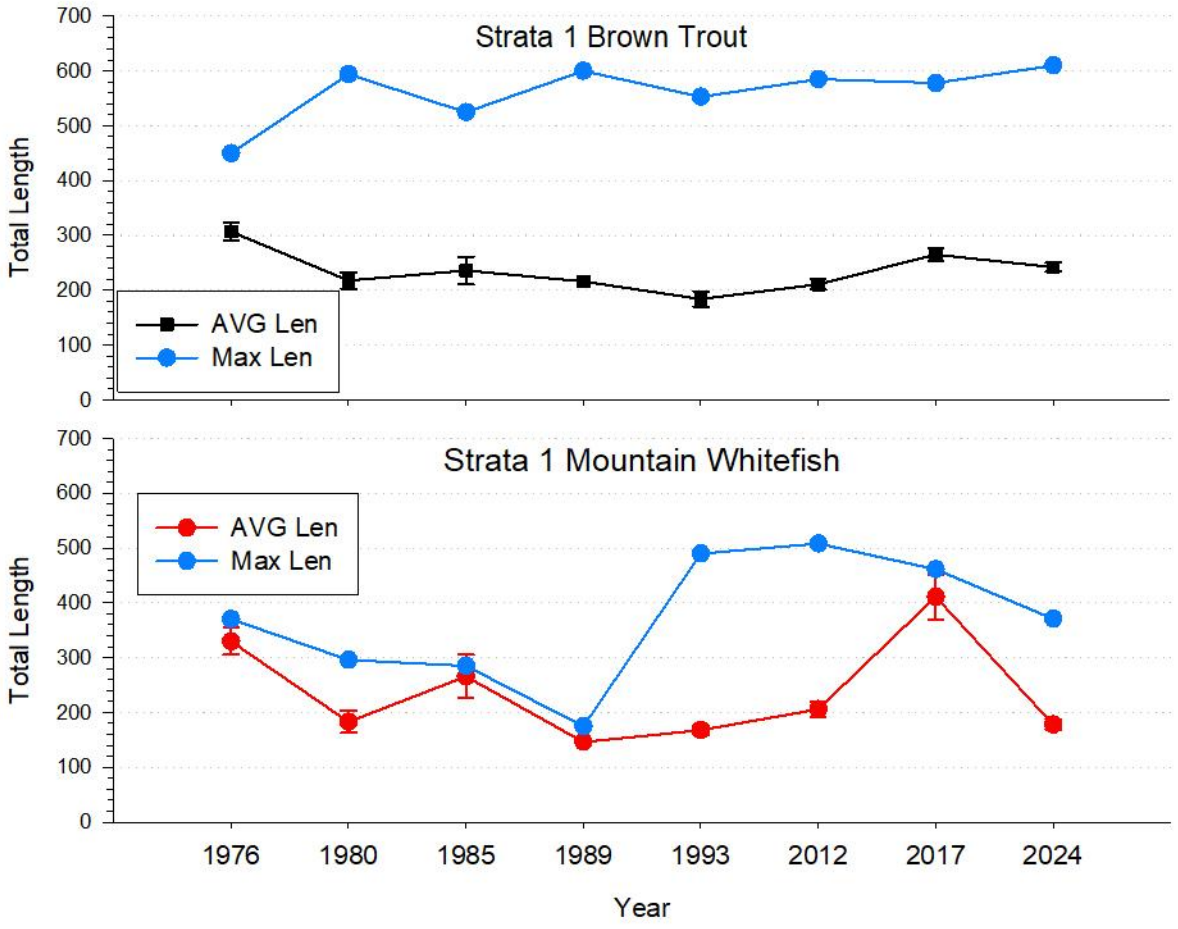


West Fork Duchesne 2020

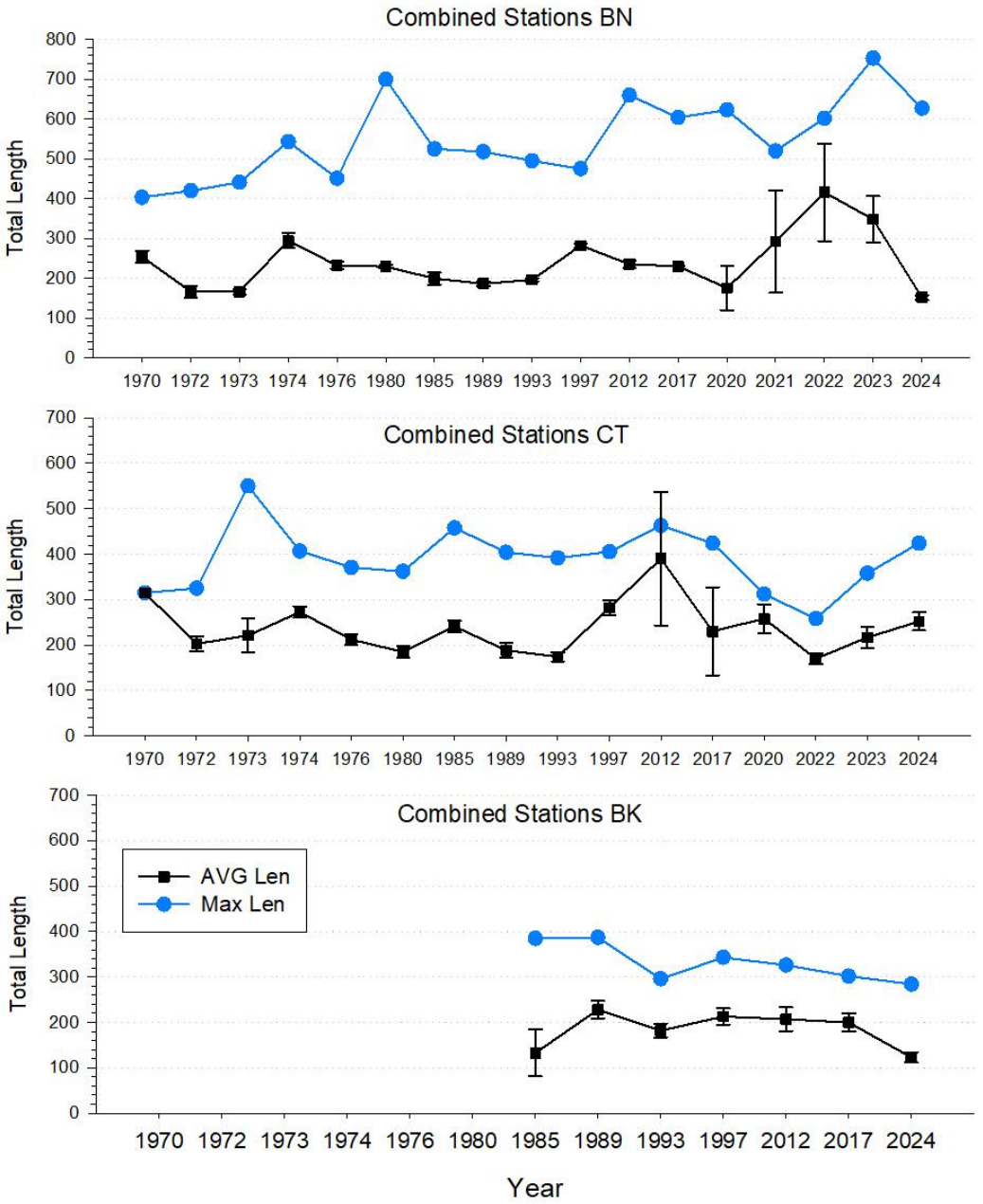



Currant Creek
Average Len
Max Len
Relative Weight
Brown Trout
Total Length
Relative Weight
600
500
400
300
200
100
0
115
110
105
100
95
90
85
Cutthroat Trout
Average Len
Max Len
Total Length
1976
1982
1985
1987
1989
1990
1994
1998
2011
2016
2022
Year

Strawberry River Below Starvation



Strawberry River above Pinnacles



East Side Streams

Uinta River
Whiterocks River
Ashley Creek
Brush Creek





East Side Streams

- Uinta River
  - BK, RBT, BN and CT
  - Road in lower Canyon
    - Lower half tribal
    - Upper half USFS
  - No Survey data
  - 15 miles mainstem above end of RD
  - Plus many tributary miles
    - Mostly BK with some CT



East Side Streams

- Whiterocks River
  - BK, RBT, BN and CT
  - Road in lower Canyon
    - Lower half tribal and private
    - Upper half USFS
  - Headwaters accessible via Chepeta RD
    - CRCT tribs
      - Reader Cr
      - Lynn Cr





East Side Streams

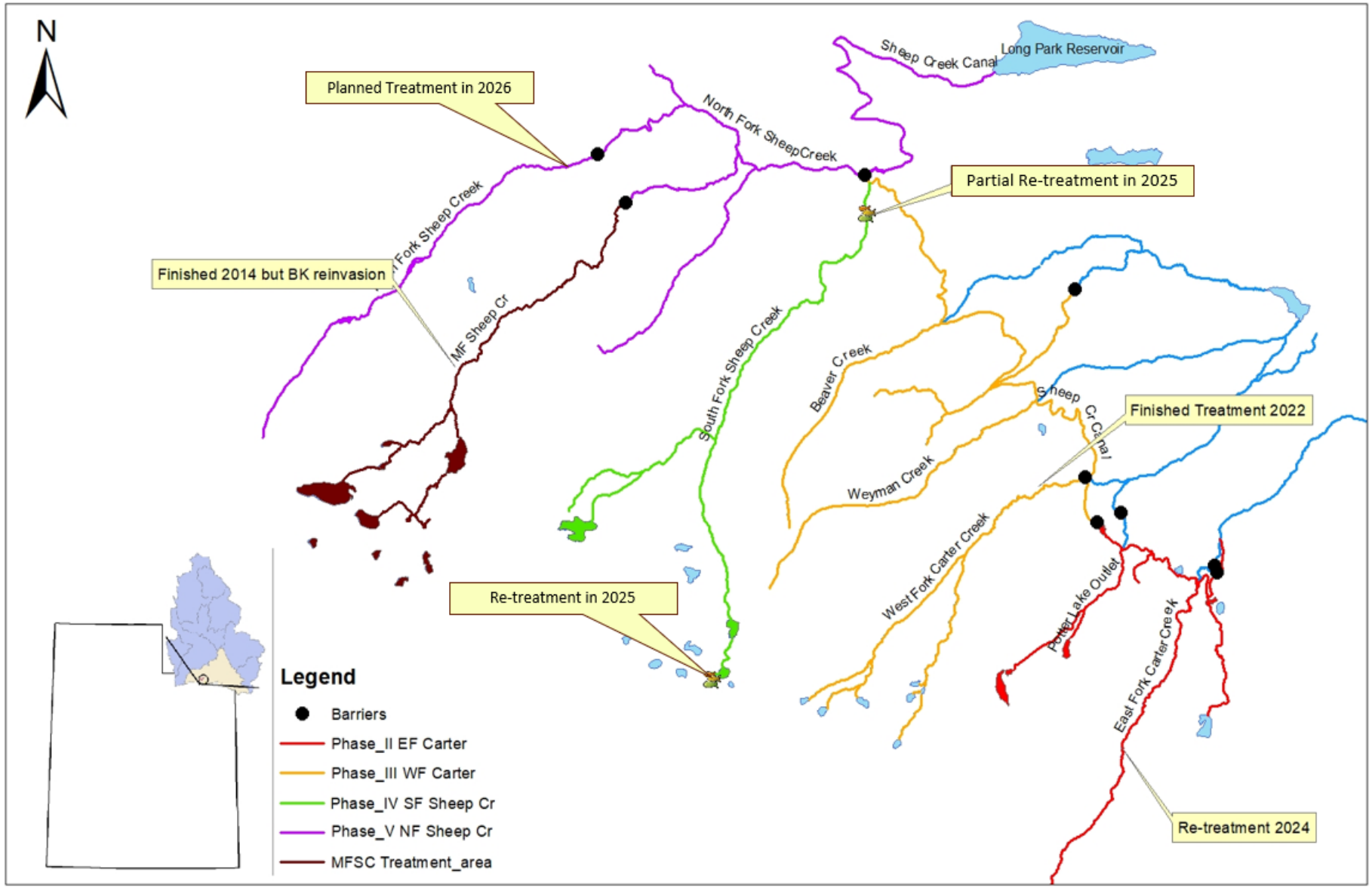
- Ashley Cr
  - Lower Canyon private limited access
    - BN
  - Upper Tribs USFS
    - BK, RBT and CT
- Brush Cr
  - Small segment above Red Fleet
    - BN, CT
  - Simplot mine
  - Upper section USFS



North Slope Streams

- Sheep Creek
- Carter Creek
- Burnt Fork





Flatwaters

- Lake Canyon Lake
  - CRCT brood Lake
  - CRCT and TG
  - Special regulations











Flatwaters

- High Uinta Lakes
  - 575 Lakes with fish
    - 324 in NERO



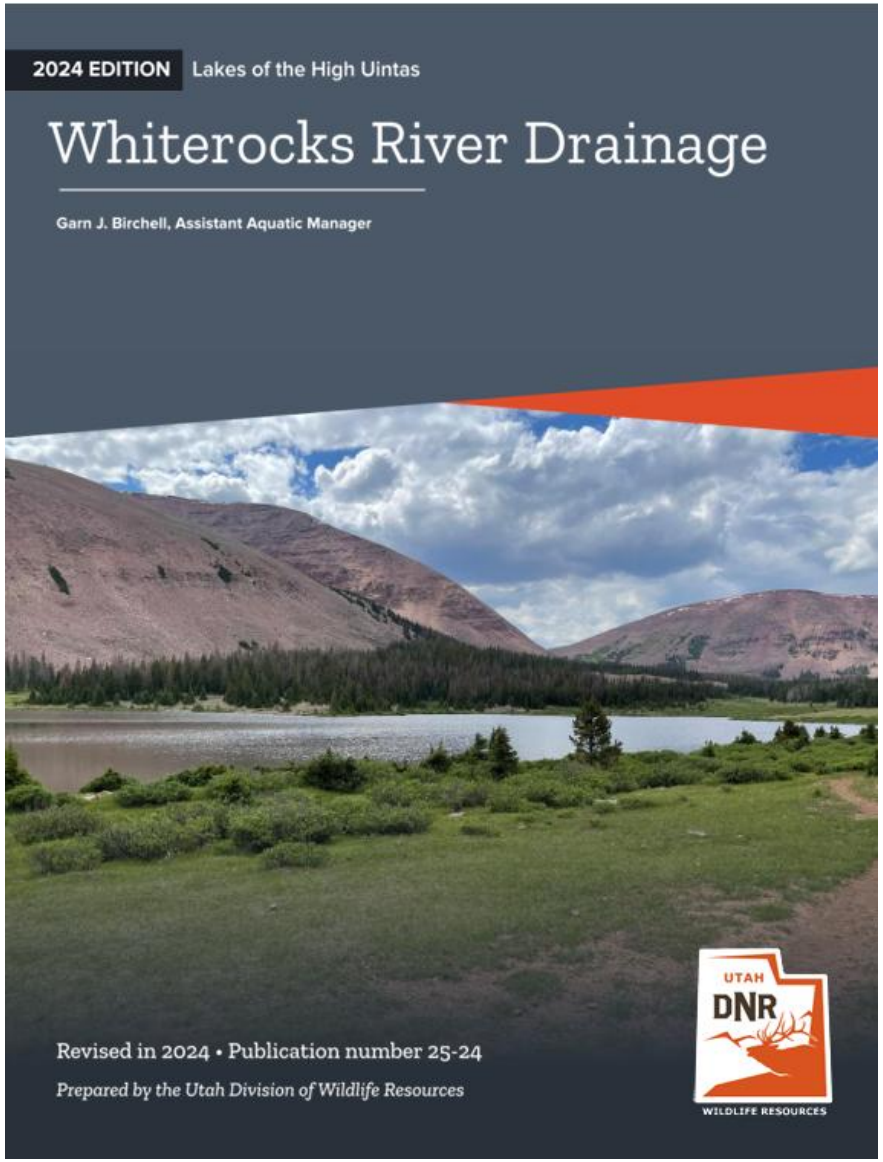




Flatwaters

- High Uinta Lakes
  - Resources
    - High Uinta Booklets
    - https://wildlife.utah.gov/pdf/fishing/high-uintas-lakes-whiterocks.pdf









Flatwaters

- Lower Stillwater Complex
  - Mitigation for CUP
  - 8 ponds
  - Managed for diversity
    - BN, BK, RBT, TG, CT, GRY, MWF







Flatwaters

- Sheep Creek Lake
  - CRCT South slope brood lake
  - Special regulations



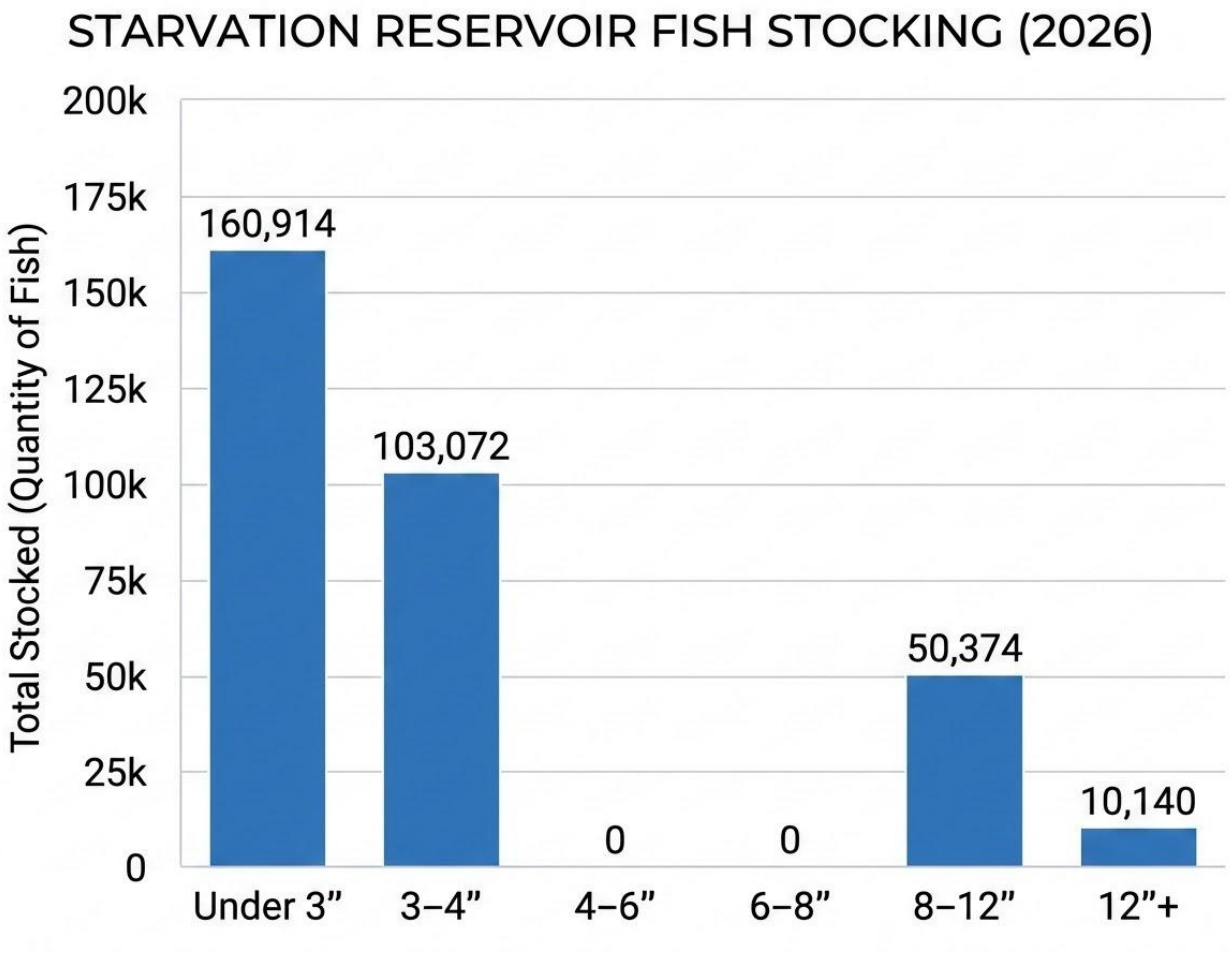






Starvation Reservoir

- 2027 Walleye regulation changes
  - Protective slot limit 15”-20” must be released.
  - Walleye under 15” limit of 20
  - One Walleye over 20” may be kept.
- 2026 stocking summary- Rainbow Trout
- Water Levels reached a low of 55% this year. Fishing has been good, fish are in different areas this year!

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Flatwaters

- Diamond Mtn Lakes
  - Calder, Matt Warner, Crouse
    - Impacted by drought
      - Crouse has no water
      - Calder is about 20% capacity
      - Matt Warner was around 16% capacity before these storms
    - Matt Warner and Calder both have Solarbee aeration systems in place.
    - Very few fish have been stocked into both fisheries this year to keep lower densities and not overstock with low water levels.
- Fish them now!



Any other NER waters you would like to discuss?

Thank you

