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### **NORTH FORK OF LITTLE HUMBOLDT RIVER**

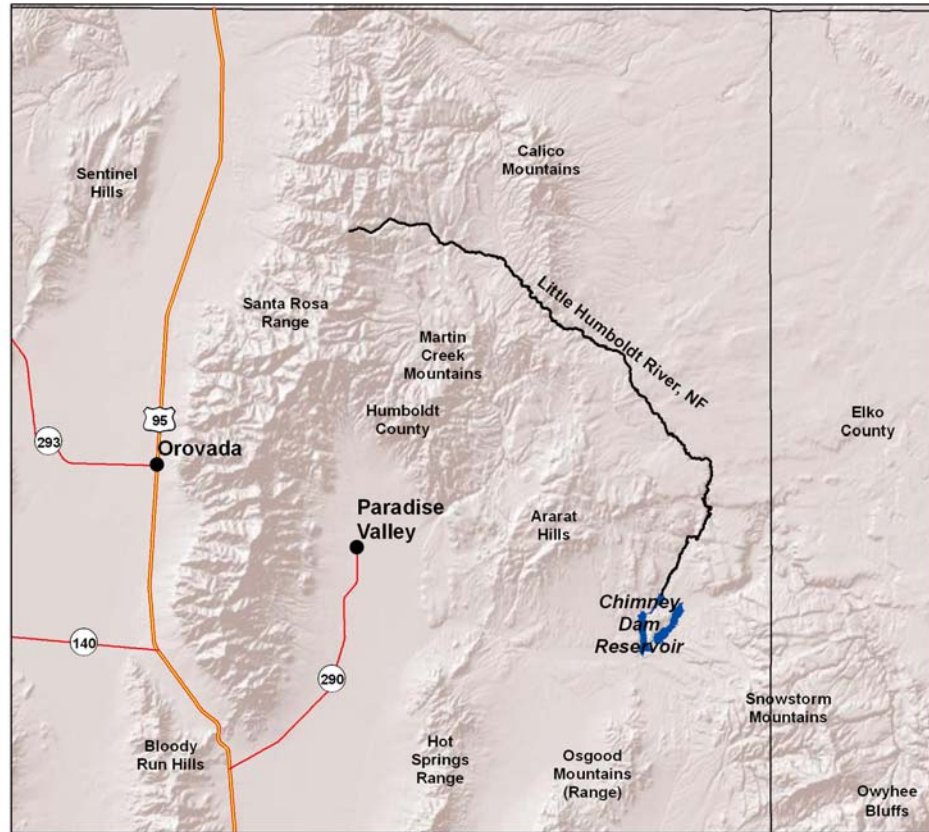
History - The North Fork of the Little Humboldt River begins on the east side of Buckskin Mountain in the Santa Rosa Range at an elevation of 7,280 feet and travels 49 miles to Chimney Reservoir.

Pertinent Information - Average river width is 9.3 feet and the average flow is 5.2 cfs. Bowcutt trout (rainbow x cutthroat hybrid), rainbow trout, brook trout and brown trout are the primary game fish species found in the river. Generally, from 1998 to 2002 angler questionnaire data, angler catch rates average about 5.3 fish per angler day. Past surveys have estimate that brown trout averaged 72 fish per mile, brook trout 17 fish per mile and rainbow trout 3 fish per mile over the entire stream length. The upper portion of the North Fork has produced densities of brook trout as high as 3,168 fish per mile. Standard fly fishing methods include grasshopper imitations and nymphs. The normal baits: Power Bait, worms and salmon eggs work quite well. The best time of year to fish is in the early spring following runoff and late fall. Camping - Primitive camping only.

Stocking - Average annual stocking consists of 2,000 to 5,000 rainbow trout.

Regulations - Limit is 10 trout per day and in possession. No size restrictions.

Biologist Forecast for 2009 - Water flows are expected to be normal. Spring and early summer would be the best time to fish.



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Access - To get to Chimney Reservoir, travel 21 miles north on U.S. 95 to the junction of SR 290 for 26 miles to Paradise Valley. Then travel 20 miles along the Chimney Reservoir county road to Chimney Reservoir. The North Fork of the Little Humboldt River feeds the reservoir. Unimproved roads are available along the lower 2/3 of the drainage.