

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

History - The North Fork of the Little Humboldt River was first navigated and described by Canadian explorer Peter Ogden, a fur trapper for the Hudson's Bay Company, in 1828. The central portion of the river is located in a Wilderness Study Area that was designated in 1992.

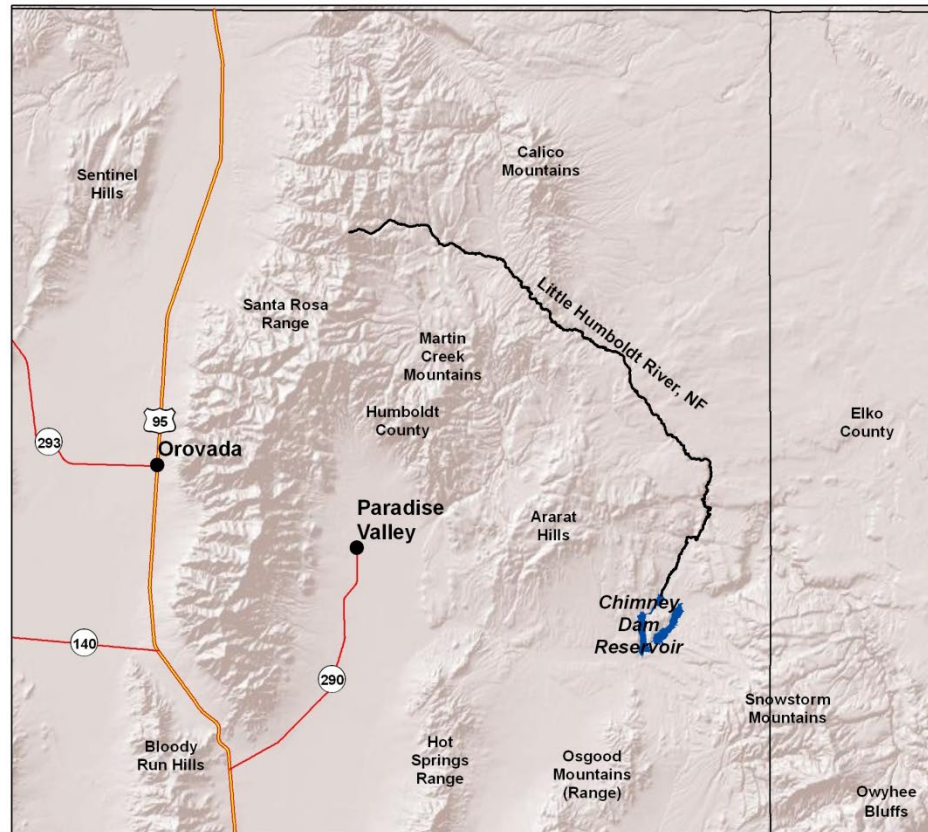
Pertinent Information - The North Fork of the Little Humboldt River begins on the east side of Buckskin Mountain in the Santa Rosa Range at an elevation of 7,280 feet and travels 49 miles to empty into Chimney Reservoir. The average width is about 9 feet and average flow is about 5 cubic feet per second. Bowcutt trout (rainbow x cutthroat hybrid), rainbow trout, brook trout, and brown trout are the principal game species and Lahontan cutthroat trout can be found in the headwaters. Standard fly fishing patterns include grasshopper and nymphs. The normal trout baits such as Power Bait, nightcrawlers, and salmon eggs work well. Warmwater species coming from Chimney Reservoir possibly can be found a short ways up the river to the first water diversion barrier. There is only primitive camping in the area.

Stocking – Trout are stocked occasionally, which depends on current abundance and water conditions.

Regulations - Limit is 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 5 may be black bass and 5 may be walleye. Live baitfish and aquatic bait from the Humboldt River Basin may be used. Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish or their parts may be used as bait.

Biologist Forecast for 2023 - Water flow is expected to be above average this year. The best time to fish should be in the early summer after spring runoff subsides. Wild populations of rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout exist, and fishing is expected to be fair to poor in 2023.

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. Travel 20 miles along the Chimney Reservoir county road to Chimney Reservoir. The North Fork of the Little Humboldt River feeds the reservoir and unimproved roads access the lower 2/3 of the drainage above the reservoir.



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## **DO YOUR PART – Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers**

**Clean** – Remove all mud, plants, and animals from every part of your boat, trailer, and equipment (waders, boots, landing nets, gloves, etc.).

**Drain** – Before you leave the recreation area, eliminate all water from your equipment and boat including live-wells, ballast, hull, and engine-cooling water.

**Dry** – Allow time for your equipment (waders, boots, landing nets, gloves, etc.) and boat to dry completely before you enter or launch in any other waters.