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Department of Fish and Game
Habitat and Restoration Division

Nomination for Waters
Important to Anadromous Fish
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USGS Quad REGION II

Anadromous Water Catalog Number of Waterway HABITAT AND RESTORATION DIVISION

Name of Waterway USGS Name Local Name

Addition Deletion Correction Backup Information

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| Nomination # | <u>99 354</u> | Regional Supervisor | Date |
| Revision Year: | <u>00-01</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>7/11/01</u> |
| Revision to: | Atlas <u>N/A</u> Catalog <u>N/A</u> Both <u>N/A</u> | AWC Project Biologist | Date |
| Revision Code: | <u>F-4</u> <u>see 99-319</u> | <u>_____</u> | <u>_____</u> |
| | | Drafted | Date |

OBSERVATION INFORMATION

| Species | Date(s) Observed | Spawning | Rearing | Present | Anadromous |
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| red salmon | <u>7/24/99</u> | | | 48 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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IMPORTANT: Provide all supporting documentation that this water body is important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish, including: number of fish and life stages observed; sampling methods, sampling duration and area sampled; copies of field notes; etc. Attach a copy of a map showing location of mouth and observed upper extent of each species, as well as other information such as: specific stream reaches observed as spawning or rearing habitat; locations, types, and heights of any barriers; etc.

Comments: Saw 4 dozen red salmn in spawning colors in main stem of the south fork and also in clear water beaver ponds which are on the north side of the river, downstream of Boulder Creek (local name for creek coming from glacier fed drainage which is first major drainage as you go up South Fork Snow River. Upper location of sighting is T2N R1E Ne quarter of SW corner section 28. Numerous Brown bears are present feeding on the salmon.

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This certifies that in my best professional judgment and belief the above information is evidence that this waterbody should be included in or deleted from the Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes per AS 16.05.870.

Signature of Area Biologist: _____ Revision 3/97

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From: William Shuster/R10/USDAFS [wshuster@fs.fed.us]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2000 4:04 PM
To: ed_weiss@fishgame.state.ak.us; Eric Johansen/R10/USDAFS
Subject: more reds in the south fork Snow River



Today, I checked the pond up the south fork Snow River which I found reds in last year. It is just downstream of Boulder Creek. There were dead reds nearby, but of note was a large number of reds in yet another area upstream T1N R1E sect. 34 on the north side of the river in the small creek shown on a topo map. I spotted 67 reds- half of which were already dead- decomposed or partially eaten by bears. Given the age of the decomposition, I would say these reds came up with the first run. All living reds were pretty well beat up. Lots of bear sign.

I found another area where reds had been spawning- it is upstream of the lower ponds by 200 yards, and is similar to the other areas- a clear water stream coming into the cloudy South Fork.

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