

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Donald L. Siedelman 
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SUBJECT: Ward Cove Creek

What do you say about 150,000 coho fry that did not return? To evaluate this stocking, we had one temporary working for one man month on creel censusing of this area. He worked a split shift (morning and evening) which I felt would be the most productive sport fishing periods. He started on 8-26-75 and worked until 9-26-75.

I know there was coho salmon in prior to the starting date since I had checked two anglers who had caught one adult coho before the temporary started. This coho was not fin-clipped. During the creel census period, my man only caught one coho by the dam which was not marked. He did talk to one individual who caught two coho in Ward Lake but both were released. The individual stated they were not marked. Anyway, after one months work there were no marked coho caught or observed.

On October 9, 1975 Steve Haavig and I foot surveyed the creek from the bridge above Ward Lake to the picnic area below the dam. We observed about 150 red salmon in the riffle areas below the Perserverance Lake swinging bridge. Above the bridge we started observing coho on their redds. There were 18 observed, of which at least 15 were observed to have their adipose fins. The others were spooked into deep water and no observations could be made.

On 10-13-75 I surveyed the remainder of the creek (picnic area to dam). Another 15 coho were observed. No adipose fins were observed missing on the majority of the fish observed. Again, some were spooked.

Spawning appeared to be 90% completed in the upper area and 60% in the lower area. Over all, there were 33 adult male and female coho salmon observed.

There were no living pink salmon observed, only carcasses.

It just appears that there was no survival from this stock. I will go out this next week and check for dead coho in hopes of collecting a clipped fish.

cc: Dan Romey
Alex McRae
John Valentine
Art Schmidt

WARD LAKE - LAKE HARRIET HUNT

Welcome to the South Tongass National Forest.

The numbers on the following chart correspond to the circled numbers on the map and indicate the campgrounds, trails, and information points throughout the Ward Lake - Lake Harriet Hunt area.

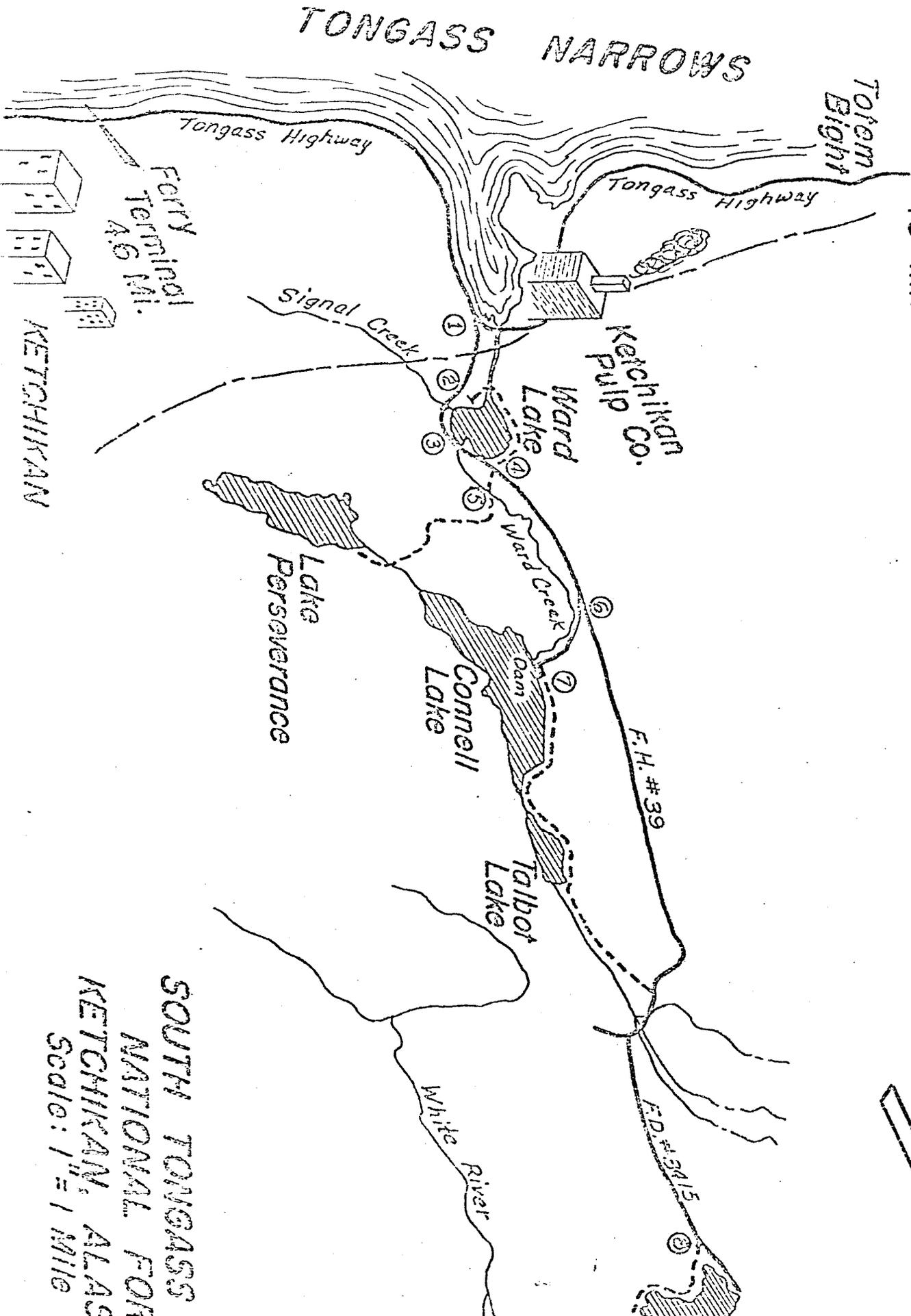
We hope that you have an enjoyable visit while you are on the Forest and throughout the remainder of your travels.

If you require additional information, please stop by our Visitor Center at Ward Lake or our office at the Federal Building, phone 225-6141.

#	Mile	Feature	Elevation
①	0	Intersection of Forest Highway #39 (Ward Lake) and Tongass Highway. 4.6 miles from the Ferry Terminal	15'
②	0.9	Signal Creek Campground - 25 units - water available (located on Ward Lake), entrance to RAIN FOREST NATURE TRAIL 0.8 miles one way.	
③	1.1	3 C's Trailer Camp - 4 units - water available.	
④	1.4	TONGASS VISITOR CENTER - Information center containing exhibits and slide programs on S.E. Alaska - naturalists available to answer questions. Entrance to <u>Rain Forest Nature Trail</u> .	52'
⑤	1.5	Perseverance Lake Trail - 2.4 miles - crosses Ward Creek and continues through mature coastal forest and muskeg to lake - board-walk trail.	518' at lake
⑥	2.9	Last Chance Campground - located on Ward Creek - 25 units - water available.	
⑦	3.5	Talbot Lake Trail - 3.8 miles - follows along shore of Connell and Talbot Lakes through forest and muskeg. Views of forest blowdown and insect damage.	250' Avg.
⑧	6.9	White River Trail - 4.0 miles - ends at salt water - George Inlet. Trail entrance off 1st parking lot.	650' ↓ 0' - salt water

RECREATION AREAS
WARD LAKE - LAKE HARRIET HUNT

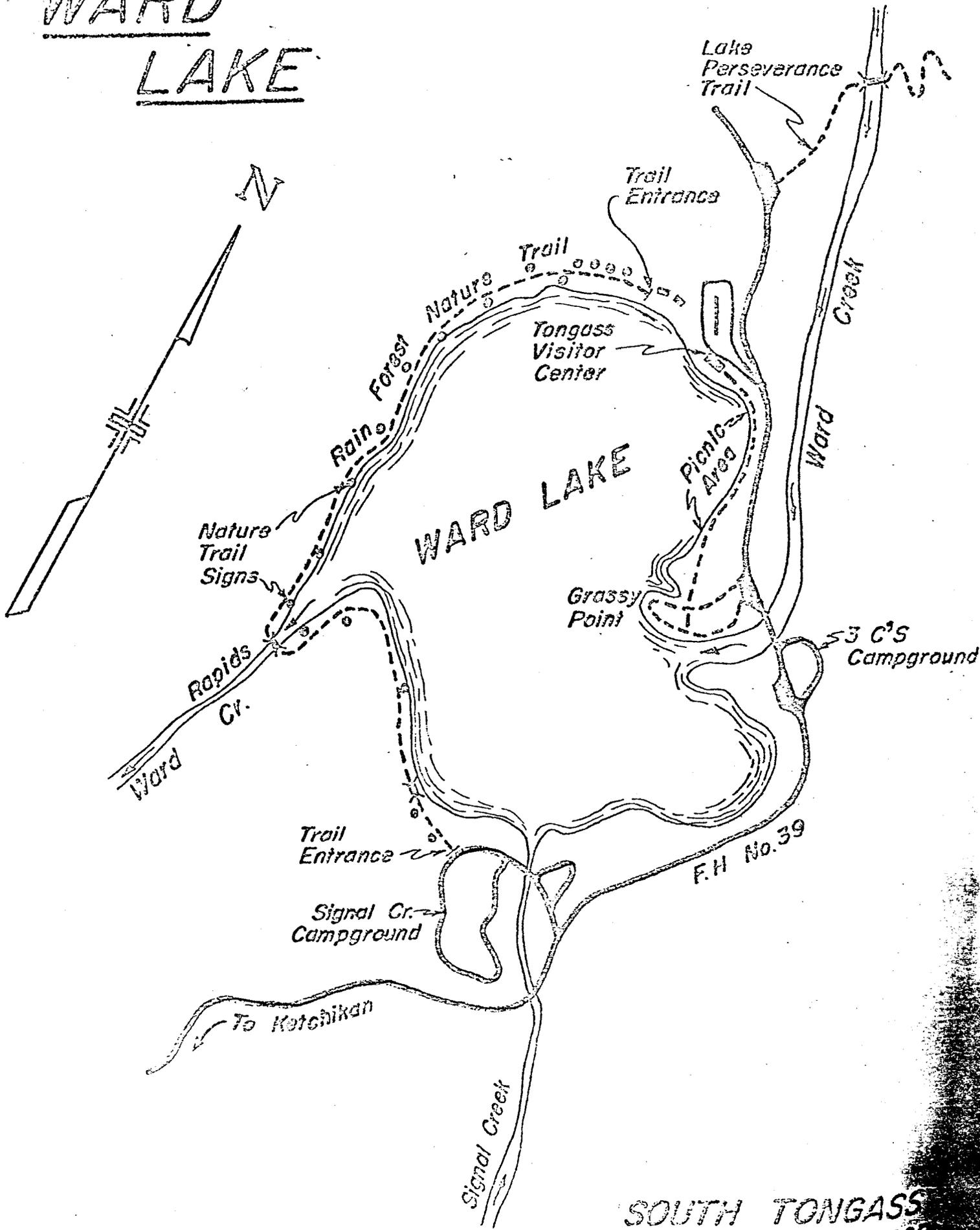
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 Scale: 1" = 1 Mile

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