

7.2.7 Water-based Recreation

The water-based recreational opportunities consist primarily of angling. Based on information from the CDOW this SS supports a fish community that provides opportunity for angling on both private and public lands.

8.0 CLEAR CREEK STREAM SEGMENT 6: EMPIRE JUNCTION TO WEST OF IDAHO SPRINGS

SS 6 begins at Empire Junction (near the confluence of Clear Creek and Clear Creek's West Fork; MP 231.7) and extends eastward to a point immediately west of Idaho Springs (MP 238.5)(Figure 8-1). The following issues and potential receptors have been identified for SS 6:

Water Quality

- Historical Mining (Mineral) Influences
- Adjacent Land Use
- Highway-related Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Activities
- Sedimentation

Hydrology/Hydraulics/Stream Morphology/Floodplains

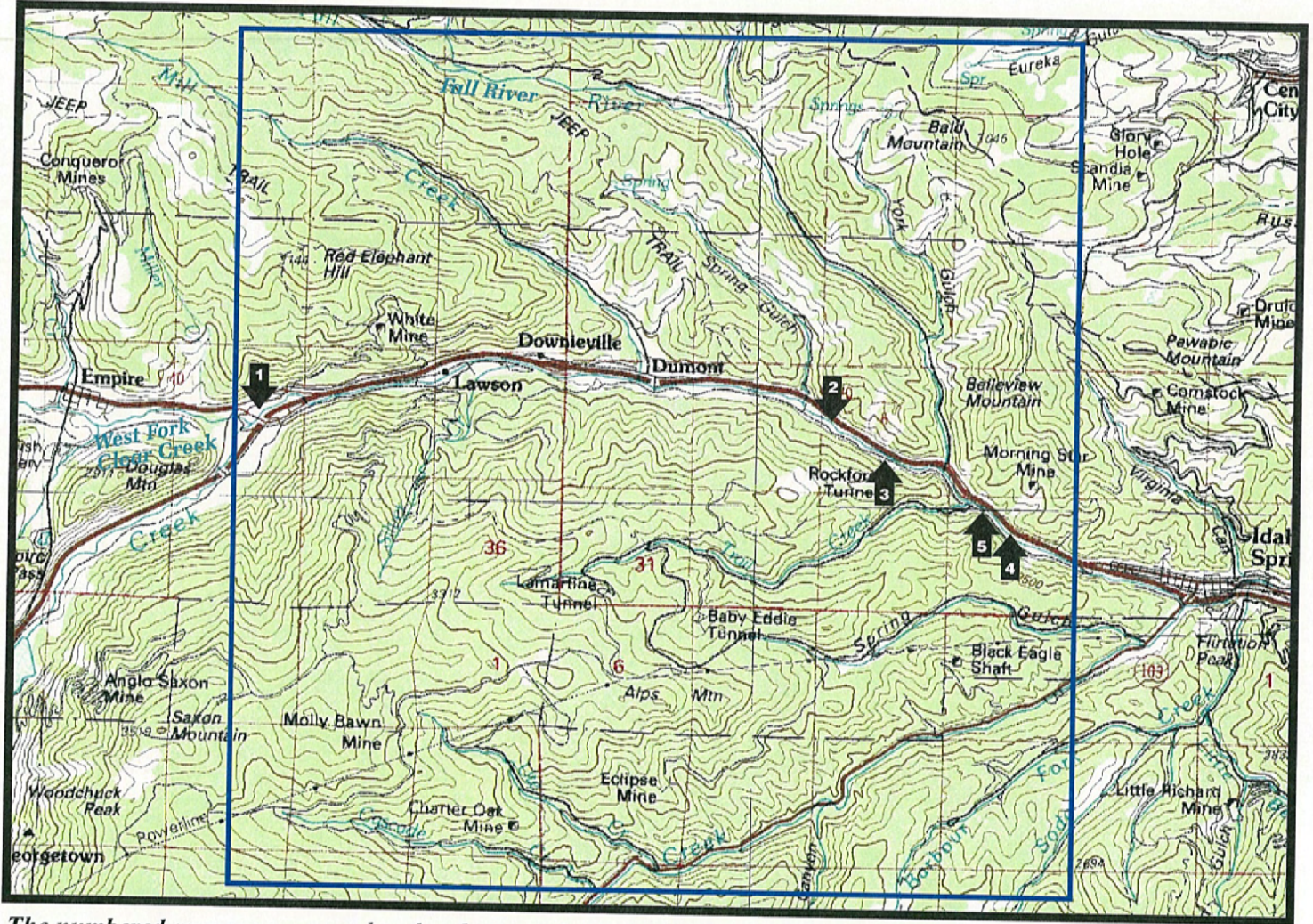
- Channelization

Wetland and Riparian Ecosystems

- Highway-related Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Activities
- Habitat Reduction and Fragmentation

Aquatic-dependent Communities

- Sedimentation
- Channelization
- Water-based Recreation



The numbered arrows correspond to the photographs on Figure 8-2

**An Inventory of I-70 Mountain Corridor
Water Resource-Related Issues
Clear Creek Stream Segment 6**
Figure 8-1



1 *Sedimentation/Chemical Deicers.*
CDOT winter maintenance facility drainage.



2 *Sedimentation/Release of Metals.*
Road cut (I-70) along Clear Creek downstream from Dumont.



3 *Channelization.* Clear Creek upstream from Fall River.



4 *Sedimentation/Release of Metals.*
Donna Juanita Mine materials located on Clear Creek downstream from Dumont.



5 *Sedimentation/Release of Metals.*
McClelland Mine materials and partial reclamation.

FIGURE 8-2
I-70 PEIS SWEEP
Stream Segment 6
Clear Creek County