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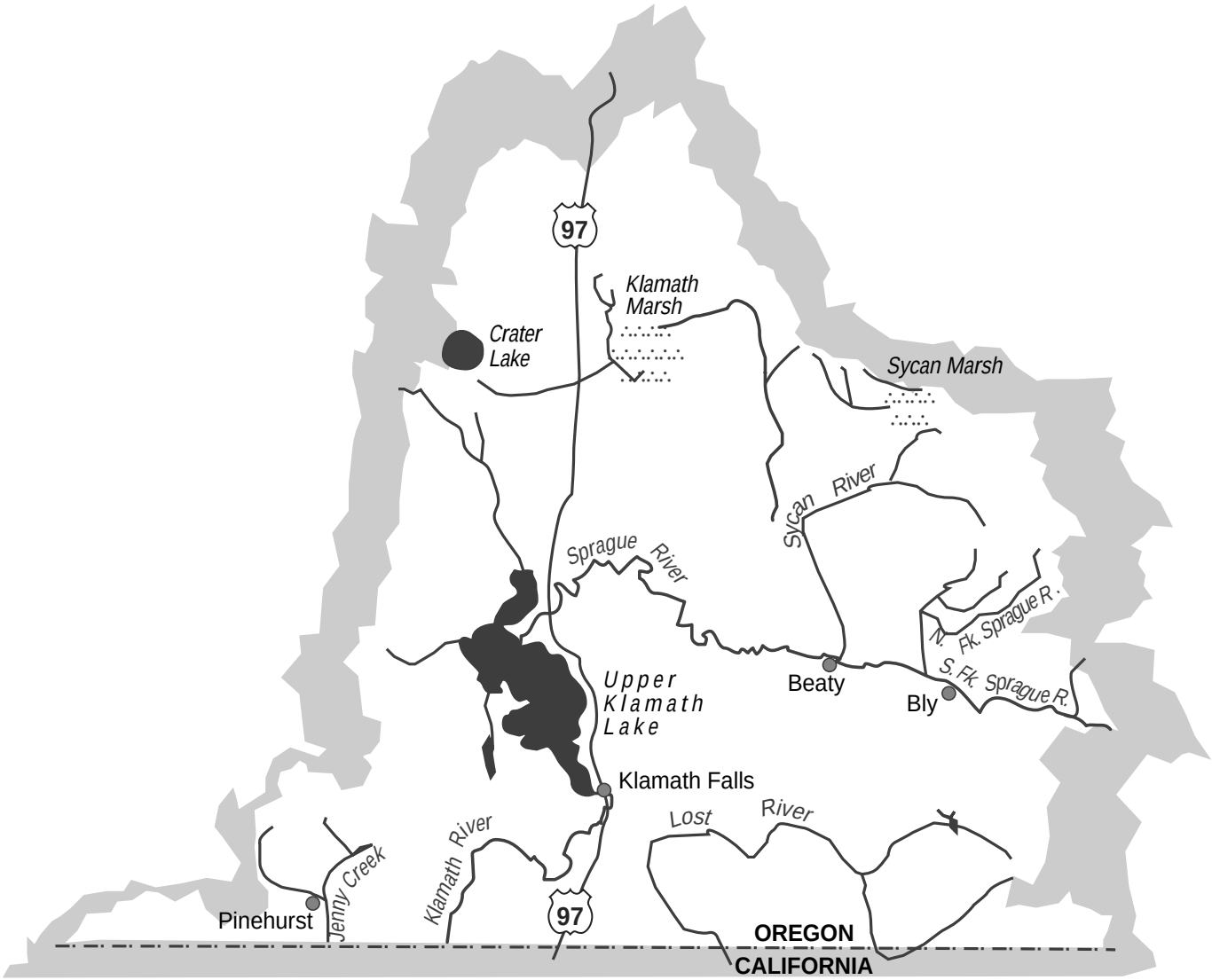

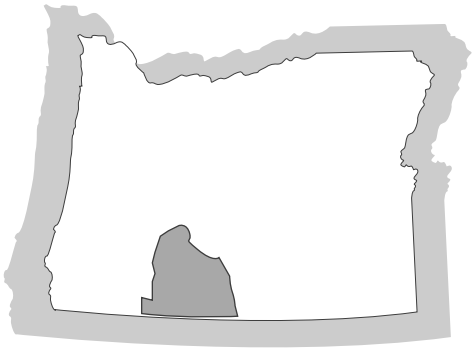

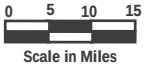

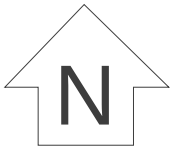

Klamath River Basin in Oregon

The upper part of the Klamath River Basin is in southern Oregon. Most of the basin is in California, with the Klamath River emptying into the Pacific Ocean near Crescent City on the northern California coast. Klamath Falls (1992 population, 18,085) is by far the largest community in the basin. The Klamath Basin is within the Corps' San Francisco District.

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Klamath River Basin

The Klamath River Basin covers an area of about 15,500 square miles of which 5,680 are in Oregon. The study is limited to that portion of the Klamath Basin within Oregon which includes most of Klamath County and small parts of Jackson and Lake counties. The study considers the need for any modification to previous reports for the purposes of development, management, conservation, and environmental enhancement of the water, land, and related resources of the Klamath Basin in Oregon.

The study was started in November 1977 and an initial public meeting was held in January 1978 in Klamath Falls to identify the problems. The water quality of Upper Klamath Lake and Lake Ewauna were identified as the main water resource problems of the study area. Therefore, the main emphasis of the study is on the eutrophication of the lakes and interrelated basin problems.

The San Francisco District prepared a reconnaissance report for the study in September 1979. This report established a course of action for the remainder of the study; however, the study has not been funded, 1982-present.