

# Trout Stream Classification Checklist – Borah Creek, Grant County

Stream name: Borah Creek

County: Grant WBIC: 964500

The portion of stream to consider for reclassification runs from the middle Borah Road Bridge to the headwaters (Figure 1).

This classification is based upon surveys which indicate this stream segment supports self-sustaining brown trout populations with multiple year classes of trout in sufficient numbers to utilize available habitat. Catch per unit effort (number per mile) for brown trout was 340 young of the year, 419 yearlings, and 504 adults (Figure 2). Survey data and additional information may be reviewed in the 2018 Upper Grant River Trout Management Report which is available upon request from the Dodgeville Office.

Upstream point coordinates: 42.99158 -90.70328

Downstream point coordinates: 42.91573 -90.71358

Current Classification Class 2

Classification proposed Class I

X Fish survey (including relative abundance, length distribution, and age structure) and habitat survey completed on water to be classified. Survey on file at Dodgeville (office location) \*\*see attached report

X Fish team supervisor and district fisheries supervisor have approved the classification. Date \_\_\_\_\_

X Fish Biologist has consulted with the following staff in their office or district

<u>X</u>	Permit Drafter Name: <u>Thomas Bauman</u>	Date <u>08/05/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	No
<u>X</u>	Water Resource Specialist: <u>Camille Bruhn</u>	Date <u>08/05/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	No
<u>X</u>	Water Management Specialist: <u>Jeff Schure</u>	Date <u>08/05/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	No
<u>X</u>	Drinking & Groundwater: <u>Matthew Hilse</u>	Date <u>08/05/20</u>	Concerns	Yes	No

X Public notice published in local newspaper or other media. Date: 8/13/2020

X Notice sent to all clerks of the county, town, city, or village in which the stream is located. Date 08/07/2020

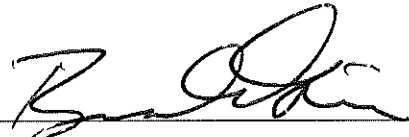
X Notice sent to legislators in the affected districts. Date: 08/07/2020

X Notice sent to chairpersons of legislative committees with jurisdiction for natural resources issues. Date: 08/07/2020

       No hearing requested 30 days after public notice.

       Hearing requested, held, and classification recommended. Date                     

Signed:



Fisheries Biologist

Date:

10-1-2020

Approved:

Fish Team Supervisor

Date:

Date:

District Fisheries Supervisor

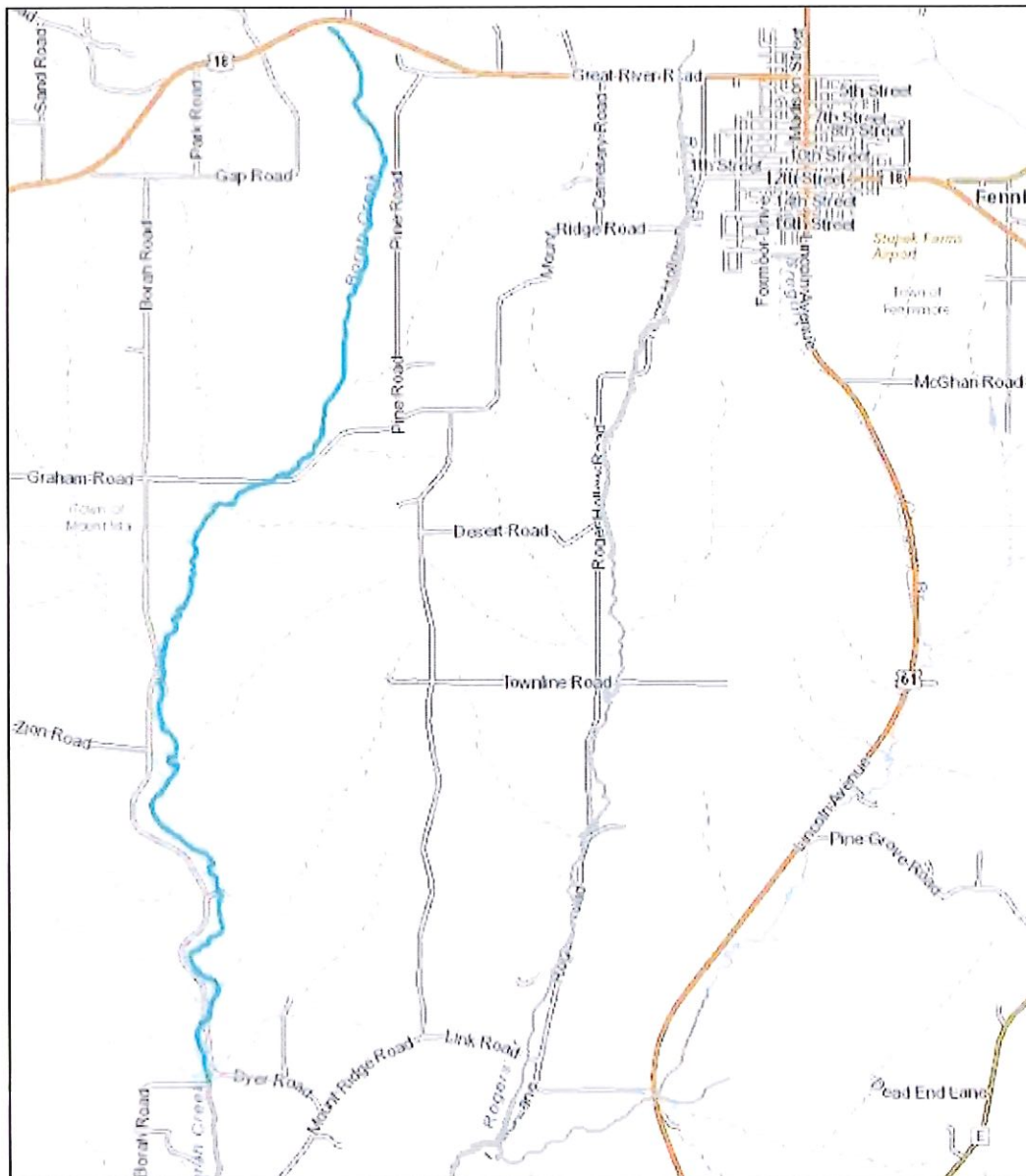
**Public noticed in Fennimore Times on 8/13/2020**

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of the classification of 9.18 miles of the Little Grant River in the Town of Little Grant, Grant County as Class 1 trout water and 6.58 miles of Borah Creek in the Town of Mount Ida and Town of North Lancaster, Grant County as Class 1 trout water. The portion of Little Grant River proposed for reclassification runs from County Highway A upstream to County Highway J. The portion of Borah Creek proposed for reclassification runs from the middle Borah Road bridge to the headwaters.

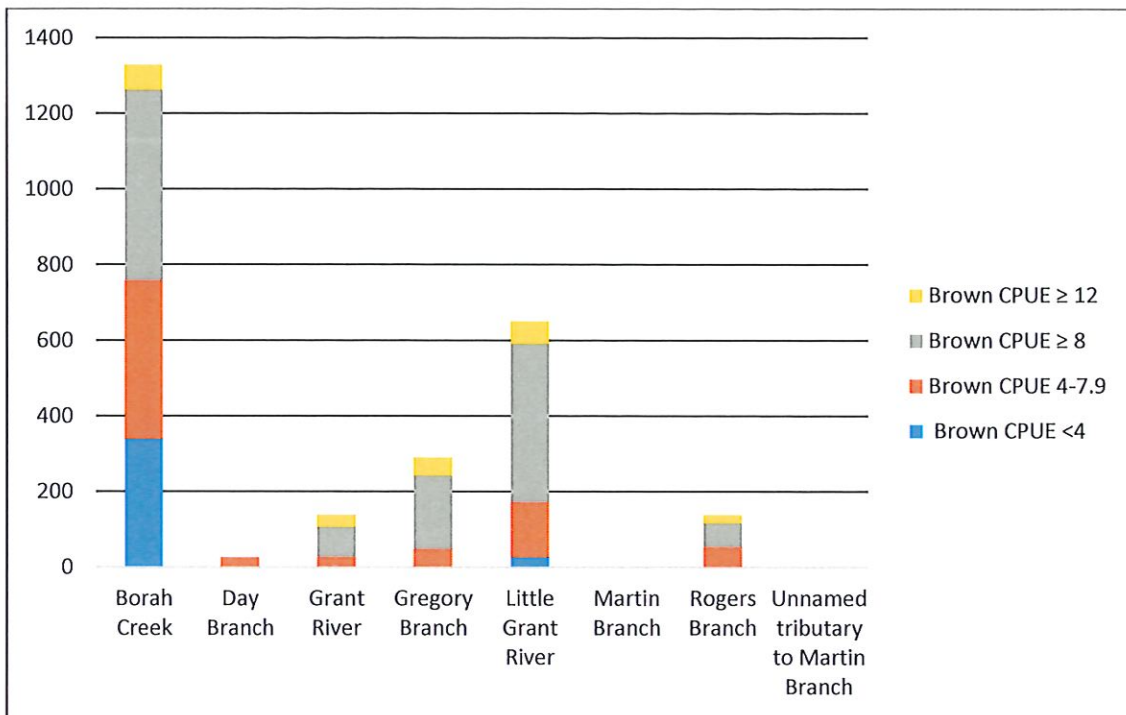
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*"A Class I Trout Stream is a stream or portion thereof with a self-sustaining population of trout. Such streams contain trout spawning habitat and naturally produced fry, fingerling, and yearling in sufficient numbers to utilize the trout habitat; or contains trout with 2 or more age groups, above the age of one year, and natural reproduction and survival of wild fish in sufficient numbers to utilize the available trout habitat and to sustain the fishery without stocking."*

The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before September 15, 2020. Requests should be mailed to Bradd Sims, WDNR, 1500 North Johns St., Dodgeville WI, 53533.



**Figure 1.** The portion of Borah Creek proposed for reclassification (middle Borah Road bridge to the headwaters).



**Figure 2.** 2018 brown trout catch per unit effort (CPUE) given as number per mile for streams in the upper Grant River watershed. Age groups are defined as adults > 8 inches, yearlings 4 -7.9 inches, and young of the year < 4 inches.

#### Recent Stocking History Borah Creek

Year	Species	Age class	Number stocked	Average Length
2016	BROWN TROUT	SMALL FINGERLING	1310	1.5
2015	BROWN TROUT	SMALL FINGERLING	763	1.9
2014	BROWN TROUT	SMALL FINGERLING	449	1.6
2013	BROWN TROUT	SMALL FINGERLING	524	1.6
2012	BROWN TROUT	SMALL FINGERLING	1200	1.5



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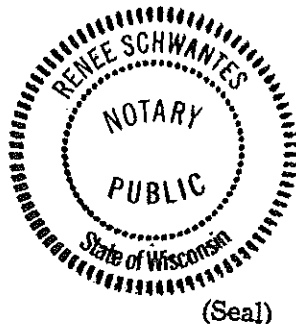
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