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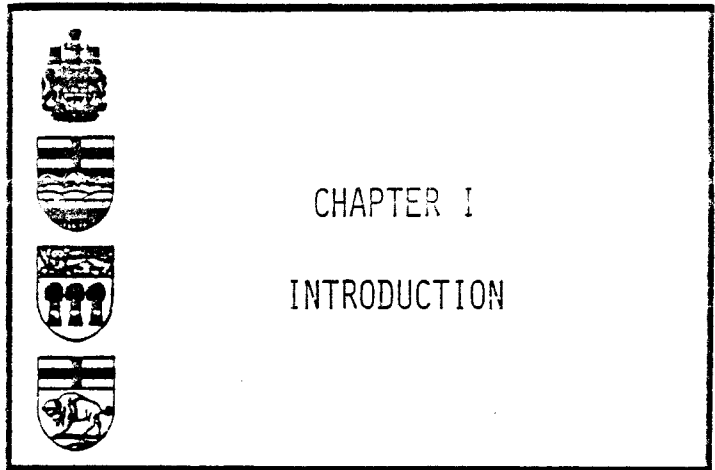
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The apportionment between Canada and the United States of the waters of the Milk River, including its tributaries, is governed by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, which specifies the proportion of the natural flow to which each country is entitled. The subsequent Order of the International Joint Commission, dated October 4, 1921 gives general procedural guidelines for determining natural flow. As indicated in the map, Battle, Lodge and Middle Creeks arise in Alberta, flow southeast through Saskatchewan and join the Milk River in the United States.

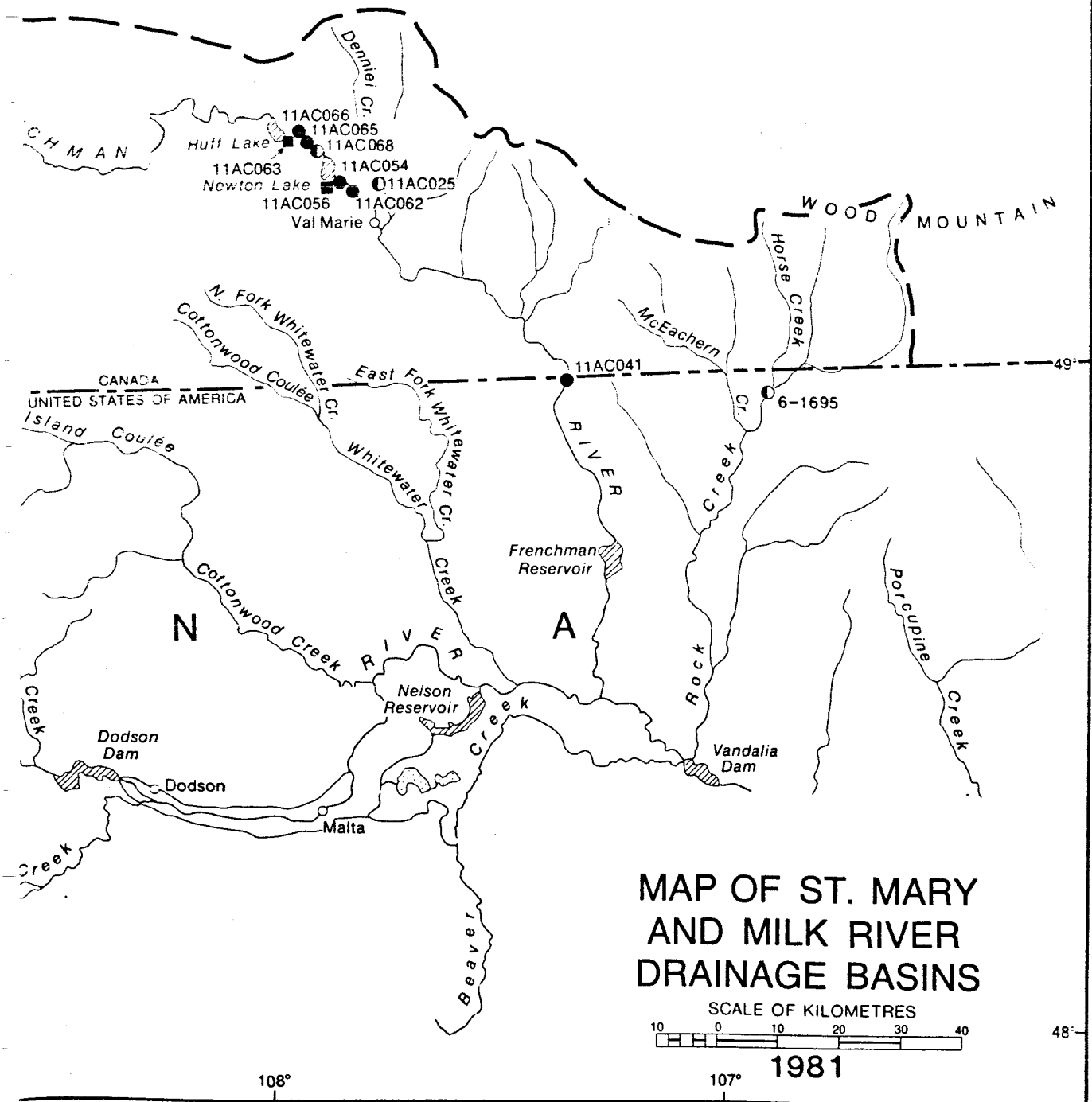
The natural flow computations are performed on an interim basis to provide current information needed for the effective operation of reservoirs and to ensure that each country receives its share of the natural flow on a continuing basis. In order to provide real-time information, it is necessary to use preliminary data, some of which may be based on approximations; therefore, the natural flow computations are repeated annually when all input data become available in final form. The annual computations represent a final account of the apportionment and are included in the annual report to the International Joint Commission (IJC).

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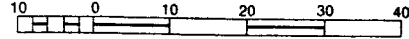
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## MAP OF ST. MARY AND MILK RIVER DRAINAGE BASINS

SCALE OF KILOMETRES

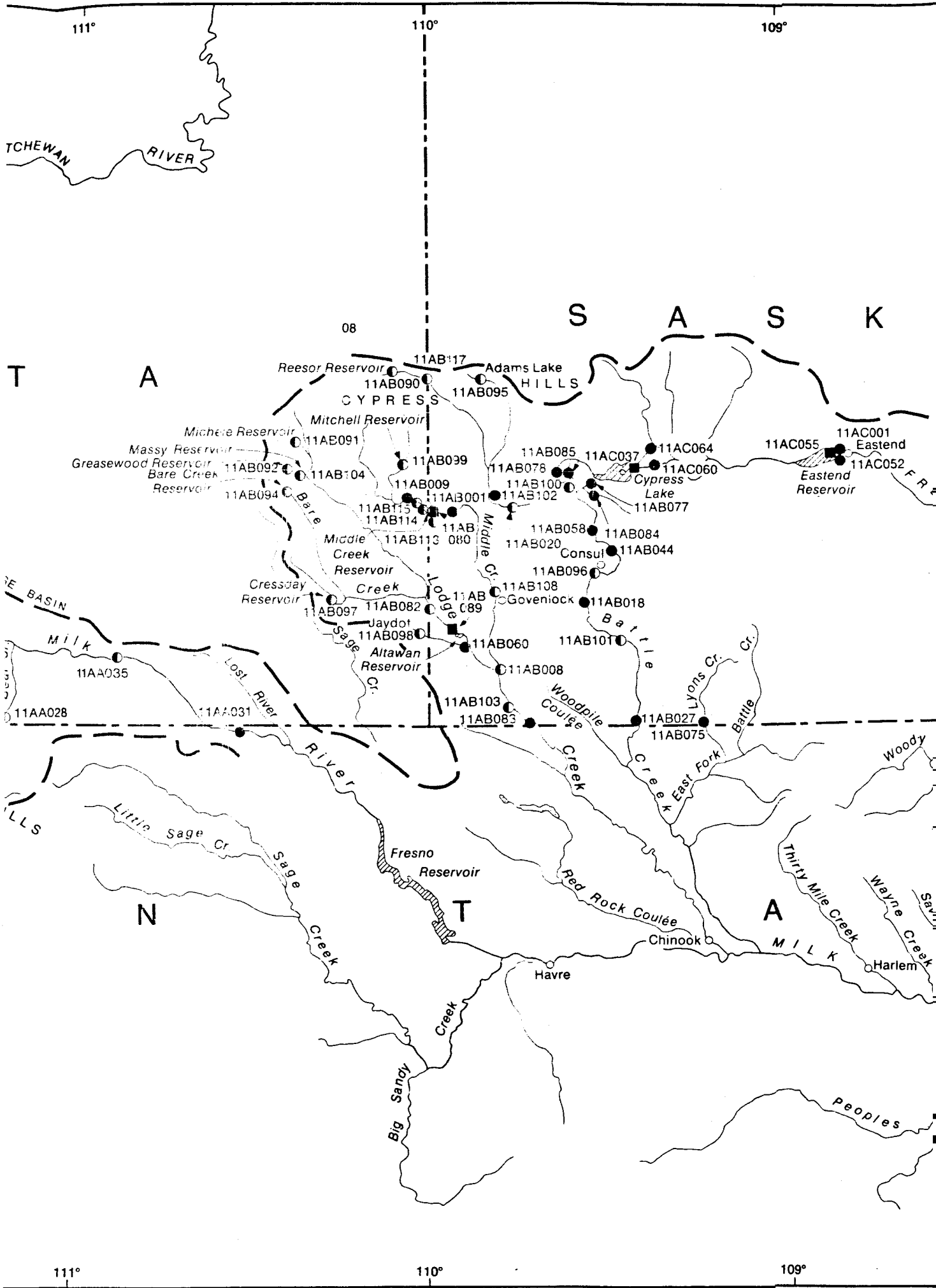


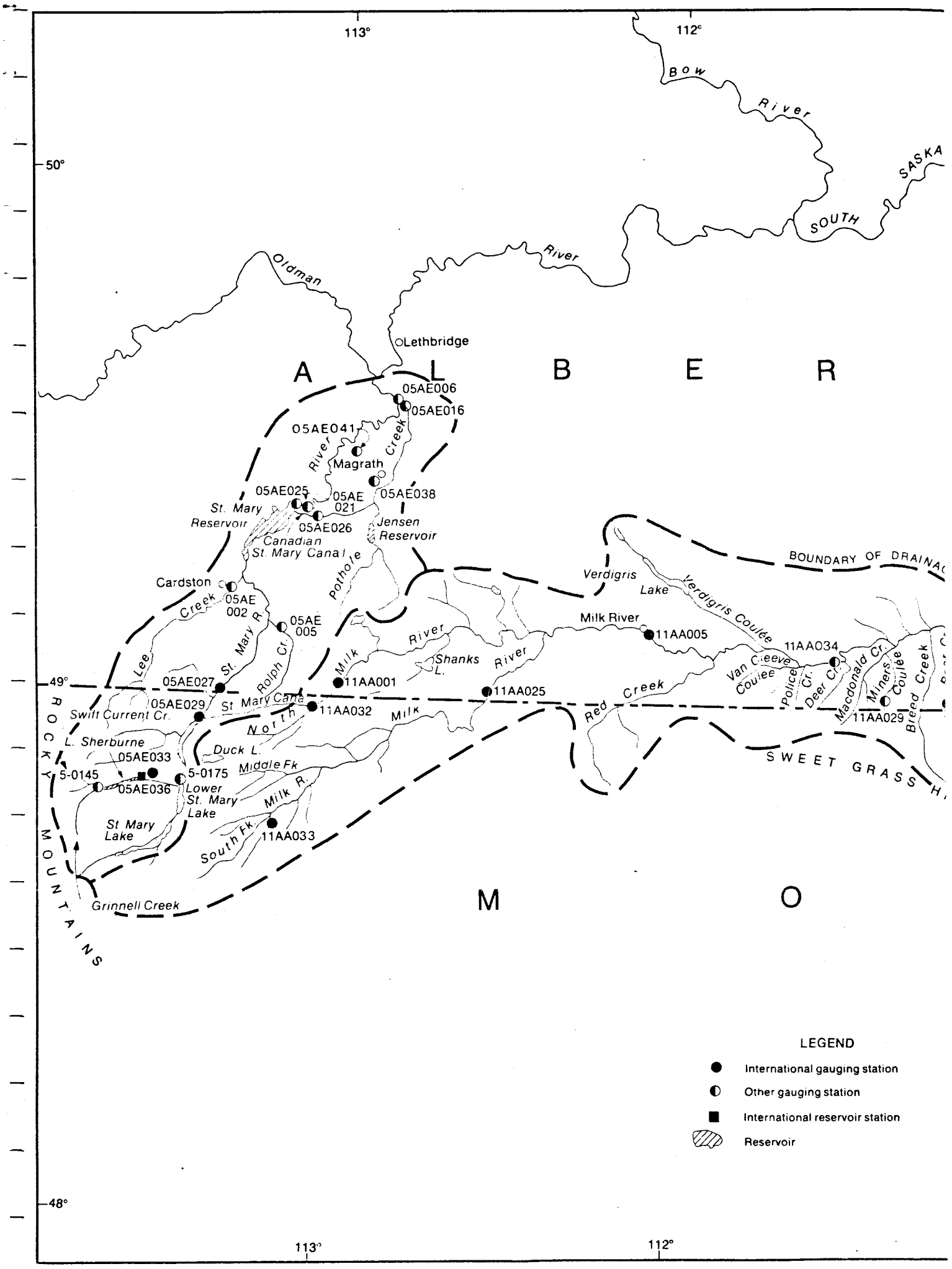
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Apportionment of Battle, Lodge and Middle Creeks is also governed by the 1969 Prairie Provinces Water Board Master Agreement on Apportionment.

The Prairie Provinces Water Board (PPWB) Committee on Inter-jurisdictional Agreements Administration (COIAA) was given the specific assignment of developing a methodology for the efficient administration of the waters of the Battle, Lodge and Middle Creek Basins at the March 20, 1973 meeting of the Board. The assignment resulted in part from a Battle-Lodge Creek study previously carried out for the Board by Environment Canada (1). The previous study had not addressed the third term of reference, 'to develop procedures for the efficient administration of interjurisdictional agreement'.

The COIAA, in its report (2), recommended in part to the Board, that:

- 1) *The annual flow of each of the three watercourses known as Battle Creek, Lodge Creek, and Middle Creek be apportioned at the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary with Alberta permitting a quantity of water equal to 75% of the natural flow of each watercourse to flow into the Province of Saskatchewan.*
- 2) *Apportionment, balance and audit periods be established on Battle Creek, Lodge Creek, and Middle Creek at the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary to implement apportionment. The approach used is similar to that employed in balancing flow in other streams at interprovincial boundaries. The periods should be:*



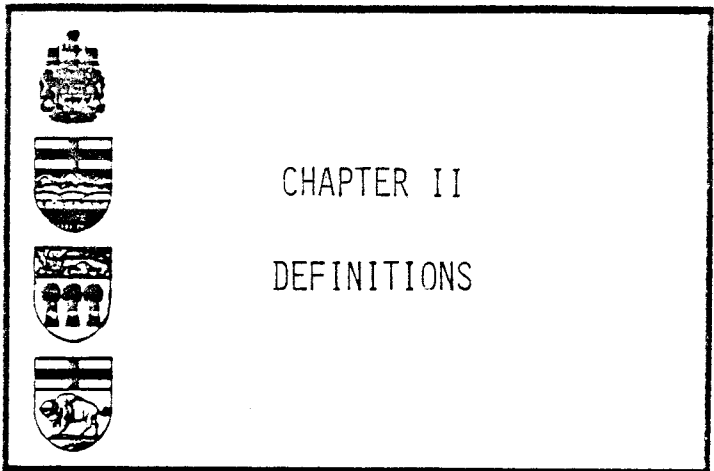
- A. One apportionment period per year extending from January 1 to December 31.
- B. One balance period per year not to extend beyond the current apportionment period.
- C. Three audit periods; one in spring, one in summer and one in the fall, as indicated below.

	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Battle Creek	May 19	July 29	October 25
Lodge Creek	May 18	July 29	October 29
Middle Creek	May 17	July 28	October 28

The procedures for determining natural flow at the interprovincial boundary are to be based on the procedures used in the international natural flow computations, and if the international flow procedures are modified, the interprovincial procedures will be revised accordingly.

The intent of this report is:

1. to document procedures and assumptions used in determining natural flow at the interprovincial boundary;
2. to provide some insight into the philosophy or reason for certain procedures or assumptions;
3. to act as a user's manual for computing natural flow at the interprovincial boundary on an interim and annual basis.



Many of the words and phrases used have specific meanings that must be defined for the purposes of this report. They are:

Agreement - means the Master Agreement on Apportionment (including Schedules A to D inclusive) executed the Thirtieth day of October, 1969, by Canada, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Apparent Natural Flow - is the calculated flow at the boundary including streamflow storage changes, evaporation, diversions, return flow and channel losses.

Apportionment Flow - is the volume of flow subject to apportionment.

Apportionment Period - The Agreement states in Section 3 of Schedule A that the apportionment period for volumetric flow between Alberta and Saskatchewan shall be the calendar year.

Audit Period - is a specified period of less than twelve months for which natural flows are calculated and comparisons with actual flows are made to determine the flow adjustments necessary to effect apportionment.

Balance Period - is the period, following an audit period, within which the flow adjustments necessary to effect apportionment are made. This period may not extend beyond the current apportionment period.

Board - means the Prairie Provinces Water Board (PPWB).

COH - means the Committee on Hydrology.

COIAA - means the Committee on Interjurisdictional Agreements Administration.

Commission - means the International Joint Commission (IJC).

Discharge - means a rate of streamflow.

Diversion - means a man-made transfer of water from a stream for use at some other location.

Flow - means a volume of flow.

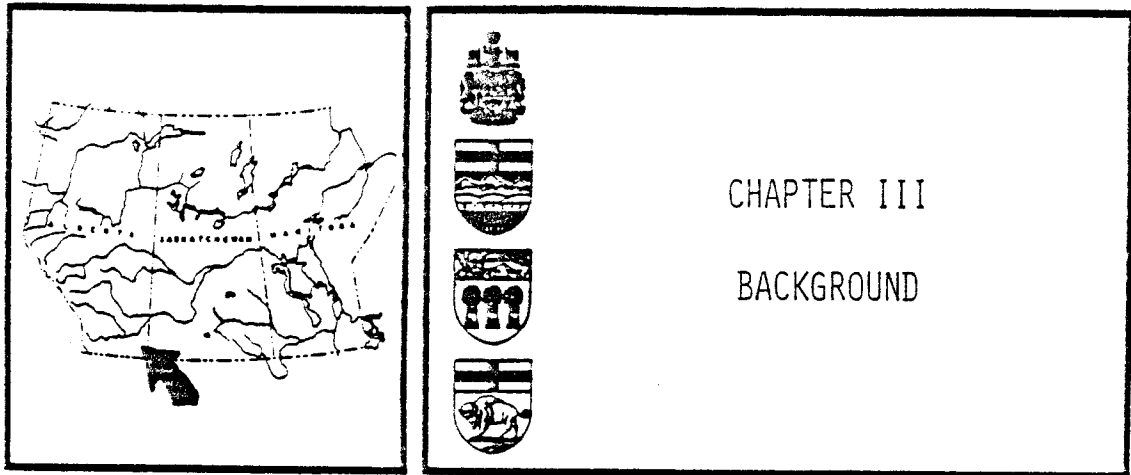
Master Agreement - means the Master Agreement on Apportionment not including Schedules A to D inclusive.

Monitor - the term "*monitor*" when used in the Master Agreement, has two distinct meanings. Section 7 of the Master Agreement states that "... *the parties agree that the monitoring of the quantity and quality ...*" will be the responsibility of Canada. The term "*monitoring*" in this context means the actual measurement of flow or the measurement of concentration of various constituents in the water bodies crossing the inter-provincial boundaries. In Section 10 of the Master Agreement the term "*monitoring*" is used as follows: "... *The Prairie Provinces Water Board shall monitor and report on the apportionment of water...*". In this context, monitor means review or administer.

Natural Flow - means the quantity of water which would naturally flow in any watercourse had the flow not been affected by human interference or human intervention.

Shortage - A shortage has occurred if, at the end of an apportionment period, the terms of the Agreement have not been met at a specific apportionment point, or if a discharge criterion has not been met.

WSC - means the Water Survey of Canada.



Battle, Lodge and Middle Creeks rise in the Cypress Hills area of southeastern Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan and flow in a southeasterly direction. Water use in the basins dates back to the early 1900's and, because of the arid nature of the area, water use has grown steadily in the ensuing years. Water Survey of Canada has calculated a ten-day balance period of natural flow for Battle and Lodge Creeks at the International Boundary since 1956 and 1961 respectively. Based on the ten-day natural flow calculations, Canada attempts to ensure each period that 50% of the natural flow is passed to the United States. Normally the water rights administrative agencies in each province attempt to allocate water up to the median natural flow of the stream. The result, in lower than normal years, is that some portions of the basin suffer varying degrees of shortage. International commitments must be met first, as the Boundary Waters Treaty takes precedence over provincial legislation.

Since these streams lie within a semi-arid area, the flows are highly variable, as illustrated in the following table.

TABLE 1

VARIABILITY OF FLOW IN  
TRIBUTARIES OF THE MILK RIVER

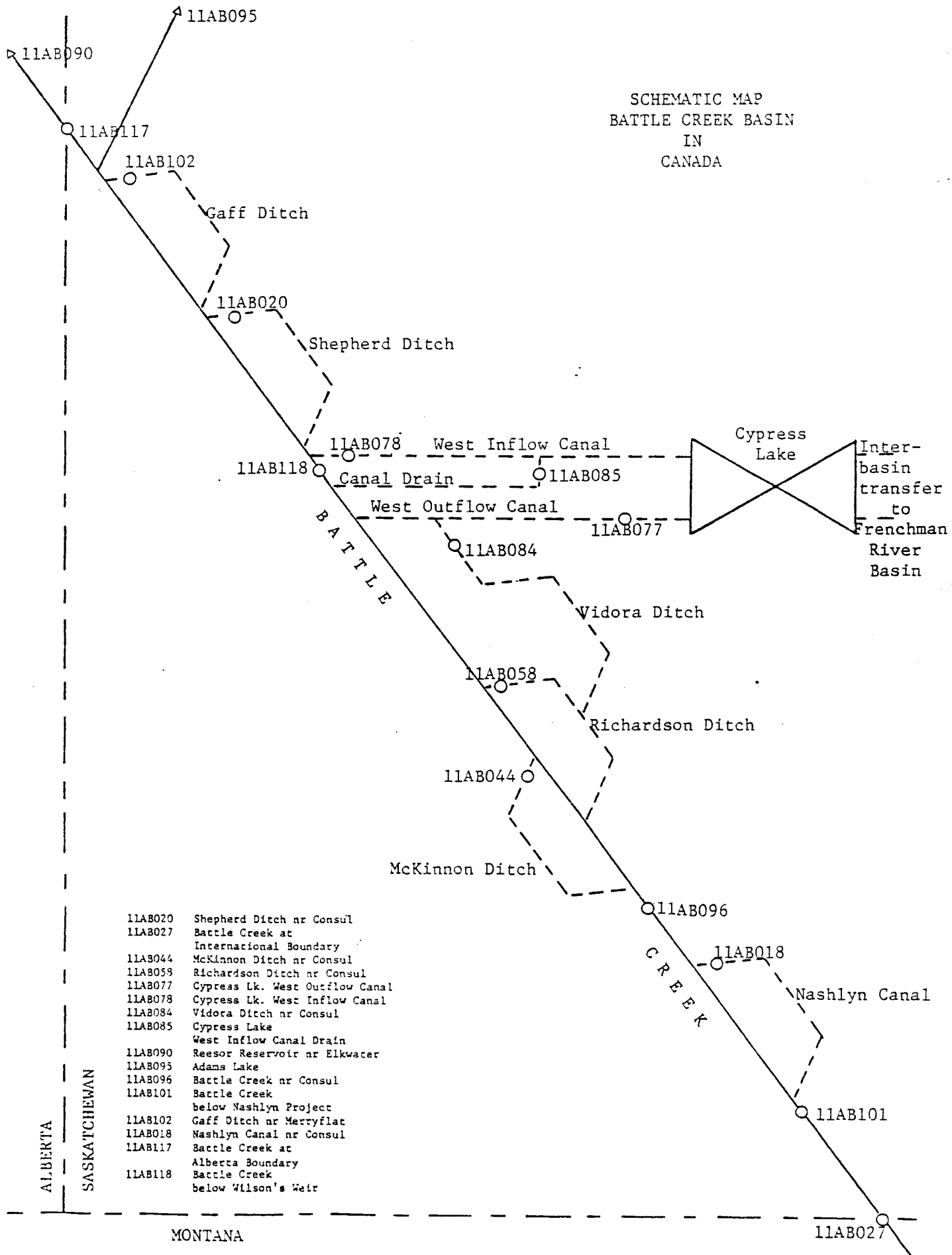
<u>Tributary</u>	<u>March-October Natural Flow at International Boundary</u>			<u>Gross Drainage Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</u>	<u>Yield (dam<sup>3</sup>/km<sup>2</sup>)</u>
	<u>Maximum (dam<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>Minimum (dam<sup>3</sup>)</u>	<u>Mean (dam<sup>3</sup>)</u>		
BATTLE CREEK <sup>(1)</sup>	138 000	1 650	33 700	2411	14.0
LODGE CREEK <sup>(2)</sup>	161 000	1 230	38 100	2119	18.0

(1) Based on period of record 1956 to 1981

(2) Based on period of record 1961 to 1981 and at the International Boundary includes Middle Creek.

The schematic maps on pages 10 and 11 depict the Battle, Lodge and Middle Creek Basins.

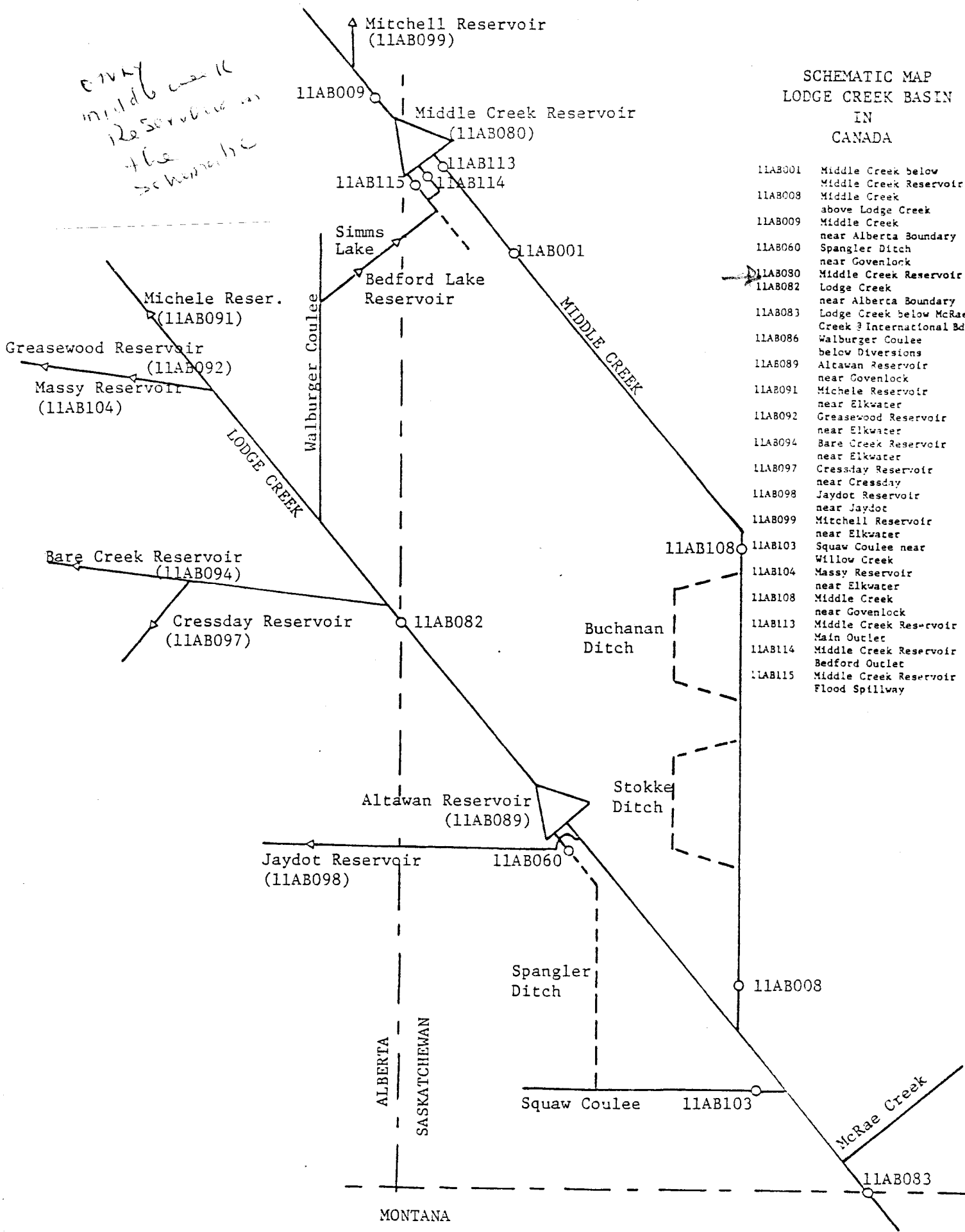
SCHEMATIC MAP  
BATTLE CREEK BASIN  
IN  
CANADA



- 11AB020 Shepherd Ditch nr Consul
- 11AB027 Battle Creek at International Boundary
- 11AB044 McKinnon Ditch nr Consul
- 11AB058 Richardson Ditch nr Consul
- 11AB077 Cypress Lk. West Outflow Canal
- 11AB078 Cypress Lk. West Inflow Canal
- 11AB084 Vidora Ditch nr Consul
- 11AB085 Cypress Lake West Inflow Canal Drain
- 11AB090 Reesor Reservoir nr Elkwater
- 11AB095 Adams Lake
- 11AB096 Battle Creek nr Consul
- 11AB101 Battle Creek below Nashlyn Project
- 11AB102 Gaff Ditch nr Merryflat
- 11AB018 Nashlyn Canal nr Consul
- 11AB117 Battle Creek at Alberta Boundary
- 11AB118 Battle Creek below Wilson's Weir

*only middle creek Reservoir in the schematic*

**SCHEMATIC MAP  
LODGE CREEK BASIN  
IN  
CANADA**

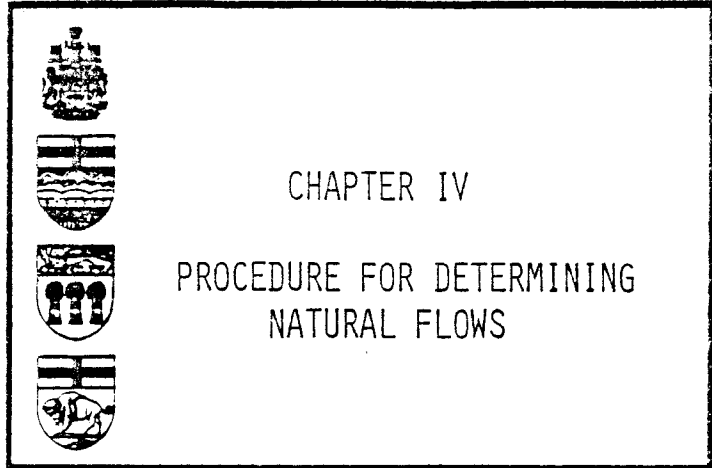


- 11AB001 Middle Creek below Middle Creek Reservoir
- 11AB008 Middle Creek above Lodge Creek
- 11AB009 Middle Creek near Alberta Boundary
- 11AB060 Spangler Ditch near Govenlock
- 11AB030 Middle Creek Reservoir
- 11AB082 Lodge Creek near Alberta Boundary
- 11AB083 Lodge Creek below McRae Creek & International Bdy.
- 11AB086 Walburger Coulee below Diversions
- 11AB089 Altawan Reservoir near Govenlock
- 11AB091 Michele Reservoir near Elkwater
- 11AB092 Greasewood Reservoir near Elkwater
- 11AB094 Bare Creek Reservoir near Elkwater
- 11AB097 Cressday Reservoir near Cressday
- 11AB098 Jaydot Reservoir near Jaydot
- 11AB099 Mitchell Reservoir near Elkwater
- 11AB103 Squaw Coulee near Willow Creek
- 11AB104 Massy Reservoir near Elkwater
- 11AB108 Middle Creek near Govenlock
- 11AB113 Middle Creek Reservoir Main Outlet
- 11AB114 Middle Creek Reservoir Bedford Outlet
- 11AB115 Middle Creek Reservoir Flood Spillway

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The method utilized to determine the natural flow is based on the procedure used in computing the natural flow at the international boundary (3). The method is similar to the Project Depletion Method, as described in an earlier COH report (4) to the Board. Required input to determine the natural flow and procedures for determining the values are described herein and the chapter concludes with the computational form to be utilized.

#### DIVISION PERIODS

##### International

The waters of Lodge and Battle Creeks at the international boundary are divided in accordance with the Order of the International Joint Commission dated October 4, 1921 which stipulates that "The natural flow of the eastern (otherwise known as the Saskatchewan or northern) tributaries of the Milk River at the points where they cross the international boundary shall be divided equally between the two countries". This rule could be interpreted to mean the division of water be made on a daily basis; however, it was recognized by the Commission that a daily division was impractical so compilation of the natural flows at

the international boundary is done three times a month during the irrigation season, from March 1 to October 31. The periods were planned to cover the monthly dates 1-10, 11-20, 21-30 or 31. This approach to division periods is complicated by a diversion or a release not producing an instantaneous change in the flow at the boundary. In order to account for travel time, the entire river length has been divided into several segments and the dates of the division periods lagged proportionally. Another complication in the case of Battle Creek is the fact that Cypress Lake is used as a storage reservoir and for inter-basin transfer of water between Battle Creek and Frenchman River. In order to account for any inter-basin transfer between the two basins in the same time period and because of different travel times to the boundary on Battle Creek and Frenchman River, it was necessary to adjust the division dates for Battle Creek at the international boundary so that periods cover the monthly dates 5-14, 15-24 or 25, 25 or 26-4 of the following month. In order to have the same number of division periods in the Battle Creek, Lodge Creek and Frenchman River basins, it was necessary to adjust the first and last division periods for Battle Creek to cover the time period March 1 - March 14 (14 days) and October 26-31 (6 days) respectively.

#### Interprovincial

Although the interprovincial division of natural flow involves three audit periods, and one apportionment period, the computations are done on the same ten-day basis as for the international division. Considering the travel times previously noted, the February 23 - March 8 period at the interprovincial boundary for Battle Creek would correspond to the March 1 to 14 period at the international boundary. Similarly,

on Lodge Creek, a variety of periods, depending upon the location of the projects, varying from February 25 - March 6, to February 27 - March 8 at the interprovincial boundary would correspond to the period March 1-10 at the international boundary and on Middle Creek the February 26 to March 7 period at the interprovincial boundary would correspond to the period March 1-10 at the international boundary.

## RESERVOIRS

### Storage Changes

Any water that is stored in a reservoir during a division period depletes the natural flow and is considered positive (+); that is, a charge against the province in which the storage occurs. Conversely, any water released during a division period augments the natural flow and is considered negative (-); that is, a credit for the province that releases the water. The amount of water stored or released during a division period is computed as the difference in reservoir contents between 0000 hours on the first day of the division period and 2400 hours on the last day of the period.

### Evaporation

The construction of a reservoir with the resultant impoundment of runoff greatly increases the amount of water lost to the atmosphere. This increase in evaporation is considered as a depletion and is determined by utilizing the evaporation data collected at meteorological stations established in co-operation with the Atmospheric Environment Service in each tributary basin. The evaporation station consists of a class "A" evaporation pan, rain gauge, maximum and minimum air and water

thermometers and a wind velocity indicator. The water in the evaporation pan is maintained at a constant level by either adding or removing water, as required, on a daily basis.

For the purposes of natural flow computations "evaporation is defined as precipitation plus the change in the pan water level where the change in water level is positive (+) if water must be added to the pan and negative (-) if water must be removed from the pan". Application in this manner considers evaporation as a use by the upstream jurisdiction and allows the same jurisdiction a credit for water storage created by the existence of the reservoir.

It is accepted that water evaporates at a greater rate from a pan than from a reservoir due primarily to different heat storage characteristics. Because of the uncertainty in computing reservoir evaporation from pan evaporation and to keep the computations as uncomplicated as possible, reservoir evaporation is defined as:

$$\text{RESERVOIR EVAPORATION} = 0.70 (\text{previous day pan reading} - \text{current day pan reading})$$

The pan reading is taken at the same time each day according to observation time instructions issued by the Atmospheric Environment Service.

The reservoir evaporation thus gives a net reservoir evaporation as a depth over the reservoir. This depth is converted to a volume each day by multiplying it by the surface area of the reservoir at the mean elevation for the ten-day period. Daily evaporations are then summed and applied as a total evaporation over the ten-day computation period. Reservoir evaporation in the Battle, Lodge and Middle Creek basins is computed using actual data from the Altawan evaporation station.

Following is a list of the reservoirs in the Alberta portion of the Battle, Lodge and Middle Creek basins for which evaporation and storage must be calculated in the determination of interprovincial flow for apportionment:

BATTLE CREEK BASIN

Reesor Reservoir

LODGE CREEK BASIN

Bare Creek Reservoir  
Cressday Reservoir  
Greasewood Reservoir  
Jaydot Reservoir  
Massy Reservoir  
Michele Reservoir

MIDDLE CREEK BASIN

Mitchell Reservoir

CHANNEL LOSSES

The application of channel losses falls into the following two general categories:

- (a) Losses which would have occurred in the natural state to water which is now stored in reservoirs or diverted for irrigation in Canada.
- (b) Losses to water which is released to the stream from existing reservoirs or which is returned to the stream from irrigated land.

The channel function that is applied to flow depletions and return flows consists of a loss constant and a variable loss factor to reflect seasonal variations in channel losses.

$$L = KD + P (Q - KD) \quad \text{INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY EQUATION}$$

WHERE

- L is gross potential channel loss in cubic decametres over period D,
- D is number of days in the flow period (10 or 11 days),
- K is loss constant in cubic metres per second for a particular river reach, x 86.4 to convert to  $\text{dam}^3/\text{day}$ ,
- P is variable loss factor for a particular river reach and season,
- Q is gross flow depletion; that is, total depletion less return flow for a particular river reach. ( $\text{dam}^3$ )

#### Battle Creek Basin Loss Factors

Because of the high groundwater contribution in the Battle Creek Basin, the variable loss factor (P) is considered to be zero. The only loss constant (K) in the basin above the interprovincial boundary is for the reach from Reesor Reservoir to the boundary. The loss constant (K) for this reach has been calculated to be  $1.231 \text{ dam}^3/\text{day}$ . This calculation was made on the basis that this reach constituted approximately 25% of the reach between Reesor Reservoir and Gaff Ditch, and the difference between their loss constants to the international boundary (3) was used as the base for determining 'K'.

#### Lodge Creek Basin Loss Factors

The loss constants (K) and variable loss factors (P) to the international boundary have been calculated by Canada and the United States, and are as follows:

Upper Lodge Creek Area (Michele, Greasewood, Massy and Bare Creek Reservoirs)

Loss Constant

$$K = 7.344 \text{ dam}^3/\text{day}$$

Variable Loss Factor

<u>Period</u>	<u>P</u>
to Mar 27	.06
Mar 28 to Apr 26	.09
Apr 27 to May 27	.15
May 28 to Aug 27	.24
Aug 28 to Sep 26	.15
Sep 27 to Oct 27	.09

Cressday Reservoir Area

Loss Constant

$$K = 4.925 \text{ dam}^3/\text{day}$$

Variable Loss Factor

<u>Period</u>	<u>P</u>
to Mar 28	.04
Mar 29 to Apr 27	.06
Apr 28 to May 28	.10
May 29 to Aug 28	.16
Aug 29 to Sep 27	.10
Sep 28 to Oct 28	.06

Jaydot and Altawan Reservoir Areas

Loss Constant

$$K = 2.419 \text{ dam}^3/\text{day}$$

Variable Loss Factor

<u>Period</u>	<u>P</u>
to Mar 29	.02
Mar 30 to Apr 28	.03
Apr 29 to May 29	.05
May 30 to Aug 29	.08
Aug 30 to Sep 28	.05
Sep 29 to Oct 29	.03

Development of a method for estimating channel losses from the aforementioned areas to the interprovincial boundary was made on the basis of the following assumptions:

- a) that the following equation holds,

$$\Delta L = L_1 - L_2$$

WHERE  $\Delta L$  - loss from an area to the interprovincial boundary  
 $L_1$  - loss from the area to the international boundary  
 $L_2$  - loss from the interprovincial boundary to the international boundary

therefore,

$$\Delta L = L_1 - L_2$$

$$\Delta L = [K_1 D + P_1 (Q - K_1 D)] - [K_2 D + P_2 (Q - K_2 D)]$$

$$\Delta L = (K_1 - K_2) D + (P_1 - P_2) Q - [(P_1 K_1 - P_2 K_2) D] \text{ INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY EQUATION}$$

- b) that the loss on Lodge Creek from the interprovincial boundary to the international boundary is the same as the loss from the Altawan Reservoir Area to the international boundary.

Based on these assumptions and the following calculations of loss constants (K) and variable loss factors (P), the channel losses for each area in the Lodge Creek Basin to the interprovincial boundary have been developed as:

Upper Lodge Creek Area (Michele, Greasewood, Massy and Bare Creek Reservoirs)

Loss Constant

$$K_1 - K_2 = 7.344 - 2.419$$

$$= 4.925 \text{ dam}^3/\text{day}$$

Variable and Combined Loss Factors and Constants

	Period	$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_1 - P_2$	$P_1 K_1$	$P_2 K_2$	$P_1 K_1 - P_2 K_2$
	to Mar 27	.06	.02	.04	0.44	0.05	0.39
Mar 28	to Apr 26	.09	.03	.06	0.66	0.07	0.59
Apr 27	to May 27	.15	.05	.10	1.10	0.12	0.98
May 28	to Aug 27	.24	.08	.16	1.76	0.19	1.57
Aug 28	to Sep 26	.15	.05	.10	1.10	0.12	0.98
Sep 27	to Oct 27	.09	.03	.06	0.66	0.07	0.59



Channel loss to Interprovincial Boundary

WHERE  $K = K_1 - K_2$   
 $P = P_1 - P_2$   
 $C = P_1 K_1 - P_2 K_2$

the INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY EQUATION can be expressed as:

$$\Delta L = KD + PQ - CD$$

and, based on the calculated loss constants and variable loss factors, the channel loss from the Upper Lodge Creek Area to the interprovincial boundary can be expressed as:

$$\Delta L = 4.925 D + P(Q - \frac{C}{P} D)$$

Since  $C \approx 10P$  in the calculated variable and combined loss factors and constants, the unit  $\frac{C}{P} = 10$ , and the channel loss equation to be utilized is:

$$\Delta L = 4.925 D + P(Q - 10D)$$

Cressday Reservoir Area

Loss Constant

$$K_1 - K_2 = 4.925 - 2.419$$
$$= 2.506 \text{ dam}^3/\text{day}$$

Variable and Combined Factors and Constants

<u>Period</u>	<u>P<sub>1</sub></u>	<u>P<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>P<sub>1</sub>-P<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>P<sub>1</sub>K<sub>1</sub></u>	<u>P<sub>2</sub>K<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>P<sub>1</sub>K<sub>1</sub>-P<sub>2</sub>K<sub>2</sub></u>
to Mar 28	.04	.02	.02	0.20	0.05	0.15
Mar 29 to Apr 27	.06	.03	.03	0.30	0.07	0.23
Apr 28 to May 28	.10	.05	.05	0.49	0.12	0.37
May 29 to Aug 28	.16	.08	.08	0.79	0.19	0.60
Aug 29 to Sep 27	.10	.05	.05	0.49	0.12	0.37
Sep 28 to Oct 28	.06	.03	.03	0.30	0.07	0.23

Channel loss to International Boundary

WHERE  $K = K_1 - K_2$   
 $P = P_1 - P_2$   
 $C = P_1 K_1 - P_2 K_2$

the INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY EQUATION can be expressed as:

$$\Delta L = KD + PQ - CD$$

and, based on the calculated loss constants and variable loss factors, the channel loss from Cressday Reservoir to the interprovincial boundary can be expressed as:

$$\Delta L = 2.506 D + P(Q - \frac{C}{P} D)$$

Since  $C \approx 7P$  in the calculated variable and combined loss factors and constants, the unit  $\frac{C}{P} = 7$ , and the channel loss equation to be utilized is:

$$\Delta L = 2.506 D + P(Q - 7D)$$

#### Jaydot Reservoir Area

Since the channel loss constant and variable loss factor to the international boundary are the same for Jaydot and Altawan reservoirs, the channel loss to the interprovincial boundary is considered negligible. Technically, this procedure isn't correct, but due to the proximity of Jaydot Reservoir to the interprovincial boundary and its small storage capacity, the resultant error is a negligible portion of the natural flow.

#### Middle Creek Basin Loss Factors

It can be assumed that the channel loss on Middle Creek from the interprovincial boundary to the international boundary is the same as the loss from the Middle Creek Reservoir area to the international boundary. Also, since the channel loss constant and factor are the same for Mitchell and Middle Creek reservoirs, the channel loss to the interprovincial boundary is considered negligible for Middle Creek. As with Jaydot Reservoir, this assumption for Mitchell Reservoir isn't technically correct, but again the proximity of the reservoir to the interprovincial boundary and its small storage capacity result in any error being a negligible portion of the natural flow.

## MINOR DIVERSIONS

For international computations, it has long been considered impractical to establish gauging stations on diversions such as small irrigation projects. The same philosophy holds true for interprovincial computations. As a result, minor diversions are calculated by indirect methods.

The Water Rights Branches of Alberta Environment and Saskatchewan Environment solicit information by July 1 and October 31 from the licensees of minor projects within the contributing drainage area and derive estimates of the total seasonal and annual use in these small projects based on the licensees' responses and field inspection, if required.

The natural flow computations to July 29 are adjusted, if necessary, based on the reported water use of July 1. The reported water use to October 31 is used for the final natural flow report.

### Battle Creek

For Battle Creek there is only one small minor diversion in Alberta with an optimum annual utilization of 55 dam<sup>3</sup>. Because of the small volume involved, this usage is not considered in the first audit period; adjusted or applied, if necessary, after the second audit period based on water use returns; and again not considered for the final audit period. The final apportionment report is prepared on the basis of reported water use to October 31.

### Lodge and Middle Creeks

Lodge and Middle Creek utilize a variety of inputs to determine minor diversions during the interim reports. Calculated utilization in the Stokke-Buchanan project in Saskatchewan comprises a major portion of

minor diversions. Other minor diversion use is calculated by applying a percentage value, estimated by previous years' records to the calculated utilization of the Stokke-Buchanan project. Further modifications, including the percentage value to be applied, are made on the basis of a field knowledge of what is actually occurring in these basins.

Although the procedure may appear rather crude, a close approximation can be made utilizing this method as minor diversions are relatively fixed for low, medium and high flow years. During a low flow year the percentage value used may be as high as 60% and in a high flow year it may be as low as 2%. As previously noted, the final natural flow computations are adjusted based on water use reports submitted by provincial agencies.

#### DOMESTIC PROJECTS

A domestic project is defined as a small reservoir which is used for household and/or stockwatering purposes. In the calculation of natural flow for international apportionment, the domestic project usage is calculated for the Battle Creek Basin, but isn't calculated for the Lodge and Middle Creek Basins as domestic usage is a very small percent of the natural flow. For interprovincial apportionment of Battle Creek the same criteria as for Lodge and Middle Creeks can be applied as domestic usage is essentially non-existent since Battle Creek above the interprovincial boundary is located within the undeveloped area of Cypress Hills Provincial Park.

## TABULAR COMPUTATIONS

The natural flow computations for Battle, Lodge and Middle Creek Basins are made by utilizing a standard form for each stream. The forms shown on pages 25 to 29 are straight forward and utilize the values previously discussed and developed in this chapter.

Appendix I contains sample natural flow calculations for each of the three basins. The sample calculations are prepared for the 1977 low flow year as this is the period when the most significant problems with apportionment occur, and it is worthwhile documenting this type of event to formulate water management plans.

# NATURAL FLOW OF BATTLE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

Period at Inter-provincial Boundary	1 Reesor Lake Storage	2 Channel Loss to Interprov. Boundary	3 Net Depletion to Interprov. Boundary	4 Battle Creek at the Interprov. Boundary	5 Apparent Nat. Flow of Battle Crk. at the Interprov. Boundary	6 Adjustment for minor Diversions in Alberta	7 Nat. flow of Battle Crk. at the Interprov. Boundary	8 Sask. Share of Natural Flow	9 Excess flow to Saskatchewan.	10 Total Excess Flows to Date
Feb. 23-Mar. 8	Observed	Computed	1-2	Measured	3+4		5+6	75% of 7	4-8	Σ Col. 9
Mar. 9-19										
Mar. 20-29										
Mar. 30-Apr. 8										
Apr. 9-18										
Apr. 19-28										
Apr. 28-May 8										
May 9-19										
May 20-29										
May 30-Jun. 8										
Jun. 9-18										
Jun. 19-28										
Jun. 29-Jul. 8										
Jul. 9-19										
Jul. 20-29										
Jul. 30-Aug. 8										
Aug. 9-19										
Aug. 20-29										
Aug. 30-Sep. 8										
Sep. 9-18										
Sep. 19-28										
Sep. 29-Oct. 8										
Oct. 9-19										
Oct. 20-25										
Total dam <sup>3</sup>										

NATURAL FLOW OF LODGE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

Period Upper Reservoirs	1 Michele Reservoir Storage	2 Greasewood Reservoir Storage	3 Massy Reservoir Storage	4 Bare Creek Reservoir Storage	5 Total Storage Change Upper Lodge Reservoirs	6 Channel Loss to Interprov. Boundary	7 Net Depletion Upper Lodge
	Observed	Observed	Observed	Observed	1+2+3+4	Computed	5-6
Feb. 25-Mar. 6							
Mar. 7-16							
Mar. 17-27							
Mar. 28-Apr. 6							
Apr. 7-16							
Apr. 17-26							
Apr. 27-May 6							
May 7-16							
May 17-27							
May 28-Jun. 6							
Jun. 7-16							
Jun. 17-26							
Jun. 27-Jul. 6							
Jul. 7-16							
Jul. 17-27							
Jul. 28-Aug. 6							
Aug. 7-16							
Aug. 17-27							
Aug. 28-Sep. 6							
Sep. 7-16							
Sep. 17-26							
Sep. 27-Oct. 6							
Oct. 7-16							
Oct. 17-27							
Total dam <sup>5</sup>							

NATURAL FLOW OF LODGE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

	8	9	10		11	12	13	14	15
Period Cressday Reservoir	Cressday Reservoir Storage	Channel Loss to Interprov. Boundary	Net Depletion Cressday Reservoir	Period at Inter- provincial Boundary	Jaydot Reservoir Storage	Net Depletion in Alberta	Minor Irrigation Diversions in Alberta	Lodge Creek at the Interprov. Boundary	Natural Flow of Lodge Creek
Feb. 26-Mar. 7	Observed	Computed	8-9	Feb. 27-Mar. 8	Observed	7+10+11	Estimated	Observed	12+13+14
Mar. 8-17				Mar. 9-18					
Mar. 18-28				Mar. 19-29					
Mar. 29-Apr. 7				Mar. 30-Apr. 8					
Apr. 8-17				Apr. 9-18					
Apr. 18-27				Apr. 19-28					
Apr. 28-May 7				Apr. 29-May 8					
May 8-17				May 9-18					
May 18-28				May 19-29					
May 29-Jun. 7				May 30-Jun. 8					
Jun. 8-17				Jun. 9-18					
Jun. 18-27				Jun. 19-28					
Jun. 28-Jul. 7				Jun. 29-Jul. 8					
Jul. 8-17				Jul. 9-18					
Jul. 18-28				Jul. 19-29					
Jul. 29-Aug. 7				Jul. 30-Aug. 8					
Aug. 8-17				Aug. 9-18					
Aug. 18-28				Aug. 19-29					
Aug. 29-Sep. 7				Aug. 30-Sep. 8					
Sep. 8-17				Sep. 9-18					
Sep. 18-27				Sep. 19-28					
Sep. 28-Oct. 7				Sep. 29-Oct. 8					
Oct. 8-17				Oct. 9-18					
Oct. 18-28				Oct. 19-29					
Total dam <sup>3</sup>									

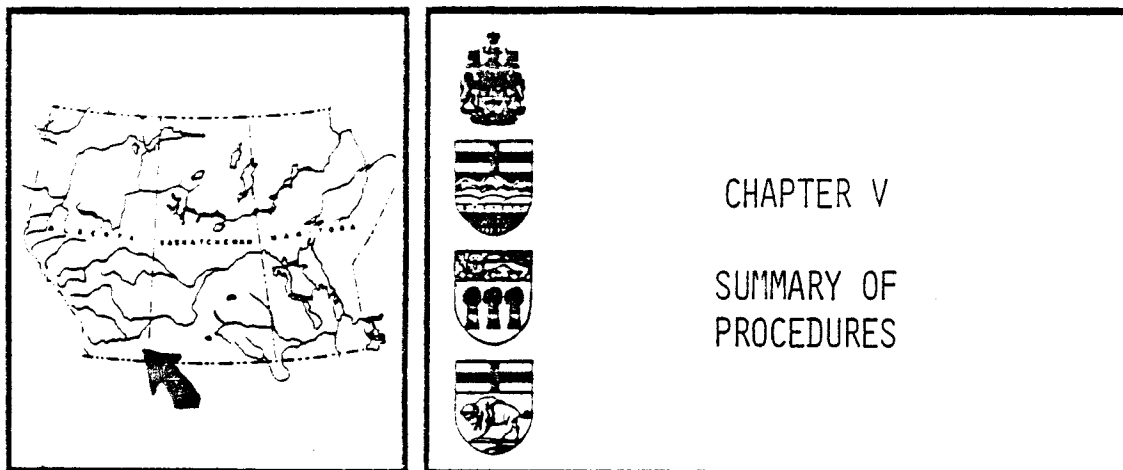


NATURAL FLOW OF LODGE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

Period at Inter-provincial Boundary	16 Sask. Share of Natural Flow	17 Excess flow to Saskatchewan.	18 Total Excess flows to date							
Feb. 27-Mar. 8	75% of 15	14-16	Σ Col. 17							
Mar. 9-18										
Mar. 19-29										
Mar. 30-Apr. 8										
Apr. 9-18										
Apr. 19-28										
Apr. 29-May 8										
May 9-18										
May 19-29										
May 30-Jun. 8										
Jun. 9-18										
Jun. 19-28										
Jun. 29-Jul. 8										
Jul. 9-18										
Jul. 19-29										
Jul. 30-Aug. 8										
Aug. 9-18										
Aug. 19-29										
Aug. 30-Sep. 8										
Sep. 9-18										
Sep. 19-28										
Sep. 29-Oct. 8										
Oct. 9-18										
Oct. 19-29										
Total dam <sup>3</sup>										

NATURAL FLOW OF MIDDLE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

Period at Inter-provincial Boundary	1 Mitchell Reservoir Storage	2 Minor Irrigation Diversions in Alberta	3 Middle Crk. at the Interprov. Boundary	4 Nat. flow of Middle Crk. at the Interprov. Boundary	5 Sask. Share of Natural Flow	6 Excess flow to Saskatchewan.	7 Total Excess Flow to date
Feb. 26-Mar. 7	Observed	Estimated	Observed	1+2+3	75% of 3	3-5	Σ Col. 6
Mar. 8-17							
Mar. 18-28							
Mar. 29-Apr. 7							
Apr. 8-17							
Apr. 18-27							
Apr. 28-May 7							
May 8-17							
May 18-28							
May 29- Jun. 7							
Jun. 8-17							
Jun. 18-27							
Jun. 28-Jul. 7							
Jul. 8-17							
Jul. 18-28							
Jul. 29-Aug. 7							
Aug. 8-17							
Aug. 18-28							
Aug. 29-Sep. 7							
Sep. 8-17							
Sep. 18-27							
Sep. 28-Oct. 7							
Oct. 8-17							
Oct. 18-28							
Total dam <sup>5</sup>							



This user's manual describes in detail the procedures to be utilized in determination of the natural flow of Battle, Lodge and Middle Creeks at the interprovincial boundary; however, a brief summation herein is also provided for the information of Board agency staff not directly involved in the computations, but who are responsible for the management of the water resource.

#### APPORTIONMENT, BALANCE AND AUDIT PERIODS

##### Apportionment Period

There is one apportionment period per year extending from January 1 to December 31. The apportionment of water at the interprovincial boundary is an Alberta share of 25% of the natural flow, and a Saskatchewan share of 75% of the natural flow.

##### Balance Period

The balance period of once per year won't extend beyond the current apportionment period.

##### Audit Periods

Audit periods will be made in the spring, summer and fall on the following dates:

	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>
Battle Creek	May 19	July 29	October 25
Lodge Creek	May 18	July 29	October 29
Middle Creek	May 17	July 28	October 28

## DEFINITIONS

Apparent Natural Flow - is the calculated flow at the boundary, including streamflow storage changes, evaporation, diversions, return flow, and channel losses.

Apportionment Period - The Agreement states in Section 3 of Schedule A that the apportionment period for volumetric flow between Alberta and Saskatchewan shall be the calendar year.

Audit Period - is a specified period of less than twelve months for which natural flows are calculated and comparisons with actual flows are made to determine the flow adjustments necessary to effect apportionment.

Balance Period - is the period following an audit period, within which the flow adjustments necessary to effect apportionment are made. This period may not extend beyond the current apportionment period.

Board - means the Prairie Provinces Water Board (PPWB).

COH - means the Committee on Hydrology.

Discharge - means a rate of streamflow.

Diversion - means a man-made transfer of water from a stream for use at some other location.

Flow - means a volume of flow.

Natural Flow - means the quantity of water which would naturally flow in any watercourse had the flow not been affected by human interference or human intervention.

Shortage - A shortage has occurred if, at the end of an apportionment period, the terms of the Agreement have not been met at a specific apportionment point, or if a discharge criterion has not been met.

WSC - means the Water Survey of Canada.

#### PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING NATURAL FLOW

##### General

The method utilized to determine the natural flow was based on the procedure used in computing the natural flow at the international boundary. This method is similar to the Project Depletion method, as described in an earlier COH report to the Board.

##### Division Period

Although the interprovincial division of natural flow involves three audit periods and one apportionment period, the computations are done on the same ten-day basis as for the international division. Division periods at the international boundary have been adjusted to corresponding periods at the interprovincial boundary based on travel times between the interprovincial and international boundary.

### Reservoirs

Water stored in a reservoir is a charge against Alberta where the storage occurs, and conversely water released during a division period augments the natural flow and is a credit to Alberta. Evaporation is computed on a ten-day basis using actual data from the Altawan evaporation pan station. Evaporation is defined as precipitation plus the change in the pan water level where the change in water level is positive if water must be added to the pan and negative if water must be removed from the pan.

### Channel Loss

The application of channel losses falls into the following two general categories:

- (a) Losses which would have occurred in the natural state to water which is now stored in reservoirs or diverted for irrigation in Alberta.
- (b) Losses to water which is released to the stream from existing reservoirs or which is returned to the stream from irrigated land.

The channel function that is applied to flow depletions and return flows consists of a loss constant and a variable loss factor to reflect seasonal variations in channel losses.

Because of the high groundwater contribution in the Battle Creek Basin, the variable loss factor was considered to be zero. The only loss constant in the basin above the interprovincial boundary is for the reach from Reesor Reservoir and this was calculated to be 1.231 dam<sup>3</sup>/day.

The Lodge Creek Basin is more complex and channel losses are applied for three reaches. These reaches are Upper Lodge Creek Area (Michele, Greasewood, Massy and Bare Creek Reservoirs), Cressday Reservoir Area, and Jaydot Reservoir Area. Calculated loss constant, and variable and combined loss factors and constants, are presented in the report for each of these reaches.

The only development in the Middle Creek Basin which would require the application of channel losses is Mitchell Reservoir; however, due to the proximity of this reservoir to the interprovincial boundary and its small storage capacity, it was assumed that channel losses were negligible and weren't considered.

#### Minor Diversions

As it is impractical to establish gauging stations on diversions such as small irrigation projects, these minor diversions are calculated by indirect methods. The Water Rights Branch of Alberta Environment solicit information by July 1 and October 31 from the licensees of minor projects. Natural flow computations to July 29 are adjusted, if necessary, based upon the reported water use of July 1. The reported water use to October 31 is used for the final natural flow report. Procedures to determine minor diversions for the ten-day division period vary between the Battle Creek Basin and the Lodge and Middle Creek Basins. This variance and the procedure utilized, is outlined in the report.

#### Domestic Projects

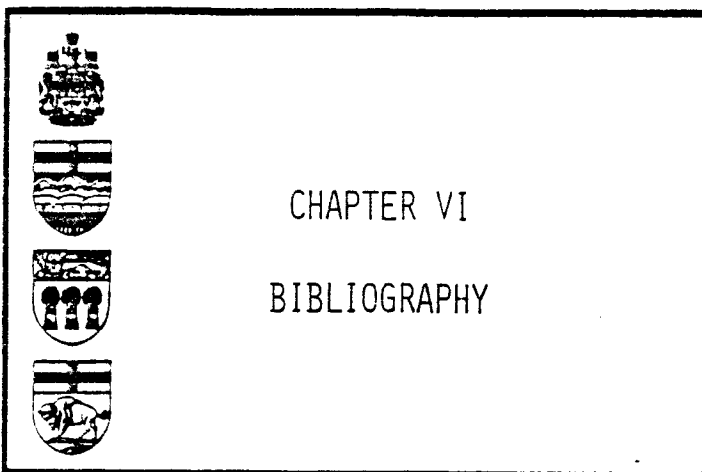
A domestic project is defined as a small reservoir which is used for household and/or stockwatering purposes. Within all three basins, above the interprovincial boundary, the domestic usage is either a very

small percent of the natural flow or non-existent. Therefore, this usage hasn't been considered in the calculation of natural flow.

#### Tabular Computations

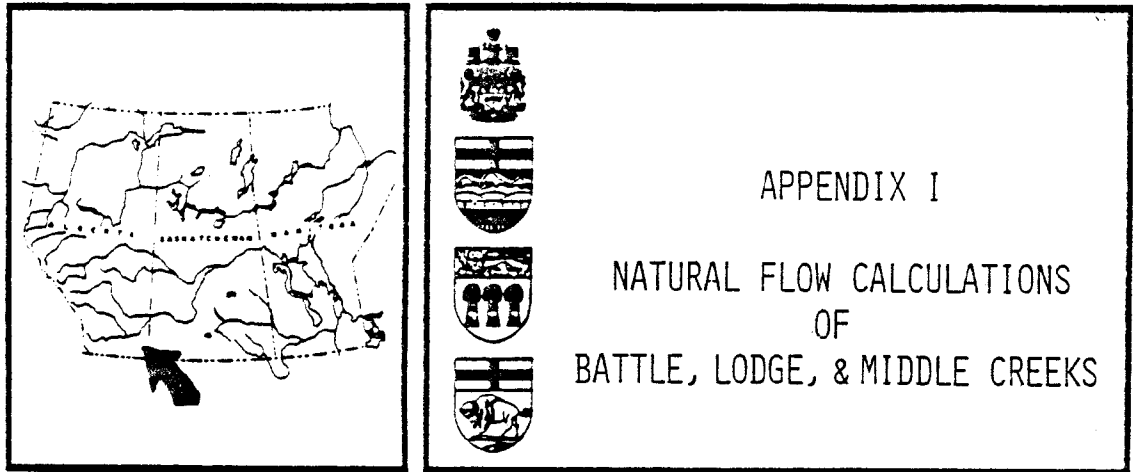
The natural flow computations for Battle, Lodge and Middle Creek Basins are made by utilizing a standard form for each stream. These forms, contained in the report, are straight forward and utilize the input previously discussed in this section on procedures.





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In an attempt to evaluate the probability of problems arising from interprovincial apportionment of these streams, natural flow calculations were carried out for each stream in 1977. Natural flow calculations of Battle Creek at the international boundary are available from 1940. During the 43-year period from 1940 to 1982 the 1977 natural flow was the second lowest on record, only being exceeded by 1949. Lodge Creek natural flow calculations at the international boundary are available for 33 years from 1950 to 1982. The natural flow of Lodge Creek during 1977 was the lowest on record during this period.

It is readily apparent when reviewing the natural flow computations for each stream that a minor diversion usage in Alberta hasn't been applied, which is contrary to the method described in the manual. The reason for this is that there were no reported minor diversions for these basins in Alberta during 1977. As they aren't available and weren't used in 1977 when computing international natural flow for apportionment, an attempt wasn't made to estimate them for these sample computations.

The calculations for Battle Creek presented in tabular form indicate that although deficits in delivery occurred during some ten-day division periods, there was excess flow delivered to Saskatchewan during each audit period.

An examination of the computations for Lodge Creek creates an entirely different picture. Deficits in delivery essentially occurred during the first audit period and carried on throughout the year.

International division period deficits at the interprovincial boundary only occurred during two ten-day periods on Middle Creek; however, during each audit period, Saskatchewan received an excess delivery of flow. As noted in the report, the storage capacity of Mitchell Reservoir in Alberta is small and unless further development occurs in Alberta, there will be an annual excess flow to Saskatchewan.

# NATURAL FLOW OF BATTLE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

Period at Inter-provincial Boundary	1 Reesor Lake Storage	2 Channel Loss to Interprov. Boundary	3 Net Depletion to Interprov. Boundary	4 Battle Creek at the Interprov. Boundary	5 Apparent Nat. Flow of Battle Crk. at the Interprov. Boundary	6 Adjustment for minor Diversions in Alberta	7 Nat. flow of Battle Crk. at the Interprov. Boundary	8 Sask. Share of Natural Flow	9 Excess flow to Saskat-chewan.	10 Total Excess Flows to Date
1977	Observed	Computed	1-2	Measured	3+4		5+6	75% of 7	4-8	Σ Col. 9
Feb. 23-Mar. 8	-127	-17	-110	247	137	0	137	103	144	144
Mar. 9-19	-122	-14	-108	376	268	0	268	201	175	319
Mar. 20-29	54	12	42	64	106	0	106	80	-16	303
Mar. 30-Apr. 8	51	12	39	638	677	0	677	508	130	433
Apr. 9-18	-66	-12	-54	568	514	0	514	386	182	615
Apr. 19-28	-49	-12	-37	296	259	0	259	194	102	717
Apr. 28-May 8	-24	-14	-10	213	203	0	203	152	61	778
May 9-19	-27	-14	-13	298	285	0	285	214	84	862
May 20-29	-15	-12	-3	201	198	0	198	149	52	914
May 30-Jun. 8	49	12	37	91	128	0	128	96	-5	909
Jun. 9-18	46	12	34	75	109	0	109	82	-7	902
Jun. 19-28	56	12	44	50	94	0	94	71	-21	881
Jun. 29-Jul. 8	39	12	27	32	59	0	59	44	-12	869
Jul. 9-19	5	5	0	69	69	0	69	52	17	886
Jul. 20-29	5	5	0	47	47	0	47	35	12	898
Jul. 30-Aug. 8	0	0	0	33	33	0	33	25	8	906
Aug. 9-19	24	14	10	52	62	0	62	47	5	911
Aug. 20-29	20	12	8	39	47	0	47	35	4	915
Aug. 30-Sep. 8	17	12	5	45	50	0	50	38	7	922
Sep. 9-18	5	5	0	32	32	0	32	24	8	930
Sep. 19-28	2	2	0	34	34	0	34	26	8	938
Sep. 29-Oct. 8	0	0	0	50	50	0	50	38	12	950
Oct. 9-19	37	14	23	62	85	0	85	64	-2	948
Oct. 20-25	22	6	16	33	49	0	49	37	-4	944
Total 1977	24	52	-50	2645	2505	0	2505	1703	111	2616

NATURAL FLOW OF LODGE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

Period Upper Reservoirs	1 Michele Reservoir Storage	2 Greasewood Reservoir Storage	3 Massy Reservoir Storage	4 Bare Creek Reservoir Storage	5 Total Storage Change Upper Lodge Reservoirs	6 Channel Loss to Interprov. Boundary	7 Net Depletion Upper Lodge
1977	Observed	Observed	Observed	Observed	1+2+3+4	Computed	5-6
Feb.25-Mar.6	2	10	7	0	19	19	0
Mar.7-16	5	7	22	5	39	39	0
Mar.17-27	27	15	29	32	103	54	49
Mar.28-Apr.6	56	22	29	37	144	52	92
Apr.7-16	42	7	10	17	76	50	26
Apr.17-26	32	12	7	17	68	50	18
Apr.27-May 6	2	2	2	7	13	13	0
May 7-16	37	5	-5	5	42	42	0
May 17-27	-7	7	-5	17	12	12	0
May 28-Jun.6	2	5	-17	-29	-39	-39	0
Jun.7-16	0	0	-22	-56	-78	-50	-28
Jun.17-26	2	2	-19	-49	-64	-50	-14
Jun.27-Jul.6	5	0	-15	-37	-47	-47	0
Jul.7-16	7	0	7	10	24	24	0
Jul.17-27	5	-2	10	12	25	25	0
Jul.28-Aug.6	0	0	5	-7	-2	-2	0
Aug.7-16	-2	2	0	-49	-49	-49	0
Aug.17-27	0	2	0	-51	-49	-49	0
Aug.28-Sep.6	0	0	0	-49	-49	-49	0
Sep.7-16	2	0	0	-27	-25	-25	0
Sep.17-26	0	-64	66	-24	-22	-22	0
Sep.27-Oct.6	-2	0	34	-24	8	8	0
Oct.7-16	0	0	-12	-12	-24	-24	0
Oct.17-27	0	0	-10	-10	-20	-20	0
Total dam3	215	32	123	-265	105	-28	115

NATURAL FLOW OF LODGE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

Period Cressday Reservoir	8 Cressday Reservoir Storage	9 Channel Loss to Interprov. Boundary	10 Net Depletion Cressday Reservoir	Period at Inter- provincial Boundary	11 Jaydot Reservoir Storage	12 Net Depletion in Alberta	13 Minor Irrigation Diversion in Alberta	14 Lodge Creek at the Interprov. Boundary 11AB082	15 Natural Flow of Lodge Creek
1977	Observed	Computed	8-9		Observed	7+10+11	Estimated	Observed	12+13+14
Feb. 26-Mar. 7	2	2	0	Feb. 27-Mar. 8	0	0	0	1	1
Mar. 8-17	0	0	0	Mar. 9-18	0	0	0	3	3
Mar. 18-28	-2	-2	0	Mar. 19-29	0	49	0	3	52
Mar. 29-Apr. 7	2	2	0	Mar. 30-Apr. 8	0	92	0	117	209
Apr. 8-17	2	2	0	Apr. 9-18	0	26	0	66	92
Apr. 18-27	2	2	0	Apr. 19-28	2	20	0	0	20
Apr. 28-May 7	-2	-2	0	Apr. 29-May 8	-2	-2	0	0	0(-2)
May 8-17	2	2	0	May 9-18	2	2	0	1	3
May 18-28	5	5	0	May 19-29	5	5	0	2	7
May 29-Jun. 7	7	7	0	May 30-Jun. 8	0	0	0	0	0
Jun. 8-17	0	0	0	Jun. 9-18	-2	-30	0	0	0(-30)
Jun. 18-27	0	0	0	Jun. 19-28	0	-14	0	0	0(-14)
Jun. 28-Jul. 7	2	2	0	Jun. 29-Jul. 8	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 8-17	5	5	0	Jul. 9-18	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 18-28	2	2	0	Jul. 19-29	0	0	0	0	0
Jul. 29-Aug. 7	-2	-2	0	Jul. 30-Aug. 8	0	0	0	0	0
Aug. 8-17	0	0	0	Aug. 9-18	2	2	0	0	2
Aug. 18-28	0	0	0	Aug. 19-29	-2	-2	0	0	0(-2)
Aug. 29-Sep. 7	0	0	0	Aug. 30-Sep. 8	0	0	0	0	0
Sep. 8-17	0	0	0	Sep. 9-18	0	0	0	0	0
Sep. 18-27	2	2	0	Sep. 19-28	2	2	0	0	2
Sep. 28-Oct. 7	-2	-2	0	Sep. 29-Oct. 8	-2	-2	0	0	0(-2)
Oct. 8-17	0	0	0	Oct. 9-18	0	0	0	0	0
Oct. 18-28	0	0	0	Oct. 19-29	0	0	0	0	0
Total dam <sup>3</sup>	25	25	0		5	148	0	193	391

NATURAL FLOW OF LODGE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

Period at Inter-provincial Boundary	16 Sask. Share of Natural Flow	17 Excess flow to Saskatchewan.	18 Total Excess flows to date							
1977	75% of 15	14-16	Σ Col. 17							
Feb. 27-Mar. 8	1	0	0							
Mar. 9-18	2	1	1							
Mar. 19-29	39	-36	-35							
Mar. 30-Apr. 8	157	-40	-75							
Apr. 9-18	69	-3	-78							
Apr. 19-28	15	-15	-93							
Apr. 29-May 8	0	0	-93							
May 9-18	2	-1	-94							
May 19-29	5	-3	-97							
May 30-Jun. 8	0	0	-97							
Jun. 9-18	0	0	-97							
Jun. 19-28	0	0	-97							
Jun. 29-Jul. 8	0	0	-97							
Jul. 9-18	0	0	-97							
Jul. 19-29	0	0	-97							
Jul. 30-Aug. 8	0	0	-97							
Aug. 9-18	2	-2	-99							
Aug. 19-29	0	0	-99							
Aug. 30-Sep. 8	0	0	-99							
Sep. 9-18	0	0	-99							
Sep. 19-28	2	-2	-101							
Sep. 29-Oct. 8	0	0	-101							
Oct. 9-18	0	0	-101							
Oct. 19-29	0	0	-101							
Total dam 5	294	-101								

# NATURAL FLOW OF MIDDLE CREEK AT INTERPROVINCIAL BOUNDARY

Period at Inter-provincial Boundary	1 Mitchell Reservoir Storage	2 Minor Irrigation Diversions in Alberta	3 Middle Crk. at the Interprov. Boundary	4 Nat. flow of Middle Crk. at the Interprov. Boundary	5 Sask. Share of Natural Flow	6 Excess flow to Saskatchewan.	7 Total Excess Flows to date
1977	Observed	Estimated	Observed	1+2+3	75% of 3	3-5	Σ Col. 6
Feb. 26-Mar. 7	0	0	8	8	6	2	2
Mar. 8-17	0	0	13	13	10	3	5
Mar. 18-28	0	0	12	12	9	3	8
Mar. 29-Apr. 7	0	0	11	11	8	3	11
Apr. 8-17	5	0	9	14	11	-2	9
Apr. 18-27	0	0	12	12	9	3	12
Apr. 28-May 7	0	0	8	8	6	2	14
May 8-17	2	0	4	6	5	-1	13
May 18-28	0	0	7	7	5	2	15
May 29-Jun. 7	-2	0	6	4	3	3	18
Jun. 8-17	0	0	8	8	6	2	20
Jun. 18-27	0	0	4	4	3	1	21
Jun. 28-Jul. 7	-2	0	2	0	0	2	23
Jul. 8-17	0	0	8	8	6	2	25
Jul. 18-28	-2	0	3	1	1	2	27
Jul. 29-Aug. 7	0	0	2	2	2	0	27
Aug. 8-17	0	0	1	1	1	0	27
Aug. 18-28	0	0	1	1	1	0	27
Aug. 29-Sep. 7	0	0	3	3	2	1	28
Sep. 8-17	0	0	2	2	2	0	28
Sep. 18-27	0	0	1	1	1	0	28
Sep. 28-Oct. 7	0	0	5	5	4	1	29
Oct. 8-17	0	0	8	8	6	2	31
Oct. 18-28	0	0	12	12	9	3	34
Total dam <sup>3</sup>	1	0	150	151	116	34	