

Adams Township, MI

ONTONAGON RIVER

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STURGEON RIVER WATER POWER

Drainage Area, Sturgeon only, 496 Square Miles

32" Annual Rainfall = 142 cu. ft. per minute per square mile.

Trautwine recommends a factor of 50% for water reaching outlet.

$$\frac{142 \text{ cu.ft.} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 62\frac{1}{2} \text{ lbs.} \times 200 \text{ ft.head}}{55,000} = 26.9 \text{ H.P.} \times 496 \text{ Sq.Miles} =$$

13342 H. P.

At a combined efficiency of 60% from the energy of the water
to the current delivered at mines = 8,000 H. P. = 6,000 K. W.

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12	31	72	71	
52	62	1.25	81	
90	36	11	26.5	
96	98	95.5	24.5	
91	33.5		132.0	
132	13.5		19.5	
145	145.0		26.5	
46			46.0	714
46			34.5	496
			5.5	218
			6	
			46.0	

714 sq. miles = Sturgeon & Otter

Sturgeon only 496 sq. m.

HP @ 32" rainfall @ 200' head = 53.8 @ 50%
 for effective water = 26.9 HP. 496 sq. m = 13342 HP
 @ 60% efficiency = 8005 HP = 6000 KW.

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Drainage Area, Sturgeon & Otter
 Rivers. May. 19, 2010.