

Summer Up!

Hells Canyon and Salmon River reservations made, cleared time off with the boss and the wife, new swim wear, (bought only because last year's no longer fits), river craft and trailer maintenance completed and all systems tested. Replaced broken beach chairs, probably bought a couple of those high dollar recliners perfect for that afternoon nap on the beach, acquired lots of SPF 50 sun block to protect that old and weathered skin, replaced all of the broken latches and hinges on coolers, inspected all PFD's & fire extinguishers on board, and last but not least, depleted the savings account and transferred funds into the fuel and gas fund... So what are you waiting for! **SUMMER UP!!**

The calendar says it is summer, therefore it must be and I am going with it. The photo of my grandson above says all that needs to be said about the beginning of summer. The sun and warm days replenish the soul for me and incites visions of big water, canyons, bbq's, new life, family fun, time spent with good friends, huge sturgeon, lots of bass and of course those words guaranteed to put a smile on my face, "Grandpa, I got one!"

The lazy days of summer are best described for me by this aphorism: "Rivers Know This: There is no hurry. We shall get there some day."

Right now however the rivers are bloated and brown as old man winter gives up his grip and disperses the bounty via Mother Nature's drainage canals making our waterways thick and swollen and moving very fast. With the warming weather here this will soon give way to manageable flows providing the opportunity to create more memories of summers on the river.

"You get just one chance to dip your toe in the river, might as well make a splash!"

"One cannot step twice into the same river, for the water in which you first stepped has flowed on."

I hope when you dip your toe or step into that river, it is just the first of many rivers for you this year so **SUMMER UP**, relax, enjoy, be safe.



IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
A DECLARATION
 BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
 IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and according to all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.

He has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance.

He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Now have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

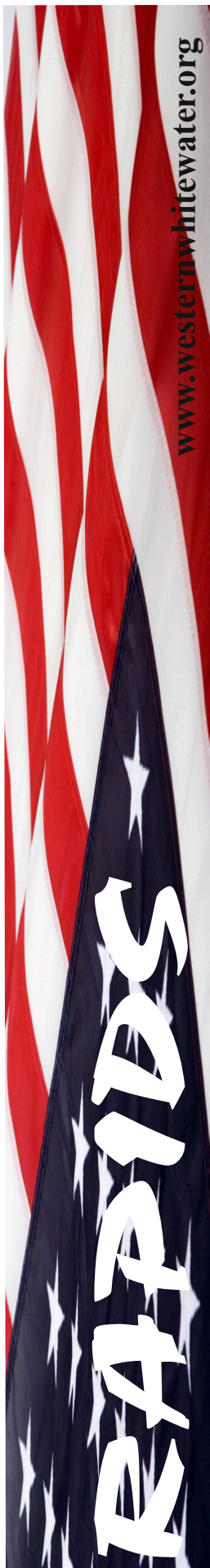
We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

Signed by ORDER and in BEHALF of the CONGRESS,

JOHN HANCOCK, PRESIDENT.

ATTEST.
 CHARLES THOMSON, SECRETARY.

READIDS



● President's Message ●

I recently read with some interest an article in the Idaho Statesman regarding an incident on the Payette River. What happened on the river is completely irrelevant to me, other than to know that the boat driver and passengers were unharmed and the boat was put safely back on its trailer. What caught my attention were the quotes from a bystander suggesting that the boat had no right to be where it was. My immediate reaction was to quickly write a rebuttal piece and send it off to the paper. I have to admit I spent considerable time writing that article in my head. My frustration growing with each passing minute. It certainly was, if I may be so bold, a masterful piece putting every wrongdoer in their rightful place. After some time I finally realized I was merely swinging at shadows, doing nothing to advance the policies of the WWA. My attitude reminded me of something Theodore Roosevelt once said. "It behooves every man to remember that the work of the critic is of altogether secondary importance, and that, in the end, progress is accomplished by the man who does things." I decided not to

write my article. Instead, I would heed the advice of President Roosevelt and do something. Here is what I came up with. I will be involved in legislative, regulatory and legal matters affecting the rights of boaters and ensure the WWA always has a seat at the table. Policy makers and administrative staff need to know the policies of our organization and also know that we are out there, using the resources, contributing to the economy and protecting and preserving the environment. I will be courteous to other boaters and extend a helping hand to anyone in need. I will practice safe and courteous boating strategies while on the water. The WWA, for as long as I have been a member, has taught and advocated these core values. Holding true to these principles are, in my opinion, the most effective way to protect the rights of the boating community. See you all out there on the water!

Brian Oakey
President



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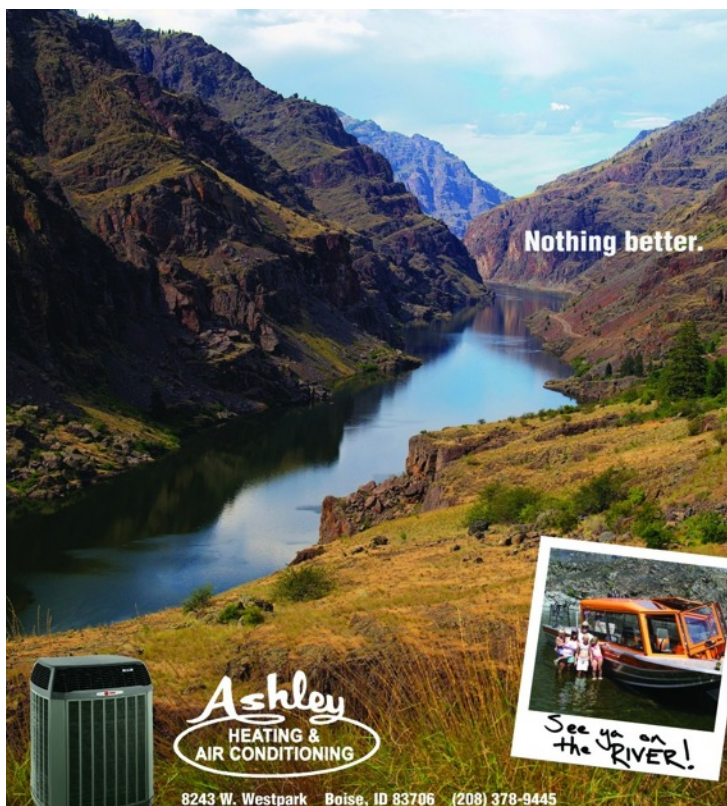
Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning

The new captain jumped from the deck, fully dressed, and sprinted through the water. A former lifeguard, he kept his eyes on his victim as he headed straight for the couple swimming between their anchored sportfisher and the beach. "I think he thinks you're drowning," the husband said to his wife. They had been splashing each other and she had screamed but now they were just standing, neck-deep on the sand bar. "We're fine, what is he doing?" she asked, a little annoyed. "We're fine!" the husband yelled, waving him off, but his captain kept swimming hard. "Move!" he barked as he sprinted between the stunned owners. Directly behind them, not ten feet away, their nine-year-old daughter was drowning. Safely above the surface in the arms of the captain, she burst into tears, "Daddy!"

How did this captain know – from fifty feet away – what the father couldn't recognize from just ten? Drowning is not the violent, splashing, call for help that most people expect. The captain was trained to recognize drowning by experts and years of experience. The father, on the other hand, had learned what drowning looks like by watching television. If you spend time on or near the water (hint: that's all of us) then you should make sure that you and your crew knows what to look for whenever people enter the water. Until she cried a tearful, "Daddy," she hadn't made a sound. As a former Coast Guard rescue swimmer, I wasn't surprised at all by this story. Drowning is almost always a deceptively quiet event. The waving, splashing, and yelling that dramatic conditioning (television) prepares us to look for, is rarely seen in real life.

The Instinctive Drowning Response – so named by Francesco A. Pia, Ph.D., is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water. And it does not look like most people expect. There is very little splashing, no waving, and no yelling or calls for help of any kind. To get an idea of just how quiet and undramatic from the surface drowning can be, consider this: It is the number two cause of accidental death in children, age 15 and under (just behind vehicle accidents) – of the approximately 750 children who will drown next year, about 375 of them will do so within 25 yards of a parent or

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Drowning

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other adult. In ten percent of those drownings, the adult will actually watch them do it, having no idea it is happening (source: CDC). Drowning does not look like drowning – Dr. Pia, in an article in the Coast Guard's On Scene Magazine, described the instinctive drowning response like this:

1. Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. The respiratory system was designed for breathing. Speech is the secondary or overlaid function. Breathing must be fulfilled, before speech occurs.
2. Drowning people's mouths alternately sink below and reappear above the surface of the water. The mouths of drowning people are not above the surface of the water long enough for them to exhale, inhale, and call out for help. When the drowning people's mouths are above the surface, they exhale and inhale quickly as their mouths start to sink below the surface of the water.
3. Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water's surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water, permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.
4. Throughout the Instinctive Drowning Response, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer, or reaching out for a piece of rescue equipment.
5. From beginning to end of the Instinctive Drowning Response people's bodies remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard, these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs.

Source: On Scene Magazine: Fall 2006 (page 14)

This doesn't mean that a person that is yelling for help and thrashing isn't in real trouble – they are experiencing aquatic distress. Not always present before the instinctive drowning response, aquatic distress doesn't last long – but unlike true drowning, these victims can still assist in their own rescue. They can grab lifelines, throw rings, etc.

Look for these other signs of drowning when persons are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs – Vertical
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over on the back
- Appear to be climbing an invisible ladder.

So if a crew member falls overboard and everything looks OK – don't be too sure. Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that they don't look like they're drowning. They may just look like they are treading water and looking up at the deck. One way to be sure? Ask them, "Are you alright?" If they can answer at all – they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. And parents – children playing in the water make noise. *When they get quiet, you get to them and find out why.*



RANTS AND RAVES

your opinions matter

Rant from Larry Dove, Payette, ID

My rant is about the Idaho State Park system and here is my story.

I think the Idaho State Parks have long been suffering from a sterilization process that has taken the fun out of visiting them. Don't get a tire off the pavement! Don't let your dog loose at any time! Don't get off the path, don't this, don't that! Don't try and use the reservation system online, probably won't work! Call the reservation number, take your chances.

About five or six years ago I pulled into Sugarloaf campground at Cascade Lake. There was not a soul around except the "host", code name for a person who will tell you the rules before you break one. Anyway, me and about three members of the bass club I belonged to stopped and were looking over the sites. Here comes the host. She asks if I have a reservation and I told her I did not. She informed me that I have to have reservations and I ask, "How do you do that?" "Gotta do it online", she replied. My response was, "So, even if no one is in this spot, I can't use it?" She says you have to have reservations so I ask about calling them. Can't call from here! With my cell phone in hand she tells me you have to do it from home!

At this point she and I are crossways and the guys I am with are in stitches! The eventual outcome was that I called on the cell phone and requested that space. The lady from the reservation service says with such short notice someone could be in that spot. I told her no, I am here in that spot and will be here for two nights. I ask her to reserve it but NO, they can't reserve anything on that short notice. Now she asks for some information, but I warn her we should hurry because my phone may go dead. By the time my friends were done talking to her because I was ready to blow a gasket, the phone died along with my enthusiasm for the system.

Later that afternoon here comes a seventh grade cheerleader, (you know what I am talking about), in her "official state pickup", and "official state park uniform" to post the "official occupying info" on the site post. Guess what, even though we are on the lake next to a launch ramp none of the spaces are made to accommodate both a RV and boat. Therefore one half, yes only half, of my right front tire was on the dirt. Sir you cannot park on the grass. Grass!? I said it's dirt and weeds! Yes she says we have been spraying to kill them. Bottom line...I had to move the truck.



The next day a friend in the adjoining site was sitting next to her RV and reading a book with her old

dog asleep by her side. Here comes the cheerleader, stops her "official state pickup" and in her "official state park uniform", informs this lady her dog must be under control at all times and the leash must be in her hand. The leash was just laying beside the sleeping old dog. Now I ask you, is this a park or a correctional facility?



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Rant

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Now forward present day, same bass club, my friend needing a spot to camp during a tournament writes this: Sometime during the middle of May I used the web site to reserve two days at Sugarloaf State Park campground. Initially I used my credit card and after several minutes of frustrating navigating I was finally able to reserve my spot. Three days prior to our event my wife suggested we stay an extra night, same spot same campground. I went back to the web-page once again, no way, not able to do it. So I called the 1-800 number listed on the web page. I explained to the lady what I was trying to do, she said why are you calling the Idaho State Parks, Sugarloaf is not a state park. REALLY?! Finally I was able to explain to her that in fact it was and where it was located.

After several minutes on hold she came back and said, oh yes I see you are reserved for two days in spot 45. Now we're getting somewhere! I asked to extend one more night and she informed me I could not do that because someone else had reserved the spot when I leave. Well that's fine so I asked if I could reserve another spot for one night thinking I would just move my camper. The lady said no you have to reserve a minimum of two days (really). Getting more aggravated by this time I asked if there were any spots left I could just stay for three nights; oh yes the spot next to 45 - number 46. Ok please put me there! Yes sir I can do that and there will be an additional transfer charge of ten dollars. Are ya kidding me? Ok let's just do it, now fast forward.....I showed up on a Friday afternoon set up and watched the camp host run around like he was the camp gestapo, hoodooing everyone as they entered the campground. Sunday by 2:00 p. m. everyone in the campground is gone except me and the camp host. I waited patiently all day for the folks to arrive that cost me another \$10.00 and to have to change my camp spot. Guess what no one else showed up. Ripped off by the state is what I call it. Once again just me and the camp host all night. I'm telling you the system needs an enema.

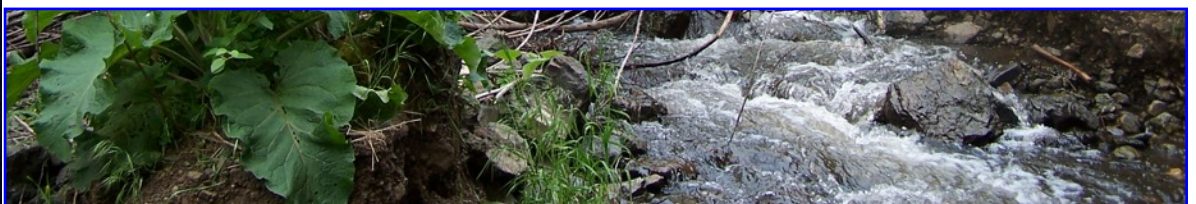
There you have it—my rant. Oh, and when they want to sell the parks due to lack of use, do you think there may be a plan here.

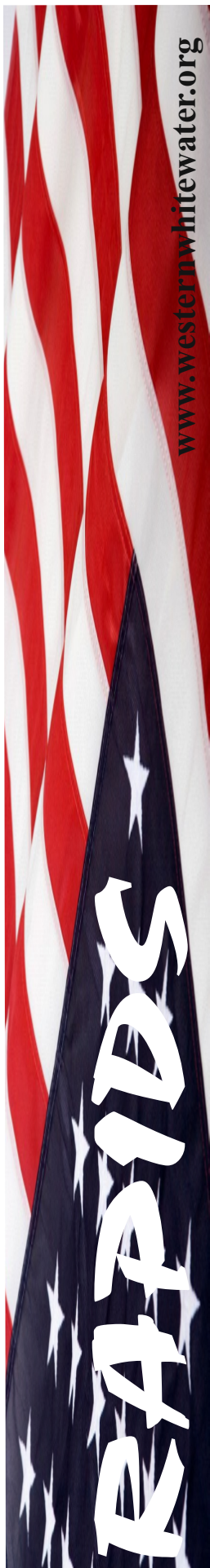


Let's hear from you!

Rant is defined as "A speech or *Text* that does not Present a Calm Argument!!!!!"
Rave is to "*Write* or speak with Wild Enthusiasm!!!"

Send your Rants & Raves to.....RapidsRantandRave@gmail.com





The Hills Are Alive!

Ramblings by Ron

Again this year the Salmon River Canyon and Snake River area of Hells Canyon have waited until the summer solstice to produce and offer up its most magnificent and majestic display of flora & fauna. The colors displayed on Mother Nature's massive canvas leaves one humbled, in awe, and begging for answers. The art supply store in the Mall of the Universe obviously carries products not yet available commercially here on Earth and the artist has an imagination and vision unequaled by we mere mortals. The meadows are awash in a display of wildflowers opening up their petals of pastels to soak up the warmth of the sun's rays while the draws and creek beds show off with a variety of plants so diverse we are forced to take notice. There is almost a sensory overload as a constant bombardment of fragrances, aromas, sights, and colors pound the visual and olfactory system. The taste buds can get in on the action as well when the Cherry trees, abundant along the creek at Kirkwood Ranch, are drooping from the weight of ripe cherries begging to be picked!

Possibly the most exciting offering is that of life renewed everywhere you look! The sight of wobbly legs as you witness a newly born fawn struggling to stand, a clutch of baby Chukar, each one no bigger than a sparrow, crossing the trail in front of you, and the experience of a female Moose protecting her calf and indicating a full on charge if you don't vacate the area immediately. (She trotted toward us for several hundred yards as we made our retreat. I am certain it was to insure we understood her intent.)

These are all things experienced with a couple of good friends during a weekend of riding the breaks of the Salmon and Snake rivers recently. We were extremely fortunate to be there for three days of riding the back country and witnessing the finest of what Mother Nature has to offer right here in Idaho. I doubt seriously that I will



ever again see the variety of wildlife in the close proximity I did during that weekend. We were within yards of a moose and her calf, (not intentionally). We were within throwing distance of a couple of cinnamon colored black bears and within shouting distance of one blonde and one pure black bear!!! There were Whitetail and Mule deer, several with fawns. There were elk and bighorn sheep from a distance, oh yes and then there was the wolf in the proximity of the moose and her calf. Of course there was every specie of game bird this area has to offer from the beautiful grouse strutting alongside the creek bottom to nature's unarmed rocket, the quail, darting around with what appears to be total abandon.

I am grateful for experiencing the bounty and beauty of what the Salmon River and the Snake River country have to offer other than its constantly moving waters, its deep and revealing canyons, its history, its stories, its characters, and its over the top, peg the fun meter hobby we call Jet Boating!!!

Get out in it, whether from the top, bottom or somewhere in between, enjoy it, internalize it, it is awesome!





REMEMBER WHEN...

Taken from the March 2002 Issue of the Rapids

To the Western Whitewater Association:

Now that I've had some time to collect my thoughts, I feel obligated to tell the members of WWA how much I appreciate being selected as "Jet boater of the Year." Receiving this award was the farthest thing from my mind that Saturday night. To say I was speechless and dumbstruck when my name was called is probably an understatement.

When I joined the WWA in the spring of 1995, I had just enough "river knowledge" to be dangerous! I had already crashed in Hells Canyon and had to be rescued by WWA members, Keith and Brian DeMond. I hope they know how much I appreciated their help on October 22, 1994.

I will always remember Mark Whaley greeting us and making us feel welcome on our first club run in March, 1995. Later that day, Gary and Marilyn Justice put us on their boat and took us thru Pilgrim Rapid. We were new to boating and this "whitewater thing" was a big mystery. We made every club run that we could. Everyone always went out of their way to help us. Slowly, things started to make sense.

About two years later, we were riding with Mark and Sharon Whaley on the Payette River. As I watched and listened to Mark, a light bulb went on in my head. Things suddenly started to make sense and for the first time I actually realized that running whitewater is not the big mystery I thought it was and that I might actually become proficient at it someday.

To the new or inexperienced boaters, I would say this: You don't learn to navigate whitewater from a book, a video, or by sitting around the campfire. It will take several years of looking, listening, and doing to learn this art. Pay attention to what and how experienced boaters and group leaders do things. It's not about speed or power or who has the newest, biggest boat. It's about control, technique, common sense, and a lot of "hands on." I hope that each of you is received and treated as well by the WWA as I have been.

To all the Club Officers, Run Chairpersons and Group Leaders that have helped me over the years: Thank you for your time, your patience, and your commitment to this great organization.

In closing, I want to once again thank the members of WWA for presenting me with this award. It means more to me that I can say or put in words. My hope is that one day I can give as much to this organization as it has given to me.

Sincerely,
Dan Byington
And the crew of the "Pale Horse"
2002 "Jet Boater of the Year"



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