

Come join the adventure!!

2015 Salmon River Noxious Weed Control Project – May 1, 2 and 3

Each spring, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, the Idaho Department of Agriculture and private property owners, WWA members provide transportation up the Salmon River and manpower to help control noxious weeds within the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. In the past, the Western Whitewater Association has provided logistical support, technical assistance, and some financial assistance in an active assault on noxious weeds along the Salmon River corridor.

This year, we will need approximately **6 boats** and **20 volunteers** to help spray weeds. Since the boats are loaded pretty heavy, and we can typically expect fairly high river flows, we ask that the less experienced Salmon River pilots leave their boats home and ride up with the more experienced pilots. We will also have several Government Agency Representatives along this year to give us a hand. Come enjoy a good workout and lots of fun with friends in the beautiful Salmon River canyon.

The WWA will be providing noxious weed control at numerous locations on the river and will again be staging out of James Ranch this year. This project requires a significant amount of physical labor, as the weed control methods primarily entail hand application of chemical sprays and some hand pulling with much of the work taking place on steep terrain. Safety equipment will be provided to those that will be handling chemicals. The club currently owns about 15 back pack sprayers that will be our primary application method. Again this year, spray materials and boat fuel are being covered by government grants.

We will be departing Spring Bar, 13 miles up river from Riggins, on Friday May 1 at 8:30am. Most people will spend the night of April 30 at Spring Bar campground to make loading go smoothly and to keep unforeseen issues at a minimum. A light breakfast, (muffins, and pastries) with coffee will be provided the morning of the 1st at the campground starting at 7:30 am. Due to weight limitations for the boats and the number of people, we encourage everyone to pack light.

We should arrive at James Ranch around noon. After unloading boats, setting up camp and a quick lunch, we will spend several hours spraying one of the target areas. We will then have a relaxing dinner followed by camaraderie around the camp fire and possibly a round of horseshoes. We will rise early on Saturday for a yummy breakfast and then off to several more hours of spraying - lunch - spray - dinner. Sunday morning we can sleep in a little - break camp and head back down river to Spring Bar.

In past years, from time to time, we have had to reschedule this event to a later date because of high water or extremely wet conditions. As we get closer the scheduled time we will let all the participants know the status of the event.

Required supplies for volunteers:

1. For spraying you will need work gloves, long sleeved shirts, long pants, high top boots,(old ones are best because they will probably have blue dye on them by the time you are done).
2. You will need a tent, sleeping bag, blanket (optional) tarp for tent (also optional)
3. Clothing for three days (Pack for Idaho weather conditions – it could be warm and sunny or cold and wet)
4. Drinks that you may want (WWA will bring pop, water, coffee and cocoa).
5. Your own life jacket would be great - most of us have extras on the boat, but your own would be a good idea.
6. Cameras are a must!
7. Flash light
8. Camp chairs
9. Finally, if you wish,you may bring a dessert to help with the food. (Brownies, cake, pie, etc.) Again meals will be provided by WWA.

Please give Don Moore (208-377-0272) a call if you have any questions or plan on attending this fun event.