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March 2011

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It's Banquet Time!

The annual WWA banquet is coming right up. It will be held Saturday March 26, 2011 at the Idaho Center. Doors will open at 4:00 PM, the no host bar will open at 5:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00 followed by a live auction and raffle. Also throughout the evening there will be games and raffles with prizes for all and one raffle with nice items especially for the ladies.

The evening will include displays of new toys, and new will increase the wish list. Even bet-live and silent auc-
off your wish list!

Most of all the evening is filled with conversations among old and new river friends. These conversations will be of exciting white water running, great fishing stories, and encounters with nature's wildlife. This is a great opportunity to network with other jet boat friends and plan some outings for the upcoming season.

Some of the raffle and auction items include steelhead rods, beautiful taxidermy displays, and jet boat accessories that we all want and need. The annual banquet is typically when many members renew their membership and take advantage of ban-

clude vendor technology, jet boats that items on your ter, with the tion or the raf- to check items

WWA Participates in Nationwide Tele-Conference

Beginning in December and continuing into February members of the WWA Legislative Committee, a couple of WWA Directors, and the State Natural Resources Director for U.S. Senator James E. Risch participated (in full or in part) in a nationwide telephone conference regarding the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) and issues relating to concessionaires contracting to operate Federal Campgrounds and Federal lands for profit .

Twelve, sometimes very long, hours were devoted to these subjects. The conference was a joint project of The Western Slope No-Fee Coalition (WSNFC) headquarter in Colorado and the America Recreation Coalition, (ARC) Washington, D.C.

Two very different groups of people. The WSNFC is, as the name suggests, composed of individuals and organizations opposed to fees to access public lands. The ARC, on the other hand, is a strong voice for fees and for commercial operators. The ARC is mostly composed of businesses related to and promoting outdoor activities for profit. Concessionaires contracting for campgrounds and public lands for profit are supporters of ARC. So, as you might imagine the conference had a lot of dissimilar and contrary views and opinions. (The WWA is an advocate for and supporter of the WSNFC).

Fee opponents, like the WSNFC and others, were quick to point out all of the failures of Federal agencies to conform



RANTS AND RAVES

your opinions matter

RANT provided by Richard Vaughn

Mr. Pete Zimowsky
Idaho Daily Statesman
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. Zimowsky,

Re: Your editorial headlined "***Are campgrounds for the public or for making a profit***" published Sunday July 18, 2010 in the Idaho Statesman.

Your article makes it very apparent Congress is failing to appropriate sufficient funding to the Forest Service for recreation. I respectfully disagree.

You said, "*But the folks in the recreation business say the problem is not privatization, the problem is the lack of appropriations..... They have a point. Congress is not appropriating the necessary funds for federal agencies to maintain public recreation day-use-areas and campgrounds. That has caused cash-strapped agencies like the Forest Service to turn over campgrounds to private business*". (emphasis added).

Is the Forest Service really "cash strapped"? Is the problem the "lack of appropriations"? When I read your article I thought you might have mislead your readers into believing it was all the fault of Congress. I did not believe your theory so I did a little checking. Going back to 1999, I could not find any year in which appropriations were not increased for the Forest Service for recreation. In fact, every year recreation funding was increased. In fact, years since 1999, there has been a 70% increase for recreation funding to the Forest Service for recreation.

Examples of the past three years:

- 1) The Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, appropriation to the Forest Service (FS) for recreation was increased \$35.4 million over FY2007;
- 2) FY2009, was increased \$15 million over FY2008;
- 3) FY2010, remains flat over FY2009, because Congress has not yet passed an appropriation bill.

These figures are for recreation line items only and do not include Roads and Trails, or Fire, which have their own line items. It might be of interest to you to know the total appropriation to the Forest Service this last year was approximately \$8.5 BILLION Dollars.

Going back to 1999 Congress has never cut the FS

appropriation for recreation. Conversely, as I previously said, the appropriation has increased 70%.

You should have also informed your readers there is a significant and very important difference between "Budget" and "Appropriations". Budgets are an entirely internal creation of the federal agencies. Agency budgets are developed within the agency. Their budget is sent to Congress for Appropriations. Appropriations could be less than the budget requested but, as I said before, I did not find any year when Congress did not increase the appropriation over the previous year for recreation.

Agencies may, and do, very often change budget line items after Congressional appropriations. For example, the FS has borrowed money from recreation funds, including user fees, to fight fire and they have never repaid the recreation fund in full.

The Forest Service has not been able to account for all their appropriated dollars! The General Accounting Office has been unable to determine exactly where all of the appropriated funds have been spent. That is why Congress, as far back as 2004, has been telling the FS to become more fiscally responsible. However, the FS books are still incomprehensible in most cases.

Congress is now considering a \$38 million dollar reduction in the total FS appropriation. This would be an across the board cut of all line items. Since recreation alone has been increased such a significant amount since FY2007, it seems such an overall small amount of reduction to the total appropriation could be well absorbed without even touching recreation. I tell you this because I would expect the FS to first cut recreation as it will generate, for them, the most public sympathy. No pity from me or a lot of other people I know. Nor, I suspect, would it have been for your readers if they had been fully informed.

Public sympathy is exactly what the Forest Service prays for and it is exactly what they got from articles like you published. You owe your readers some measure of complete information, factually accurate, and reliable.

Your article asked several other questions. The public would be a lot better served with facts, not questions. In addition to the questions you pose in the

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GLENN'S FERRY RUN

Where does the time go? Here it is time to start thinking about our run at Glenn's Ferry. This year the run will be **March 12 & 13**. We should plan for a 10:00 A.M. launch on Saturday the 12th. There is no pre-run scheduled at this time. I will be contacting the Parks department and request to have the lower campground at Three Island park opened up for us again this year. The temperature will dictate if there will be water available or not. Plan for a dry camp.

I am looking forward to being the chairman again this year. I have been trying to make arrangements for better weather this year. I am going out on a limb here and give you a three degree guarantee, the same as Scott Dorval does. The only difference is my guarantee won't be a three degree spread in the weather temperature, but that it will be at least three degrees. I have also asked higher authority to stop the wind from blowing that weekend. On the menu this year will be BBQ'd steaks; that is unless the members would prefer to have something else. If so let me know and I

will make the change. As far as the sides go, if your last name starts A-M, bring a salad, beans or something on that order, N-Z brings dessert. I will try to get some sort of a head count at the next membership meeting and will adjust the side dish request if necessary. If there any questions please contact me at: 884-2176(home) 870-3765(cell) cschrader4@msn.com

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The Happy Cooker

Roasted Beef, Mushroom and Barley Soup

- 1 pound sirloin steak, cut into ½ inch pieces
- 1 pound cremini or button mushrooms, stems trimmed and caps halved
- 2 shallots, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- * coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth or water
- ½ cup quick-cooking barley
- * chopped fresh parsley (optional garnish)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a roasting pan or rimmed baking sheet, toss together steak, mushrooms, shallots and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Arrange in a simple layer and roast until beef and mushrooms are browned, about 30 minutes. Transfer to a medium pot and add broth or water and barley. Bring mixture to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce heat and simmer until barley is soft, about 12 minutes. To serve, season to taste with salt and pepper and top with chopped fresh parsley, if desired.

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article, your headline is even a question. Are you in the business of informing your readers or trying to educate yourself at the expense of your readers? I personally find it very distasteful when a newspaper writes an article and fills it full of questions. If a paper is going to inform and hopefully educate the public regarding a specific matter you should not find it necessary to ask a lot of questions. I repeat, the public would be a lot better served with facts not questions.

Sorry, I should not have digressed on my personal feelings. I apologize.

You asked, "*Are budget cuts going to force the Forest Service to eventually get out of the campground and recreation business at the expense of the public*". Budget cuts? Probably yes! The FS moves more every year to contracting away their responsibilities regarding recreation. But I doubt we will ever see the time when appropriations force campgrounds and the outdoor recreation activities, regulated by the FS, to go into the hands of private contractors.

If the Forest Service makes a determination to contract out a campground or any other facility under their jurisdiction it is an entirely internal decision, according to them. Commercialization, according to the FS, is an entirely internal matter not subject to any outside consideration of/or through a third party examination. Nor do they allow any public review or comment. I guess your question is best answered by saying, if the Forest Service is forced to get out of the recreation business it is going to be completely a decision they make on their own. I certainly do not think it will in any way ever be related to appropriations.

It was interesting to note that when they contract out responsibility for maintenance and management of a particular area/campground there is no correspond-

ing reduction in their budget request for recreation. You inquired if concessionaires are allowed to charge fees that the FS itself cannot charge because of the lack of amenities such as water. The answer is **Yes!** They can charge whatever the traffic will bear. Concessionaires are not subject to any restrictions contained within or subject to the Federal Land and Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA). Concessionaires, for the most part, are members of and support the American Recreation Coalition who are the founding fathers of user fees.

A recent Federal Court decision in Arizona determined the FS did not have the authority under the FLREA to charge a hiker to park while taking a walk in the 160,000 acre Red Rock Recreation Area. Heather Provencio, District Ranger for the Red Rock Ranger District, this month, said one of her alternatives is to turn the entire Red Rock Recreation Area over to a private business who could, if they decided, charge a fee for parking. Her alternative, if she decides to contract away the Red Rock Area, will be entirely an agency decision. The Public Resource Advisory Committee will have no say in the matter as well as no other chance for any other public comment.



Rich Vaughn

RANTS AND RAVES continued

Rave provided by Richard Vaughn

Meet Mr. "Done"

If Larry the Cable Guy had ever been a member of the Western Whitewater he would have never come up with his trademark saying after meeting WWA's Mr. "Done". Almost before you ask "Done" to do something he has got it done. Never has it ever been

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with the intent and letter of the law. Excessive administration costs. Extra legal application of the law. Failure of agencies to conform with court decisions finding fees unlawful under the Act. Failures to form public review committees as required by law.

Supporters like the ARC, were quick to defend user fees as a way to enhance Congressional Appropriations and advancing their relationship with Federal agencies like the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Supporters did concede there were some areas that needed to be corrected but consistently defend fees.

Participants supporting fees make no distinction in the terms Congressional Appropriations and Agency Budgets. They speak of them as being one and the same thing. Thus when one hears there was a cut in the Forest Service Recreation budget it is generally assumed Congress has reduced their appropriation. For reference, last years appropriation to the Forest Service was about \$8,500,000,000.00. That's right, 8.5 Billion Dollars! Federal agencies like the ARC are quick to make a claim indicating Congress has reduced the appropriations for recreation and agencies need user fees to supplement Congressional appropriations.

The fact is, Congress has never reduced the appropriations.

Several Federal Court cases were cited which had found fees, in certain areas, to be unlawful and criminal citations issued by the Forest Service were dismissed by the court. These adverse court decisions are, for the most part, being ignored by agencies and the unlawful fees are still being collected and criminal citations are still being issued to violators. In some cases agencies are proposing turning the area over to a private contractor so fees can continued to be collected. Thereby circumventing provisions of FLREA.

Some examples of excessive administrative costs by Federal agencies to collect the fee ranged as high as 80% of the fee collected. Numerous instances of fee money being spent inappropriately were cited and discussed. Many times it was impossible to track where or for what purpose the money had been used. There seemed to be agreement there were some instances the funds collected were not being used to enhance or maintain recreational facilities for the public as required.

Numerous cases of agencies failing to form a public review committee as required in the law were discussed. Or, many a case where review committees had been formed and they were hand picked or manipulated in a manner to conform with agency direction or control.

Supporters of the user fees referred to internal agency created documents highlighting great success of the fee program. Supporters agreed there were some areas of the law which needed to be revised to overcome obvious agency misuse. It was hard, if not impossible, to cite or quote any instance of complete agreement in this conference. Advocates urgently try to identify common areas of changes or amendments to extend or make permanent the fee law. Proponents advocate for out right repeal of the FLREA.

The current Act will expire in 2014, if not extended by Congress. There were arguments the Act should be repealed now and recreational funding controlled exclusively through Congressional appropriations or other laws.

Commercialization, or concessionaires, are private contractors who contract to run and maintain federal lands and/or campgrounds for a profit. Concessionaires are not subject to any part of the FLREA. They are free to set fees based upon a the concept - what-ever-the-traffic-will-bear. Unlike fees col-

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Calendar of Events

- ❖ General Meeting.....March 14
Fuddruckers
3421 N Eagle Rd, Meridian
- ❖ Chili Run..... February 27
Walters Ferry to Swan Falls
- ❖ General Meeting.....April 11
Fuddruckers
3421 N Eagle Rd, Meridian
- ❖ Glenns Ferry Run.....March 12, 13
Three Island State Park
Glenns Ferry, ID
- ❖ Salmon River Run.....April 14, 15
- ❖ Jet Boat Races.....April 16, 17

fyi...

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation requested and has been given permission to use portions of the WWA Safety Video in their Boat Idaho Classes and their Marine Law Enforcement Training Classes.

Officials at IDPR recently requested a copy of the WWA produced boating safety film. Dave Claycomb, Recreation Resources Bureau Chief and Dave Dahms, Boating Program Manager and Boating Law Administrator reviewed the Video and found the safety film to be "very informative". Their request to use portions of the WWA safety film was granted by WWA President Brian Oakey.

Western Whitewater members can take great pride in their achievement of producing a quality safety film which will now be used to help educate new and experienced boaters throughout Idaho. And to assist in the development of an effective and highly regarded Idaho Marine Law Enforcement Program. "We are honored to be asked to participate," said President Oakey.

fyi...

Taken from Congressman Simpson's News Letter:

Delegation Says Wild Lands Order Circumvents Public, Congress Raises fears DOI actions will hurt local collaboration

Members of Idaho's Congressional Delegation are alarmed by the recent decision of the U.S. Secretary of Interior to order a "new tier of

public land protection" that may circumvent the public, stakeholders and Congress, and could damage collaborative land management. Idaho Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch and Congressmen Mike Simpson and Raúl Labrador wrote Interior Secretary Ken Salazar today, asking him to further explain his Wild Lands directive, which was issued last month as an executive order.

"In a state like Idaho – where two-thirds of the land is owned by the federal government – we have unique insight into the impacts that overly-prescriptive, inflexible land management policies can have on people and communities, as well as local and state government," the Delegation members wrote. "That is why we believe that while increased levels of protection may be warranted for certain lands in certain circumstances, the people and parties that are most impacted must be at the center of the policy-making process."

The Idaho Delegation members said the order by Salazar calling on Bureau of Land Management employees to inventory public lands for "wilderness characteristics" could also place a "substantial burden" on agency workers and divert personnel and agency resources from current projects. They said the order could slow the permitting process for alternative energy projects, such as wind, solar and geothermal energy the nation needs, as well as planning for motorized recreation and grazing.

There are also fears the order will damage the relationship between the agency and those who use the public lands and count on a collaborative process for decision-making by a top-down order like the Wild Lands directive.

"The public land conflicts of the 20th century can only be a thing of the past if we address these matters inclusively and comprehensively," noted Crapo, Risch, Simpson and Labrador. "For these efforts to succeed, the stake-

holders must be able to trust not only each other, but the federal agencies themselves. We are concerned that this policy could threaten that spirit because it conveys the message that no matter how hard and for how long these groups collaborated and worked together, the federal government is still going to find a way to do what it wants if its political objectives are contrary to the locally driven, collaborative solutions that have been forged. Not only will that undermine these parties' faith in government; it will drive them away from the stakeholder table and back into the court room. Lines will be redrawn in the sand, and progress will be squandered. We cannot afford for that to happen."

The Delegation said it wants to work with Salazar and others at the Department of Interior and the BLM on land management decisions. But the lack of transparency in a secretarial order implementing the policy, its effects on existing land planning and the potential for damage to the collaborative process demand further consultation with Congress and the public before the order is implemented further.

fyi...

Email to WWA:

I work in the Recreation section of the Environmental Department for Idaho Power Company. I, along with dozens of other land managing agencies and entities am a member of the Snake River Water Trail Coalition. We are in the process of developing a 206 mile water trail along the Snake River in Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon for people to explore, respect and enjoy. A water trail is a water route that pro-

BANQUET

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quet packages with admission and raffle tickets. This year the banquet is later in the year than what has been customary in the past so as you make plans to renew your membership, also make plans to sign up early for the banquet and get in on some free raffle tickets and discounts.

Early bird Single membership will be \$70.00 and will include membership (of course), a meal, and 15 raffle tickets. Early bird Family Membership will be \$125.00 and include two voting memberships, two banquet meals, and 30 raffle tickets. In order to receive the Early Bird discount, payment for membership and banquet meals need to be purchased by March 5, 2011. As in the past, meal purchases at the door will be higher and not include the bonus raffle tickets so plan ahead for the banquet this year.

In addition to the great times, great food, and great company, the banquet is the opportunity to fund the club and our fun activities for the year. Also some of the excess proceeds from the banquet are used to promote the causes of river access and multiple use of the natural resources we hold dear to our hearts and our sport. The flyer combined with this issue of the Rapids has a membership application and banquet registration form for easy completion and mailing of dues and banquet registration. See you at the banquet!

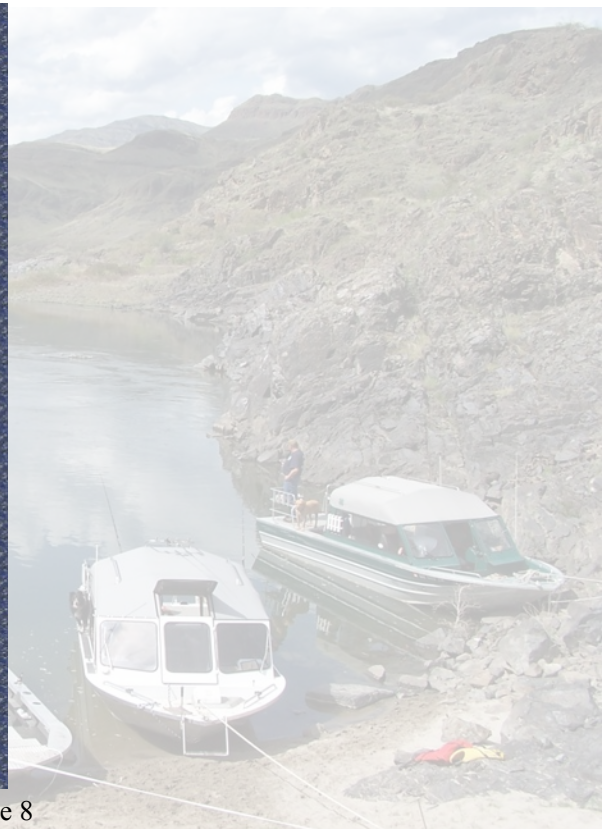
SILVER ROCK AWARD

Did you witness the event? Did you see the bone headed maneuver, (I am sorry, forgive me), I mean the unfortunate mishap that would qualify a WWA member to receive the least sought after award and traveling trophy known as the Silver Rock Award. This award is appropriately named as there most certainly is a rock in some river that now wears with pride, a coat of Silver deposited by your nominee and causing serious damage to the bottom of his pride and joy. This trophy is awarded to the WWA member that found hard water when least expecting it and hopefully in full view of numerous other members for maximum effect. This is a fun award and intended in good humor; most of us have been there to some degree! So tell your story and bring it to the March meeting or email or mail to the following: ashore2shore@shoreshoreaviation, WWA P.O. Box 2922 Boise, Id. 83707. Who is deserving of this year's Silver Rock Award????

JET BOATER OF THE YEAR

I know that you know someone deserving of this most distinguished acknowledgement the Western Whitewater Association hands out each year. Please, please take a few moments and write down your thoughts and reasons the person you have in mind should be named the Jet Boater of the Year for 2010 from the WWA. Bring your nomination letter to the March meeting or send it to Anita @ shore2shore@shoreshoreaviation, or mail to WWA P.O. Box 2922 Boise, Id 83707.

Let's make sure that this contributing member is recognized for his or her efforts throughout the year or cumulatively throughout their years of membership.



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necessary to prompt Mr. "Done" with the comment 'get'r done'.

Pat Brown, our Mr. "Done", is the very quiet, calm, almost motionless Master of our Web-Site. If you don't pay close attention at our meetings, glancing frequently around at the faces, you might never know Mr. "Done" is even in the room. A man of very few words, in fact, "done" is almost the sum-total of his vocabulary. Or, at least it is about the only word I have ever heard him use.

Mr. "Done" is a retired law enforcement official. He retired from the force after many years of faithful

and honorable service. It makes you wonder how with such an abbreviated use of words he ever interrogated a suspect. Perhaps it only required him to say **YOU DONE IT!!** I know it. You know it. So just fess-up and we will be **DONE**.

What a pleasure it is to be associated with such a pleasant and accommodating WWA member.

Thanks Mr. "Done"!



**—WWA MEMBER COMMENTS REQUESTED—
PROPOSED NEW LAW AFFECTS EVERY NEW BOATER 16 YEARS
OR YOUNGER - ANY MOTORIZED VESSEL**

BACKGROUND: Janelle Catlin's family was involved in a fatal boating accident. Janelle's mother-in-law and a brother-in-law were fatalities of that boating accident on the Payette Lake. Very young children were also on the boat at the time of the accident. Janelle says the incident left serious physiological effects that now effect the family's ability to engage in boating activities.

She is seeking changes to Idaho's boating laws so others may never face a similar trauma. Her goal is to amend Chapter 67 Sections 7003 (19) and 7077 (3) of the Idaho Law.

NEW LAW SECTION: Janelle wants a new sub-section added I.C. 7003. Her proposal states, **(19)"Readily accessible" means that personal flotation devices are stowed where they can be easily reached, or out in the open ready to wear. Readily accessible personal flotation devices cannot be in protective coverings, located in storage areas such as under seats, or under lock and key. When aboard a personal watercraft (Jet Ski, Wave Runner, etc.) or being towed by a motorized vessel (Water Ski, Wake Board, Knee Board, Tube etc.) an approved flotation device must be worn to be considered readily accessible."**

NEW LAW SECTION: Janelle suggests a new sub-section added to I.C 7077. It reads, **"No person on or after July 1, 2012, who is sixteen (16) years of age or younger, shall operate on the waters of this state a motorized vessel unless the operator has successfully completed a boating safety education course approved by the state of Idaho and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators or has passed a proctored equivalency examination that tests the knowledge of information included in the curriculum of such a course; and has received a boating safety education course or equivalency examination"; or (4).....**

If you have comments, questions, concerns, or suggestions please contact your Legislator.

Janelle has received indications of support for her changes from Senators John McGee and Jim Hammond. Also, representatives Julie Ellsworth and Cherie Buckner-Webb have expressed their support. Mrs. Catlin can be contacted at janelle.catlin@itd.idaho.gov





River Water Trail Coalition

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vides recreational and educational opportunities for motorized and non-motorized boaters and commercial opportunities for river communities. The trail begins at Three Island State Park in Idaho and ends at Farewell Bend State Park in Oregon. This is a great project to get involved with. Water trails help people discover new perspectives about their waterways and communities and raise awareness of watershed stewardship.

The coalition would like to invite you to join us as a coalition partner or friend of the water trail. I have a packet of information I would love to send you so you can see and share the vision and development information with others in your organization and hopefully attend our monthly planning meetings.

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lected under FLREA, concessionaires are not subject to any Congressional or public review or over-site. Commercialization is considered by Federal agencies to be an entirely internal matter not controlled by or subject to any outside public review.

History is clear; fees, or taxes, set, collected, and spent at the whim of Federal agencies have been a part of American recreation scene since 1996. Congressional changes and extensions have occurred many, many times over the past 15 years always intended to curtail, control, or reign in Federal agencies abuse of the temporary program. After 15 years we are still discussing the same issues, the same abuses, the same misuse of money, the same extralegal application of the law. When will we ever learn? ◀

Message from Bob and Sue Spencer

Sue, I and the kids want to take this moment to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and support during this difficult time. Although it was a time of sadness due to Mom's passing, it was also a time of happiness in the celebration of her life, which we were able to share with our many friends and family. We were very fortunate to spend these past couple of years taking care of her in Boise, which gave us all more time to spend together as a family than we would have when she lived in Baker. We also want to thank you for the card and beautiful flowers. We received a tremendous amount of support from our family, friends, coworkers and the church which really helped comfort all of us through this ordeal.

Many have asked if there is anything that they could do for us or if there is anything that we needed during this time. There is something that you all could do for me. If your mother is still alive, please give her a hug or a call and tell her how much you appreciate her and love her. They already know this, but she'll very much enjoy hearing it since we probably never say it enough. If your mother is no longer a part of this world and she has gone on to heaven, as most mothers do, please say a little prayer for her, as she is probably still watching over you.

Thanks again for all of your support.

God Bless you all,

Bob and Sue Spencer

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Boat maintenance – Do not attempt white water with a known problem

Buddy system

Reading obstacles

Scouting – both directions. Line up landmarks easily visible from the water. Sometimes the way up is not the way down, as in Lower Bernard at some flows, Ludwig at some flows.

Knowing how your boat performs –

Sliding vs. knifing, or nose steering. Practice on flat water.

Aerated water hookup – cavitation

Timely use of power

Weight and balance considerations

Anticipation-

Anticipating current and wind effects on the boat

Anticipating downstream traffic

Anticipating depth changes indicated by color
Focus on where you want to be, not where you're afraid you might end up.

- ❖ Going downstream, surf sideways into heavy water (Chittam, Pete's, Bailey) aiming for the bottom of the trough, with the nose directly over the rocks. When clear, straighten out and power up alongside the wave train. This helps avoid the possibility of taking a large wave over the bow, presents much more floatation to the next wave, keeping you on top, and, when mastered, is very smooth and comfortable. Also highly visually stimulating, your passengers will feel cheated when they don't get thoroughly soaked.
- ❖ Use of power in heavy water. Be smooth; take it easy on both your boat and your passengers. Use no more power than necessary to stay on step and maintain control. Going upstream, let off the power right at the moment the nose would hit a large wave, and then immediately get right back on it to avoid loss of momentum. Easily practiced in Pilgrim.
- ❖ Know who you are following. Unless you personally know them, don't assume that they actually know what they are doing. Give them enough room to make a mistake, while keeping the group leader in view.
- ❖ Stay focused. Don't tolerate distractions, whether babes on the bank or talk-

ative guests. However, do remember to breathe and enjoy yourself.

- ❖ Be prepared to take a little risk, but in a thoughtful way.
- ❖ Know your fatigue limits, and call it a day before you get too tired.

Winter Boating

For icy ramps, take along some sidewalk melt and a shovel, besides chains. At the ramp, chain up the front on a four wheel drive if you only have one set, for steering control. When pulling out, drain the boat and trailer at the bottom of the ramp, instead of adding to the icing problem all the way up the ramp.

Be prepared for frozen steering and reverse cables, as well as frozen water lines. For steering and reverse, have an anchor hooked up, throw it out once you get away from the ramp, and spend 30 minutes with the engine running while the controls thaw out. Do not force them.

Frozen water lines will lead to overheating. In sub-freezing temperatures, keep a hand on the tops of the exhaust elbows. If they start to burn your hand, shut off the engine, close the compartment, and wait for the heat to thaw out the frozen line. Know where the drains are and keep them open in the winter.



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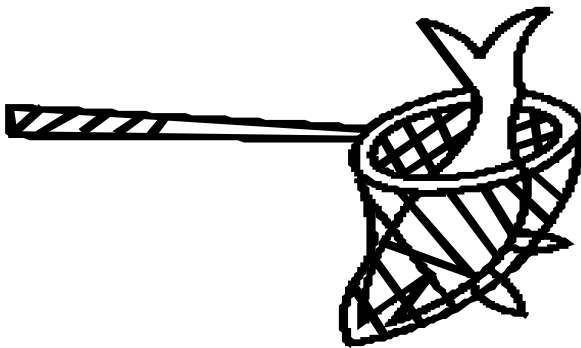
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