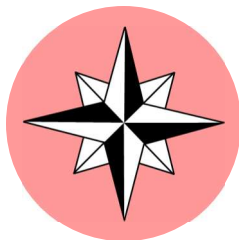


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2015 GLENNS FERRY RUN

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Special points of interest:

- Glenns Ferry Run this year was so much fun. Nice day for this time of year.
- Weed run is coming up in May.
- Salmon River run will be April 16 & 17.
- Riggins jet boat races are April 18 & 19 following the Salmon River Run.

What a great day on the river. This is the first time I can remember this run without gale force winds, rain, or snow. The day started off with making the decision to take most of the boats up to King Hill to launch. The lower section was looking a little boney, though a hand full of boats made the decision to run from Three

Island State Park.

It made for slow launching at King Hill but we made it work. We had north of 20 boats show up and only one boat hit above Castle Rock. He ended up taking on some water but the bilge pumps earned their keep that day and kept it floating. There were rumors that the boat captain was looking at his GPS when the

strike happened but we were unable to confirm these reports. Just remember the rocks don't show up on sonar until they are under the boat and it's too late!!!

The fishing seemed to be good, at least for a couple boats that we saw hooking some nice ones. One boat put on a show by catching three or more while we all watched, in the pull out above pilgrim. The fish must have known it was a party because he jumped up out of the water a few times for a photo op!

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One of the brave ones launching at Glenns Ferry ramp.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

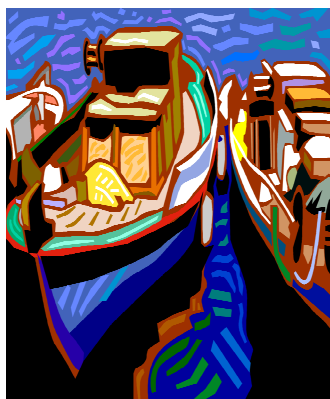
Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter Weekend. Some quality time was spent with grandkids and a great time was had by all from the teens to the toddlers even though the weather wasn't the greatest (some much needed rain). Mostly spent indoors with good food and company.

With the Hells Canyon permit season coming up and getting only a partial of the dates we wanted we will continue to check the website and watch for cancelations. With the increasing number of Jet boaters wanting the spend time in the Wild Hells Canyon It is getting tougher to get any permits that may fit your preferred schedule. So keep checking the permit site. Recreation.gov.

We have several club runs coming up and some of these will be discussed at the next general meeting next Monday at the Shilo Inn Canyon Creek Restaurant in Nampa. There will be people present to answer any

question you may have about the Run. Salmon River Run April 15 and 16th and finishing the weekend with the Jet boat races in Riggins on April 17th thru the 19th.

Skills day is coming in May 15 16 and 17th. Jed Myers is Chairman and will be present at the Meeting to answer any questions. This is a good run for new mem-



bers to be introduced to some smaller rapids and get to see how your boat handles in some current. If you're not comfortable

with running your boat you can ride along with some experienced pilots who are more than happy to give you a few pointers. The fishing should be excellent. The club will provide dinner on one evening. Bring your camper or tent and spend some time with a few members.

President

Randy Clagg

SALMON RIVER RUN

This is the WWA's annual adventure up the Salmon River into the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The event is held on the Thursday and Friday April 16 & 17 this year. Camping and launching is at Spring Bar campground 14 miles east of Riggins, Idaho. Thursday is set aside as a practice day, Friday is the "official" run date. Friday night features the Dutch Oven Dessert Extravaganza, where participants demonstrate their prowess with a "Dutch". This run is always a popular event and presents a wonderful opportunity to experience exciting whitewater, breath-taking scenery, and not-often-seen wildlife.

This is the longest and arguably the most technical run on WWA's annual schedule. Participants travel 40 miles up river and climb five Class III+ rapids and dozens of smaller ones.

If you are considering going on this run, I encourage you to attend the General Meeting, April 13 at the Canyon Creek Restaurant in Nampa, ID.

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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 volun-**

teers 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 s, and pastries) with cof-

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Slow launching
at King Hill but
we made it
work.

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As always, after the run we cooked dinner back at Three Island Park, with $\frac{3}{4}$ rib eyes supplied by the club. There were some great sides as well, and as always the Dutch oven dishes were a hit. We had a little scare of a rain shower but it quickly passed and turned into a very pleasant evening of cooking, eating and telling boat stories.

We cooked over 50 steaks to order including the one over



done piece of shoe leather that my dog would leave in the dirt for Chuck Ceccarelli, but everyone got it the way they wanted.

If you have not been to this run or it has been a while make sure you come next year. It's one of my favorites. It is one of the lower stress runs, the people and food are great, and it's pretty darn close to home for most of us.

Chad Colton



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fee 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.



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Idaho Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)

<http://www.idahopower.com/h2o/idastream.cfm>

Riverflow Information:

<http://www.idwr.state.id.us/planpol/techserv/flows.htm>

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Salmon River Reservations: Slate Creek Ranger Station: 208-839-2211

Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations: Reservations must be made online. <https://www.recreation.gov/>

River & Reservoir Levels: Bureau of Reclamation: 208-334-9134

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only) 208-388-2255

Calendar of Events

April 13, 2015: General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa ID

April 16, 17, 2015: Salmon River Run

April 30, May 1 & 2: Weed Run, Salmon River

May: Payette river run (day to be determined. Depends on water flow)

May Skills Day (Day and site to be determined)

September 12, 2015: Confluence Run

October 24, 2015: Hammer Creek Fishing Day

General membership meeting: Second Monday of the month at Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa ID