

**December
2010**

RAPIDS



Happy Holidays

Elections

General elections will be held December 13. Please plan to attend. We need your vote.

We will be electing a Vice President, who will be our President in the year 2013. Also, we will be electing a Secretary, a Treasurer and three new board members.

Another thing that needs to be determined, Anita has decided she cannot continue to do the newsletter. We need someone to take over doing the Rapids.

The WWA needs the support of all our members. In the event you cannot attend this meeting, consider giving your proxy to someone who will be there.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- General Meeting/Elections December 13
Fuddruckers 3421 N Eagle Rd Meridian
- Merry Christmas December 25
- New Years Day Run January 1, 2011
Walters Ferry to Swan Falls
- Board Meeting January 3, 2011
Fuddruckers 3421 N Eagle Rd Meridian
- General Meeting January 10, 2011
Fuddruckers 3421 N Eagle Rd Meridian
- General Meeting February 14, 2011
Fuddruckers 3421 N Eagle Rd Meridian
- Chili Run February 27, 2011
Walters Ferry to Swan Falls



President's Message

December 2010 Rapids

The end of my term as President quickly approaches. As I reflect back over the past twelve months, I am amazed recalling how members responded on short notice to fill in the gaps. Both as officers serving to manage the business affairs of our organization and volunteers who put together some of the best social events ever. After a highly unusual beginning things settled down rather quickly. The newly elected officers and committee members faced each succeeding challenge with spirit and determination. I have seen this reaction so many times since I joined the WWA, I was not surprised. Thanks everyone!!!

I wanted to spend some time in my final message as President to talk about some challenges we faced and remind you they have not ended. There

is just a pause in the battles. If you care about access to rivers, campgrounds, trails and in general just the freedom to enjoy the use of our public lands and waters then you need to actively support your association.

Our first challenge came quickly when a proposed legislative act attempted to reclassify the lower Salmon River as "Wild and Scenic". The Legislative Committee immediately became involved and subsequently recommended to the Board of Directors the WWA take an official position opposing this classification of the lower 110 miles of the Main Salmon River. The Board of Directors adopted and published an official resolution in opposition. Subsequently several public meetings were held in North Idaho and the WWA participated in each of these meetings. Also, WWA officials met with all of the concerned Idaho Congressional Members and advanced their opposition to reclassification under the Wild and Scenic Act. Governor Otter expressed opposition and eventually the proposed legislation was dropped. However, this should not be considered the end to possible reclassification. Supporters of legislation to reclassify our rivers as wild and scenic have strongly expressed their effort to continue the fight. The WWA needs to remain vigilant.

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I want to express a few more personal observations about the title "Wild and Scenic". If you think the term means there is going to be protection of the values of the area you had better think again. Federal Agencies work hard to circumvent laws that were designed primarily to protect and preserve rivers for the use of the public. I am not referring to some of the local employees of these Agencies. For the most part we have some of the best Federal people locally who share the same views you and I do. But they don't get to call the shots. Politically motivated individuals, mostly in Washington D.C., make the decisions. Idaho residents, the primary users of these resources, have very little impact in the decision process. The term "Wild and Scenic" for the most part is just a marketing tool and a method whereby the Federal government can control and manipulate the resource for special interests.

If you want a better example of how Federal Agencies manipulate laws to achieve their goals you need look no farther than the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA). This Act was intended to allow Federal Agencies to collect additional funds - over and above their regular appropriations - to catch-up on what they said was a multi-million backlog of maintenance. Congress gave them the authority to access fees in certain areas but only when specific amenities were provided and used by the public. The Forest Service, for example, adopted regulation that far exceeded any authority extended to them in the FLREA. Several court cases resulted in the FS being reprimanded by the courts for their failure to adhere

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Merry Christmas



Nothing better.

See you on the RIVER!

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to the confines of the Act. For the most part those admonishments have fallen on deaf ears.

Here is how the FLREA is going to shake out over the next few years. A prior Senate Bill (SB-868), which would have repealed FLREA, will expire 12-31-10, the end of the 111th Congress. It must now be reintroduced. The expiring Bill had bipartisan support and will, I am sure, be reintroduced. Perhaps not as a re-peal, but more likely a bill to amend the Act. FLREA has a sunset clause and will expire in 2014 so it is going to come up soon. The WWA needs to stay active in the struggle to

assure language in new legislation will be even more specific and restrictive in its application. It needs to be specific in exactly how funds that are collected can be used. We should remain diligent and work to assure language in the new law will tightly control what and how the Federal Agencies can implement a new law.

Make a New Year Resolution to become active with the WWA. The previous Board of Directors has already taken a big step forward when they decided to associate with the Western Slope No-Fee Coalition to introduce new legislation.

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Elections for the Western White-water Association (WWA) will be held at the Regular December meeting, December 13., 2010. The meeting will take place as usual, at Fuddruckers, 3421 N Eagle Rd, Meridian Idaho. We will be electing a new Vice President (who will be the President in 2013), a Secretary, a Treasurer and three Board Members. Board members are elected for a two year term. If you have someone you would like to nominate, or if you would like to run, please contact either Rich Vaughn, phone # 208-890-4587 or Anita Shore phone # 208-454-1669. Please plan to attend. Remember, your vote counts.

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