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## **Second Batch of John Day River Permits Available May 1**

*Prineville, Ore.* — The Prineville Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is making the remaining half of the John Day River launch permits available on-line May 1 at 7 a.m. for the primary boating season of May 20 to July 10, 2011. To get a boater permit, go to: [www.johndayboaterpermit.com](http://www.johndayboaterpermit.com).

Launch permits are being released in two batches to accommodate both long-range and short-range planners. The first batch was released on March 1 and the second batch will be released at 7 a.m. on May 1. Additional launch permits may become available closer to trip dates if 1) a trip leader cancels a permit in exchange for another trip date, or 2) a permit is not confirmed by the confirmation deadline, seven days prior to their trip date. All users will have equal access to available permits through the on-line system, on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be no fee charged for permits in 2011.

Each group planning a trip between May 20 and July 10 within Segment 2 (Clarno to Cottonwood) or Segment 3 (Service Creek to Clarno) is required to obtain a permit— in advance— for both day and overnight trips. Only one launch permit is needed per group, with a maximum group size of 16 persons; there is no limit on the number of watercraft. The launch limits are designed to reduce crowding on the John Day Wild & Scenic River and ensure that overnight boating groups are able to find a suitable campsite on public land each night of their trip.

Boaters with questions about how to obtain a launch permit should contact the BLM at [JDRiverStudy@blm.gov](mailto:JDRiverStudy@blm.gov) or call 541-416-6700. Additional information about the Prineville District is available at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville>

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