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Dear Rogue River Party Leader:

Please read this letter carefully. It contains important confirmation and check-in requirements and deadlines.

Congratulations! You have been awarded a Rogue River Noncommercial Float Permit for the 2009 regulated use season. This permit authorizes only a noncommercial trip, where there is a bona fide sharing of expenses that affords no party member(s) a financial gain in the form of cash, goods, services, or the amortization of equipment.

Special Note: Bear Camp Coastal Route is the popular shuttle route between Galice and Foster Bar. Bear Camp Coastal Route may be closed due to snow and/or road damage. Check at Smullin Visitor Center at Rand, (541) 479-3735, before driving this route.

New Route Names: The **primary Bear Camp Coastal Route** includes the Peavine/Serpentine Springs Route and Bear Camp Road. The **secondary Bear Camp Coastal Route** includes the Galice Access Road and the Bear Camp Road.

1. Bear Camp Coastal Route is **narrowed** to twelve feet wide, due to storm damage, near milepost 37 west of Galice. Motor home and camp trailer traffic is **NOT ADVISED**.
2. Galice Access Road is **closed** November 5 through May 31, due to a recurring landslide, near milepost 5 west of Galice.

How to Confirm Your Noncommercial Permit

Enclosed with this letter is your confirmation sheet. The launch date is in the upper left corner under "LD" and the party size is under "PS." Please list the legal names and street (home) addresses (no PO Boxes) of each party member up to the total party size you were awarded. Return the completed confirmation sheet and the **nonrefundable permit fee of \$10.00 for each person to the Smullin Visitor Center**, 14335 Galice Road, Merlin, OR 97532. Confirmations will be accepted by fax, by mail, or in person. The total fee must be received at the time of confirmation. Payments may be made by personal check, cashier's check, money order, or credit card. **Make checks payable to: USDI-BLM. Do not send cash.**

Deadline is 3 p.m. on your confirmation deadline day! Confirmations arriving after 3 p.m. will not be accepted. The confirmation sheet and fee must arrive at Smullin Visitor Center by **3 p.m.** on the confirmation deadline, which is no later than 10 days before, but not including, the date of launch. To determine your confirmation deadline, count back 10 days from your permitted launch date, beginning with the day before your launch date as Day #1. For example, the confirmation deadline for a June 12 launch is June 2, at 3 p.m. You may confirm your permit as early as you wish, but **the visitor center must receive the confirmation sheet and fees by 3 p.m. on the confirmation deadline.** The postmark will not qualify for meeting the deadline.

The Party Leader or Alternate Party Leader, if a valid alternate was named at the time you obtained your permit, is responsible for submitting the confirmation sheet and total fees. If your enclosed confirmation sheet does not have an Alternate Party Leader listed, you did not designate an alternate at the time you applied for a permit, or the alternate you designated was not deemed valid. In either case, it is too late to designate an alternate.

If you confirm fewer party members than you were awarded on your permit, the smaller number will become your official party size and any openings created by the difference may be reallocated. Any permits not confirmed by the deadline will become invalid and may be reallocated. The only penalty associated with not confirming on time, is the loss of your permit for that launch date. **The confirmation deadline will be strictly enforced. There are no exceptions.**

Picking Up Your Noncommercial Permit

1. **The permit will be issued only on the day of the launch** at the Smullin Visitor Center at Rand. The visitor center is open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
2. **The Party Leader must be at least 18 years old**, on or before the launch date.
3. **Only the Party Leader or valid Alternate Party Leader may pick up the permit.** If the Party Leader cannot pick up the permit and there is no valid Alternate Party Leader, the permit will be canceled. The permit will not be transferred to anyone else.
4. **The check-in deadline is 2:00 p.m. on the date of the launch.** If you fail to check in by 2:00 p.m., your permit may be reallocated unless you notify the visitor center before 2:00 p.m. that you will be there between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you call and fail to pick up your permit by 3:00 p.m., you will lose your permit, and you may not launch.

Four Items You Must Present To Check-in

The permit will NOT be issued if you fail to present any one of these items in their entirety.

1. **Picture identification** (such as a valid driver's license) must be presented by the Party Leader or valid Alternate Party Leader to be issued a permit.
2. Party Leader or Alternate must provide the **legal names and current physical (home) address for each party member**.
 1. Party Leader or Alternate must provide **all of your party's boat information**. Report **a) type of boats** (e.g., raft, kayak, drift boat, etc.), **b) the boat colors**, and **c) the total number of boat(s)**. A boat identification tag will be issued for each craft in your party. If you are renting boats, ask the supplier to guarantee the colors of boat(s) being rented. Also get the boat information from **all** your party members **before** checking-in at Rand.
3. **You must present your toilet(s) for inspection when you check-in at Rand before a permit will be issued.** See "River Use Guidelines" below for portable toilet information.

No-Show Penalty

If the confirmed Party Leader or valid Alternate Party Leader fails to check-in and utilize their permit on the date of the launch, that person will be recorded as a "no-show" and may not be named as a Party Leader or Alternate Party Leader on a Rogue River float permit for the rest of the year and continuing through the following year's lottery and regulated use season. **Cancellation deadline is 3 p.m. the day before your launch! If you have to cancel your trip, you may call, fax, or e-mail the Smullin Visitor Center, up to 3 p.m. the day before your launch date to avoid this penalty.**

Important Reminder

The permitted group must have all float craft and party members below Grave Creek Falls by midnight on the permitted launch date. If needed, a permitted group may split into two groups for separate launches only. If the group launches at separate times both subgroups must have an official copy of the permit and a toilet in their possession. A second official copy of the permit must be requested by the party leader at Rand during check-in. This is for launching separately only, both subgroups must camp together.

PERMIT CONDITIONS OF USE

The following Conditions of Use are listed on the back of the permit, which is issued on the day of launch at Rand, and must be followed by all party members. The Party Leader will sign the permit agreeing "...to conduct their trip in compliance with these Conditions of Use...". Updates in red.

1. Your signature as party leader affirms that the following conditions for a noncommercial permit have been met:
 - a. There is a bona fide sharing of expenses.
 - b. There are no fees collected in excess of the actual cost of the trip.
 - c. There is no financial gain by any member of the group.
 - d. No salary is directed from shared expenses of the trip.
 - e. No charge is collected for use of the equipment.
2. Party leader must: a) accompany the float craft on the entire river trip, b) carry this permit and display upon request of any authorized official and c) camp with the entire permitted group and have their float craft docked at the same campsite.
3. All open fires within 400 feet of the river must be contained in a firepan. All garbage and fire residue (ashes, charcoal) must be hauled out. A fire ring may not be used. Scavenged wood must be both dead and down.
4. Use of motors for propelling boats is not allowed between Grave Creek and Blossom Bar.
5. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFD's) must be properly fitted and be readily accessible for each party member. Children 12 years and under must wear PFD's at all times. PFD's must be worn in class III rapids or greater by each person.
6. The current use permit identification number (boat tag) must be visibly displayed on the bow. All other boat tags must be removed or placed four feet or more away from the bow.
7. This permit is valid only for the permitted launch date listed on the front. The permitted group must have all float craft and party members below Grave Creek Falls by midnight on the permitted launch date. A trip may not exceed 7 days, including the permitted launch date. Permitted launches or ingress will be at Grave Creek boat ramp or above, and departures or egress will be at Foster Bar boat ramp or below.
8. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Small parties should use small sites and leave large sites available for large parties. If you are a small party camping at a large site, you are expected to share the site with another party when asked.
9. An approved toilet system must be carried and available for inspection while on the river. The toilet must be set-up immediately and made available for use by all party members when stopping for any reason, for more than an hour, at a location without a government provided toilet. Disposal of solid human waste in other than an approved toilet system, or government provided toilet is prohibited.
10. Discharging of firearms or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property is prohibited from BLM administered land or waters from June 1 to September 15. Discharging of firearms or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property: a) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite or occupied area, b) across or on a body of water adjacent thereto, or c) in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage is prohibited from Forest Service administered land or waters and from September 16 to May 31 from BLM administered land or waters.
11. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device is prohibited.
12. Disturbing, removing, or damaging any natural feature or artifact is prohibited.
13. Individuals must comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, postings or written requirements applicable to the area.
14. If a party is found in noncompliance with any of the "Conditions of Use," the party leader will not be allowed to control a permit the rest of this year and all of next year, including the lottery.

River Use Guidelines

As your group's party leader, encourage Leave No Trace practices to keep the river in its natural condition for all to enjoy.

1. **FIREPANS** are required year-round for all campfires built within 400 feet of the river. Pack-out all fire debris. Check with the visitor center for current fire restrictions before your trip.
2. **PORTABLE TOILETS** must be waterproof and reusable. **Plastic bag liners are not acceptable**, with the exception of the following approved solid human waste pouches; WAG Bags and RESTOP 2 bags. Used bags must be packed-out along with all other garbage. Portable toilets with snap-on lids, such as ammo cans or plastic buckets, are required to have a rubber gasket on the lid. **Portable RV-type toilets are not acceptable**. Your toilet system must be large enough to accommodate your entire party for the entire length of your trip, including lodge and self-support kayak trips. To calculate the volume required for your group size, use one pint per person per day. For example, a group of 10 people on a 4 day trip requires 40 uses/pints, at 8 pints per gallon; the group needs 5 gallons of toilet capacity. WAG bags and RESTOP 2's are calculated at 4 uses per bag, so the group needs 10 bags. The total toilet capacity must be presented at the visitor center during check-in. **Portable toilets must be setup immediately when stopping for more than one hour for any reason at a location without a government-provided toilet.**
3. There is a **SCAT MACHINE** at Foster Bar to sanitize your portable toilet and dispose of human waste properly. The cost is \$1.00 per cleaning. Please no garbage, fire pan debris, baby wipes, or feminine hygiene products in your portable toilet as they cause SCAT machine breakdowns. It is illegal to dispose of human waste in landfills, so please don't put human waste into the trash, except for approved bag systems in item two above.
4. **BEARS** can be a problem on the Wild Rogue. Electric fences have been installed in areas of bear trouble to help safeguard your food and garbage. **Don't feed the bears!** Report aggressive bear behavior on the Bear Observation Form and leave the form in the drop box at Foster Bar. **Leave the bear fences ON**, including when you are done camping and are leaving the campsite. Keep a clean camp and take food scraps and grease with you when you leave. You can borrow a portable electric fence from the visitor center for your trip, available first come – first served only. You are required to return the fence upon completion of your trip.

Smullin Visitor Center Hours

April 1-3, 6 and 7 (Wednesday - Friday, Monday and Tuesday) visitor center staff will answer the phone from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to issue available permits on a first-call, first-serve basis by telephone only.

April 8 through May 4 phone messages will be monitored and calls will be answered within a few days.

May 5 through October 15 the visitor center will be open 7 days a week and permit holders may **check-in** between **7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** and the permit **phone** will be answered from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

For more information or clarification call the visitor center at (541) 479-3735.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alan Vandiver

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