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Dear Rogue River Party Leader:

Congratulations! You have been awarded a Rogue River Noncommercial Float Permit for the 2008 regulated use season. **Please read this letter carefully.** It contains important confirmation and check-in requirements and deadlines. This permit authorizes only a noncommercial trip, where there is not more than 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.

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.**

New time 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 the openings created by the difference will be reallocated through the pool system. Any permits not confirmed by the deadline will become invalid and will 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

- **The permit will be issued only on the day of the launch** at the Smullin Visitor Center at Rand.
- **The Party Leader must be at least 18 years old**, on or before the launch date.
- **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. It may not be transferred to anyone else.
- **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 will be lost 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:

Failure to present any one of these items in their entirety will result in no permit being issued.

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 have the **legal names and current physical (home) address for each party member.**
3. Party Leader or Alternate must have **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 boats.** A boat identification tag will be issued for each craft in your party.
4. **You must present your toilet 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.

New time 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.

New Information and Important Reminders

- Both the confirmation and cancellation deadlines have been moved up from midnight to 3 p.m. Confirmations and cancellations received after 3 p.m. on the date due will not be accepted.
- The Bear Camp *access road* is periodically blocked by slides at milepost 5 above Galice. The Peavine/Serpentine Springs Road is the primary route of travel to access the main Bear Camp road between Galice and Foster Bar.
- You must list both color and type of all float craft when checking in to pick up your permit. 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.
- The permitted group must have all float craft and party members below Grave Creek Falls by midnight on the permitted launch date. If the group launches at separate times the subgroup must have an official copy of the permit in their possession. The official copy must be requested by the party leader at Rand during check in, and is limited to one only.

River Use Guidelines

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

- **Firepans** are required year-round for all fires and charcoal built within 400 feet of the river. Pack-out all fire debris. Check with the visitor center for current fire restrictions before your trip.
- **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 when stopping for more than one hour for any reason at a location without a government-provided toilet.**
- 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 previous paragraph.
- **Electric fences** have been installed in areas of bear trouble to help safeguard your food and garbage. 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.

Visitor Center Hours

April 1-4, Tuesday through Friday, the visitor center will answer phones from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to issue available permits on a first-call, first-serve basis by telephone only. The rest of April we will be open intermittently. During our intermittent hours, the phone message machine will be monitored and calls will be answered within a few days. From **May 5**, through **October 15**, we 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 of the confirmation process, check-in procedures, or other permit requirements, please call Smullin Visitor Center at Rand at (541) 479-3735.

Sincerely,

/s/ Abbie Jossie

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