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## John Day River Boater Fee goes into Effect

**Central Oregon** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Prineville District Office District has added a new boater special recreation permit fee (SRP) for the Wild and Scenic sections of the John Day River between Service Creek (River Mile 157) and Tumwater Falls (River Mile 10). The non-refundable launch fee applies to day and overnight trips (floats) from May 20–July 10 each year. The fee is \$20 per overnight trip per group or \$10 per day-use trip per group. The fee is due when a permit reservation is made and will apply for the 2014 season.

Launch permits are required for all segments of the river and the number of permits will not be limited in 2014. Permits and information about setting up a user profile are available on the Prineville BLM's website at <https://www.blm.gov/or/permit/index.php>.

The launch permit and fee are not required when boating a distance of less than 100 yards upstream or downstream of the launch point, or to cross the river to the opposite bank. For short, day trips taking place completely within the Priest Hole Recreation Site (one mile between River mile 136.5 and 137.5), free, self-issue paper permits are unlimited and may be obtained at Priest Hole.

All fees collected will be used directly on the river to help keep launch sites and river campsites clean, as well as providing additional maintenance such as garbage dumpsters, improvements to boat launches, and increased funding to protect and enhance the outstanding remarkable fish habitat and recreation values of the Wild and Scenic River through monitoring, cleanup and safety.

The BLM added the fee after considering existing funding and current river conditions, and hearing from members of the public, guides and outfitters and other groups such as the John Day – Snake Resource Advisory Council. The use of SRPs is authorized by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. The fees are developed to ensure that people receive a fair and equitable return for the use of facilities while enjoying public lands.

For more information about the John Day River or the permitting process, please contact the Prineville BLM at (541) 416-6700 or visit our website <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/johnday/>.

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