



OREGON

BOATING REQUIREMENTS

(Wallowa and Grande Ronde Rivers)



All boats downstream of Minam or Palmer Junction must have the following:

- ✓ **River Permits:** every boater or boating group must obtain a Self-Issue River Permit prior to launch, available at most public river access points. Permits are free, self-issued, and do not restrict number of trips or limit trip itineraries. *(Note: commercial outfitters and guides need to obtain a Special Recreation Permit. Call the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at 541-523-1256 for more information.)*
- ✓ **Oregon Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit:** required for all watercraft 10 feet or longer. Permits for non-motorized boats are transferable. Permits cost \$7 and may be purchased at Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife license agents or online. For motorized boats, the permit is automatically included with boat registration in Oregon.
- ✓ **Portable Toilet:** a portable, containerized toilet shall be carried and used. No person shall leave, deposit, or scatter human waste, toilet paper, or items used as toilet paper, on the ground. Portable toilets shall only be dumped at facilities developed and identified especially for that purpose.
- ✓ **Fire Pan/Fire Blanket:** when not prohibited, fire shall be contained in a fireproof container with sides of a height sufficient to contain all ash and debris, and all ash and unburned debris removed from the river corridor.
- ✓ **Life Jackets:** One U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III wearable personal flotation device (PFD) of suitable size for each person on board. PFD's must be kept readily accessible, and
 - Children 12 and under **must wear** PFD's while boats are underway;
 - All boaters operating in Class III or higher white water rapids **must wear** an approved U.S. Coast Guard Type I or III PFD, or Type V PFD that is suitable for use on whitewater rivers;
 - One Type IV throwable device is also required for boats 16 feet and longer, except canoes and kayaks.
- ✓ **Sound signaling device,** such as a whistle or compressed air horn
- ✓ **Lantern or flashlight** showing white light (between sunset and sunrise, and during periods of restricted visibility)

In addition to the above, all *motorized* boats downstream of Minam or Palmer Junction must have the following:

Note: Motorized watercraft is prohibited in Oregon on the Grande Ronde River between Sheep Creek (river mile 80) and the Oregon-Washington state line (river mile 38.5)

- ✓ Boater Education Cards: required of all boaters when operating powerboats (or any motorized watercraft) greater than 10 hp
- ✓ One B-I type approved fire extinguisher when no fixed fire extinguishing system is installed in machinery space(s). (Fire extinguishers are not required on outboard motorboats less than 26 feet in length and of open construction, unless the boat has a built-in fuel tank.) No B-I type extinguisher is required if an approved fixed fire extinguishing system is installed in machinery space(s).
- ✓ An approved carburetor backfire flame arrestor for inboard motors not exposed to the atmosphere above the gunwale
- ✓ An effective muffling system for the exhaust of each internal combustion engine
- ✓ A ventilation system, the particular type dependent upon when the boat was built
- ✓ Lights (required only when underway or at anchor between sunset and sunrise, and during periods of restricted visibility)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

BLM River Station at Minam (541-437-5580) or visit: www.rivers.gov
Oregon State Marine Board Website: www.boatoregon.com