

NONCOMMERCIAL PERMIT CONDITIONS OF USE

The following “Conditions of Use” are listed on the back of the noncommercial float permit. This permit is issued on the launch day at the Smullin Visitor Center. These conditions must be followed by all party members and the party leader signs the permit agreeing to conduct their trip in compliance with these conditions. Updates to the 2016 conditions are printed in **bold type**.

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 trip expenses.
 - 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 or lodge at night on the entire river trip.
3. When campfires are allowed, all open fires within 400 feet of the river must be contained in a fire pan. 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. Use of motors for propelling boats between the holding pool at the bottom of Blossom Bar rapid and Watson Creek requires a separate “U.S. Forest Service Private Motorboat Permit,” which can be obtained by **contacting the Gold Beach Ranger District at 541-247-3600 or visiting their office at 29279 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach, OR 97444.**
5. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) must be properly fitted and be readily accessible for each party member. Children 12 years and under must wear PFDs at all times. PFDs must be worn in class III rapids or greater by each person, regardless of age.
6. The current use permit identification number (craft 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. Each permitted group or subgroup must have an approved Human Waste Removal System (HWRS). The HWRS must be watertight and readily available for use or show throughout the day. The HWRS must be set-up within 30 minutes of arriving at camp except for those locations described in the Portable Toilet Guide. The HWRS must be a dedicated system and cannot be used to store supplies. Disposal of solid human waste in other than an approved HWRS or government outhouse is prohibited.
10. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device is prohibited.
11. Disturbing, removing, or damaging any natural or historical feature or artifact is prohibited.
12. The following is prohibited: Discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property (1) from June 1 to September 15 from the land or waters between Grave Creek and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest boundary at Marial, or (2) at any time within 150 yards of a residence, building, developed or undeveloped recreation site, or occupied area, or (3) at any time across or on any body of water whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damages as a result of such discharge.
13. Abandoning personal property is prohibited.
14. It is unlawful to habituate bears and other wildlife.
15. 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 for the rest of this year, continuing through the following year’s regulated use season.

Note: In addition to the Prohibited Acts (pursuant to Title 43 CFR 8351.2-1 [Vol. 57, No. 110, Monday, June 8, 1992, OR-110-6310-11-257A: G2-268], Title 43 CFR 8365, Title 36 CFR 261.50 sub part B, Title 36 CFR 261.4, 261.9, 261.10 (d)(e), 261.11(b)(c), and ORS 496.731) individuals must comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, postings or written requirements applicable to the area.