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**Dear Rogue River Party Leader:**

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

Congratulations! You have been awarded a Rogue River Noncommercial Float Permit for the 2013 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.

#### **How to Confirm Your Noncommercial Permit**

Your confirmation sheet is enclosed with this letter. 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 (not Post Office 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, 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.** Cash payments should only be made in-person. Acceptance of foreign currency, checks and other negotiable instruments not payable in U.S. currency is prohibited.

**The 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 no later than 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 is not transferrable 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 Needed at 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.**
3. Party Leader or Alternate must provide **all of your party's craft information.** Report **a) type of craft** (e.g., raft, kayak, drift boat, canoe, SUP, inner tube), **b) the craft colors**, and **c) the total number of craft(s).** A craft identification tag will be issued for each craft in your party. If you are renting craft, ask the supplier to guarantee the colors of craft being rented. Also get the craft information from **all** your party members **before** checking in at Rand.
4. **You must present your human waste removal system (HWRS) for inspection when you check in at Rand before a permit will be issued.** See "River Use Guidelines" below for more HWRS 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 penalized 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. The **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.**

### Launch and Split Groups

The permitted group must have all float craft and party members below Grave Creek Falls by midnight on the permitted launch date. The only time a permitted group may split into two smaller groups is for the launch and during the day. When the party is split into two smaller groups, each subgroup must have an official copy of the permit and a human waste removal system, with the appropriate capacity, in their possession. All party members of the permitted group must stay together at one camp or lodge each night.

### 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 day of launch at Rand. The "Conditions of Use" must be followed by all party members. The Party Leader will sign the permit agreeing "...to conduct their trip in compliance with these Conditions ..." **2013 updates in bold.**

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 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 permit, a "U.S. Forest Service Private Motorboat Permit," which can be obtained at Cougar Lane **Store in Agness**.
  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, 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 when 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 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 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. **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 and Title 36 CFR 261.10(d))** 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. Here are the main guidelines to keep in mind:

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. **Human Waste Removal System (HWRS):** Wild Rogue boaters are required to have an approved HWRS and to use either a government provided outhouse or an approved HWRS to dispose of all solid human waste in the river canyon, year round.

An approved HWRS must be watertight and readily available for use or show throughout the day. HWRS must be set-up within 30 minutes when 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.

Set-up means the HWRS must be out of the boat, easily accessible for everyone in the group, and away from the central camp area. The HWRS must be large enough to accommodate the entire group for the entire length of the trip, including lodge and self-support kayak trips.

**Plastic bag liners are not acceptable**, with the exception of the following approved solid human waste pouches; Cleanwaste WAG bags and RESTOP 2 bags. Used bags must be packed-out in an approved watertight container. HWRS with snap-on lids, such as ammo cans, are required to have a rubber gasket on the lid. Snap-on lids are no longer acceptable with the bucket type removal systems, with some pre-approved exceptions. Buckets are acceptable but must have a lid that is easy to remove and replace on the bucket. **Portable RV-type toilets are not acceptable.**

If a group is split up during the day, each subgroup must have a HWRS with the required capacity for the number of people in that subgroup. To calculate the volume required for your group size, use one pint per person per day or for bag systems use one use 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 storage capacity. Cleanwaste WAG bags and RESTOP 2 bags are calculated at 4 uses per bag. In the example of 10 people on a 4-day trip, the formula would be 40 uses divided by 4 uses per bag; the group needs 10 bags and 5 gallons of storage capacity to store the used bags. The total HWRS capacity must be presented at the visitor center during check-in.

3. A **SCAT Machine** is available at Foster Bar, May 15 through October 15, for cleaning your HWRS. The cost is \$1.00 per cleaning. If your toilet is not the correct size or dimension for SCAT Machine use, you will need the required parts to legally dump at an RV dump station. Please use toilet paper **ONLY** in your HWRS. Do not put trash, baby wipes, paper towels, diapers, feminine hygiene products and solid human waste pouches into the SCAT Machine. They cause the SCAT Machine to break down. It is illegal to dispose of human waste in landfills, so please don't put human waste into the trash, except for the approved bag systems cited in item 2 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 and CLOSED**, 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.
5. **Oregon requires an Invasive Species Permit for all boats ten feet long or longer.** You can purchase an Invasive Species Permit for \$7.00 online and at the same businesses that sell fishing licenses. Here's what you can do to prevent spreading aquatic nuisance species.

**CLEAN** all aquatic plants, animals and mud from your boat, motor or trailer and discard in the trash.

Rinse, scrub or pressure wash, as appropriate away from storm drains, ditches or waterways. Lawns, gravel pads, or self-serve car washes are best.

**DRAIN** your motor, live well, bilge and internal compartments **on land before leaving** the water body. For paddle boats, drain by inverting or tilting the craft, opening compartments and removing seats if necessary. Rinse or flush under flooring, at inflation chamber joints or other areas that can trap mud and debris.

**DRY** your boat between uses if possible. Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water. Find a place that will allow the anchor line to dry.

**Empty** your bait bucket **on land** before leaving the waterbody.

**For more information check out**

[http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Clean/AISPP\\_Main\\_New.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Clean/AISPP_Main_New.shtml)

**Shuttle Routes:** 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 with the Smullin Visitor Center at Rand, (541) 479-3735, before driving this route.

The Galice Access Road, part of the Bear Camp Coastal Route, is **closed** November 5 through May 31, due to a recurring landslide, near milepost 5 west of Galice.

#### **Smullin Visitor Center Hours**

**April 1 - 5** (Monday - Friday) 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 6 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.** The permit phone will be answered from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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

Sincerely,




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Allen Bollschweiler  
Field Manager  
Grants Pass Resource Area  
Bureau of Land Management




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William B. Blackwell, Jr.  
Acting District Ranger  
Gold Beach Ranger District  
U.S. Forest Service

Enclosure  
Confirmation sheet

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY – Permit Information Box								
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### Rogue River Noncommercial Trip Confirmation Sheet

Type or print complete legal names and street (home) addresses of all party members. Changes to party members (not Party Leader) may be made at check-in. Enclose a **nonrefundable \$10.00 processing fee** for each party member. **Make checks payable to USDI-BLM. Do not send cash. This confirmation sheet and fee must arrive at the Smullin Visitor Center by 3:00 p.m. no later than ten days before your permitted launch date or your permit will be canceled.**

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Street Addresses Only. No PO Box's

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