Riggins SCAT Machine CLOSED till fall 2019

New SCAT machine available in fall 2019!

What is a SCAT Machine?
The SCAT Machine is a portable toilet dumping station designed for waste disposal at river take-out points. The system provides a user friendly, sanitary means to properly dispose of human waste. All river users, including jet boat and float boat users are required to carry out all human waste (fecal) in an improved human waste carryout system and dispose of it properly at an approved disposal site when recreating on the Salmon River. On an average year, the Riggins SCAT machine gets utilized 1000-1200 times.

Why is the SCAT Machine not being offered as a service at Riggins, ID Chevron Gas Station?
Historically the Forest Service and Riggins Chevron had an agreement in place to offer SCAT services. This agreement is no longer in place due to difficulties experienced by the vendor in managing human waste and the SCAT machine.

What are my options to dispose of Human Waste?
The SCAT machine is just one approved system to dispose of human waste. RV dump stations can also be used to dispose of human waste. Two of the most popular toilets utilized on the Salmon River include the “River Bank” and “JON-NY Partner” toilets which both offer such dump methods as shown in the picture.

This summer, the Forest Service will have a contractor with a pump truck stationed on Big Salmon River Road approximately three miles east of Riggins at a pull-out adjacent to the Bureau of Land Management’s Shorts Bar Recreation Area. Portable toilet pumping services will be available seven days a week from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. (MDT), June 20th through September 20th.

NOTE: The Riggins Chevron Station has an RV dump, however, it is NOT accepting portable toilet waste. River users will need to utilize alternate RV dump stations if choosing to dispose of waste via an RV dump hose. For a list of RV dump stations, visit www.rv.dumps.com/Idaho/

Other options include private businesses that handle human waste disposal and can dispose of human waste for a nominal fee.

Will a SCAT Machine be offered in the Future?
The Nez-Perce Clearwater National Forests, in partnership with Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, are working on installing a SCAT machine at the Riggins National Recreation Area office. Construction is planned to start around the end of June and be completed by the end of October. SCAT services at the new site are scheduled to be available fall of 2019. The Forest Service currently has architectural design plans and is soliciting contractor bids.

For more information contact the Salmon River Ranger District (304 Slate Cr. RD, White Bird, ID 83554) or call 208-839-2211

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