

The Clearwater Management Council invites you to enjoy the many activities and outdoor experiences along the Clearwater River and its tributaries.

Mandatory Safety Rules

All vessels must have Coast Guard approved:

- One wearable life jacket, Type I, II or III in good condition and readily accessible for all persons aboard.
- Children 14 years of age and younger, on board vessels 19 feet or less, must wear a properly fitted life jacket when the vessel is under way (not tied up or aground). All boats 16 feet in length and longer must have a Type IV throwable on board.
- A whistle or horn audible for at least one-half nautical mile.
- An all-round white light on all non-motorized vessels between sunset and sunrise and other times of low visibility.

Powerboats must have:

- Proper navigation lights on between sunset and sunrise and other times of low visibility.
- Properly sized fire extinguishers on vessels with an enclosed motor compartment or fuel system.
- A backfire flame control device for all powerboats (except outboards) in proper working order.
- An effective and permanent muffler on all vessel engines.



Important Contacts

- **Clearwater Management Council**
BLM Cottonwood Field Office
1 Butte Drive • Cottonwood, ID 83522
208-962-3245
Search: clearwater+management+idaho+blm
- **Dworshak Reservoir**
PO Box 48 • Ahsahka, ID 83520
1842 Viewpoint Rd • Orofino, ID 83544
208-476-1255
<https://www.facebook.com/dworshakdam>
- **Fire and Police Emergencies**
Dial 911
- **Idaho Department of Transportation**
Dial 511
<http://hzb.511.idaho.gov>



CMC's Litter Patrol brings volunteers and staff together to clean up and restore Clearwater River beaches and boat ramps.

River Common Sense

- Stop and scout questionable rapids or shallows. *A safe route today may not be safe tomorrow.*
- Carry a first-aid kit and current first-aid manual.
- Bring tools and spare parts. Be prepared to make minor repairs.
- Know your personal limitations when exposed to sun, wind, and cold water.
- Sun, wind and fatigue increase the debilitating effects of alcohol and drugs. Mixing alcohol and drugs with boating can be fatal.



Many people using various modes of transportation use the river corridor, both afloat and on foot. If everyone's rights are respected, a wonderful experience will be enjoyed by all users.

Reminders for Old Hands

Watercraft Operators:

- You are responsible for the boat, all persons on board, and those being pulled behind the boat.
- Know the handling characteristics of the boat you are using.
- Keep your boat clutter-free and perform regular safety checks and maintenance.
- Avoid operating on the water after sundown.
- Avoid overloading or exceeding the capacity of your vessel.
- Keep in mind that river levels rise and fall regularly.
- Tie your boat securely to shore.



Powerboat Operators:

- Do not operate powerboats at excessive speeds in the vicinity of other boats or in dangerous waters.
- Powerboats with inboard motors should turn on the mechanical blower for at least 4 minutes prior to starting the engine to vent dangerous gas vapors that have accumulated in the bilge.
- Start the motor *before* untying the boat. Turn off the motor *after* the boat is securely tied up.



Tips for New River Users

- Floatboats have the right of way, but powerboats require a deeper channel to navigate safely. Whenever possible, floatboats should move to the side and yield the deeper channel to powerboats.
- Powerboats going upriver must yield the right of way to any boat coming downstream unless the boat encountered is already in a rapids.
- Floatboats should maintain tight groups to avoid creating an obstacle course for powerboats especially when other boats are present.
- Retrieval of overturned or wrecked boats and gear is your responsibility. Check with the local administrative agency for missing items.
- Never dispose of garbage in toilets. Dumping of garbage or household trash is not allowed on public lands.
- *Pack it in, pack it out.*



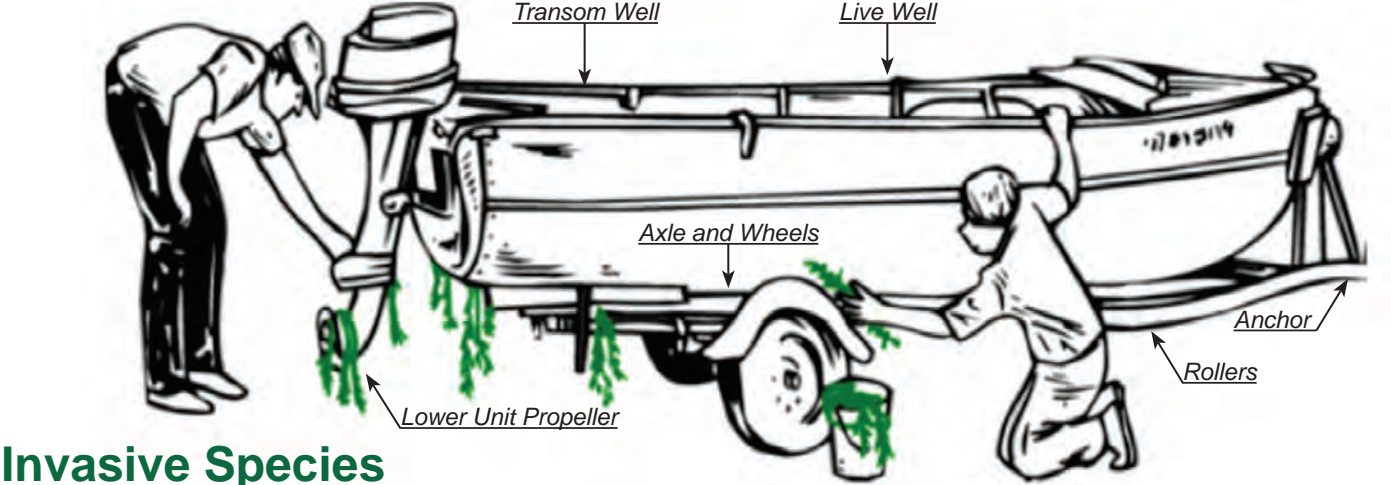
River Etiquette

- Respect the rights of all ramp users.
- Avoid interfering with boats approaching or departing the dock.
- Keep ramps clear. Use only one-half of a double ramp. Do not set-up, load, take down or unload equipment on the ramp.
- Do not tie off your boat to the dock in the ramp area while you park or retrieve your vehicle.
- Practice backing your trailer *before* getting to the boat ramp.
- Pull into the parking area to prepare your boat *before* getting in the boat ramp line.



General River Guidelines

- Floatboats and people "body floating" are easily hidden on the river. Use flagging to increase visibility.
- Be aware that noise disturbs the natural atmosphere of the river. Use headsets with radios and sound equipment.
- **Powerboaters:** Pass moored boats and fishermen with as little wake as possible.
- **River Users:** Be aware that large powerboats throw sizable wakes and often use their engines to hold the boat and avoid being crushed against the rocks.
- **All Boaters:** Remember, whether floating or under power, the river is powerful. Fluctuating water levels cause frequent changes. *Keep alert!*



Invasive Species

- Zebra and quagga mussels are invasive species that enter the water by attaching to boats, trailers, and vehicles. They get into bait buckets, waders and other gear, then spread into waters where they can destroy fish habitat and clog water and boat systems. Help stop the spread of invasive aquatic species by following these steps:
- Purchase an Idaho Invasive Species Fund (IISF) sticker before launching any watercraft.
 - Drain the boat's ballast tanks, bilge, livewells and motor before entering new waters.
 - To kill mussel spores, allow all parts of a watercraft to dry (7 days summer, 18 days spring/fall; and 30 days winter) or freeze (3 days).
 - Take time to thoroughly check your boat, watercraft, trailer and vehicle prior to entering any Idaho waters.

Noxious Weeds

- Noxious weeds can rapidly displace native plant species that provide food for wildlife and livestock. Here's how you can prevent the spread of noxious weeds:
- Wash your vehicle, including the undercarriage to remove any weed seeds before driving onto public lands and after leaving known noxious weed infested areas.
 - Do not dump bilge, aquarium, or bucket water from other sources into local waters.

Camping

- Camping on public lands is prohibited within 100 yards of public boat ramps, parking areas and public docks.
 - Camping on public lands is not allowed for more than 14 days in a 30-day period or on state lands for more than 10 days in a 30-day period.
- ### Campfires
- Campfires within 100 yards of public waters must be in firepans, barbecue grills, or established concrete or metal fire pits.
 - Disposal of fire residue or refuse in public waters is prohibited.



For More Information

- **River Flows and Reservoir Levels**
Clearwater River Basin
Walla Walla District (USACE)
<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/id/nwis/rt>
<http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/nww>
- **Useful Websites**
Dworshak Reservoir (USACE)
<https://www.facebook.com/LowerGraniteDam>
Granite Lake and Dam (USACE)
Idaho Department of Fish & Game (Region 2)
<https://fishandgame.idaho.gov>
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
<http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov>
Idaho Outfitters & Guides Licensing Board
<http://oglb.idaho.gov>
Local Weather
<http://www.weather.gov>
- **Community Information**
Kamiah Chamber of Commerce
<http://www.kamiahchamber.com>
Kooskia Chamber of Commerce
<http://kooskia.com>
Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce
<http://www.lcvalleychamber.org>
Orofino Chamber of Commerce
<http://www.orofino.com>

Clearwater River Cities • Sites • Services

	Cities of Lewiston-Clarkston	Milepost Number	Accessible	Day Use	Foot Access	Canoes (Car Top)	P-Natural Ramp	Dock (No Ramp)	C-Camping, C-Campground, T-Trip, W-Water, S-Phone Shelters, D-RV Dump	Toilets	EMERGENCY SERVICES: H-Hospital, C-Clinic	G-Grocery, L-Lodging, RV-RV Park, F-Food, V-Visitor Services
1	Confluence, Tserminicum Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center	0	■	■	■			■	T,W	■	H	All
2	Confluence Island (ID-WA Boundary)			■						■	H	All
3	Confluence at Railroad									■	H	All
4	Clearwater Landing	0.5	■	■	■			■	T,W	■	H	All
5	Steelhead Park	311.5	■	■	■	■	P			■		
6	Mill Hole	310.5			■							
7	Lower Goose Pasture	309		■								
8	Upper Goose Pasture	307.5		■		■	N					
9	Lower Hog Island	306.5		■						■		
10	Upper Hog Island*	305		■			P		C	■		
11	Beardy Gulch*	305		■	■				C			
12	Ant and Yellow Jacket	11			■							
13	Pulloff-Spalding	14			■							
14	Railroad Bridge (old highway)	14.5			■							
15	Arrow Bridge	15			■							
16	Gibbs Eddy	16			■		P			■		
17	Pullout				■							
18-19	McKays Bend and Myrtle Beach	18.5	■		■	■	N		CG,T,W,S	■		RV
20	Upper Myrtle Beach	18.7			■	■	N					
21	Cherry Lane Access Site	21.1					P			■		
22	Pullout	23.5			■							
23	Ankney Beach	24			■		N					
24	Big Eddy	27.5			■	■	N					
25	Lenore Rest Area	27.8	■	■	■	■	P		W,S,T	■		
26	Lenore Access Site	28.5	■	■	■	■	P		C	■		
27-28	Tree Farm Pullouts	30-30.8			■							
29	Clearwater View Pullout	31.5			■							
30	Harpers Bend	34	■	■			P		T	■		
31	Peck Sports Access	35			■							F,RV
32	McGill Hole	38.5			■							
33	Pink House Recreation Area	39.6	■		■	■	P		CG,T,W,S	■		RV
34	Canoe Camp	40			■				T,W,S	■		
35	Grand Pullout				■							
	City of Orofino				■						H	All
36	Orofino City Park	44.7	■	■	■				T,W,S	■	H	All
37-38	Ahsahka East & West Ramps		■			■	P		C	■		
39	Ahsahka Bridge				■					■		
40	Ahsahka Fishing Pier		■			■	N			■		
41	North Fork Ramp	0.07				■	P			■		
42	Pullout				■					■		
43	Fishing Wall	1.56	■							■		
44	Clearwater Fish Hatchery				■					■		
	Dworshak Visitor Center	Inset Map	■		■				All	■		RV,V
45	Lewis Clark Historical Highway	48.25			■							
46	Pine Tree	49			■							
47	Zan's (2)	49.5			■	■	P			■		
48	Greer City Park	51.5								■		
49	Greer Sportsman Access	0.3			■							
50	Van Allen/Gold Beach	52.3			■				T	■		
51-52	Gold Rush Ferry/Gold Rush Beach	52.4/53			■							
53	Milepost 54	54			■	■						
54	Mossy Rock Beach				■							
55	Five Mile Creek	54.3		■		■	P			■		
56	Tunnel Hole	55.7			■							
57	Milepost 56	56			■							
58	Six Mile Creek	58.7			■							
59	Tramway Beach	60			■							
60	Long Camp	61				■	P			■		
61	Channel Pullout				■							
62	Breaktime	62			■							
	City of Kamiah								All		C	All
63	Kamiah Ramp & Riverfront Park	67	■	■		■	P		All	■	C	All
64-66	Kamiah Pullouts				■							
67	Heart of the Monster (3)	68.4			■							
68	The Rock	69.1			■	■	N					
69	Dales Pullouts (2)	70.9			■							
70	Button Beach	71.8				■	P			■		
71	Miller Hole	73.5			■	■						
72	Kooskia Bridge	74			■	■	P			■		
	City of Kooskia										C	G, GR, L, F, V

*No camping July 1-August 28.

Sportsman's Guide to the Clearwater River

Legend

- Boat Launch Ramp
- RV Camping
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Restroom

Location

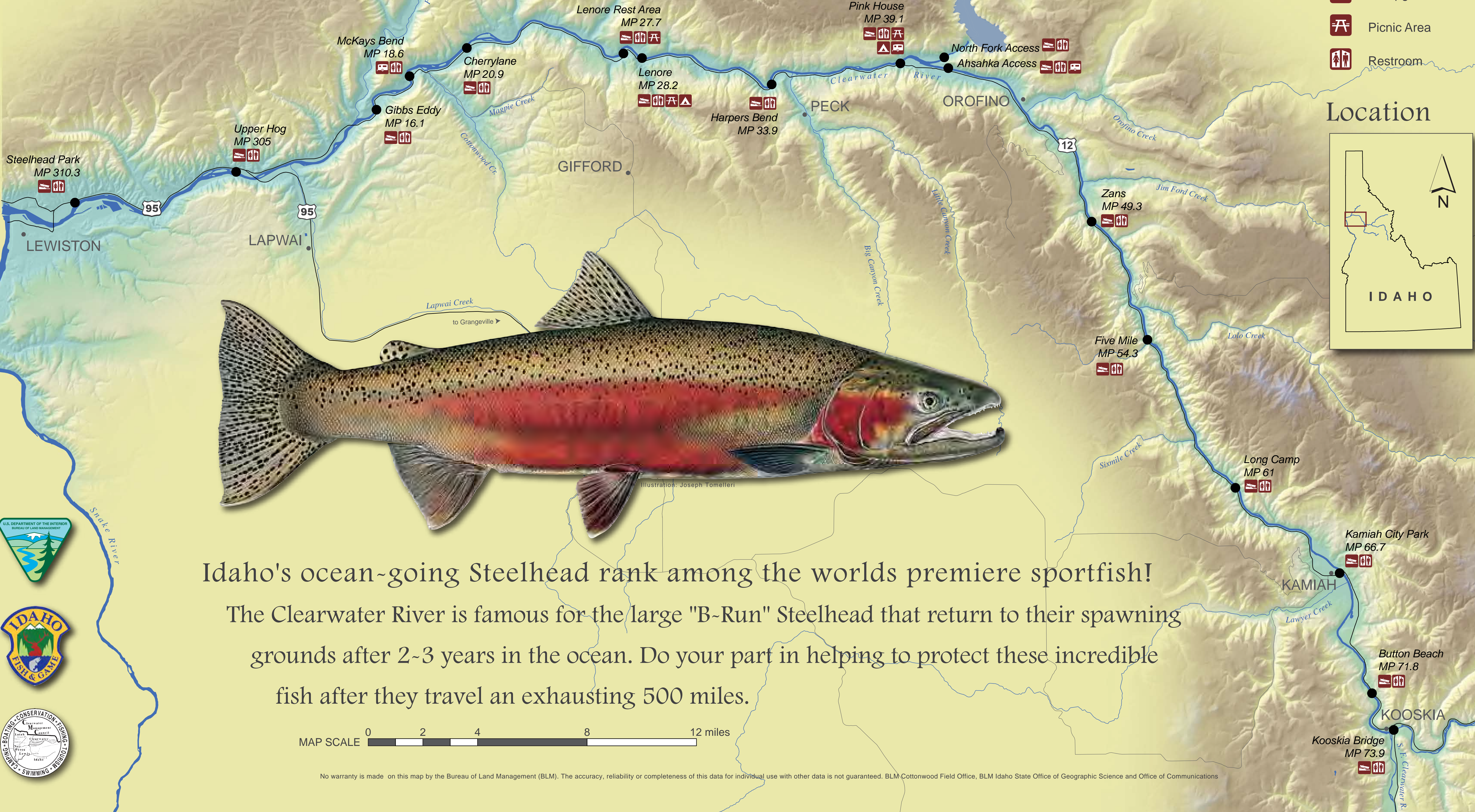
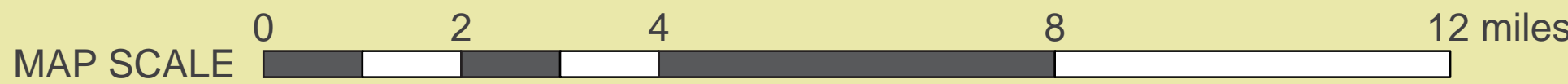


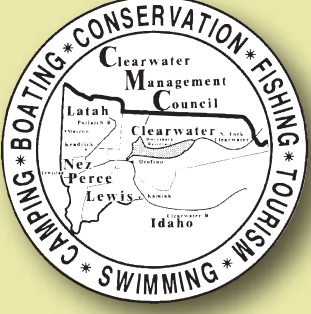
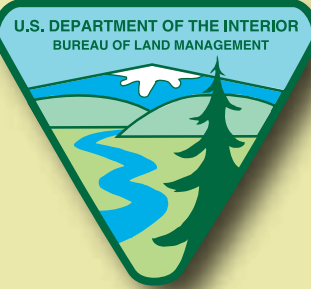
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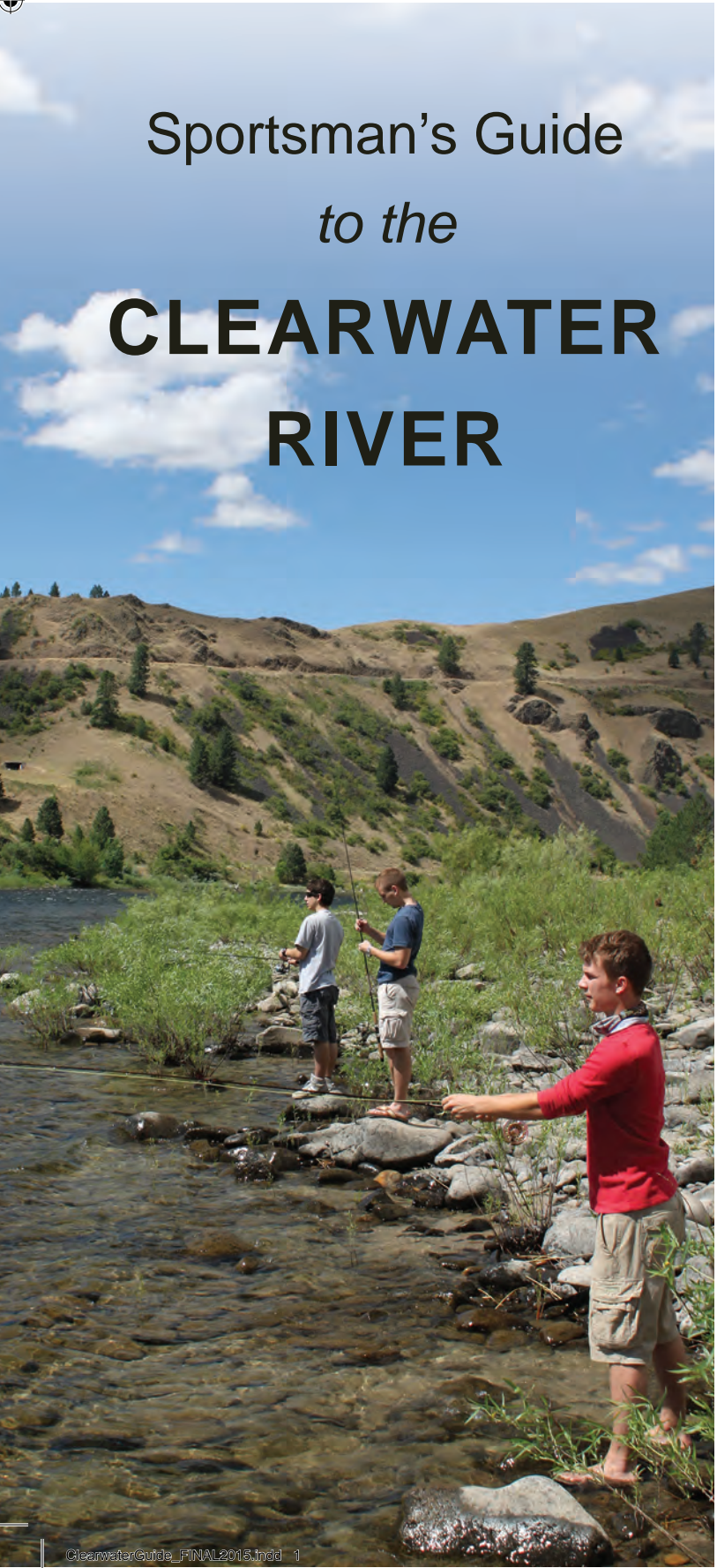
Idaho's ocean-going Steelhead rank among the worlds premiere sportfish!

The Clearwater River is famous for the large "B-Run" Steelhead that return to their spawning grounds after 2-3 years in the ocean. Do your part in helping to protect these incredible fish after they travel an exhausting 500 miles.



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CMC County Governments
Clearwater, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce Counties
Clearwater, Lewis, and Nez Perce Sheriff's Offices
Clearwater and Latah Waterways Committees

CMC State and Local Agencies
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board
Idaho Transportation Department
Bureau of Land Management
National Park Service
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

CMC Federal Government Agencies

CMC Activities
• Removes over 1,100 pounds of litter from the access sites each month.
• Provides portable toilets, rest stops and solid waste removal along the Clearwater River.
• Installs boat ramps, parking areas, and facilities and acquires easements and rights-of-way to enhance public access.
• Promotes boating safety and the use of licensed Idaho river outfitters and fishing guides.
• Cooperatively monitors and manages the impacts of salmon and steelhead fishing.
• Develops opportunities to educate the public about the river, its fisheries, and history.

The Clearwater Management Council (CMC) represents the counties and associated agencies along the Clearwater River in north-central Idaho. Its mission is to facilitate river recreation for area residents and visitors on the Clearwater River and its tributaries. CMC partners agree to pool funding and cooperatively manage the Clearwater River. Administrative support is provided by the Bureau of Land Management Cottonwood Office.

