



# Interagency Management of Special Recreation Permits/Special Use Permits and Designated Camping within the Snake River Area of Critical Environmental Concern and the Teton River Canyon



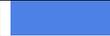
## Environmental Assessment Public Comment Opportunity

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## Introduction

There were 113 total responses to the public comment opportunity. See the table below to see which river sections participants wished to provide comment. The tables throughout the document only show “Neutral” or “Don’t Know” answers when participants selected them. If neither was selected, they were not listed in the tables of statistics for each SRP.

		Response	%
South Fork of the Snake River		103	91%
Main Snake River		15	13%
Henry's Fork of the Snake River		27	24%
Teton River		24	21%

# South Fork of the Snake River (SS1)

There were 103 people who requested to comment on this section, but participants dropped off before reaching the beginning of the section. This may be due to the length of the first SS1 question. About 60 people continued through the end of the section.

Alternative B is the chosen Alternative with it being chosen in 14 out of 17 SRPs/RECs (when Alternative B is an option). Participants tend to favor limits or eliminations of commercial and competitive permits for both outfitters and non-outfitters. Participants also favor limiting motorized boat use and organized group permits. Below are the results from the South Fork of the Snake River portion of the Public Comment Opportunity that covers SRP 1.1.1- SRP 1.1.9, SRP 1.2.1 – SRP 1.2.13, SRP 1.3.1 and REC 2.1.1 – REC 2.1.3.

## Commercial Boating Operations by Outfitters

### Clarify River Sections (Fishing only)

#### SRP 1.1.1

SRP 1.1.1		Responses	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		17	27%
Alternative B		23	37%
Alternative C		12	19%
Alternative D		8	13%
Neutral		2	3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative B

**SRP-1.1.1.** Designate SS1 as Snake River - South Fork (Palisades Dam to Menan Boat Access on the Snake River below the confluence with the Henrys Fork). All licenses/permits would recognize the following river sections (Figure 3):

- a) Palisades Dam Boat Access to the Conant Boat Access;
- b) Conant Boat Access to Fullmer Boat Access ;  
Exception: Not more than eight boats would be permitted in Section (b) on the same day, provided that no more than four of said boats are in this Section after 11:00 a.m. due to overnight use at designated outfitter camps;
- c) Fullmer Boat Access to Byington Boat Access;
- d) Byington Boat Access to Lorenzo Boat Access.

### Clarify River Use(Fishing only)

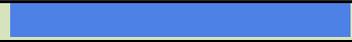
#### SRP 1.1.2

SRP 1.1.2		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative C		8	12%
Alternative B		50	76%
Alternative D		7	11%
Neutral		1	2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternative B

**SRP-1.1.2.** No more than three boats per section/per day may be used by an outfitter at any one time in each river section identified in SRP-1.1.1.

### **SRP 1.1.3**

SRP 1.1.3		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		6	9%
Alternative B		48	72%
Alternative C		8	12%
Alternative D		4	6%
Neutral		1	1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

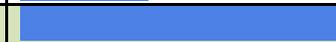
### Alternative B

**SRP-1.1.3.** No outfitter may have more than eight boats on the SS1 in any one day.

Outfitters must adhere to license and permit regulations concerning number of boats per section/per day. One supply boat (float or power) which does not carry clients are exempt from these restrictions.

During periods of preparing overnight camps for the season (e.g., setting up tents and portable toilet facilities, boating in grills and other cooking supplies in May/June) and removing the same items listed above from overnight camps; multiple supply boats may be used.

### **SRP 1.1.4**

SRP 1.1.4		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternatives B and D		18	27%
Alternative C		45	67%
Neutral		4	6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternative C

**SRP-1.1.4** In July and August there would be no commercial trips on sections (a), (b), and (c) (Palisades Dam to Byington Boat Access) on Saturday and Sunday. In sections (d) and (e) (Byington to Menan) no outfitter may have more than eight boats in any one day on Saturday and Sunday.

## Clarify State Licenses Vs. Federal Permits (Fishing only)

### SRP 1.1.5

SRP 1.1.5		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		5	8%
Alternative B		38	58%
Alternative C		16	24%
Alternative D		5	8%
Neutral		1	2%
Don't Know		1	2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative B

**SRP-1.1.5.** Issue four federal permits (BLM/FS combined) and recommend that IOGLB reduce the state license numbers from 11 to four to be consistent with the number of federal permits.

### SRP 1.1.6

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because all Alternatives designated the same consideration.*

#### Alternatives A/B/C/D

**SRP-1.1.6.** Federal Permits and IOGLB licenses are for the entire SS1 segment; a section of SS1 (refer to sections identified in SRP-1.1.1) cannot be separated from SS1 for the purposes of selling a portion of an outfitter's business.

## Clarify Types of Boats (Fishing only)

### SRP 1.1.4

SRP 1.1.7		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		10	15%
Alternative B		40	61%
Alternative C		9	14%
Alternative D		4	6%
Neutral		2	3%
Don't Know		1	2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative B

**SRP-1.1.7.** Issue the four federal permits (and their four corresponding licenses from IOGLB) for float boats only. Do not allow the use of motors. Outfitters must adhere to license and permit regulations concerning number of boats per section/per day.

## Waterfowl Hunting

### SRP 1.1.8

SRP 1.1.8		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		15	24%
Alternative B		27	43%
Alternative C		6	10%
Alternative D		3	5%
Neutral		12	19%
<b>Total</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Alternative B**

SRP-1.1.8. Do not issue federal permits, and recommend that IOGLB no longer issue license.

**Big Game Hunting**

**SRP 1.1.9**

SRP 1.1.9		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/ Alternatives B and C		43	70%
Alternative D		9	15%
Neutral		9	15%
<b>Total</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative B and C**

SRP-1.1.9. Do not issue federal permits and recommend that IOGLB not issue state licenses.

**Commercial Boating Operations by Non-Outfitters**

**Clarify Commercial SRPs (Non-Outfitted Use)**

**SRP 1.2.1**

SRP 1.2.1		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		21	32%
Alternative B		28	43%
Alternative C		8	12%
Alternative D		8	12%
<b>Total</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>100%</b>

***Alternative B***

SRP-1.2.1. Do not allow commercial SRP/SUP activities.

**SRP 1.2.2**

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because no differing alternatives existed.*

**Alternatives A/C/D**

**SRP-1.2.2.** Do not allow fishing as part of commercial SRP activities.

**Alternative B**

**SRP-1.2.2.** Nothing Comparable

**SRP 1.2.3**

*Alternative B designates that all commercial SRP/SUP activities should not be allowed. Thus, they were not included in SRP 1.2.3 – SRP 1.2.4, and participants who chose Alternative B for SRP 1.2.1 were not asked to comment on SRP 1.2.3 – SRP 1.2.4.*

SRP 1.2.3		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		24	69%
Alternative C		9	26%
Alternative D		0	0%
Neutral		2	6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)**

**SRP-1.2.3.** Determine federal permit limits for commercial SRP/SUP activities on a case-by-case basis.

**SRP 1.2.4**

SRP 1.2.4		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		20	53%
Alternative C		14	37%
Alternative D		1	3%
Neutral		2	5%
Don't Know		1	3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)**

**SRP-1.2.4.** Determine maximum group size limits for commercial SRP/SUP activities on a case-by-case basis.

**SRP 1.2.5**

SRP 1.2.5		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		35	56%
Alternatives B/C		10	16%
Alternative D		15	24%
Neutral		3	5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)**

**SRP-1.2.5.** Determine commercial SRP/SUP activities for shuttle companies on a case-by-case basis.

## Clarify Competitive SRPs (Non-Outfitted Use)

### SRP 1.2.6

SRP 1.2.6		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		17	27%
Alternative B		28	44%
Alternative C		12	19%
Alternative D		7	11%
<b>Total</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative B

**SRP-1.2.6.** Do not allow competitive events

### SRP 1.2.7

*Alternative B designates that all competitive SRP/SUP activities should not be allowed. Thus, they were not included in SRP 1.2.7 – SRP 1.2.9, and participants who chose Alternative B for SRP 1.2.6 were not asked to comment on SRP 1.2.7 – SRP 1.2.9.*

SRP 1.2.7		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/ Alternative C		20	59%
Alternative D		11	32%
Neutral		3	9%
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative C

**SRP-1.2.7.** Do not allow fishing as part of competitive SRP/SUP activities.

### SRP 1.2.8

SRP 1.2.8		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		7	20%
Alternative C/D		27	77%
Neutral		1	3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternatives C/D

**SRP-1.2.8.** Do not allow motorized competitive events due to the ACEC designation, social conflicts, and safety concerns.

### **SRP 1.2.9**

SRP 1.2.9		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		25	69%
Alternative C		10	28%
Alternative D		0	0%
Neutral		1	3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

**SRP-1.2.9.** Determine federal permit limits for competitive SRP/SUP activities on a case-by-case basis.

### **SRP 1.2.10**

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because no differing alternatives existed.*

### Alternatives A/C/D

**SRP-1.2.10.** Identify number of participants/spectators on a case-by-case basis.

### Alternative B

**SRP-1.2.10.** Nothing Comparable

## Clarify Organized Group SRPs for Boating Activities

### **SRP 1.2.11**

SRP 1.2.11		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D		26	43%
Alternative B		28	47%
Alternative C		5	8%
Neutral		1	2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternative B

**SRP-1.2.11.** Require a SRP/SUP for all organized group activities with more than 15 people. Do not allow organized groups larger than 25 people.

## SRP 1.2.12

SRP 1.2.12		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D		13	21%
Alternative B		46	73%
Alternative C		4	6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternative B

SRP-1.2.12. Do not allow organized group SRPs/SUPs during the Salmon Fly hatch (last full week of June through third week in July).

## Clarify Vending SRPs/SUPs

### SRP 1.2.13

SRP 1.2.13		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		19	31%
Alternative B		40	65%
Alternative C		0	0%
Alternative D		1	2%
Neutral		2	3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternative B

SRP-1.2.13. Do not allow SRPs/SUPs for vending

## Special Area SRPs/SUPs

### Daily Individual Use for Boating

#### SRP 1.3.1

SRP 1.3.1		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D		27	44%
Alternative B		20	33%
Alternative C		12	20%
Neutral		2	3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Designated Camping

### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

**SRP-1.3.1.** Allow unlimited daily individual use (boating) throughout the year (no permit system).

REC 2.1.1		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D		23	38%
Alternative B		24	39%
Alternative C		12	20%
Neutral		2	3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Designated  
Camping  
Permits  
REC  
2.1.1**

### Alternative B

**Rec-2.1.1.** Implement a reservation permit system for camping.

## REC 2.1.2

REC 2.1.3		Response	%

This REC was not included in the public comment opportunity

because is designated stipulations for a camping reservation system. These stipulations were included in the description for REC 2.1.1.

## REC 2.1.3

Alternatives A and D were not included because they designate that no reservation system should be established. Thus, participants who selected Alternatives A and D for REC 2.1.1 were not asked to participate in question REC 2.1.3.

Alternative B		33	94%
Alternative C		2	6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>100%</b>

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e B

**Rec-2.1.3.** Group size would be determined for each site based upon site capacity, with the maximum group size limited to 15 people. Larger groups (e.g., 10 to 15 people) would be restricted to specific sites that can accommodate these groups.

## Main Snake River (SN1)

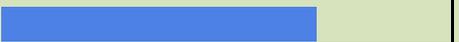
There were 15 people who requested to comment on this section. About nine people continued through the end of the section.

The results for the Main Snake River do not show a clear preferred Alternatives. There were many ties in the questions for alternatives and response rates were low. Also, an error in the survey for SRP 1.1.14 did not allow for the correct choices of Alternative options, please see SRP 1.1.14. Below are the results from the Main Snake River portion of the Public Comment Opportunity that covers SRP 1.1.10- SRP 1.1.15 and SRP 1.2.1 – SRP 1.2.21.

### Commercial Boating Operations by Outfitters

#### Clarify River Sections (Fishing only)

##### SRP 1.1.10

SRP 1.1.10		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		6	67%
Alternatives B/C/D		3	33%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

**SRP-1.1.10.** Designate SN1 as Confluence of South Fork and Henrys Fork to Gem State Power Plant in Idaho Falls (Figure 6).

SRP 1.1.11		Response	%
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Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		3	33%
Alternatives B/C/D		6	67%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Clarify River Use**

**(Fishing only)**

**SRP 1.1.11**

Alternatives B/C/D

**SRP-1.1.11.** For each license/permit issued, no more than four boats per section/per day may be used by an outfitter at any one time in each of the river sections identified in SRP-1.1.10.

**Clarify State Licenses Vs. Federal Permits (Fishing only)**

**SRP 1.1.12**

SRP 1.1.12		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		4	44%
Alternatives B/C/D		5	56%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

Alternatives B/C/D

**SRP-1.1.12.** Issue three federal permits, and recommend that IOGLB reduce the state license numbers from six to three.

**SRP 1.1.13**

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because all Alternatives designated the same consideration.*

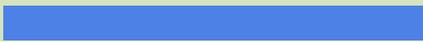
Alternatives A/B/C/D

**SRP-1.1.13.** Federal Permits and IOGLB licenses are for the entire SN1 segment; a section of SN1 (refer to sections identified in SRP 1.1.10) cannot be separated from SN1 for the purposes of selling a portion of an outfitter’s business.

**Clarify Types of Boats (Fishing only)**

**SRP 1.1.14**

SRP 1.1.14		Response	%
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SRP 1.1.15		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/ Alternatives B and C		8	89%
Alternative D		0	0%
Neutral		1	11%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		4	44%
Alternatives B/C/D		5	56%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

**\*Alternatives B/C and Alternative D were listed separate in the description but were listed together in the choices selected. This will have altered the responses for this question. Listed below are all the alternatives and not just the selected alternative.**

Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

**SRP-1.1.14.** Maintain the six IOGLB licenses as a combination of three float and three power boats. These outfitters would only be allowed to operate on segments adjoining private lands downstream of Mike Walker.

Alternatives B/C

**SRP-1.1.14.** Issue the three federal permits (and their corresponding licenses from IOGLB) for float boats only. Float boats may use motors (5HP or less) for downstream steorage only. Downstream steorage does not include holding or upstream travel of watercraft with a motor. Outfitters must adhere to license and permit regulations concerning number of boats per section/per day.

Alternative D

**SRP-1.1.14.** Issue the three federal permits (and their corresponding licenses from IOGLB) for a combination of power or float boats. Float boats may use motors (5HP or less) for downstream steorage only. Downstream steorage does not include holding or upstream travel of watercraft with a motor. Outfitters must adhere to license and permit regulations concerning number of boats per section/per day.

**Big Game Hunting**

**SRP 1.1.15**

Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/ Alternatives B and C

SRP-1.1.15. Do not issue federal permits and recommend that IOGLB not issue state licenses.

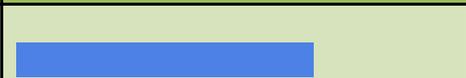
## Commercial Boating Operations by Non-Outfitters

### Clarify Commercial SRPs (Non-Outfitted Use)

#### SRP 1.2.14

#### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

SRP-1.2.14. Allow commercial SRP activities on a case-by-case basis.

SRP 1.2.14		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		5	63%
Alternative B		3	38%
Alternative C		0	0%
Alternative D		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>100%</b>

**SRP 1.2.15**  
*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity*

*because no differing alternatives existed.*

#### Alternatives A/C/D

SRP-1.2.15. Do not allow fishing as part of commercial SRP activities.

#### Alternative B

SRP-1.2.15. Nothing Comparable

#### SRP 1.2.16

SRP 1.2.16		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		5	83%
Alternative C		1	17%

Alternative D		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>100%</b>

Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

**SRP-1.2.16.** Determine maximum group size limits for commercial SRP/SUP activities on a case-by-case basis.

**Clarify Competitive SRPs (Non-Outfitted Use)**

**SRP 1.2.17**

SRP 1.2.17		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		4	44%
Alternative B		4	44%
Alternative C/D		0	0%
Neutral		1	11%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

Alternative

e A (Existing Management Situation)

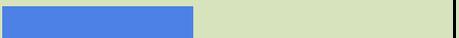
**SRP-1.2.17.** Allow competitive SRP activities on a case-by-case basis.

Alternative B

**SRP-1.2.17.** Do not allow competitive events.

**SRP 1.2.18**

*Alternative B designates that all competitive SRP/SUP activities should not be allowed. Thus, they were not included in SRP 1.2.18 – SRP 1.2.19, and participants who chose Alternative B for SRP 1.2.17 were not asked to comment on SRP 1.2.18 – SRP 1.2.19.*

SRP 1.2.18		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/ Alternative C		2	40%
Alternative D		2	40%
Neutral		1	20%
<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>100%</b>

Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative C

**SRP-1.2.18.** Do not allow fishing as part of competitive SRP activities.

## Alternative D

**SRP-1.2.18.** Allow fishing as part of competitive SRP activities.

### **SRP 1.2.19**

<b>SRP 1.2.19</b>		<b>Response</b>	<b>%</b>
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		2	50%
Alternative C/D		2	50%
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

**SRP-1.2.19.** Determine motorized competitive SRP activities on a case-by-case basis.

### Alternatives C/D

**SRP-1.2.19.** Do not allow motorized competitive events due to the ACEC designation, social conflicts, and safety concerns

### **SRP 1.2.20**

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because no differing alternatives existed.*

### Alternatives A/C/D

**SRP-1.2.20.** Identify number of participants/spectators on a case-by-case basis.

### Alternative B

**SRP-1.2.20.** Nothing Comparable

### **SRP 1.2.21**

<b>SRP 1.2.21</b>		<b>Response</b>	<b>%</b>
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D		6	67%
Alternative B		3	33%
Alternative C		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D

**SRP-1.2.21.** Allow organized group SRP/SUP activities on a case-by-case basis.

# Henry's Fork of the Snake River (SH3)

Twenty-nine people requested to comment on this section, but participants dropped off being reaching this section. A majority of the questions was answered by 19 participants.

The responses are mostly split between Alternative A and Alternative B

Below are the results from the Main Snake River portion of the Public Comment Opportunity that covers SRP 1.1.16 - SRP 1.1.21 and SRP 1.2.22 – SRP 1.2.21.

## Commercial Boating Operations by Outfitters

### Clarify River Sections (Fishing only)

#### SRP 1.1.16

SRP 1.1.16		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		10	63%
Alternative B/C		3	19%
Alternative D		2	13%
Neutral		1	6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

SRP-1.1.16. Designate SH3 as Henrys Fork (St. Anthony to confluence with South Fork [Figure 9]).

### Clarify River Use (Fishing only)

#### SRP 1.1.17

SRP 1.1.17		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		7	41%
Alternatives B/C/D		10	59%
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternatives B/C/D

SRP-1.1.17. For each license/permit issued, no more than three boats for fishing may be used by an outfitter at any one time in each of the river sections identified in SRP-1.1.16

When permitted by the BLM and with the notification to and concurrence of the IOGLB Executive Director, each outfitter may be allowed adjustments to the maximum boat limits in order to accommodate non fishing boating activities (e.g., canoeing, paddle boards, and kayaks) and hazardous excursions that are part of an outfitter's operating plan. These adjustments must be reviewed and approved annually.

## SRP 1.1.18

SRP 1.1.18		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		6	32%
Alternatives B/C		13	68%
Alternative D		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternatives B/C

**SRP-1.1.18.** No outfitter may have more than six boats on the SH3 in any one day.

## Clarify State Licenses Vs. Federal Permits (Fishing only)

### SRP 1.1.19

SRP 1.1.19		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternatives C/D		6	33%
Alternative B		12	67%
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Alternative B

**SRP-1.1.19.** Issue two federal permits and recommend that IOGLB reduce the state license numbers from four to two to be consistent with the number of federal permits.

### SRP 1.1.20

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because all Alternatives designated the same consideration.*

### Alternatives A/B/C/D

**SRP-1.1.20.** Federal Permits and IOGLB licenses are for the entire SH3 segment; a section of SH3 (refer to sections identified in SRP 1.1.16) cannot be separated from SH3 for the purposes of selling a portion of an outfitter's business.

## Clarify Types of Boats (Fishing only)

### SRP 1.1.21

SRP 1.1.21		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		8	44%
Alternative B		6	33%
Alternative C		1	6%
Alternative D		3	17%
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>

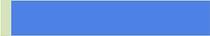
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

SRP-1.1.21. Maintain the four IOGLB licenses for float boats only.

**Commercial Boating Operations by Non-Outfitters**

**Clarify Commercial SRPs (Non-Outfitted Use)**

**SRP 1.2.22**

SRP 1.2.22		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		8	42%
Alternative B		8	42%
Alternative C		3	16%
Alternative D		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

SRP-1.2.22. Allow commercial SRP activities on a case-by-case basis.

Alternative B

SRP-1.2.22. Do not allow SRPs/SUPs for commercial activities.

**SRP 1.2.23**

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because no differing alternatives existed.*

Alternatives A/C/D

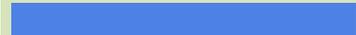
SRP-1.2.23. Do not allow fishing as part of commercial SRP activities.

Alternatives B

SRP-1.2.23. Nothing Comparable

**SRP 1.2.24**

*Alternative B designates that all commercial SRP/SUP activities should not be allowed. Thus, they were not included in SRP 1.2.24, and participants who chose Alternative B for SRP 1.2.22 were not asked to comment on SRP 1.2.24.*

SRP 1.2.24		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		8	73%
Alternative C		3	27%
Alternative D		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>100%</b>

Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

SRP-1.2.24. Determine maximum group size limit for commercial SRP activities on a case-by-case basis.

### SRP 1.2.25

SRP 1.2.25		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		10	59%
Alternatives B/C		4	24%
Alternative D		3	18%
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

SRP-1.2.25. Allow commercial SRP/SUP activities for shuttle companies on a case-by-case basis.

### Clarify Competitive SRPs (Non-Outfitted Use)

### SRP 1.2.26

SRP 1.2.26		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		8	42%
Alternative B		9	47%
Alternatives C/D		2	11%
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative B

SRP-1.2.26. Do not allow competitive event SRPs.

### SRP 1.2.27

Alternative B designates that all competitive SRP/SUP activities should not be allowed. Thus, they were not included in SRP 1.2.27 – SRP 1.2.29, and participants who chose Alternative B for SRP 1.2.26 were not asked to comment on SRP 1.2.27 – SRP 1.2.29.

SRP 1.2.27		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative C		6	60%
Alternative D		3	30%
Neutral		1	10%
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative C

SRP-1.2.27. Do not allow fishing as part of competitive SRP activities.

### SRP 1.2.28

SRP 1.2.28		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		4	44%
Alternative C/D		5	56%
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternatives C/D

SRP-1.2.28. Do not allow motorized competitive events due to the ACEC designation, social conflicts, and safety concerns.

### SRP 1.2.29

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because no differing alternatives existed.*

#### Alternatives A/C/D

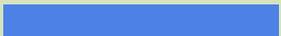
SRP-1.2.29. Identify number of participants/spectators on a case-by-case basis.

#### Alternative B

SRP-1.2.29. Nothing Comparable

## Clarify Organized Group SRPs for Boating Activities

### SRP 1.2.30

SRP 1.2.30		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D		11	58%
Alternative B		8	42%
Alternative C		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D

SRP-1.2.30. Allow organized group SRP/SUP activities on a case-by-case basis.

## Teton River Canyon (TE3)

The Teton River portion of the public comment opportunity had the lowest response rate. Twenty-five people requested to comment on this section, but the drop-off rate was about 40%. A majority of the questions was answered by 15 participants. Being the last section in the questionnaire, most participants most likely dropped off after completing other sections of the survey and it may have become too time consuming. However, trends in responses tend to be consistent with other river sections. Alternative B is the chosen Alternative with it being chosen in 8 out of 9 SRPs in the Teton River Canyon (when Alternative B is an option). Participants tend to favor limits or eliminations of commercial and competitive permits for both outfitters and non-outfitters. Participants also favor limiting motorized boat use and organized group permits. SRP 1.1.22 did not gain a majority response for a single alternative. However, the responses for other SRPs may prove that participants do wish to see limits imposed on the river. This may be best obtained by designating the river sections listed in 1.1.22 Alternatives B/C/D. Below are the results from the Teton River Canyon portion of the Public Comment Opportunity that covers SRPs 1.1.22- 1.1.28 and 1.2.31-1.2.40.

SRP 1.1.22		Response
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		6
Alternatives B/C/D		6
Neutral		0
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

### Commercial Boating Operations by Outfitters

#### Clarify River Sections (Fishing only)

##### SRP 1.1.22

##### Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

**SRP-1.1.22.** Designate TE3 as Harrop Bridge Boat Access to confluence with Snake River (Figure 12).

##### Alternatives B/C/D

**SRP-1.1.22.** Designate TE3 as Harrop Bridge to confluence with the Henrys Fork of the Snake River. All licenses/permits would recognize the following river sections (Figure 13):

- a) Harrop Bridge Boat Access to Felt Dam Boat Access.
- b) Felt Dam Boat Access to Spring Hollow Boat Access.
- c) Spring Hollow Boat Access to Teton Dam Site Boat Access.
- d) Teton Dam Site Boat Access to Hog Hollow Bridge Boat Access.
- e) Hog Hollow Bridge Boat Access to Teton Highway.
- f) Teton Highway to confluence with the Henrys Fork of the Snake River. Note: No boat access exists at the confluence with the Henrys Fork of the Snake River.

Outfitters would utilize Hibbard Bridge or Warm Slough Access on SH3. No fishing on SH3.

## Clarify River Use (Fishing only)

### SRP 1.1.23

SRP 1.1.23		Responses	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		2	13%
Alternatives B/C		11	73%
Alternative D		2	13%
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternatives B/C

**SRP-1.1.23.** No more than two boats per section/per day may be used by an outfitter at any one time on the following river sections: a), b), c), d), e) and f).

### SRP 1.1.24

SRP 1.1.24		Responses	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		1	7%
Alternative B		11	73%
Alternative C		2	13%
Alternative D		1	7%
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternative B

**SRP-1.1.24.** No outfitter may have more than eight boats on the TE3 in any one day.

## Clarify State Licenses Vs. Federal Permits (Fishing only)

### SRP 1.1.25

SRP 1.1.25		Responses	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D		5	36%
Alternative B/C		9	64%
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Alternatives B/C

**SRP-1.1.25.** Issue four federal permits and recommend that IOGLB reduce the state license numbers from five to four.

### SRP 1.1.26

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because all Alternatives*

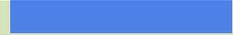
designated the same consideration.

Alternatives A/B/C/D

**SRP-1.1.26.** Federal Permits and IOGLB licenses are for the entire TE3 segment, a section of TE3 (refer to sections identified in SRP 1.1.22) cannot be separated from TE3 for the purposes of selling a portion of an outfitter’s business.

**Clarify Types of Boats (Fishing only)**

**SRP 1.1.27**

SRP 1.1.27		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		4	27%
Alternative B/C		7	47%
Alternative D		4	27%
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>

Alternatives B/C

**SRP-1.1.27.** Issue all permits (and their corresponding licenses from IOGLB) for float boats only. Allow motors not to exceed 10 hp in section a) (Harrop Bridge to Felt Dam Access).

**Special Conditions and Stipulations of SRPs/SUPs**

**SRP 1.1.28**

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity.*

Alternatives A/D

**SRP-1.1.28.** Determine special conditions and stipulations of each SRP/SUP on a case by case basis.

Alternatives B/C

**SRP-1.1.28.** Issue all SRPs/SUPs with the following special conditions and stipulations:

- Do not allow activities that would result in permanent or long-term alterations to the character of the vegetation within delineated YBCU habitat areas. Delineated YBCU habitat is defined as identified occupied and suitable habitat (Figure 14). Delineated YBCU habitat may change over time due to the dynamic nature of the river corridor. For example, do not allow a large organized group to establish a dispersed campsite in previously undisturbed occupied or suitable habitat that would remove woody or herbaceous vegetation, compact the site, cause erosion, or potentially introduce non-native/invasive species.
- Determine additional special conditions and stipulations of each SRP/SUP on a case by case basis.

**Commercial Boating Operations by Non-Outfitters**

**Clarify Commercial SRPs (Non-Outfitted Use)**

**SRP 1.2.31**

SRP 1.2.31		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		7	47%
Alternative B/C		8	53%
Alternative D		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Alternatives B/C

**SRP-1.2.31.** Do not allow commercial SRPs

### **SRP 1.2.32**

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity because no differing alternatives existed.*

## Alternatives A/D

**SRP-1.2.32.** Do not allow fishing as part of commercial SRP activities.

## Alternatives B/C

**SRP-1.2.32.** Nothing Comparable

### **SRP 1.2.33**

*Alternatives B and C designate that all commercial SRP/SUP activities should not be allowed. Thus, they were not included in SRP 1.2.33 and participants who chose Alternatives B or C for SRP 1.2.31 were not asked to comment on SRP 1.2.33.*

SRP 1.2.33		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		6	86%
Alternative D		1	14%
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

**SRP-1.2.33.** Determine maximum group size limits for commercial SRP activities on a case-by-case basis.

### **SRP 1.2.34**

SRP 1.2.34		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		9	60%
Alternative B/C		2	13%
Alternative D		4	27%
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)

**SRP-1.2.34.** Allow commercial SRP/SUP activities for shuttle companies on a case-by-case basis.

## **Clarify Competitive SRPs (Non-Outfitted Use)**

### **SRP 1.2.35**

SRP 1.2.35		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)		5	33%
Alternatives B/C		10	67%
Alternative D		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>

Alternatives B/C

SRP-1.2.35. Do not allow competitive event SRPs.

**SRP 1.2.36 – SRP 1.2.38**

*These SRPs were not included in the public comment opportunity because no differing alternatives existed.*

**SRP 1.2.36**

Alternatives A/D

SRP-1.2.36. Do not allow fishing as part of competitive SRP activities.

Alternatives B/C

SRP-1.2.36. Nothing Comparable

**SRP 1.2.37**

Alternatives A/D

SRP-1.2.37. Do not allow motorized competitive events.

Alternatives B/C

SRP-1.2.37. Nothing Comparable

**SRP 1.2.38**

Alternatives A/D

SRP-1.2.38. Identify number of participants/spectators on a case-by-case basis.

Alternatives B/C

SRP-1.2.38. Nothing Comparable

**Clarify Organized Group SRPs for Boating Activities**

**SRP 1.2.39**

SRP 1.2.39		Response	%
Alternative A (Existing Management Situation)/Alternative D		7	47%
Alternative B/C		8	53%
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>

Alternatives B/C

SRP-1.2.39. Require a SRP for all organized group activities with more than 12 people. Do not allow organized groups larger than 15 people.

**Special Conditions and Stipulations of SRPs/SUPs**

**SRP 1.2.40**

*This SRP was not included in the public comment opportunity.*

Alternatives A/D

SRP-1.2.40. Determine special conditions and stipulations of each SRP/SUP on a case by case basis.

**SRP-1.2.40.** Determine special conditions and stipulations of each SRP/SUP on a case by case basis.

**Alternatives B/C**

**SRP-1.2.40** Issue all SRPs/SUPs with the following special conditions and stipulations:

- Do not allow activities that would result in permanent or long-term alterations to the character of the vegetation within delineated YBCU habitat areas. Delineated YBCU habitat is defined as identified occupied and suitable habitat (Figure 14). Delineated YBCU habitat may change over time due to the dynamic nature of the river corridor. For example, do not allow a large organized group to establish a dispersed campsite in previously undisturbed occupied or suitable habitat that would remove woody or herbaceous vegetation, compact the site, cause erosion, or potentially introduce non-native/invasive species.
- Determine additional special conditions and stipulations of each SRP/SUP on a case by case basis.

## Appendix A: Open-ended Comments

There were a total of 48 open-ended comments. Major themes present throughout the comments include limiting guides and motorized use. Guides are seen as problematic and the major contribution to crowding issues on the river. Motorized use is seen as disruptive to other users and contributing to resource issues.

Minor themes addressed in the comments include developing the Irwin Slide to provide more access and that this access may help solve crowding issues. Some participants believe that limitations should be placed on non-residents, either requiring only non-residents to have a permit, eliminating non-resident use on the weekends, or placing camping restrictions on non-residents. Participants who stated that they did not want to see any restrictions were about as equal to the number of participants that said that they were okay with a permit system or limitations to use.

Other items mentioned include eliminating all camping, adding self-composting toilets to camping areas, placing campfire restrictions during summer months, eliminating competitive events, and allowing guide to provide scenic non-fishing trips. Please see the full list of comments starting on the next page.

## Open-ended Comments

I believe Idaho residents recreationally using the South Fork should not be subject to any use restrictions. If it is determined that overnight camp restrictions are needed, they should apply to out of state users. The South Fork is a big river, but I feel a scaled up version of the Big Hole (MT) restrictions would be useful.

I question if any of the alternatives will address all the user conflicts. We are approaching the time when unlimited recreational use on the South Fork is jeopardizing safety.

The Oregon-California Trails Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft EA of the Snake River Planning Area and Teton River Canyon. After reviewing the draft with particular attention to Cultural Resources, we have no comment. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Jere L. Krakow, National Preservation Officer; 505-828-0309

I have purchased 5 acres in Elk Ridge estates for retirement full time residence. If the access to the South Fork becomes limited to use by permit, I will change my plans to build a home and sell my property, most likely at a loss.

**ALL CAMP SITES IN THE SNAKE RIVER CANYON BETWEEN CONNENT VALLEY AND BYINGTON SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. THEY ARE NOT NECESSARY AND HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON THIS SECTION OF MAJESTIC RIVER. ENFORCEMENT OF CAMPING RULES CANNOT BE ACOMPLISHED WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES EXISTING AND EXPANDING CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES IS NONSENSE. IT MAY BE WANTED BY SOME NUMBER OF PEOPLE/GROUPS, BUT IT WILL BE THE DEMISE OF THIS RIVER! EXISTING SITES CAN BE EXEMPETED/GRANDFATHERED, BUT DONOT ADD MORE!!**

I have grown up on the south fork of the snake river. I don't like the fact that there is so many jet boats on the river or the jet ski. I think that there should be times of year that jet boats should be restricted. November through April jet boats should not be allowed on the river due to low water. I have personal been on the river in January and watched jet boats go over spawn beds.

I have floated these rivers for 6 years. Though it can get crowded occasionally, I have always found ways to enjoy the river.

cut down on the # of guid boats. Do not restrect the general public we will change to fit the need of a better experance on the river.

Our family uses permit systems to float rivers throughout the western United States. I believe such a system would help preserve the Snake River along the planning area for today's and tomorrow's citizens.

I'm excited about the idea of limiting commercial guiding on the South Fork and designating weekends as no guiding days. I've been floating S. Fork since 1996. The increasing conflicts with commercial parties I have experienced over recent years is surprising. It marks our otherwise great days with ugliness all in the name of outfitters profit. I've also experienced very dangerous situations at landing areas recently created by guides treating the landing/ramp/turnaround as their personal property. I'm also in favor of limiting or banning jet boat use on the river corridor especially from Palisades to Wolf.

The Green river in Utah has self composting vaulted toilets has this been looked at for use in the Canyon?

## Open-ended Comments

I do not want to see any restrictions on public access to fishing on the South Fork. of course it will always be crowded during the Salmonfly hatch. No one is harder on the resources whether it is fishing or hunting than outfitters. I cringe every time I see a nice fish being man-handled for a photo-op in a drift boat. Many of those fish will die within a week. Permits for commercial use should be very limited. Let's not forget that the South Fork of the BOISE river does not allow guided fishing for a very good reason. It is too hard on the resource ! Please, let's not ruin the river with too much commercial use and let's keep it as a non-permit river with the current envelope system at the launch sites. Camping and group trips are not something I can comment on but the river is generally too crowded because of commercial guiding. I have watched this every summer for 15 years. The difference now is that some of the guides are not very courteous at the take-out and actually will cut you out by driving behind you. e.

Would be nice not to have any power boats on river at all (except for law enforcement/BLM/Fish and Game official duties) and single hook, artificial flies only...if the cutthroat are as endangers as advertised then steps should be put into place to help protect them.

Eliminate motors over 5 hp on the south fork of the snake please!!!

I occasionally canoe on these sections. I wouldn't want to have to get a trip permit.

1. I would prefer to see even tighter restrictions on the number of boats allowed on the Teton River, particularly in the Canyon, than contained in the present alternatives. The South Fork is a large river that can handle a lot of fishermen; but any boats at all on the Teton River necessarily interfere with wading fishermen, due to it's much lower flow. 2. I questions statements in in section 3.2.6 about "sought" species. I have worked many years as a fishing guide, have many friends both locally and from other states who fish the South Fork and without exemption prefer browns, rainbow and rainbow-cutthroat hybrids to the Yellowstone cutthroat. Reasons include differences in how fish strike, how they fight, whether they jump, and well how they adapt to changing conditions. I and nearly all of my fishing friends consider efforts to restore cutthroat in the South Fork wasted money and counterproductive. 3. Have any studies been done to determine the effect of fishing pressure (boats/day, angling hours/year etc) on the fish population numbers and general fisheries health? I know there are multiple factors but I would think some clever fisheries biologist could design a meaningful study. Last fall I found dozens of dead browns along the South Fork above Lorenzo and I suspect one contributing stress factor was the greater fishing pressure (from boats) this section saw last year. The results of these studies could provide a better basis for defining and justifying alternative actions. 4. I'm very much in favor of prohibiting jet boats on the South Fork.

I believe the public self-regulates use of the South Fork i.e, they are more selective when they go so as to avoid overcrowding. Not so with outfitters. For the times the river is overcrowded, it is primarily due to outfitters. During July, at least half the vehicles parked at Byington have Wyoming plates and are outfitters. That's when and how the overcrowding occurs.

Please do not restrict motor use by private individuals on either river systems

Stop all mtyot use on boats from Palisades to Spring Creek. Let it be a space for comtemplation while fishing.

## Open-ended Comments

Fishermen might get spread out more if the BLM and Idaho Fish and Game would provide better access to the Snake River from Roberts down to American Falls Reservoir. There is an access sight by Pingree that is now useless for boat put-in or take-out due to change in the path of river flow. More information on location of diversion dams and how to safely float this section of the Snake River would be useful.

In talking with local fisherman the outfitters have always been the problem. There are too many of them! Local fisherman that I talk with have the same opinion as I do, and that is the rivers would be much much more relaxed without them, they are the reason fisherman are unhappy with the river. The independents want no controls on daily use of independent fisherman, just control or eliminate the guides.

One of the largest issues on the river is not being addressed. Large motor boats/jet boats have an inordinate impact on the system. I have found (and have a photo) of a large 55 gallon drum style BBQ pit, with firewood and chairs left on an island for several weeks. At times this island would have up to 4 jet boats parked on it. Aside from commandeering whole islands, these boats create wakes that cause bank erosion, noise that diminishes the experience for others, and impact the fishing. Often I see these boaters going through a run and then circling back to the head of the run to repeatedly drift through it. There are many places -reservoirs and river stretches where large motor boats are acceptable, the south fork isn't one of them. A small horse power motor used to move downstream is one thing, a huge jet boat screaming up and down the river is a menace to other boaters and does not align with the conservation values and experience desired by most recreating on the river. Too much time, money, and effort has gone into protecting the river and the canyon stretch to allow a handful to wreck the system. The issue with too many guides falls far behind the need to address large craft motor boats and the sheer numbers of floaters loving the river to death.

It is imperative that you restrict the size of motorized boats to not longer than 22 feet and less than 140 hp. The larger boats create a wake that is extremely destructive to the rivers bank.

I would like to see sections of the south fork managed in a similar fashion as the Big Hole and Madison in Montana. Certain sections are closed to guided fishing and non resident fishing from boats. Non residents are allowed to fish with residents in a non guided capacity. These are the only restrictions I'd like to see. Any additional restrictions would be a burden to the local users who decide to fish or float the river when the opportunity arises.

most boats on the south fork are commercial guides. this is the reason for crowding on the river

The upper Snake River from Palisades Dam to the confluence of Henry's Fork is being loved to death. I personally floated the river from Irwin to the Swan Valley Bridge on July 19. Because a friend of mine has a home two houses upstream from the Irwin slide, I was able to launch my boat there. At one point I viewed 25 boats to my rear and in front of me. Wow! There were no places to fish! All the riffles were taken up by commercial outfitters. This river needs some serious intervention about its use. Additionally, there should not be any outfitter who owns more than one permit. Why the IOLGB allowed World Cast Angers to own two permits is unconscionable. South Fork Outfitters also should be disallowed to beef up there twelve boat allowance by cross using Henry's Fork Anglers permit. I hate to see restrictions placed on the South Fork, but unfortunately, it is time to take drastic measures.

## Open-ended Comments

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Thank You for providing this survey - I really hope many users of this area respond and give honest responses. js

I think things are working pretty well as they are. I don't recommend fixing something that isn't broken.

Thank you for managing an important resource. I personally appreciate the efforts for outreach in regard to the project. Tight lines!

We need some limits on the number of boats.

Special consideration and potentially exceptions should be considered for non commercial river utilizers who have river front access. Commercial activities greatly threaten the historically low key and non-pressured experience on the south fork. Having just spent three consecutive weeks on the water there, there was a flood on guided boats on the water with multiple guiding companies having an excess of boats on all river sections.

I would like to see a similar plan like I have seen in Montana. Monday through Friday, the same as we have now. Sat and Sun close sections of the river to non-residents. For example, Sat. from the dam down to Conant for open to residents only, with the rest of the river open to all. Sun. conant to fulmer open to residents only, the rest of the river open to all. I am ok with a permit system for camping in the canyon but NOT for floating the river.

i would recommend Option 4

Snake River Planning Area is currently busy however, stonefly hatch, good weather and early season combined to increase use dramatically this year. Camping site overflow is of more concern to protect specific areas of wildlife importance. A designated campground management system my soon be needed. Also, canal diversion upstream of Byington Access needs to be remanded for safety concerns and to spread canyon access from downstream rather than forcing more trailer/boat traffic to Wolf Flats/Cottonwood and Conant downstream.

coordinate with Bonneville County to improve The Irwin Slide. What is the Irwin Recreational Site ? It does not have river access and is just a parking lot in the middle of NOTHING...appears to be a waste of tax dollars.

Well thought out - please thank those involved in development

The use of motors bigger than 5 HP should be restricted to the area from the dam to the cable at Irwin, or better yet banned from the river all together.

## Open-ended Comments

Please enforce current rules on the river. Idaho Fish and Game, BLM, Forest Service should work together to enforce all the regulations regardless of government agency. Every time I fish the river I see anglers keeping cutthroats boats without invasive species stickers. At times it seems that outfitters are not limiting the number of boats they launch but flood the river when the North Fork is not fishing well. In all the years I have fished the river only once did the fish and game ask to see my license. They are almost NEVER seen on the river. I would highly recommend all agencies get out from behind their desks and spend some time on the river. Eagles and osprey are not bothered by drift boats floating by but the power boats powering their way up the river do bother the birds. Rafters clog the boat ramps because they don't see when they can launch without tying up the ramp. Have separate areas and have them clearly marked. Have signs reminding people to have their boats ready to launch BEFORE backing down the ramp. It should only take two minutes at most on the ramp to launch a boat. Have brochures at all the ramp areas to remind people of river etiquette. A lot of people do stupid things because they do not know better, help to educate them. The South Fork is a beautiful river that can handle a lot of traffic if the people using it respect it and the other users on the river. Have enforcement on the river to help educate users and enforce the current regulations. Guides at times act like they own the river and that the South Fork is their private river. The outfitters need to better train their guides to work better with resident users.

Do not let anyone from Utah to use any section.

We need more river access for boaters. You should develop the Irwin location that you started on but so far I've never seen anyone use it. We also need better river access for the general public for boaters between Conant and Byington

All outfitters and guides, their boats, trailers and equipment used to move or pull the trailers must be licensed and registered in the State of Idaho. The Teton, North and South Fork and the Main Snake Rivers are closed to guided trips on Sunday's. The Teton, North and South Fork of the Snake River are closed to all boat traffic on Monday's.

Take the giant jet boats off the south fork. HP restriction to 60hp or less. Upper Teton above Harpops getting too crowded with guiding and booze cruising tubes, SUPs etc. not so peaceful anymore. One guide boat per section of upper Teton. Not allowing world class to put 8 boats in on the south fork at same location at same time. Giant cluster every time. Deteriorates experience for all, including their clients one would assume. Allow motor through canyon and no fish to allow bypass of Fulmer.

We feel that competitive events such as the Jackson Hole One Fly not be allowed on the South Fork. Thank you for your time and effort to offer this survey.

I am very concerned about the growing over-use of these fantastic resources. I believe that we should begin to manage more strictly, especially commercial uses. If we don't take these steps, the rivers and the surrounding habitat will be severely degraded for our children and grandchildren.

### Open-ended Comments

I have been floating and fishing the South Fork since 1983. Recently, the over-crowding has made my experiences there less than enjoyable. I strongly encourage placing limits on the number of all river users, including the public, before it is too late. Quotas and permits became necessary on the Grand Canyon and Middle fork of the Salmon years ago to preserve and protect the special quality and character of those river systems. The South Fork deserves no less. While I value my freedom and right to go where I want when I want, I would gladly give that up in this case to help ensure that my experiences return to higher quality when I am granted that special permission to go. Sincerely, Gregory Cisco Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Use campfire restrictions using dry periods --especially April to early June

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