



Idaho River Sports
Est. 1987
601 N. Whitewater Park Blvd. Boise

IWA Christmas Party and White Elephant
December 5th
Dinner 6p / Exchange 7p
Sock drive and Ugly Sweater Contests!

Note: Please check your renewal date next to the mailing address.
IWA is only as strong as our members and we need you!



Check one:

- New Membership
 Renewal

JOIN!! IWA Annual Membership Dues
\$20 Individual / \$25 Family
MEMBERS! PLEASE VERIFY YOUR INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS

Please Check ALL that apply:

- Raft
 Cataract
 Canoe-whitewater
 Canoe-touring
 Kayak- whitewater
 Kayak-touring
 Kayak-inflatable
 SUP
 Other: _____

Date: _____
Name(s): _____
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Check one: Individual Membership (\$20)
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I am interested in Volunteering

- Spring Equipment Sale
 Safety Saturday
 Other

Adopt-a-Highway

- Board of Directors
 Lochsa River Madness

Social Media/Newsletter

- Sponsoring IWA
 Guest Speaker

Thoughts From Your President:

Where did the rivers take you this summer? I had the opportunity to stay at a few new camps, a layover day and explored hiking trails along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. This time taking a full seven days with 19 friends, some new and some seasoned. A wedding took place on this trip. River weddings are the best! Wrapped up our whitewater season with a fun trip on Hells Canyon. Perfect temperatures with great friends and of course the fishing was awesome!

IWA wrapped up summer with the 2nd Annual Summer Roundup at Lost Grove Brewery. Huge thanks to the overwhelming amount of supporters who donated exceptional prizes for this year's raffle and silent auction! This is becoming IWA's most successful event. We are looking for a venue that will allow us to bring in food and beer next year. Give us a shout if you have any ideas.

Dave, Antonia and the crew at BLM have done an awesome job creating river maps and safety signs to be installed at Danskin, Deer Creek and Deadwood sites along the Payette River. Watch for them in the spring. In the coming months, BLM and the Board are moving forward with potential Beehive Bend ramp modifications and a ramp at Deadwood. Please let us know of any stewardship projects IWA can support.

We're geared up for this season on meetings. Down River Equipment is donating some rad items for raffles all season. Thanks DRE! If you are interested in sharing your favorite recipe with members, please email contact@idahowhitewater.net. We'd love to share your dish at a meeting this season!

Cheers, *Cris Riggs*

IWA Christmas Party and White Elephant

When: December 5th

Where: Idaho River Sports

601 N. Whitewater Park Blvd., Boise

Time: Dinner 6p. Gift Exchange promptly at 7p.

Bring one gift per person playing. Free to members. Others may donate \$10 for dinner and/or gift exchange. Yes, you may become a member onsite! Sock drive and ugly sweater contests. Holiday dinner. BYOB. Killer deals throughout the store.

Idaho Whitewater Association
November 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 7th:
1st Member Meeting
AIRE Factory Store

December 5th:
White Elephant & Christmas Party at Idaho River Sports

January 9th:
Board of Directors Election and Meeting
Cascade River Gear

February 6th:
Dutch Oven & River Foods Cook-off
Cascade River Gear

March 6th:
2019 River Predictions
AIRE Factory Store

April 3rd:
Movie Night
Idaho River Sports

April 27th:
Spring Equipment Sale
Maravia Warehouse

May 11th:
Adopt-a-Hwy Cleanup
Beehive Bend

May 23-27th:
Lochsa River Madness
Wilderness Gateway

Take Action To Protect Lochsa Area Wild Rivers (ID)

River Runners have an opportunity to let the Forest Service know their position on the Forest Service's plan to strip proposed protections from 89 rivers in central Idaho. The Forest Service really needs to hear from the river community from across the country.

Below are a few of the rivers that would likely lose protection under the "suitability" scheme:

- ☒ Lochsa Watershed: Upper Lochsa, White Sands (Colt Killed), Big Sands, Fish Creek, Crooked Fork, Brushy Fork
- ☒ Selway Watershed: Meadow Creek, Bear Creek, Rhoda Creek, Moose Creek, Forks of Moose Creek, Running Creek, Three Links Creek.
- ☒ North Fork Clearwater Watershed: North Fork Clearwater, Little North Fork Clearwater, Kelly Creek, Lolo Creek, Potlatch River.
- ☒ South Fork Clearwater Watershed: South Fork Clearwater, Johns Creek, American River.
- ☒ Salmon River Watershed: Salmon River, Bargamin Creek, Sabe Creek.

So, basically whitewater paradise. There are almost 1,000 miles of outstanding whitewater rivers and streams.



Colburn, Kevin ~ American Whitewater ~ 2018 October 2
Take Action to Protect Lochsa Area Wild Rivers (ID)
The complete story is available at:

<https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Article/view/articleid/34096/>

Safety Saturday Success

On a very hot sunny July day several IWA members and sponsors set up safety stations along the banks of the Payette River. River runners of all ages partook in the various station which included 50 years of Wild & Scenic, PFD & Helmet fitting station, Safety Talk, Throw Bag practice, Knot Tying, Boat Flipping, Rig to Flip, First Aid, Idaho River United information, and much more. Thanks so much to all of the hard working volunteers who gave up their Saturday afternoon to share whitewater safety skills with others! Also, a big thanks to the sponsors who attended and provided SWAG for attendees. Next year we hope to have a food truck on site! Find the volunteer signup sheet at a member meeting or email us to be a part of next summer's Safety Saturday. This is truly a rewarding event!



Fun River Fact:

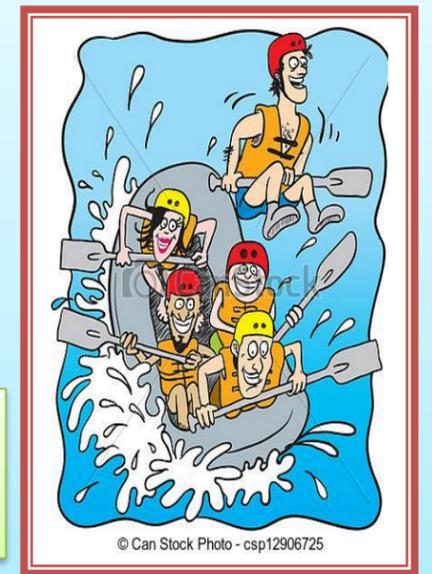
The Snake River is a major river of the greater Pacific Northwest in the United States. The length of the Snake River is approximately 1,735 kilometers (1,078 miles). It is the 9th longest river in the United States. Hells Canyon flows more than 1 mile below the canyon's west rim on the Oregon side and 7,400 feet below the peaks of Idaho's Seven Devils Mountains range to the east. Hells Canyon is North America's deepest river gorge.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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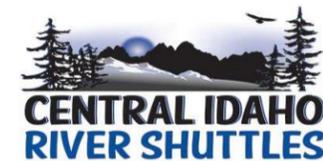
The Idaho Whitewater Association's Board of Directors (BOD) has openings and can always use a few extra helping hands. If you are interested in joining the BOD or volunteering at one of our many community events, please contact us at: conatct@idahowhitewater.net



Our Mission

The purpose of the Idaho Whitewater Association, Inc. (hereafter, IWA) shall be to promote the appreciation, understanding, and safe recreational use of the whitewater river resources within the State of Idaho among its members and the general public, and to inform the members of issue affecting whitewater rivers and their use. In essence, the IWA is for whitewater boaters and paddlers, who have a passion and experience in whitewater and others who desire to explore that passion.

THANKS TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS:



Cont'd from page 3 ... Among the debris of broken car reflectors, grungy hospital masks, and scummy gloves we gathered dozens of un-used Band-Aids the entire 2-mile stretch finally finding the empty box at the end of the rainbow--disproving the pot of gold myth. Other finds included several pairs of stinky socks, a dirty baseball cap, filthy rags, a sooty ice chest lid, squalid Styrofoam pieces, various raunchy plastic containers, a full set of bedraggled silverware, the American flag (shameful), a near-perfect Boise Bronco antennae ornament, and a decrepit rusty pull top can that crumbled upon touch--doesn't HWY cleanup sound riveting?

The find of the day went to Howard Miller for discovering an old black and white photo of an adorable toddler--presumably from the wallet that



eluded us. Howard chose the Down River Equipment storage bag for his prize and I awarded the \$50.00 Cascade River Gear gift card to Dean and Linda to express how grateful I felt that they attended. We each got to take home a Down River Equipment cup holder for our strenuous efforts.

After performing over 200 squats picking up other people's garbage for three hours straight my legs felt like spaghetti



noodles--confirming that part of the weather forecast as correct. The four of us headed to the IWA's sign to snap a photo and concluded that I won the award (bragging rights) for the smartest pair of shoes for the task thankfully behind us. My trusty Wesco boots from my forest service days were perfect for climbing up and down steep terrain. The only thing missing was the Men in Black memory eraser so we'd all forget how arduous HWY cleanup is with only 4 people but then we'd wonder how we all received awesome cash and prizes for a job well done?



ELECTION

Jan 9, 2019 at Cascade River Gear
IWA needs YOU!

JOIN this fun and exciting team of directors!
Or just come to VOTE!
Doors open at 6p. Meeting at 7p.
Email contact@idahowhitewater.net for additional details and an application.



Big Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors This Year

We would like to send a special **Thank You** to all that have supported us this year. Without supporters like you our association would not be as strong as it is today. Because you gave to a worthy cause, it's important to recognize your awesome efforts.

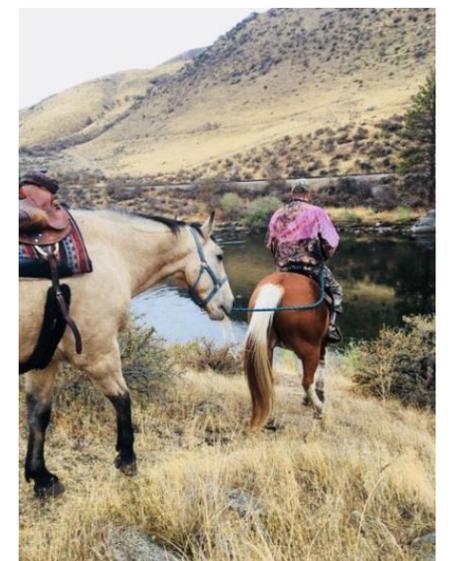
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| 10 Barrel Brewery Boise | Down River Equipment | NRS |
| AIRE | Dutch Bros. | Outdoor Exchange |
| Air St. Luke's | Eureka! | REI |
| Backcountry Hunters | Fatty's Bar | River Food – Courtney Smart |
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| Bear Valley Rafting Company | H2O Rafting | Salmon River Experience |
| Boise Gear Collective | Hollywood Market | Selway Fabrication |
| Boise River Enhancement Network | Hells Canyon Shuttle | Shock Therapy Workshop |
| Boise Classic Movie | HSB Flight Park | SMITH Optics |
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| Carrie Anson of Azure Salon | Idaho River Sports | Springs at Idaho City |
| Cascade River Gear | Idaho Rivers United | Steve Stubner |
| Cascade Raft and Kayak | Idaho Storage Connection | Sunray Café |
| Cataract Oars | Kavu | TRIB Outdoor + Tech |
| Central Idaho Shuttles | Lost Grove Brewery | TYTHE Outdoors |
| Cottonwood Grille | Maravia | WAHOOS |
| | McU Sports | Whitewater Expeditions |

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Rain or Shine

Teresa Roundy

Although the forecast predicted a slight chance of rain with a side of meatballs, the day turned out to be absolutely beautiful for fly fishing, horseback riding and picking up trash along HWY 55. At 10:10 am Howard Miller and I somberly decided to start the cleanup--Lonesome Dove style beginning with capturing photos of a cowboy and his son crossing the Payette River on horseback. We just finished collecting the rubbish at the take out of Beehive Bend when late arrivals appeared to our delight. Thank you, Dean and Linda Schlomer, for helping us with this huge job made larger by lack of people committed to making America great again.

Together we worked until 1:00 pm filling 21 bags along with 2 tires, a metal bumper and a 4 by 4. There were many discoveries along the way besides the usual empty beer cans, muddy bottles, nasty cigarette butts, greasy wrappers, spattered big gulps, and dirty diapers full of excrement; we found the contents of a wallet strewn for a mile but never located the wallet or ID. Together we acquired over \$30.00 in cash--who says volunteering doesn't pay? *Story continues on page 6.*



NORTH FORK PAYETTE

HOW A WORLD-CLASS RESOURCE WAS SAVED



- 1971-1972** Recreational paddling on the Main and South Fork of the Payette becomes commonplace
- 1973** Kayakers make the first successful descents of the lower North Fork of the Payette.
- 1977** First successful top-to-bottom descent of the North Fork's 17 miles of Class V.
- 1978** Idaho Power Co. proposes a major hydropower project on the North Fork that would dewater the reach between Smith's Ferry and Banks. Idaho Whitewater Association is formed by local whitewater enthusiasts including Rob Lesser, Roger Rosentreter, Dick Goetch, Mike Lyons and Marti Bridges to fight the proposal.
- 1980** Idaho Power Co. files a license application with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Idaho Whitewater Association intervenes in opposition.
- 1982** FERC issues Idaho Power a license for the Idaho Power Project.
- 1986** Public opinion, changes in the energy market and opposition from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission lead Idaho Power Co. to surrender its North Fork Payette project.
- 1986** Western Power, Inc., a J.R. Simplot-backed company, applies for a water right permit for a massive project that would dam the North Fork above the popular Class III Cabarton reach, flood Round Valley and divert up to 2,200 cfs out of the river.
- 1987** At the urging of conservationists, Idaho Fish and Game and the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department petition the Idaho Water Resource Board for minimum stream flows on the North Fork Payette. A minimum flow water right is granted for a 10-mile reach.
- 1988** Two additional minimum streamflow water rights are requested for the North Fork Payette on another 17-mile reach and are granted, effectively protecting the river from excess water withdrawals that would impact fish, wildlife, recreational boating, aesthetics and water quality. Gem Irrigation District, backed by Western Power, gets a preliminary permit for the Round Valley project from FERC.
- Idaho Whitewater Association intervenes in opposition to the permit. Friends of the Payette is organized under the direction of Wendy Wilson, Scott Montgomery and a volunteer steering committee, and "The Payette River Needs Friends" campaign is launched. The state legislature passes legislation establishing the state protected rivers system.
- 1989** Strong opposition to Gem's proposal spurs a new design, the High Valley Alternative, whereby water would be pumped out of the North Fork downstream of Smith's Ferry to High Valley, and released through an eight mile long tunnel back down to a powerhouse at Banks.
- 1990** Idaho Rivers United is founded.
- 1991** Friends of the Payette leads one of the biggest environmental campaigns in Idaho legislative history, and the North Fork is designated a protected river. New hydropower projects are banned, but Gem Irrigation applies for and is issued a new preliminary permit for the Banks Hydroelectric Project. Idaho Whitewater Association, Friends of the Payette and Idaho Rivers United intervene.
- 1992-1994** Friends of the Payette and Idaho Rivers United campaign unsuccessfully for federal protection for the North Fork Payette.
- 1998** Gem Irrigation seeks an exemption to the state water plan and is denied. Idaho Water Board adopts revised Payette Plan prohibiting new hydropower on the North Fork.
- 1999** Idaho Rivers United leads the successful campaign to pass the revised Payette River Plan. Gem Irrigation District Withdraws its water right application, closing the door to future hydropower projects on the North Fork.
- Present** Recreational paddling grows in popularity, and the North Fork Payette is widely revered as one of North America's finest whitewater rivers. Kelly's Whitewater Park opens in 2010 and further elevate the river's world-class reputation.