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Special points of interest:

- THIS ISSUE OF THE RAPIDS IS RATHER BRIEF—NOT MUCH GOING ON THIS TIME OF YEAR.
- 2012 CONFLUENCE RUN SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 15.
- C.A.S.T.FOR KIDS SET FOR AUGUST 18.

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AUGUST 2012

2012 CONFLUENCE RUN

The annual Confluence run is scheduled for Saturday, September 15th. There will be a dinner that evening. The WWA furnishes the steaks, paper plates and plastic utensils. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish and whatever you want to drink.

Camping in the campground is usually tight. Doubling up on camp spaces is permitted, but try not to park completely off the pavement. The upper Pittsburgh parking area has been used in the past for overflow park-

ing and camping.

Jim McGarvin and Rich Vaughn are co-chairs for this year's event. Jim said he did not plan a driver's meeting, but will make the round of the campground Friday evening and line up run leaders and followers.

Please e-mail Jim McGarvin, the run chair, jim@westvalleycomplex.com, if you have any questions or if you would be willing to lead a group

This year the permit season ends Monday, the 10th. A permit will be required to go into the

Wild section before Tuesday.). Please refer to the Hells Canyon Recreation Area web site for any information regarding permits and rules. For example every boat must have a porta potty on board to carry out human waste.



C.A.S.T. For Kids

This year's CAST (Catch A Special Thrill) for Kids, is scheduled for August 18, 2012. This is an event sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation. CAST is a public service project promoting environmental education and cold water fishing designed for children, ages 7 to 16, with

physical/developmental disabilities, or terminal illnesses.

The program runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. A BBQ lunch, prepared by /Gem Lions Club will be ready for hungry anglers following the fishing activities. Everyone is invited to enjoy the meal at no charge.

For those of you who have never participated in this program, it is a very rewarding way to spend a Saturday. For a few hours of your time, you get to help a child enjoy the sport of fishing and there is no way to express how great it is to see their face when they catch a fish.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Dog Days of Summer

While July slipped past us and the August heat bears down on us, the season is changing just a little. Last night I arrived at my house after dark because I was finishing work on some outdoor irrigation projects and was surprised that the nightly news had not started yet. Ever so slightly the days are getting a little shorter and this brings the promise of fall days, cooler weather, and steelhead fishing.

Before we just jump to that point, there are several things to attract our attention. There are some last minute trips to the river and lake to squeeze in before school starts, a management plan for Lake Lowell should be released any day that will need comment and review, and maybe a run to Hells Canyon. One might wait for cooler weather for Hells Canyon however there are permits available on short notice for the wild and scenic portion and the scenic portion of the river. The WWA web site can direct anyone to the contact sites for those permits. Keep in mind that there are some great bass and trout fishing opportunities in the canyon in early September.

As for Lake Lowell, stay tuned. The management plan has been delayed and as soon as it is available for review we will post it to the web site with a link to obtain a pdf copy of the plan. I am guessing a pdf copy will save paper

for all. Also as soon as possible, we will have a guest presenter at our membership meeting to go over the plan and field questions on the same.

Management of natural resources is essential to keep what we have available for multiple use. Last month I traveled to Winnemucca and the Long Draw fire impact is very apparent along the Highway 95 route. Most of the area burned so hot that any sagebrush remaining is a stump of four or five inches tall. That burn is several hundred thousand acres and, based on some pictures a BLM employee shared with me, is clearly visible from the space station.

With some re-seeding and management, the same employee shared that the area will appear renewed in perhaps three years. The unmeasured damage to that eco-system will be significant but affect the Sage Grouse population in that area and also the loss of cattle that were grazing in the area as well as other aspects. The fire moved over 30 miles per hour at one point and several hundred cattle were overtaken by the fire and destroyed or injured to the point they had to be destroyed.

Not that a management plan could prevent this damage but, proper input and planning within a management plan can minimize the effects of this type of event while preserving the

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multiple use aspect of any ecosystem. As the Lake Lowell plan becomes available I would encourage all to review it and become informed of the proposed management plan. We all need to be diligent in the stewardship of our natural resources. Beyond economics, the availability of our natural resources is probably the most weighted reason most of us live in the Treasure Valley. Whether it is fishing, hunting, lake cruising, or whitewater that you enjoy, live the Dog Days of Summer and remember, there is no snow that you have to shovel from the walkway or driveway at least in the foreseeable future. Most of all, take part in the management of these resources in any way you can.

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST 13, 2012
*General Membership
meeting—Canyon
Creek Restaurant,*

Nampa
AUGUST 18, 2012:
CAST for Kids Black

Canyon Reservoir
SEPTEMBER 10,
**2012 General Mem-
bership meeting—**
*Canyon Creek Res-
taurant, Nampa*

SEPTEMBER 15,
2012 Confluence

Run
October 27, 2012

Hammer Creek Run
JANUARY 1, 2012
New Years Day Run
Walter's Ferry

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Meetings are the
second Monday of
**the Month at Can-
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Idaho Power Streamflow Information: (03-02) [http://www.idahopower.com/
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Riverflow Information: <http://www.idwr.state.id.us/planpol/techserv/flows.htm>

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Salmon River Reservations: Slate Creek Ranger Station: 208-839-2211

Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations: Pat Wurl: 509-758-0270

General information: 509-758-0616

River & Reservoir Levels: Bureau of Reclamation: 208-334-9134

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only) 208-388-2255