

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- **2012 Weed Run held June 15-17.**
- **Confluence Run coming soon.**
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## Salmon River Weed Run

For over ten years, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, the Idaho Department of Agriculture, and private property owners, WWA members provide transportation up the Salmon River and manpower to help control noxious weeds within the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

This year, the "Weed Run" was held on June 15, 16 and 17 after being rescheduled from the first of May, because of high water. We had 6 boats and 18 volunteers to help spray weeds. The river was running at around 32,000 cfs – Chittam Rapid is huge at that level. Sev-

eral of the boats were able to find the "Green Room" on the way back down.

The group provided noxious weed control at several locations this year including the Mackey Bar, Indian Creek and James Ranch. We stayed at the Mackay Bar this year. This project requires a significant amount of physical labor, as the weed control methods primarily entail hand application of chemical sprays and some hand pulling with much of the work taking place on steep terrain. Again this year, spray materials, boat fuel and food expenses are being covered by government grants and the WWA.

Jim McGarvin and Rich Vaughn cooked the meals and entertained the group. Don and Andrea Betzold, the owners of Mackay Bar were great hosts this year and provided their kitchen for cooking.

Everyone had a great time and we killed a lot of weeds. I would like to thank everyone that participated this year – this project gives the club a lot of good visibility with the government entities and private land owners.

**Please give Don Moore (208-377-0272) a call if you have any questions.**



*At the time this newsletter went to press, we did not have photos of this year's weed run. This shows some of the hard work done last year.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**One Nation, Under God**

It was a brisk winter morning, and as I drove to work the sky was cloudless and an azure blue with barely a hint of a breeze. It was almost too quiet for me as I anticipated the tasks that awaited me at work. I happened to notice the skyline of Ontario Oregon (imagine for a second that Ontario has a skyline) with the backdrop of West Mountain and Cuddy Mountain covered with snow contrasting the winter colors of the town and the previously mentioned blue sky.

Visible from the south side of Ontario was a brilliant red white and blue jumbo size flag of our nation floating on the

slight breeze above Elk's Memorial baseball field on campus at Treasure Valley Community College. I'm not an artist and I leave the color matching to my wife and daughters most of the time, but that morning even I could see the outstanding contrasts of the city, the flag, the mountains, and the sky. I was a little ahead of schedule that morning and decided to see how many flags were on display in the city.

Without deviating too far from my routine drive, I noticed the flag on display that morning at the newspaper office, city hall, the hospital, several offices of doctors, dentists,

accountants, banks, the Elks Lodge, the schools, and lastly my office. It struck me that all of those flags were displayed that morning because someone cared about this great nation. There was however, one flag that caught my eye that morning that I just about missed.

There was a group of kids walking to school that morning that crossed the street in front of me. As I stopped for them to cross, I noticed a single desktop sized flag on one tombstone in Sunset Cemetery on the west side of Ontario. That flag also was placed there by someone who cares about this nation but that flag had an "earned place" to fly. That place was earned by dedi-

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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cated military service that helped to keep this nation free and peaceful in light of the world and its turmoil.

I don't know if the serviceman or service-woman resting under that desktop size flag was a casualty of their service or a casualty of a long life after their military service to this nation. I do however, recognize, honor, and appreciate they cared enough to serve this nation. I also recognize and honor the presumed family member, friend, or perhaps comrade who placed that "earned flag" appropriately upon the eternal resting spot of that service person.

As we celebrate

the independence of our nation with this next holiday, I would like to think that we as a nation, would consider the plight of those who served in the past, those who are currently serving, and those who will serve in the future in our military to preserve the great freedoms we enjoy in this nation. One of those freedoms caused the North Fork of the Clearwater River to once again be opened up to motorized craft and the "administrative rule enacted for safety purposes" was reversed (more about that on the website). Perhaps you will have the opportunity to hear or even recite the pledge of allegiance in celebrating

the Fourth of July this year. Personally, when I hear "one nation under God", I kind of think God may have something to do with painting the picture of the blue sky, white snowy mountains, and freedoms the flag represents in this nation. Somebody way more important than me might even know that God likes Jetboating on the North Fork. Wouldn't that really tick off the naysayers and administrative rule makers? Keep safe, honor our freedoms, and see you on the water.

Jed Myers

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# CONFLUENCE RUN

The annual Confluence run is coming up and this year we plan on making as memorable as any. Saturday, September 15th is the official run with a dinner that evening. This will be here before we know it.

The trip over the hill always challenges the most prepared drivers. It is 17 miles of 16% grades on dirt road. With the number of vehicles coming in this weekend please engage your four wheel drive if

equipped when you come to the dirt. This will save the road and save the stress on your tow vehicle. Many automatic transmissions have given up while traveling this road and if you have low range it is encouraged to engage it. Boat trailers with hydraulic surge brakes should be locked out during the descent down the hill so the trailer brakes don't over-heat.

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 parking 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 lead-

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ers and followers.

Please e-mail Jim McGarvin, the run chair, at [jim@westvalleycomplex.com](mailto: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.

## PURPOSE

- To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of boating.
- To serve the interests of recreation water users.
- To defend against discriminatory legislation, regulations and burdensome taxation.
- To develop a fraternal spirit among all recreational water users.
- To provide a medium for the exchange of boating information.
- To own or lease property for the Association users.
- To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the Association and in the general public's interests.

## CODE OF ETHICS

- I will maintain and enhance the quality of the water upon which I operate.
- I will at all times, drive at speeds as to keep the boat under control.
- I will always respect the rights of other water users.
- I will at all times give down-river traffic the right of way.
- I will leave campgrounds and campsites clean and bring out litter.
- I will get permission and have respect for private property.
- I will give aid to any boatman or water user when in danger.
- I will read the Code of Ethics of the Association and agree to abide by them as an active member and boatman.

*Members wishing to place ads are free. Commercial ads are \$10.00 each month, or \$100.00 for a year. If you have an ad that you would like run, call Anita Shore at (208) 454-1669*

*FAX (208) 454-1923 or email [shore2shore@heritagewifi.com](mailto:shore2shore@heritagewifi.com). The number at the end of your ad indicates the number of times your ad has appeared in the RAPIDS. After 3 times the ad will be dropped. You will need to resubmit the ad with some changes for further publication.*



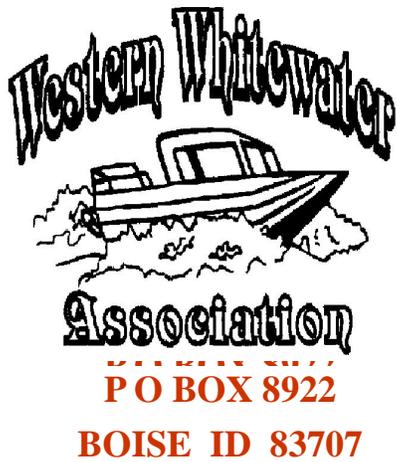
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##### **Idaho Current Streamflows: (New Address) 5-01**

[http://water.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?type=flow&group\\_key=NONE&search\\_site\\_no\\_station\\_nm=](http://water.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?type=flow&group_key=NONE&search_site_no_station_nm=) (enter it once and bookmark it!)

##### **Idaho Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)** <http://www.idahopower.com/h2o/idastream.cfm>

**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

#### Calendar of Events

**July 9, 2012** *General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa*

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

**AUGUST 18, 2012:** CAST for Kids Black Canyon Reservoir

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2012** *General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa*

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2012** *Confluence Run*

**October 27, 2012** *Hammer Creek Run*

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

**General Meetings are the second Monday of the Month at Canyon Creek Restaurant Nampa ID**