



# RAPIDS

WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JULY 2015

While taking a break from getting ready to go to Hells Canyon for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend I remembered that I hadn't written a Presidents message. This got me to thinking about what I will forget to take this trip. Seems like no matter how early I start getting prepared or how thorough I think my list is. I will remember something about an hour away

from home. On the last trip I forgot to put my Sturgeon tackle box back in the boat after its last cleaning. It can get kind of comical to see all of the items you can tie on to your line to make it castable. Not only for distance but give your bait some sort of a hold on the bottom. The sturgeon in Hells Canyon have been caught so many times and are

very well trained. I can only imagine the sound of a laughing sturgeon when they see what I have tied on. I know a lot of you know exactly what I'm talking about. We would like to hear some of your stories and see your pictures of your adventures on the river. Please share them with

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### A FEW DAYS IN HELL'S CANYON

The 30th of June, the Shores, the Jim Moores and the Horton's all were fortunate enough to get permits to Hell's Canyon.. We spent Wednesday through Sunday there. Jim and Brandi Moore had to go home Sunday, but the Hortons and Shores stayed another night and fished the next day. Randy Clagg and his son and daughter -in-law were there, also. Carl Norton and Jim and Patti McGarvin and others came in also. Chad Colton and a group of his friends were camping at Sturgeon Rock. (Pine Bar). I tell you all of this to let everyone know how much the WWA affects the boats on the river.

A Forest Service personnel was there checking for "no-shows". He was very personable and easy to talk too. After Brandi and I made a suggestion (regarding the doors to the restroom), he said if we as users don't point out the things that need attention, they (the Forest Service) have no way of

knowing about it.

On another subject, Chad was kind enough to lead us through Rush creek, Bill Rapid and Water Spout. Was a REAL experience.

We did catch a few bass, but no Sturgeon. I think it was just too hot for even them.

One last thing I have to report (since everyone said I wouldn't), when we got back to the ramp Sunday evening, I went to get the pickup as usual. I backed it down the right side of the ramp (which I always have trouble with, but need to learn), I miss judged and backed it off the side of the ramp. They told me to pull forward. It made a load bang. I hit the shackles and flipped them over. After an extended struggle, James and David had it turned back over and I backed it in again. My BAD! Lesson learned. Story by Anita Shore

*The photo on the left is an aerial photo of Cottonwood Rapids. Line up with the tree and take the route close to the large rock. This photo was taken at 5500 CFS water levels.*



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us by posting on the Western Whitewater facebook page or email them to the web page or the club newsletter the Rapids.

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President Randy Clagg

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**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:** Reservations must be made online. <https://www.recreation.gov/>

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### Calendar of Events

**JULY 13, 2015: 7 P.M.** General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek

**September 12, 2015:** Confluence Run

**October 24, 2015:** Hammer Creek Fishing Day

**General membership meeting:** Second Monday of the month at Canyon Creek Restaurant,

