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## Upcoming Events

**October 24** Hammer Creek Run – at Shorts Bar 8AM MDT–4PM MDT. Potluck 7PM at Bailey's – Social distancing strongly encouraged.

**November 9** General Membership Meeting - Election

**General Membership Meetings are held at 7PM at Fiesta Guadalajara, 1202 N Jacob Alcott Way, Nampa, ID 83687.**

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## Our voices matter, please comment by November 11

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The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is considering changes to developed recreation site fees to enhance recreation opportunities and better reflect current management goals. Proposed changes include fee increases, new fees and eliminating fees at some sites. This strategy would allow the Forest to maintain or improve the quality of facilities and services, while aligning revenue with annual operation and maintenance costs, as well as deferred maintenance costs. About 95% of fees collected would continue to directly fund site management. Recreation opportunities are abundant and mostly free, and many developed recreation sites would continue to be available at no charge.

### Background

Fees have been charged at developed recreation sites since the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program was authorized by Congress in 1996.

- Current fee structure (last significant change was 15 years ago):
  - Trailheads: \$5/day (or \$30/yr. for NW Forest Pass).
  - Campgrounds: \$5-\$8/night.
  - Cabins: \$45-\$80/night.

### Current Management

The Forest manages 248 developed recreation sites including campgrounds, trailheads, cabins, day use areas and interpretive sites.

- 65 of these sites require fees:
  - 31 campgrounds.
  - 18 trailheads.
  - 4 rental cabins.
- Continuing to provide existing developed recreation opportunities is not sustainable with the current fees. With the proposed changes, the Forest would be able to provide better maintenance, repair, and facility enhancement.

### Proposed Fee Changes

The process for changing fees includes a public comment period, Regional and National agency review/approval, and recommendations from a citizen-based Recreation Advisory Committee. Proposals must also provide amenities required in the 2005 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) before fees may be charged. New or increased fees are proposed at 55 sites on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

- Fee increases:
  - 28 campgrounds.
  - 18 trailheads.
  - 4 rental cabins.
- Eliminate fees at 3 sites
  - 1 trailhead.
  - 2 campgrounds.
- New fees at 24 sites:
  - 17 campgrounds.
  - 5 trailheads.
  - 2 rental cabins.
- Extra vehicle fee at campgrounds

Public Comments requested by 11/15/2020 Recreation Program Manager 1550 Dewey Ave, Suite A Baker City, OR 97814 (541) 805-2769 [sm.fs.wwnf-webmail@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fs.wwnf-webmail@usda.gov)

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## Oregon Boater Education Card

All boaters who operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower (hp) and youths 12-15 operating a motorboat of any size are required to take an approved boating safety course and apply/carry a boater education card.

Non-Oregon residents will need to either obtain an Oregon Boater Education Card or have a card from any state that issues cards for NASBLA-approved courses.

<https://www.oregon.gov/osm/b/boater-info/Pages/Boater-Education-Cards.aspx>

## Idaho Boating Safety Classes

We have several FREE Idaho Home Study Boating Safety Course booklets available; you may pick one up at a general meeting.

Other resources for Idaho Boating Safety courses, including Free Boating Safety classes and Online Education, are available on the Idaho Parks & Recreation website <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/activities/boating>

Note that some of the Online Education courses require a fee.

## President's Message

PRESIDENT

Well who would have thought that we would still be in the midst of this pandemic. The WWA Board of Directors has still been having meetings and have made a couple of decisions, 1st we are going to try and have a virtual General meeting via Microsoft Teams or Zoom Stay tuned. 2nd is that we will not be holding a WWA annual Banquet as normal. Instead we will be soliciting donations and doing an online auction. We held the Confluence run and it was well attended. Thank you to John Bryant and Jim Moore for stepping up as leaders. We will soon be looking for members to step up and run for WWA office, please consider stepping up and helping with the future direction of our club.

-Jeff Higgins  
President Western Whitewater Association

## Confluence Run

The 2020 Confluence run was held September 12th. There were approximately 20-25 boats in attendance. Special thanks to Jeff Higgins, David Dickerson, John Bryant, and Jim Moore for organizing and leading groups. Although this was a scaled-back event with no club-sponsored dinner and the smoke from the fires was thick, fun was had by all.



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## Hammer Creek (Shorts Bar) Run

This year's Hammer Creek Run will begin and end at Shorts Bar in Riggins on October 24th. Last chance to sign up will be at Shorts Bar between 7AM and 8AM MDT, you must check-in no later than 4PM for inspection. Entry fee is \$10. If you are camping and launching at Hammer Creek and want to sign up in advance, contact Debbie Thorson at [d-thorson@hotmail.com](mailto:d-thorson@hotmail.com) to arrange payment *no later than October 21st*.

Potluck dinner and prize drawings will be held at "Bailey's Down Under" 514 S Main in Riggins at 7PM. Tables and chairs will be provided by WWA and outdoor seating will be available to encourage social distancing. Please bring a dish to share if you want to participate in the potluck, you are welcome to bring your own food if you wish. There will be a hat/mask contest with prizes.

Fee Increase

Site Name	Site Type	Ranger District	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Arrow Forest	Campground	Eagle Cap	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Hurricane Creek	Campground	Eagle Cap	\$6.00	\$10.00*
Irondyke	Campground	Eagle Cap	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Shady	Campground	Eagle Cap	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Turkey Flat	Campground	Eagle Cap	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Two Pan	Horse Camp	Eagle Cap	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Walla Walla	Campground	Eagle Cap	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Williamson	Campground	Eagle Cap	\$6.00	\$10.00*
Blackhorse	Campground	HCNRA	\$8.00	\$10.00*
Coverdale	Campground	HCNRA	\$6.00	\$10.00*
Hidden	Campground	HCNRA	\$6.00	\$10.00*
Indian Crossing	Campground	HCNRA	\$5.00	\$15.00*
Lake Fork	Campground	HCNRA	\$6.00	\$15.00*
Lick Creek	Campground	HCNRA	\$6.00	\$10.00*

Site Name	Site Type	Ranger District	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Olokot	Campground	HCNRA	\$8.00	\$15.00*
Pittsburg Landing	Campground	HCNRA	\$8.00	\$15.00*
Bird Track Springs	Campground	La Grande	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Moss Springs	Horse Camp	La Grande	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Spool Cart	Campground	La Grande	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Two Color	Cabin	La Grande	\$80.00	\$100.00
West Eagle	Horse Camp	La Grande	\$5.00	\$10.00*
Eagle Forks	Campground	Whitman	\$5.00	\$15.00*
Fish Lake	Campground	Whitman	\$6.00	\$15.00*
Oregon	Campground	Whitman	\$5.00	\$10.00*
South Fork	Campground	Whitman	\$5.00	\$15.00*
Tamarack	Campground	Whitman	\$6.00	\$15.00*
Wetmore	Campground	Whitman	\$5.00	\$15.00*
Yellow Pine	Campground	Whitman	\$5.00	\$15.00*

New Fee

Site Name	Site Type	Ranger District	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Boundary	Campground	Eagle Cap	\$-	\$10.00*
Lostline	Cabin Rental	Eagle Cap	\$-	\$80.00
Twin Lakes	Campground	Eagle Cap	\$-	\$10.00*
Black Lake	Campground	HCNRA	\$-	\$10.00*
Hat Point	Trailhead	HCNRA	\$-	\$5.00
Heaven's Gate	Trailhead	HCNRA	\$-	\$5.00
Saddle Creek	Campground	HCNRA	\$-	\$10.00*
Seven Devils	Campground	HCNRA	\$-	\$10.00*
Snake River	Horse Camp	HCNRA	\$-	\$10.00*
Upper Snake River	Trailhead	HCNRA	\$-	\$5.00
Windy Saddle	Horse Camp	HCNRA	\$-	\$10.00*
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Boulder Park	Horse Camp	La Grande	\$-	\$10.00*

Site Name	Site Type	Ranger District	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Moss Springs	Cabin Rental	La Grande	\$-	\$60.00
NF Catherine Creek	Group Campground	La Grande	\$-	\$40.00
Spring Creek	Campground	La Grande	\$-	\$10.00*
Two Color	Campground	La Grande	\$-	\$10.00*
Umapine	Campground	La Grande	\$-	\$10.00*
Canyon	Campground	Wallowa Valley	\$-	\$10.00*
Coyote	Campground	Wallowa Valley	\$-	\$10.00*
Dougherty	Campground	Wallowa Valley	\$-	\$15.00*
Elkhorn Crest	Trailhead	Whitman	\$-	\$5.00
Mcbride	Campground	Whitman	\$-	\$15.00*

Fee Elimination

Site Name	Site Type	Ranger District	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Buck Creek	Campground	HCNRA	\$5.00	\$-
PO Saddle	Campground	HCNRA	\$5.00	\$-
Warnock Corral	Trailhead	HCNRA	\$5.00	\$-

\*The proposal also includes a \$5.00 fee per additional vehicle at all campgrounds.

# Member Classifieds



22 Foot Weldcraft Jetboat just over 700 hours total time, with fresh A4 impellor in a Berkley Jet powered by a normally aspirated 454 Chevrolet engine with approximately 150 hours on it since rebuild. Stick steer (solid rod - right side), Trail Boss seats, two new interstate batteries, newer Lowrance HDS 5 electronics, sand trap, center mounted electric start and power tilt 8.8 Yamaha high thrust kicker motor (plumbed fuel line), cover, 2 anchors, spare nozzle and miscellaneous parts included. 92-gallon fuel capacity in saddle tanks. This is an experienced boat and very capable on Salmon River and Hells Canyon / Snake River waters. Trailer axles serviced last year, and trailer tires are in very good condition. Health considerations and alternate boat availability motivates the sale of this set up. We are the third owners of this boat and have had twenty plus years of adventures and great times with this boat.

Contact Bob and Becky Hays at 208-880-3522 for more information and photos. Asking \$26,500 but will consider reasonable offers.

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