SPECIAL ORDER

AREA OCCUPANCY AND USE CLOSURE
(FOR RESOURCE PROTECTION)

Krassel and McCall Ranger Districts
Payette National Forest

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following act is prohibited on the area described in the Order, within the administrative boundaries of the Krassel and McCall Ranger Districts, Payette National Forest. This Order is needed for the protection of Threatened species (spawning Snake River spring/summer Chinook Salmon and Snake River Steelhead) based on a biological opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

1. Launching float boating equipment or going into or being upon designated reaches of Big Creek, Lake Creek, Secesh River, or the South Fork of the Salmon River with float boating equipment, for the protection of a threatened fish when posted. Title 36 CFR 261.53(a)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(c), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

2. Tribal members in possession of a Tribal membership card from the Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock, and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes.

3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.
AREAS DESCRIBED:

1. **Big Creek**, from the Big Creek/Smith Trailhead at the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area boundary located within Township 21 North, Range 9 East, Section 13, downstream in an easterly direction approximately 32 miles to the confluence with the Middle Fork of the Salmon River located within Township 20 North, Range 14 East, Section 10, Boise Meridian, Valley County, Idaho, and within the administrative boundaries of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, Krassel Ranger District, Payette National Forest (see Exhibit A Map).

2. **Lake Creek**, from its headwaters within Township 24 North, Range 4 East, Section 36, downstream in a southeasterly direction approximately 10 miles to the confluence with the Secesh River, located within Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Section 7, Boise Meridian, Idaho County, Idaho, and within the administrative boundaries of the McCall Ranger District, Payette National Forest (see Exhibit B Map).

3. **Secesh River**, from its confluence with Lake Creek within Township 22 North, Range 5 East, Section 7, downstream in southwesterly direction approximately 8 miles to Chinook Campground located with Township 22 North, Range 5 East, section 26, Boise Meridian, Idaho County, Idaho, and within the administrative boundaries of the McCall Ranger District, Payette National Forest (see Exhibit Map B).

4. **South Fork Salmon River**, from its confluence with Goat Creek near the boundary between the Payette and Boise National Forests located within Township 16 North, Range 6 East, Section 1, downstream in a northerly direction approximately 22 miles to the confluence with the East Fork of South Fork Salmon River located with Township 19 North, Range 6 East, Section 3, Boise Meridian, Valley County, Idaho, within the administrative boundaries of the Krassel Ranger District, Payette National Forest (see Exhibit C Map).

DEFINITIONS

**Float boating equipment:** Any devise by which any person(s) may be transported in or upon a body of water; such as, but not limited to rafts, boats, air mattresses, inner tubes, hard shell kayaks, inflatable kayaks, canoes, etc.
EXHIBITS AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. Maps identifying the river corridors as described above and affected by this Order are listed as Exhibits A, B, and C, and are attached to and made part of this Order. General maps of the Boise and Payette National Forests are available at Forest Service Administrative offices within those Forests.

2. This Special Order implementing float boating restrictions upon designated reaches of Big Creek, Lake Creek, Sesech River, and the South Fork of the Salmon River as described above is effective for the periods of April 1 through May 31, and August 1 through September 30 of each year.

3. Any violation of this Order is punishable by a fine of not more that $5,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7), and/or appropriate State Law].

4. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at McCall, Idaho, this 17th day of April 2001

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McCall Ranger District
Payette National Forest

Headwaters of Lake Creek
Lake Creek
Confluence of Lake Creek & Secesh River
Secesh River
Chinook Campground
Confluence of South Fork Salmon River And East Fork of South Fork Salmon River

Krassel Ranger District Payette National Forest

Confluence of South Fork Salmon River And Goat Creek