

Chinook Salmon Redd Alert

Welcome to the Middle Fork Salmon River. The Middle Fork Salmon River is a premier whitewater river that attracts thousands of boaters each year and we want you to fully enjoy your experience. The Middle Fork Salmon River is unique in many ways; one being the threatened Chinook Salmon. The Middle Fork Salmon River drainage has one of the last remaining wild populations of Chinook Salmon. Chinook Salmon swim up from the Pacific Ocean traveling



roughly 800 miles to get to the Middle Fork Salmon River, and spawn in the fall (August – September). They do this by building redds (spawning nests). When this occurs we ask that you take extra measures to avoid disturbing the fish and their redds. An adult Chinook Salmon needs all its energy for building the redd.

A fisheries biologist will identify these redds, flag them and let the checkers know the general location so all boaters are notified.

The biologist will place 3 strips of **red** flagging approx. 100 feet above the redd to indicate to boaters that they are approaching a redd. Approximately 100 feet below the redd will be three strips of **green** flagging on the same side; this will tell boaters that they are past the redd.

Boaters: When **red** flagging is spotted, please move to the opposite side of the river for the next 200 feet, if this can be done safely. While between the flagging, try to float quietly, use minimal oaring, and avoid standing on your boat looking for the fish, as this can scare them off the redd. When you pass the **green** flagging, you can return to normal boating operations.

With your support we can continue to float the Middle Fork Salmon River for years to come, while sustaining this wild Chinook Salmon population.



Enjoy your Middle Fork Salmon River experience!

