

2009
WILD AND SCENIC
SNAKE RIVER
ANNUAL VISITOR USE REPORT



HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
USDA FOREST SERVICE



Introduction

This report contains float and powerboat recreational use data for the Wild and Scenic Snake River, which is located within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. This 71.5 mile segment of the Snake River is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Both commercial and private recreational use data is included. This data is intended to provide information, which reflects general trends in overall use patterns rather than an exact count of yearly users of the Snake River. Private and commercial floaters that launch from Hells Canyon Creek Recreation Site during the managed use season and all private and commercial power boaters must meet special requirements for access. As a result, use figures shown for these recreational user groups represent the most accurate figures for determining overall use trends on the Snake River.

Private float and powerboat use data is collected from permits issued during the primary season, the Friday preceding Memorial Day through September 10th and self-issue permits during the remainder of the year. River permits are available at the following HCNRA portals: Cache Creek on the northern boundary, Dug Bar, Pittsburg Landing and Hells Canyon Creek Recreation Site. The data gathered from these permits is used to compile the total number of private visitors and service days spent on the river during the primary season.

All commercial powerboaters and floatboaters must have a valid Forest Service Special Use Permit to charge fees on the Wild and Scenic Snake River. They are required to report the total number of guests transported and total number of service days spent on the river. Information obtained from manifests and actual use reports is used to compile the commercial use data.

Definitions

Private - A non-commercial trip is a trip for which there is no payment, collection, receipt, or request for consideration. Non-profit status of any group or organization does not in itself determine whether a trip or trips arranged by such group or organization is non-commercial.

Commercial – Commercial outfitting and guiding is defined as all activities where someone makes a profit, receives a reimbursement or salary, receives rental for the use of animals or equipment, or supports, in any part, other programs or activities from amounts received from customers of the permitted activities.

Service-Day – One day spent by one person on the river; a person spending two days on the river would equal two service-days.

Primary Season – The period when private users are required to obtain a reservation and river permit prior to floating or boating the river – from the Friday preceding Memorial Day through September 10.

Floatboat – To travel by floatboat is to move primarily downstream with the river current. Craft used include rafts, kayaks, canoes, and dories. They may be propelled by paddles, oars, motors (no longer allowed in the wild river) or other devices, but are not generally capable of upstream travel.

Powerboat – To travel by powerboat on the river is to use motorized craft capable of upstream travel through major rapids.

2009 Primary Season ~ May 28th through September 10th

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT USE - JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT OUTFITTERS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
BENTZ, Darell - Intermountain Excursions	165	247
BONSON, Bill and CASSELL, Gabe - Snake Dancer Excursions	1037	1043
FRIEND, Richard - River Adventures, LTD.	597	597
JARRETT, Bart Jarrett - Northwest Fishing ~ Guide Service	136	144
JOHNSON, Tim - Fishhawk Guides, LLC	59	59
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adv., LLC	1,748	1,748
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adv...,LLC II	115	1115
KOCH, Jim and Jill dba Heller Bar Excursions, Idaho Rivers Navigation, Rivers Navigation	6,718	6,992
LAMM, Alan - Mainstream Outdoor Adventures, Inc.	8	11
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Snake River Adventures	2,867	2,875
ODEGAARD, Butch and Debi - River Quest Excursions	1,649	1,852
SCHULTZ, Jason - Hells Canyon Sport Fishing	398	702
TAYLOR, Reed - Two River Tours, Inc.	0	0
VOGEL, Don - Vogel Outdoor Adventures	179	244
YATES, Mark - Hells Canyon Adv. III, LLC	4,089	4,114
SMITH, Mike - Z & S Outfitters, Inc	199	579
TOTAL	19,964	
TOTAL (2008)	30,334	21,322
TOTAL (2007)	38,235	





COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT USE - PRIMARY SEASON 2009

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT OUTFITTERS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
BENTZ, Darell - Intermountain Excursions	34	34
BONSON, Bill and CASSELL, Gabe - Snake Dancer Excursions	874	880
FRIEND, Richard - River Adventures, LTD.	447	447
JARRETT, Bart - Northwest Fishing ~ Guide Service	13	21
JOHNSON, Tim - Fishhawk Guides, LLC	29	29
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adventures, LLC	1,435	1,435
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adventures, LLC II	115	115
KOCH, Jim and Jill	5,284	5,445
LAMM, Alan - Mainstream Outdoor Adventures, Inc.	8	11
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Snake River Adventures	2,351	2,359
ODEGAARD, Butch and Debi - River Quest Excursions	1,198	1,198
SCHULTZ, Jason - Hells Canyon Sport Fishing	46	77
TAYLOR, Reed - Two River Tours, Inc.	0	0
VOGEL, Don - Vogel Outdoor Adventures	92	107
YATES, Mark - Hells Canyon Adventures III, LLC	3,135	3,144
SMITH, Mike - Z & S Outfitters, Inc	36	82
TOTAL (2009)	15,097	15,384

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COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT TRIPS - 2009

	Primary Season	January-December
BENTZ, Darell - Intermountain Excursions	5	27
BONSON, Bill and CASSELL, Gabe - Snake Dancer Excursions	59	79
FRIEND, Richard - River Adventures, LTD.	51	74
JARRETT, Bart Jarrett - Northwest Fishing ~ Guide Service	3	28
JOHNSON, Tim - Fishhawk Guides, LLC	13	24
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adv., LLC	93	137
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adv...,LLC II	9	9
KOCH, Jim and Jill dba Heller Bar Excursions, Idaho Rivers Navigation, Rivers Navigation	183	245
LAMM, Alan - Mainstream Outdoor Adventures, Inc.	2	2
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Snake River Adventures	153	158
ODEGAARD, Butch and Debi - River Quest Excursions	61	101
SCHULTZ, Jason - Hells Canyon Sport Fishing	8	74
TAYLOR, Reed - Two River Tours, Inc.	0	0
VOGEL, Don - Vogel Outdoor Adventures	11	25
YATES, Mark - Hells Canyon Adv. III, LLC	207	283
SMITH, Mike - Z & S Outfitters, Inc	7	42
TOTAL	865	1,308
	<i>(2008)</i> 931	<i>(2008)</i> 1,591
	<i>(2007)</i> 1304	<i>(2007)</i> 2,128



COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT DAYS - PRIMARY SEASON 2009

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT OUTFITTERS	ALLOCATED BOAT DAYS	BOAT DAYS USED IN W & S RIV. ON ALLOC. DAYS	BOAT DAYS USED IN SCEN. RIV. MON-THUR
BENTZ, Darell - Intermountain Excursions	11	4	1
BONSON, Bill and CASSELL, Gabe - Snake Dancer Excursions	85	49	12
FRIEND, Richard – River Adventures, Inc.	40 **	50	0
JARRETT, Bart - Northwest Fishing – Guide Service	4	2	1
JOHNSON, Tim - Fishhawk Guides, LLC	6	6	4
KILLGORE, Kurt - Killgore Adventures, LLC dba Hells Canyon Jet Boat Trips and Lodging	31 **	88	5
KILLGORE, Kurt –Killgore Adventures, LLC II	9 **	9	0
KOCH, Jim and Jill dba Heller Bar Excursions dba Idaho Rivers Navigation dba Rivers Navigation	427	144	40
LAMM, Alan - Mainstream Outdoor Adventures, Inc.	55	2	0
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Snake River Adventures	182	106	25
ODEGAARD, Butch and Debi - River Quest Excursions	85	35	24
SCHULTZ, Jason - Hells Canyon Sport Fishing	6	5	3
TAYLOR, Reed - Two River Tours, Inc.	85	0	0
VOGEL, Don - Vogel Outdoor Adventures	7	6	5
YATES, Mark - Hells Canyon Adventures III, LLC	397	206	1
SMITH, Mike - Z & S Outfitters, Inc	6	6	1
Total 2009	1,436	718	122
2008		780	164
2007		1,039	267

**** Plus Boat Days from the Riggins Pool (total of 70)**

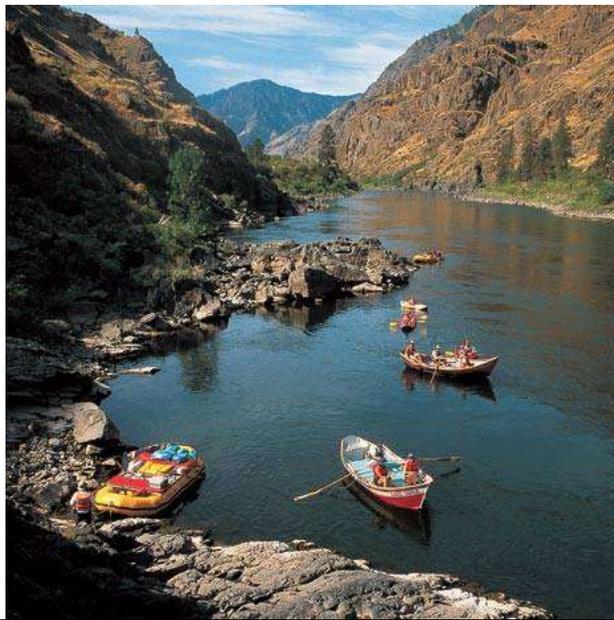
Boat Days included in this total are:

- 1) All boat days used, as documented by commercial manifests, in the Wild River seven on Fridays Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.
- 2) Temporary use (one season) of another outfitter's boat days. Agreement per the Annual Operating Plan, signed by both outfitters and a copy on file

COMMERCIAL FLOAT USE - JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

COMMERCIAL FLOAT OUTFITTERS	TRIPS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
ARENTSEN, Paul - Winding Waters Rafting	8	78	331
ARMACOST, Bret - Hells Canyon Adventures II, Inc. - One Day Float	26	332	332
ARMACOST, Kurt - Hells Canyon Raft, Inc.	32	308	1140
BAUGH, JESS –Mountain River Outfitters, LLC.	11	63	285
GRUBB, Peter - River Odysseys West (ROW)	12	147	733
HAUPTMAN, George - Canyon Outfitters, Inc.	18	120	480
DAVID COLBERT - Idaho Afloat	9	30	100
HUGHES, Jerry - Hughes River Expeditions, Inc.	23	167	671
KOCH, Jim and Jill - Heller Bar Excursions Float	0	0	0
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Adventures Afloat - One Day Float	0	0	0
NACHMAN, Andy - Northwest Voyageurs	6	31	136
WARREN, Jacob - North Star River Expeditions, Inc.	6	60	183
WENDT, George (Curt Chang) - OARS-DORIES, Inc.	11	136	644
ZOLLER, Mark ~ Zollers Outdoor Odysseys, Inc.	5	52	156
TOTAL (2009)	167	1,524	5,191
TOTAL (2008)	204	2,097	6,710





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ARENTSEN, Paul - Winding Waters Rafting	8	78	331
ARMACOST, Bret - Hells Canyon Adventures II, Inc. - One Day Float	26	332	332
ARMACOST, Kurt - Hells Canyon Raft, Inc.	30	304	1128
BAUGH, Jess – Mountain River Outfitters, LLC.	11	63	285
GRUBB, Peter - River Odysseys West (ROW)	12	147	733
HAUPTMAN, George - Canyon Outfitters, Inc.	12	103	410
COLBERT, David – Idaho Afloat	9	30	100
HUGHES, Jerry - Hughes River Expeditions, Inc.	23	167	671
KOCH, Jim and Jill - Heller Bar Excursions Float	0	0	0
LUTHER, Mike and Jodee - Adventures Afloat - One Day Float	0	0	0
NACHMAN, Andy - Northwest Voyageurs	6	31	136
WARREN, Jacob - North Star River Expeditions, Inc.	11	51	153
WENDT, George (Curt Chang) – Oars and Dories, Inc.	19	136	644
ZOLLER, Mark - Zoller's Outdoor Odyssey's Inc.	3	52	156
TOTAL	158	1,494	5,079
TOTAL (2008)	186	1,924	6,299

POWERBOAT RESERVATION TOTALS 2009

AVAILABLE WILD RESERVATIONS: 642

WILD RESERVATIONS ISSUED: 497

WILD RESERVATIONS FROM WAITING LIST: 98

SCENIC RESERVATIONS ISSUED: 592

SALMON RESERVATIONS ISSUED: 108

TOTAL POWERBOAT RESERVATIONS ISSUED: 1,197 (1,132~ 2008)



PRIVATE POWERBOAT USE - PRIMARY SEASON 2009

LAUNCH LOCATION	TRIPS	PEOPLE	SERVICE DAYS
CACHE CREEK	1176	5,399	9,522
DUG BAR	0	0	0
PITTSBURG LANDING	360	1,493	5,077
HELLS CANYON CREEK	69	270	561
TOTAL	1,605	7,162	15,160
(2008)	1,282	5,884	16,478

PRIVATE POWERBOAT USE - SECONDARY SEASON 2009

LAUNCH LOCATION	TRIPS	PEOPLE	SERVICE DAYS
CACHE CREEK	1,411	5,259	8,499
DUG BAR	1	3	3
PITTSBURG LANDING	454	1,707	4,243
HELLS CANYON CREEK	388	1,343	2,229
TOTAL	2,254	8,312	14,974
2007	1,850	7,394	14,205

TOTAL PRIVATE POWERBOAT TRIPS = 3,860

TOTAL POWERBOAT PASSENGERS = 15,478

TOTAL POWERBOAT SERVICE DAYS = 30,138 (30,683 ~ 2008)



PERCENT BY DESTINATION --- COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE FLOAT --- PRIMARY SEASON 2009

BY PERCENTAGE

PITTSBURG LANDING	60.2
JETBOAT BACK TO DAM	9.1
DUG BAR	5.7
HELLER BAR	24.9

TOTAL 100

PERCENT BY DESTINATION -- COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE FLOAT -- SECONDARY SEASON 2009

BY PERCENTAGE

PITTSBURG LANDING	80.5
JETBOAT BACK TO DAM	8.5
DUG BAR	0
HELLER BAR	9.3
OTHER	1.7

TOTAL 100



PRIVATE FLOAT USE - PRIMARY SEASON 2009

LAUNCH LOCATION	TRIPS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
HELLS CANYON CREEK	256	2,170	9,148
PITTSBURG	7	27	189
TOTAL	263	2,197	9,337

PRIVATE FLOAT USE - SECONDARY SEASON 2009

LAUNCH LOCATION	TRIPS	PASSENGERS	SERVICE DAYS
HELLS CANYON CREEK	118	839	2,962
PITTSBURG	3	6	18
TOTAL	121	845	2,980

TOTAL PRIVATE FLOAT TRIPS 2009 = 384

TOTAL FLOAT PASSENGERS 2009 = 3,042

2009 TOTAL SERVICE DAYS = 12,317 (13,361 ~ 2008)



FLOAT RESERVATION SYSTEM - PRIMARY SEASON 2009

	COMMERCIAL	PRIVATE
AVAILABLE LAUNCHES	224	336
ACTUAL LAUNCHES (COMMERCIAL ONE-DAY FLOATS)	132 26	254
* NO-SHOWS	0	22
** RESERVATION CANCELLATIONS	75	148
SCENIC FLOAT LAUNCHES	0	7

FLOAT CRAFT LAUNCHED AT HELLS CANYON CREEK 2009

RAFT	1,196
KAYAK	77
DORY / DRIFT	47
INFLATABLE KAYAK	320
CANOE	0
TOTAL CRAFT	1,640



RESERVED FLOAT LAUNCHES ~ PRIMARY SEASON 2009

MONTH		COMMERCIAL	PRIVATE	TOTAL
MAY	TRIPS	8	14	22
	PASSENGERS	62	124	186
	SERV DAYS	206	488	694
JUN	TRIPS	39	58	97
	PASSENGERS	329	492	821
	SERV DAYS	1,258	1,999	3,257
JUL	TRIPS	52	80	132
	PASSENGERS	510	662	1,172
	SERV DAYS	1,702	2,879	4,581
AUG	TRIPS	50	82	132
	PASSENGERS	505	699	1,204
	SERV DAYS	1,584	2,848	4,432
SEP	TRIPS	11	20	31
	PASSENGERS	88	193	281
	SERV DAYS	329	934	1263
TOTALS	TRIPS	158	254	414
	PASSENGERS	1,494	2170	3,664
	SERV DAYS	5,079	9148	14,227



**RIVER USE BY USER GROUP -
PRIMARY SEASON 2009**

USER GROUP	PEOPLE	SERVICE DAYS
Commercial Powerboat Passengers	15,097	15,384
Private Powerboaters	7,166	15,164
Sub-Total	22,263	30,548
Commercial Float Passengers	1,494	5,079
Private Floaters	2,197	9,337
Sub-Total	3,691	14,416
TOTAL RIVER USE (PEOPLE)	25,954	TOTAL SERVICE DAYS: 44,964

**Total People (both user groups) during Primary Season 2008 = 30,298
~ Service Days = 52,946**



RIVER USE BY USER GROUP
January -December - 2009

USER GROUP	PEOPLE	SERVICE DAYS
Commercial Powerboat	19,964	21,322
Private Powerboaters	15,478	30,138
Total Power	35,442	51,460
(2008)	43,051	64,851
(2007)	52,024	65,117
(2006)	43,104	55,341
Commercial Float	1,524	5,191
Private Floaters	3,042	12,317
Total Float	4,455	17,508
TOTAL RIVER USE 2009	39,897	68,968
(2008)	48,252	84,740
(2007)	57,308	82,602
(2006)	47,953	71,768



**VISITORS TO NORTHERN POWERBOAT PORTAL
CACHE CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE SITE 2009**

JANUARY	58
FEBRUARY	266
MARCH	137
APRIL	580
MAY	1,711
JUNE	3,056
JULY	3,201
AUGUST	3,300
SEPTEMBER	1,571
OCTOBER	857
NOVEMBER	102
DECEMBER	58
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>14,897</i>





<i>VISITORS TO KIRKWOOD 2009</i>

JANUARY	47
FEBRUARY	60
MARCH	467
APRIL	792
MAY	2,028
JUNE	3,039
JULY	3,765
AUGUST	2,040
SEPTEMBER	1,047
OCTOBER	496
NOVEMBER	87
DECEMBER	51
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>13,919</i>

Hells Canyon Creek Launch and Visitor Center 2009

COMMERCIAL POWERBOAT PASSENGERS AND GUIDES	3513
COMMERCIAL FLOAT PASSENGERS AND GUIDES	2,026
PRIVATE POWERBOAT PASSENGERS	295
PRIVATE FLOAT PASSENGERS	2,210
DRIVE IN VISITORS	9183
FISHING	343
HIKING	535
DOWN RIVER VISITORS	2593
TOTAL	2009 20,698
	2008 21,748





(Getta Creek in Hells Canyon 1937)

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