

## **KAYAKERS RESPONSIBILITIES**

KAYAKERS MUST CARRY ALL THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT; HOWEVER, DUE TO SPACE LIMITS, ALLOWANCES ARE MADE FOR THE SIZE OF THIS EQUIPMENT FOR SELF-SUPPORTING TRIPS. Here are some suggestions for meeting the equipment requirements for the Wild and Scenic Main Salmon River.



### **Fire Pan/Ash Transport Requirements for Kayakers:**

All kayak groups and soloists must carry a fire pan and ash container. Fire pan must be fire resistant, provide a minimum fire surface area of 144 square inches, and have sides at least 2 inches higher than the base of the pan. Fire pan may be rigid, folding, collapsible, or of blanket style construction.

Suggestions for Fire Pans: hubcaps, large baking pans, removable bases from animal cages, a heavy duty disposable aluminum roaster with a fire blanket underneath, or homemade sheet metal pans. A fireproof blanket supported by collapsible/folding wire frame is one lightweight solution.

Ash container must be metal or hard plastic, have a waterproof seal, and provide 300 cubic inches of storage space. Gallon paint cans or Tupperware-type containers work well. A one-gallon can and a half-gallon can, together, would exceed 300 cubic inches.

The fire-building kayaker will need to pay special attention to reducing the volume of ash or charcoal that accumulates during a float trip. When a fire is deemed necessary, the fire should be small, using only small pieces of wood and/or other fuel that will burn completely. The fire should be tended and stirred frequently to encourage complete burn down. The ashes and charcoal from the first fire should be laid under each subsequent fire to finish the burn down process.

When using relatively small fire pans, there is increased likelihood that some of the fire may escape from the pan in the form of charcoal, partially burned wood, or ash. Carefully clean the fire pan area of all evidence of any fire.

**Porta-Potty Requirements.** For kayakers, a Porta-Potty can be a plastic pail with a snap on lid (such as an ice cream container). The lid must seal tightly in order to be approved. Dry Clorox or Pine-sol helps reduce odor. The container should have some type of vent to release methane gas build up. Biodegradable plastic bag systems will be allowed for self-support trips if they meet EPA Group II waste standards and can be disposed of in landfills.

**Other equipment ideas:** strainer = cheesecloth; bucket = cooking pot; shovel = paddle

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