



RIVER TRACKS

Information/Updates for Middle Fork floaters



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FISH TRAP: The Marsh Creek fish trap is in place again this year.

MARSH CREEK - 1ST BOATER REPORT: The first boaters floated Marsh Creek on April 15th. They took photos of two trees, noting it was a mandatory portage for this second tree, shown below. The first tree was blocking about 90% of the creek. These photos were taken when the Middle Fork gauge height was 4.25 feet. See the rest of their trip report, photos and maps, which are posted on the "[Floating the Middle Fork](#)" web page.





GETTING YOUR PERMIT: The launches are still closed so spring boaters will need to contact the Middle Fork Ranger District at **least 3 work days** prior to their launch date to obtain their float permit. Call 208-879-4101 or email middlefork@fs.fed.us when your reservation is finalized and you would like your permit to be issued. Visit our [Floating the Middle Fork of the Salmon River](#) website for links, updates and boater information about required equipment. Remember to get your Idaho invasive species stickers before launching.



INDIAN CREEK: Indian Creek is expected to begin issuing permits to boaters on May 7th, weather permitting. Until open, boaters need to contact the office; see above. The photo of the Boundary Creek boat ramp (left) was taken on April 15th by the first Marsh Creek boaters. Note: the bottom boards have been retracted to protect them from high water.

SALMON REDDS: Boaters – There are several redds between Boundary Creek and the confluence, and numerous redds above Boundary Creek where boaters should avoid grounding their craft. Maps of last fall's chinook salmon redds are posted on the Middle Fork [chinook web page](#). Please use the maps to avoid damaging these salmon nests.

NEWLAND RANCH: The dump station is open and the water is on. The SCAT machine is maintained with your recreation fees; unfortunately, maintenance costs have been significant in recent years and parts are difficult to obtain. Boaters can help reduce costs and extend the life of this machine.

- First, do not put wipes in the potty; they jam up the grinders (even the flushable ones). Feminine hygiene products also take the machine out of commission; these need to be kept in a separate bag for disposal.
- Second, handle with care. To avoid damage to the machine, secure the porta-potty with straps, then gently lower the lid to avoid damage.
- Third, run the minimum number of cycles necessary to clean the potty. If you add a bucket of water before leaving the take-out, the Salmon River Road will act as a washing machine while driving to the dump station.