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# SOUTH FORK SALMON RIVER FLOAT PERMIT

## REGULATIONS ON BACK OF PERMIT

Date Trip Begins

Date Trip Ends

Entry Location

Exit Location

### PARTY LEADER

Name

Mailing Address

Number of People

Number/Type of Boats

Planned Destinations (day or overnight)  
or Camp Locations

Number of  
Nights

I agree to abide by all laws, rules and regulations (including those on the reverse of this permit) which apply to this area and will do my best to see that everyone in our group does likewise.

Visitor's Signature

Date

**VISITOR MUST HAVE THIS PERMIT IN POSSESSION WHILE  
EXITING ON THE MAIN SALMON RIVER**

(For administrative use)

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## **Rules and Guidelines for the South Fork Salmon River and Big Creek**

Each group entering the South Fork Salmon River (SFSR) and Big Creek river corridors are required to carry a permit notating their group size and trip duration. This permit allows boaters to legally exit Big Creek via the Middle Fork Salmon River (MFSR) and the SFSR via the Main Salmon River on the same day that they enter only. Maximum group size is limited to 20 people at one time. No camping is permitted below the confluence of the SFSR and Main Salmon River. Exiting Big Creek, no camping is permitted below the confluence of Big Creek and the MFSR.

Idaho requires that all watercraft display an Idaho Invasive Species Fund Sticker. The only exception to this requirement are inflatable, non-motorized watercraft less than 10 ft. in length.

Seasonal closures effect portions of the SFSR, Big Creek, and Secesh Rivers (tributary of SFSR) Apr 1 - May 31 and Aug 1 - Sept 30 each year.

The permit holder assumes primary responsibility for their group when they sign the permit. They must accompany the group throughout the duration of the trip. They should make each group member aware of relevant rules and river etiquette.

It is recommended that all groups should carry and use the following equipment

- A portable toilet system with sufficient carrying capacity for all group members for the duration of the trip.
- A metal fire pan and receptacle for the associated ash.
- A large water bucket or container for fire suppression.
- A mesh strainer sufficient for removing food particulate from grey water.

Do your part by leaving each river corridor cleaner than you found it. Carry out all human and pet waste, food waste, and trash.

Check for any current fire restrictions prior to your trip. Please do not build new or expand existing fire rings. Avoid burning any garbage that contains toxic materials.

Camp only in pre-established camp sites with enough durable surfaces to accommodate the group size. Do not expand existing sites.

Never introduce any soap, even biodegradable soap, directly into any body of water.

Black bears inhabit each river corridor. All food, garbage, and any scented items should be stored in bear-resistant containers or suspended at least 12 ft high and 10 ft. away from the nearest tree. The "counter-balance" is the most effective bear hang technique.

*Artifacts that you see are protected by law; please leave them where you find them. The Antiquities Act and the Archaeological Resource Protection Act prohibit the collection of any historic and Native American artifacts or disturbance, vandalism, and looting of archaeological and historic sites. Please leave all archeological artifacts and natural features intact. Do not touch the pictographs; natural body oils will break down the paints.*

With usage on the rise, adhering to minimum impact practices helps to ensure the quality and longevity of these amazing waterways and helps to ensure guaranteed permit availability for everyone for years to come. Thank you for doing your part!