

**WILD AND SCENIC SNAKE RIVER
OUTFITTER
DECISION NOTICE AND FINDING OF
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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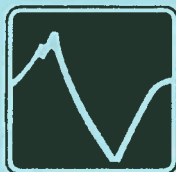
Appendix C – Revised Outfitter and Guide Operating Guidelines

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Date: September 11, 1996

Reply to: 1950/2230

To Parties Interested in the Wild and Scenic Snake River Management Plan:

I plan to implement Alternative C, with modifications, from the Wild and Scenic Snake River Outfitter Environmental Assessment for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. Enclosed are:

1. Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact
2. Appendix C, the modified Outfitter and Guide Operating Guidelines
3. Appendix D, Public Comments and Forest Service Responses
4. July 31, 1996 letter from Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, to Regional Forester, R-6, regarding a request for waiver on the Snake Wild and Scenic River Outfitter/Guide Environmental Analysis

This decision responds, in part, to the Regional Forester's July 1995 decision on the appeal of the record of decision (ROD) for the Wild and Scenic Snake River Recreation Management Plan and its accompanying final environmental impact statement (FEIS). My decision maintains a variety of commercial recreational services for visitors, defines primary season areas of operation for powerboat outfitters, establishes primary season use levels for powerboat and floatboat outfitters, retains a non-motorized period on a portion of the wild river in the primary season, authorizes temporary one-day float permits, and limits party size and number of floatboats per party.

This decision is specific to commercial boating. Private boating issues were addressed in the FEIS/ROD and confirmed by the Regional Forester in 1995. The decision is scheduled for implementation beginning with the 1997 primary season.

This decision is appealable pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Part 215. The legal notice initiating the appeal filing period will be published in the Baker City Herald on September 12, 1996. Any appeal of this decision must be submitted to the Appeal Deciding Officer and postmarked within 45 days of the publication of the legal notice.

Thank you for your interest in Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

R. M. RICHMOND
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

