

Snake River (Hells Canyon)

Application Process: Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for May 23 (Friday before Memorial Day) - September 10 (lottery control season), are assigned by the Four River Lottery System at www.recreation.gov.

Successful applicants must confirm their reservation online at by March 15. Unconfirmed reservations will be released as cancellations. After the lottery, continue to check the website for cancelled reservations. Cancelled launch dates are released at a random time within 24 hours of submission.

Self-issue permits are required outside of the control season and do not require an advanced reservation. They can be picked up at the launch site.

New for 2014: Private powerboat reservations will only be available on the internet, also through www.recreation.gov. This will begin in March 2014.

Fees: \$6.00 non-refundable application fee.

Cancellation Policy: If a wild section of the Snake reservation is cancelled outside the 15-day window prior to your entry date, the permit holder will not be penalized. If cancelled within the 15-day window or if no showed, the permit holder will not be allowed to participate in the next year's lottery. Adjustments to group sizes can be made through www.recreation.gov or at the permit issuing station as needed.

Additional Information: Maximum party size of 24 People and a limit of 8 float craft per float party are in affect all year (during and outside of control season).

Invasive Species Stickers: (Inflatable, non-motorized vessels less than 10 feet long are exempt). Either an [Idaho Invasive Species Fund sticker](#) (800) 247-6332 or an [Oregon Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permits](#) is accepted.

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Websites: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/wallowa-whitman/specialplaces/?cid=stelprdb5227104>
and [Four Rivers Lottery Information](#) and [FAQs](#)