

Snake River (Hells Canyon)

Application Process: Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for the 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 a random time beginning on March 16th. Cancelled reservations will be released at a random time within 24 hours beginning on March 16th and continuing throughout the float season.

Self issue permits are required outside of the control period for private non-commercial floaters. These launch permits must be picked up at the launch site.

Private powerboat reservations are also reserved online through www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777. For more information: [Private Powerboat Reservations](#)

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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General HCNRA Information: (509) 758-0616

Reservations/Cancellations (for recreation.gov): (877) 444-6777

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