

Salmon River (Main)

Application Process: Launch reservations for June 20 - September 7 (lottery control season for floating from Corn Creek to Long Tom Bar) are assigned by the Four Rivers Lottery System at www.recreation.gov. Lottery applications are accepted December 1 - January 31 annually. Results are posted online on February 14. Any declined or cancelled launch dates can be reserved by others. Successful applicants must confirm their reservation and pay part of their recreation fees by March 15. Unconfirmed lottery dates are then released for reservation on March 16 at 8am MT. Cancellations for August 15 through September 15 are no longer reissued after March 15.

Pre- and post-season launches may be reserved on the website or by calling (877) 444-6777 beginning October 15. Permits are required year-round on the Main Salmon.

Fees: Application \$6.00 non-refundable.

Recreation Fee: \$4.00 per person per day or be a valid Middle Fork/Main Salmon Rivers Season Pass holder. Permit holders will be responsible for submitting complete and final payment of fees for their entire group at [online](#) at least three days prior to the actual launch date. Payments for recreation fees will not be accepted at the launch sites.

Season Passes: \$40 and are available for purchase from the Middle Fork and North Fork offices. This pass entitles the holder only (not other members of their party) to float the Middle Fork and/or Main Salmon Rivers without further payment of Recreation Fees within one year from the date of purchase.

Federal Park Passes - A fee reduction of 50% is available to Senior or Access Pass holders. Season pass holders and persons using a Senior or Access Pass for a fee discount must present their pass, along with their photo ID, to the launch personnel issuing the permit.

Cancellations: If you cannot make the trip, you must cancel your reservation; no exceptions. Cancellations should be made at www.recreation.gov as soon as possible, but have to be submitted no later than 21 days prior to your launch date to avoid a penalty of non-participation in the control season lottery for the Main Salmon for 3 years. If you need to cancel your launch reservation after payment of fees has been made, your recreation fees will be refunded.

No Show Policy: If you cannot make the trip, you must cancel your reservation. Failure to show for your scheduled launch date will result in a "No-Show" penalty. This penalty includes no refund of recreation fees applied to reservation, no refund of the reservation/application fee, and you will be restricted from participating in the control season lottery for the Salmon for 3 years.

Additional Information: Anyone who wants to launch a boat on Idaho waters will have to buy and display an [Idaho Invasive Species Fund sticker](#). (Inflatable, non-motorized vessels less than 10 feet long are exempt). For more information and purchase options call (800) 247-6332.

Boaters floating the South Fork of the Salmon River and exiting onto the wild section of the Main Salmon must obtain a tributary permit before floating. South Fork floaters will need to contact the Krassel Ranger District at (208) 634-0616 for permit information.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service

North Fork Ranger District

P.O. Box 180

North Fork, ID 83466

Telephone: (208) 865-2700 **Fax:** (208) 865-2738 **Reservations/Cancellations:** (877) 444-6777

Websites: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/scnf/recreation/wateractivities/?cid=stelprdb5303132>

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