

Selway River

Application Process:

Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for May 15 - July 31 (lottery control season), are assigned by the Four River Lottery System at www.recreation.gov. Lottery results are announced on February 14. Successful applicants must confirm their reservation online by March 15.

On March 16 at 8am Mountain Time, unconfirmed permits and cancellations for control season launch dates will be available daily for reservation.

Permits are not required outside the control season on the Selway River, but if you launch in May you must be off the river before May 15.

Fees:

\$6.00 non-refundable application fee.

Cancellation Policy:

You must cancel your reservation no later than 14 days prior to your launch date to avoid any issues or being flagged as a “late cancellation” or “no show.” The 14-day advance notice requirement may be waived in cases where water levels exceed five feet at the Paradise gauge, or if the access road is not open. Regardless, a cancellation must be submitted. If you no show or fail to provide timely cancellation, you will be unable to hold a permit on the Selway for one year.

Changes to group size, exit date and watercraft can be made until the permit is issued.

Additional Information:

Party sizes are limited to 16 people all year (during and outside of control season) 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.

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Reservation/Cancellation Phone Number (for recreation.gov): (877) 444-6777

Websites: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/bitterroot/home/?cid=STELPRDB5262645> and [Four Rivers Lottery Information](#)