

NEWSRelease

Bureau of Land Management • Forest Service

3040 Biddle Road • Medford, Oregon 97504 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford>
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue-siskiyou/>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 21, 2011

Contact:

Rogue River Permit Information, Smullin Visitor Center, (541) 479-3735

2011 Rogue River Float Lottery Ends Soon

Medford, Oregon – January 31 is the last day for noncommercial boaters to apply for a chance to float the wild section of the Rogue River during the 2011 season. Permits are required to float the wild section of the Rogue River, Grave Creek to Foster Bar, from May 15 through October 15.

The lottery drawing will officially take place in February. Successful applicants will be notified in early March. The last names of successful applicants will be posted at <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/floatspace-lottery.php>.

The lottery application fee is \$6.00 per application. Only one application will be accepted per person. This means your name may appear on only one application in the entire lottery, as the party leader or the alternate party leader, not both. You may apply in one of the following ways:

1. **Mail:** Smullin Visitor Center at Rand, 14335 Galice Road, Merlin, OR 97532
2. **Phone:** (541) 479-3735 (have lottery application and credit card information ready)
3. **Fax:** (541) 479-0535

The Rogue River float permit lottery instructions and application form are located on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/floatspace-lottery.php>.

Internet applications are unavailable and the Smullin Visitor Center at rand experiences busy fax machine and phones during the last week of January. Please do not wait until the last day to apply.



NEWS Release

Bureau of Land Management • Forest Service

3040 Biddle Road • Medford, Oregon 97504 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford>
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue-siskiyou/>

BLM
FOREST SERVICE

Lottery applications must be received by the Smullin Visitor Center at Rand by Monday, January 31 to be eligible. Postmark date on an application will not determine eligibility.

Permit reservations will be good for one specific launch during the 2011 regulated use season. Those who do not receive a permit reservation through the lottery may be able to pick up canceled or unused spaces beginning April 1, 2011 by calling the Smullin Visitor Center at 541-479-3735.

The Rogue River is located in southwest Oregon and flows 215 miles from Crater Lake to the Pacific Ocean. It is one of the original eight rivers included in the Wild and Scenic Act of 1968. The National Wild and Scenic portion of the Rogue River is 84 miles long, from the mouth of the Applegate River to Lobster Creek, featuring Class I to Class V whitewater rapids. Steelhead and salmon fisheries, challenging whitewater, and extraordinary wildlife viewing opportunities make the Rogue River a national treasure. Popular activities include whitewater rafting, fishing, jetboat tours, scenic driving, hiking, picnicking, and sunbathing. For more information, visit the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/index.php>.

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

###

