

OUTFITTERS & GUIDES BOARD

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The meeting convened at 9 a. m. with members present, Vice Chairman James F. Baughman, Jim Renshaw, and Lon Jarvis. Mike Wilkins was also present.

A letter from an attorney for Bill White was presented asking for an extension of time for some of the terms of his probationary license. The board extended the time to February 1.

Mr. Holmes arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Dale Gelskey, Galena Lodge appeared to find out how he could get a license to conduct cross country ski trips. He was accompanied by several from the Forest Service and others who were interested in setting up qualifications for this activity. They are attempting to form an Intermountain Ski Association to certify instructors for the various types of ski activities similar to qualifications required by Rocky Mountain and Pacific N. W. Ski Associations. Have held two workshops this fall to lead to certification. However, only those in the Sun Valley area were aware of it. Everyone was in agreement that there must be a way to insure that instructors are qualified for this hazardous activity.

Tom Kovalicky said Mr. Gelskey could qualify even tho he did not participate in the work-shops.

Stan Miller and Don Smith appeared to discuss the transfer of Mr. Smith's power boat rights on the Salmon and Snake Rivers to Mr. Miller. The board had previously approved a transfer for the section from the mouth of the Middle Fork to French Creek. He said he would like to make an occasional trip from Lewiston to Corn Creek during July and August. He said the conjection on the lower main Salmon is in September and October and he would have no objection to being restricted from power boating during those months. He was advised to make a written application for exactly what he wants to do.

The meeting recessed at 12:15 until 1:30p.m. when we met with Forest Service personnel. Those present besides the four board members and the secretary were:

Hoyle Sorenson, Rec. & Lands of Region IV
Joe Higgins, Clearwater N. F.
Alan Defler, Nezperce N. F.
Phill Pittman, Nezperce N. F.
Tom Kovalicky, Sawtooth N. R. A.
David O. Lee, Sawtooth N.R.A.
Bill Paddock, Challis N. F.
Jim Moorhead, Branch Chief, Rec., Salmon N. F.
Homer Bowles, Bitterroot N. F. (Upper Selway)
Frank Elder, Salmon N. F.
Sam Warren, Challis N. F.
Ervin C. Burrows, Targhee N. F.
Hank Lee, Targhee N. F.
Lynn Mitchell, Island Park R. D., Targhee N. F.
Mike Wilkins, O & G
Earl Dodds, Payette N. F.

The first item was a request by Forest Service rangers that they be notified when a change in outfitters in an area is contemplated. Some were not aware that a few years ago Forest Service personnel had objected to having a section for district rangers on our application forms. Now each ranger involved would like to be consulted. They decided to meet in the evening and decide among themselves just what they would like the board to require on the applications.

They mentioned that there is an Interagency Planning Committee which had held several meetings to adopt uniform plans for use of public lands.

Requirements for mountaineering and skiing were discussed. The Pacific N. W. Ski Association have certification qualifications for mountain and rock climbing as well as skiing.

Ways to determine present use of various areas and activities were discussed. Boaters on the South Fork of the Snake could be required to deposit a ticket at a certain location giving number of people and dates.

There is a Student Conservation Assn. which will conduct surveys or studies on environmental conditions. These are mainly funded by a foundation with the requesting agency making a contribution such as expenses. A letter to a forest supervisor might request a study in a certain area.

J.M. Middle Sam Warren brought up the fact that a number of people are licensed to run the Main Fork but have not had use permits.

Lynn Mitchell said they may not allow any commercial permits in Box Canyon on the Henry's Fork and reduce the number on the balance of that river.

Alan Defler mentioned that it appeared that Neal Silver operated commercially. He would like to know who is running the Flying R outfit.

They do not favor dividing the Selway Lodge area with Rick Hussey having a new camp not connected with the lodge. They have problems with Hussey--small ones but steady.

The Riggins ranger would like the outfitters to report any artifact hunters observed.

The meeting recessed at 5 p.m. till 8:30 a.m. on Thursday December 13 with the same members present.

Complaints against Dave Burk were reviewed and Mike Wilkins reported on his investigations.

An outfitter license for Fred Preston was approved for Cougar hunting.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m. to allow attendance at the association meetings.

James H. Baughman
Chairman

Lair Merritt, Sec.