

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD MEETING

Elks Lodge Building, Grangeville, Idaho

April 15, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. with members present, Vice-Chairman J. F. Baughman, Jim Renshaw, R. J. Holmes and Lon Jarvis. Also present were Lois Merritt, Secretary; Cecil Sanford and Mike Wilkins, investigators.

Complaints against Elvin Hinks were reviewed. A motion was made by Renshaw, seconded by Holmes to deny his application for a 1975-76 outfitter license if he refuses to appear to discuss the complaints. Motion approved unanimously.

The application of Dean Manes for a guide license was reviewed, and tabled because he has entered a suit in Second District Court to force the issuance of a 1974-75 license denied because of a game violation.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald W. Sturgis appeared to discuss an outfitter license application to hunt bear and cougar in the Priest Lake area. He was instructed how to complete his application.

Bill Center appeared as manager for American River Touring Association. Discussed a boat operation on the Lochsa River and was told the board favored reserving that river for use by general public. He said that they could use other rivers such as the Salmon from Salmon City to the Middle Fork. He said they are employing a new managing agent to replace Deane Roloff and will send in his application.

of Grand Canyon Derives
Bruce Simbala asked if we had received an application for the lower Salmon. It has been returned for completion.

Frank L. Askin appeared to discuss his take-over of Tony Gulli's outfitting business from Hole-in-the-Wall lodge. He would have one camp with four to six hunters at a time.

Don Cooper and Ken Woodin appeared to discuss licenses for big game hunting in the vicinity of Peerce. They are both primarily interested in bear and cougar hunting and deleted deer and elk hunting from their applications.

Richard McConnel appeared to discuss a complaint received from one of his hunters. He said the Fish and Game Department had changed the season so that he had only a very small area for the early hunt. They had booked this spot pack and he tried to get them to come later but they couldn't. His guide checked them everyday.

Winn Agee came in to discuss cross country skiing for Timber Ridge Ranch. He said Jack Missner of Bogus Basin would set up a certification program for outfitters.

There was a discussion on corporation and partnerships outfitting with a license in the name of an individual. Our attorney has advised that the businesses should be licensed. The board directed that a letter should be sent to all outfitters explaining this.

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The Ferguson bankruptcy was discussed, and the difficulties involved in assuming the responsibility of prorating the proceeds from the bond among the claimants.

A list of licenses approved is included in these minutes.

The meeting recessed at 5 p.m. until 9 a.m. the following day with members present Lanham, Baughman, Holmes, Jarvis and Renshaw.

Bob Cole used to have lower Cache Creek added to their White Creek area. The board approved the area south of the trail, excluding Cache Creek Basin and the lakes, to join the area of Dr. Hatch.

The morning was given over to discussion with Forest Service personnel. Those present were:

Terry Kincaid, BLM; Hoyle Sorenson, U.S.F.S. Regional Office, Ogden; Don Biddison, Forest E. Hayes, Alan Defler, Phil Jaquith, John Dolan, Jim Harvey, Barry Hicks of the Nezperce National Forest; Frank Elder, Erwin C. Burrows of the Salmon National Forest; Sam Warren, Mike Rinehart of the Challis National Forest; Wendell E. Firsby, Hank Lee, of the Targhee National Forest; Daniel V. Shrun of the Sawtooth National Forest; Homer R. Bowles of the Bitterroot National Forest; Harold Bolt, Bill Sendt, Earl Dodds of the Payette National Forest; Warren W. Williamson of the Clearwater National Forest; Cecil Sanford, and Mike Wilkins of the Outfitters and Guides Board.

Matters discussed were: camp clean-up required before permits will be granted; criteria for determining when so-called educational trips are actually non-commercial; rotation of outfitter permits on the Selway; reducing outfitters on the Middle Fork to allow more private use by cancelling permits if outfitter fails to maintain minimum use of 150 man-days. (An exception to this might be made for those outfitters using McKenzie boats); power boats on the salmon; 70% land along lower Salmon privately owned, many suitable campsites could stand more use.

The meeting adjourned at noon to allow attendance at meetings of the Outfitters and Guides Association.

James H. Baughman

Lois Merritt