

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

St. Anthony, Idaho

August 17, 1977

Rex E. Lanham, Chairman, James Baughman, Vice-Chairman, Bill Guth, and Ivol Sies of the Outfitters and Guides Board met in St. Anthony at 8:00 p.m. on August 17, 1977, with Ross Davis, Chairman, Weldon Reynolds, James Siddaway and Esther Kafer of the county commissioners and Fremont County Park and Recreation Department, and representatives from the Targhee National Forest. Mr. Ross Davis was chairman of the meeting.

The main question asked of the Outfitters and Guides Board was, "How can you help us reduce the number of outfitters on our Fremont County Rivers?"

Mr. Lanham informed the meeting that the duties of the board is to regulate and license outfitters and guides for the explicit purpose of safeguarding the health, safety, welfare and freedom from injury or danger of persons who engage their services. He also said there was no way of stopping people from coming to their beautiful county and streams. That it was their duty to regulate them in such a manner to create the least congestion and problems. Mr. Siddaway agreed that this was true as they were advertising and improving campsites for the public.

Mr. Reynolds indicated that the county had thought about reducing the number of trips an outfitter could take in a week. Mr. Bill Guth said he did not like to see an outfitter's operation cut to where he couldn't stay in business as the outfitter was taking people that came and wanted a trip.

Mr. Baughman inquired about working with Fremont County law enforcement. Mr. Siddaway said he didn't think it was possible as it wasn't working out for them.

Mr. Reynolds asked if Mike Wilkins, investigator for the board, could come over there the first and second weeks of next fishing season. The board assured them that he probably would be able to make it that time of year.

Mr. Davis indicated that some of the complaints might be from unlicensed outfitters claiming to be taking friends without pay. He also stated that it was local fishermen that were complaining about too many boats on the rivers particularly during the first weeks of the season.

The board told them that new rules and regulations has been passed to require all boatmen outfitters to have identification on each boat of letters or numbers at least three inches high.

The forest service representative stated they were going to take a more active hand in giving citations of trespass where unlicensed outfitters were involved.

The board assured Mr. Reynolds a copy of the statute and regulations would be sent to them as soon as they were printed.

The St. Anthony people expressed their thanks to the board for taking their time and money to meet with them, and they felt as though they understood the situation much better and were thankful for the fine cooperation.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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