

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

Sun Valley, Idaho

April 11-13, 1978

The Outfitters and Guides Board meeting was held at the Sun Valley Inn, in Sun Valley, Idaho, at 9:15 a.m. on April 11, with all members present.

Chris Cieslik meet with the board about applying for the area formerly licensed to Walter James Mason for big game hunting. She said she would probably have Bill Sullivan working for her. The board advised her to limit her operation to 20 people. She will complete her application and a test will be sent.

Terry Porter and Butch Harper of the forest service meet with the board to discuss an outfitter business for Miss Porter. Butch Harper stated that he thought the forest service could approve an area in Hulett Meadows for day tours for cross country skiing, but this area would not be exclusive. Miss Porter stated she would not have any summer activities. The board told her they would review her application and make a decision when a completed application was received.

Byron Diehl and Richard Hoffmaster meet with the board. Byron Diehl is buying Dale Ney's Middle Fork and Main Salmon from Corm Creek to Spring Bar float boating business. It was stated that Richard Hoffmaster will be the lead boatman guide on the Main Salmon and he thought John Lym would be his lead boatman on the Middle Fork. He will incorporate so will have to have his bond changed to include the corporation and managing agent and complete an application for the corporation, as well as submitting the one for himself as managing agent. After the applications are complete the board will send a test and give a final review.

Bob Crick meet with the board to discuss his complaints. Mr. Crick stated he felt the basis of the trouble was from too much liquor. He said this party bought \$400 worth of liquor in Montana before they left for the hunting camp. The board told him that ten hunters in one camp is too many, and told him not to take that many from now on. It was the boards opinion that this complaint was not well founded.

The meeting recessed for lunch and convened again at 1:30 with all members present.

The following Forest Service and Fish and Game personnel were present: Butch Harper, Sawtooth N. F.; Arthur Seamans, Nezperce N.F.; Frank Elder, Regional Office; Daniel V. Shrum, Alan Defler, David O. Lee of the Sawtooth NRA; Jerry Reese, Salmon N.F., North Fork R.D.; Stephen Rushton, Targhee N.F.; Tom Reinecker, Dept. F & G of Idaho Falls; Ron Wardleigh, Jack E. Bills and Ted L. Anderson of Challis N.F.; Jim Moorhead of Salmon; Earl Dodds of Payette N.F. and Al Ashton, Sawtooth NRA.

There was a discussion if the forest service and fish and game wanted their signatures on renewal applications. They stated that it was not necessary as far as they were concerned. The forest service stated that if they were having problems with an outfitter they would advise us.

On boating the forest service said they marked on a permit if it was a training trip. The board asked if they would put all trainees names on the permit, which they agreed to do if they knew.

In the discussion on nonuse of rivers by some outfitters it was suggested that if an outfitter did not use a river for three years that his permit be cancelled. The forest service suggested that the board not license nonusers of rivers. Another suggestion was to set a minimum of user days to hold a section of the river based on the percentage of launch days, on an individual basis. The outfitters gets least number of permits a year but has a smaller percentage of non-launch days for permits issued in comparison to the general public. The revised river plans should be completed in 1979.

It was stated that the Selway River has several more outfitter licensed than the forest service issues permits.

The forest service questioned that if they issued a moratorium on a section of a river for no more permits would the board not issue licenses. The board advised them that if they had an opening on a river according to our rules and regulations they would have to issue a license even if the forest service did not give them a permit.

The forest service inquired on one day trips if there is no area for camping could impact be used for not issuing a license?

The forest service stated they issue 30 permits on the Main Salmon from Corn Creek to Spring Bar. They also said from North Fork to Corn Creek there is no limit on private use and no limit on the number of boats, but believe they must start to limit the number of people using this section of the river.

Elwood Masoner stated he believed that the section of the river from North Fork to Corn Creek has reached the impact number, and that it is a very desirable section.

It was discussed that when an outfitter did not use his area for three years, without extenuating circumstances, that the permit should be taken away.

It was also discussed when forest service permits were needed; they are needed for overnight use, but not usually needed for day use. However, when major forest service services are used by commercializing on forest service land there is a case by case evaluation to determine if a permit is needed.

The forest service ranger in eastern Idaho wants more boating restrictions on Henry's Fork from Fall River downstream. He stated it was unlawful to fish from a boat with motor attached on Henry's Fork from Ashton Bridge upstream.

The land bordering the South Fork of the Snake River is mostly bureau of land management and private lands.

It was suggested to write outfitters and remind them about putting their identification on their boats.

The forest service states there were many illegal outfitters in eastern Idaho and wondered if something couldn't be done to get them arrested, especially during the trout fly hatch in June and July. Also that they think illegal outfitters outnumber legal outfitters in the hunting season, but it is almost impossible to prove. He was told

by the board that we would send one of our investigators over there this spring to see if some arrests could be made.

Earl Dodds said they were closing Big Creek, Monumental Summit and Beaver Creek roads to motorized vehicles. He also inquired how many outfitters were to be licensed in Edwardburg area for summer use. He also stated that Big Creek Recreation, Inc. would be in violation of their permit if they put a base in that area for summer use.

Area around Challis for cougar hunting was discussed.

Insurance waivers will be tighter this year. All waivers will have to go into the regional office for approval, they will not be issued at a lower bases.

The board asked each forest service if they would send us a new map, as some of the ones in the board office are so old.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12, the meeting reconvened at 8:30 with all the board members present to meet with the boating committee.

The boating committee suggested the rules and regulations be changed to send in guide applications for boat trainees after the second trip so they could evaluate their performance or to hold the application until after the first trip is made.

They objected to having a first aid kit in every boat when they said no first aid kit is required in hunting camps. (Rule #16 states a first aid kit shall be in every camp.)

They asked to have the rules and regulations changed back on the river trips from Stanley to Challis and make the training trips from the first bridge above Red Fish Lake Creek to Slate Creek, and training on the Main Salmon from Corn Creek to Spring Bar be from Corn Creek to Mackay Bar.

The committee suggested meeting with Mike Wilkins, investigator, to discuss some of their problems and what he wanted ready for inspections when he meet them on the rivers, and etc. The board saw no problems in their request.

Elwood Masoner suggested issuing a continuation certificate for the license to ~~keep~~ keep from having an expired outfitter or guide license for a few weeks at the beginning of the license year.

Also discussed was the <sup>number of years</sup> length of time needed to get a license on the Selway, Bruneau, Owyhee and Jarbidge Rivers and the payment of fee for each year and not receiving a license, <sup>for a guide</sup>

The meeting recessed for everyone to attend the Outfitters and Guides Association meeting on Wednesday and Thursday.

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MEMORANDUM

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