

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

McCall, Idaho

April 8 & 9, 1981

The members of the Board convened in the Birch Room at Shore Lodge, McCall, ID, at 8:15 a.m., with all members present: Jim Baughman, Vice-Chairman presiding, Bill Guth, Ivot Sies and Glen Foster in attendance.

Jim Farnum, Port Angeles, WA and his wife met with the Board about bear and cougar hunting in the area released by Lewis Blair Harrington. The Board is aware of his advertising already, and warned him about "guaranteed bear hunts". Farnum said "he would stop it, but had no problem as his dogs catch everything they're turned loose on." He also was told that it was a violation to kill game for clients and the areas are open to others (outfitters and public) for use. He was told the Board would check on the resource, and although Harrington business was involved, there was no guarantee for a license.

Gerald Neff, Priest River and a friend, Delbert Jepson, met the Board members next about Neff's licensing for several big game species, fall bear hunting, fishing and trail rides in Unit #1--for archery and gun hunters, but mostly interested in trophy animals, he said. He is president of the Sportsman Club with 27 active members and worked with Fish and Game to close spring bear hunting and on goat surveys.

At 10:00 a.m., Marty Riddle, Lewiston, came in to discuss licensing the float boating business known as Snake River Outfitters that his father, Norm Riddle is releasing to him. Norm would retain the rest of the business and use Snake River Outfitters name also. There was some discussion about two outfitters using the same business name, it was determined that a legal opinion should be sought on this.

At 11:00 a.m., Steve Dixon, MA of Salmon River Lodge and his guide, Joe Syczclo, Salmon came in to explain the hunting complaint registered by a professional outfitter from California, Dick Seevers, Pennsgrove, CA. Steve explained that a business associate at Jerome, David Schraeder was the connection between Seevers and the Lodge.

More people in the hunt than prepared for--the Lodge agreed to give 10 day hunts for price of 7 days--6 people came out early, never paid more than deposits and licenses & tags--4 guests stayed on, got game and paid in full. No agreement made on number of guides--Dave Giles was not promised as a guide, only assumed; problems of professional ability and personalities conflict caused the two guides to be used only as wranglers, was all explained. A resume' of the hunt, day by day, was given, made by Mr. Syczclo, also pictures of sleeping accommodations were reviewed and explained. There were no promises of refunds, Steve said. Steve said he would not give another hunt for the deposits made. The Board advised them to get everything in writing from now on, not by telephone; to correct the pole sleeping arrangement, and agreed it was wise to get the balance of the money paid prior to the guests going on into camp. A letter will be written by the Board to Mr. Seevers

Then Steve Dixon's float boat use on the Lower Salmon River was brought up--no BLM permit. Steve said he'd check with BLM as he has added boat equipment and contacted Madsens out of Utah to run the operation for them.

The Board then recessed for lunch.

At 1:20 p.m., the four members of the Board reconvened, meeting with 16 representatives of the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Department of Fish and Game. A list of those present, who signed in, is a part of these minutes.

Jo Moltzen, Red River Ranger District, checked her maps for area outlines--discussed Dixie Outfitters extension proposal on the north; also Shepp Ranch, who is requesting some change. The Board will look at these area changes as they license, they said.

Frank Elder explained that surface management on the Salmon River is clear thru the national forests to below Spring Bar. He said outfitting without a permit from private land to private land is in violation, that the State Department of Public Lands has given entire responsibility to the federal F.S.

Frank McElwain said that licenses should not be issued where there are no permits. Dick Bacon, N.Fork District Ranger, suggested the Board should do away with licenses without permits--to make them a different type--ie, inactive vs. permitted licenses. Establishing a "prior interest" by applying and being denied was discussed--same happens with the F.S., say Mr. Bacon.

There was discussion on sale of business transfer of permits and licenses and what qualification should enter in--not just a business deal. The Board said there was no guarantee of licensing. Art Seamons mentioned he will not issue a permit without a valid license.

The 2-year consideration on use it or lose it on the rivers was discussed and what constitutes use. Ted Anderson agreed the Board should not license non-users, he said that launch dates go unused from year to year.

Art Seamons mentioned the interstate river use and that by 1982, the lower Salmon River will be changed to federal F.S. status--joint permits, no camp sites designated. He said he wished Idaho and Oregon would enter into a reciprocal agreement, as both Oregon and Idaho land is used for boating, and Idaho has the better law and control.

The Board brought up Targhee National Forest and problems of snowmobiling. Frank McElwain said they are aware of problems, and the F.S. is working on it. He said there's problems of F.S. management not being consistent.

The Board mentioned F.S. signing applications--to be sure to identify what forest and district. Frank said, that if the Board has a problem of that nature, to contact further up.

Permit bidding was brought up--McElwain said Jim Dolen, Region I, said this would not be a policy. Richard Hildner said the Selway-Bitterroot has lifted the moratorium on new permits for two years. But Art Seamons said if additions are made, bid prospectus enters in. He'd go to his applications on file--dollars not a criteria, but qualification, references, background, etc.

There was a half-hour stretch break called at 3:30 p.m.

When all reassembled, the problems in Nez Perce N.F. were brought up of a private party's confrontation with outfitter Bransford. Richard Hildner said the biggest complaint was flagging trees with ribbons, and the fact this outfitter is using all his assigned area. The F.S. will have a meeting of the two parties to try to resolve the problems; he feels it's a personal conflict between the individuals.

Licensing of combination hunting for spring bear and/or cougar of Lemhi and Custer Areas was explained. Dick Bacon asked about the public interest, and the Board said there was good public input at the Challis meeting in January.

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Summer use of areas not licensed to Tim Gardiner was noted--Frank McElwain said he'll get information to Sawtooth and SNRA; and summer use of Big Creek area was discussed with Earl Dodds. Also the use of Cabin Creek will not be considered until the F.S. decides on what disposal of the property will be made. Earl said that Farr will have to camp at Cold Meadows.

Richard Hildner also discussed the Smith/Beasley problems at Moose Creek with the Board.

Frank McElwain also asked about skiers and rules changes. Letters were read and Frank says he feels there should be a middle ground for "low hazard areas", such as Dan Hamilton's at Galena Lodge.

The meeting then adjourned at 5:30 p.m. A list of those people in attendance at this afternoon meeting is attached.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1981

The Board was represented by Jim Baughman during the morning session of the Horsemen's Association meeting. One of the points brought out was upgrading of hunting guides, according to their qualification. The Horseman Committee will present the Board with a proposal for the rules changes hearing.

At 1:30 p.m., the four members of the Board and representatives of the BLM, LuVerne Grussing; Middle Fork Forest Service--Jack Bills, Tom Harbour, & Ted Anderson; Snake River HCNRA Manager, Art Seamons; and outfitters Carl P. Russell and John Jones convened to discuss Russell's past year's operation dba Wilderness Encounters, and what he plans to do to keep his permits and license.

Carl explained his problems with the old Jim Campbell business name and his mail being misdirected. He proposes to keep the business in his name (for himself and his wife) and dba as Russell Adventures--Idaho.

Mr. Russell said he wanted to keep his permits on the lower Salmon River, Snake River and Middle Fork and explained his problems with Bob Marsh, as managing agent. He proposed to be given another chance and would have John Jones as his M.A. Carl answered Ted Anderson, that he would be moving to Idaho so he could conduct his business here.

The Middle Fork Ranger District said they would permit him only with a competent M.A. and give him one year to get the "permit into action", but no more than that. The District Ranger, Tom Harbour, said they would require proper papers showing that Jones was an employee only, as Managing Agent.

The Lower Salmon River use was asked about by LuVerne Grussing--Russell said there had been use in 1979, he went down then. The Board said that there was documentation of 4 people going down then. Russell asked about separate books for John and himself on the lower Salmon--LuVerne was not sure, he said he'd get back to him about the permit. Carl Russell said that if he could keep the permit, he had a buyer for the business.

Art Seamons said they would need documentation of 100 user days by April 15, 1981, for Russell to keep his Snake R. permit. He wasn't too sure of the legality of the name change nor use of "Whitewater River Expeds." boats, etc.

This meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Ken Smith, Ahsahka, Id then met with the Board members about licensing the old Ish Martin area licensed to Noel Beasley last year. He admitted that he and Beasley were partners. The Board advised that the partnership would have to be dissolved legally before Smith could be considered--Beasley will not be relicensed.

At 2:20 p.m., LuVerne Grussing, BLM land/river manager met with the Board about those outfitters not using their permits. It was discussed what constituted river use days and what was proof of use by outfitters not getting permits. He said private use was increasing at a rapid rate. BLM will establish what is minimum user days to hold a permit--a copy will be sent to the Board.

Zeke Lester West, Whitewater Ranch, then met with the board members and BLM manager about his use of the lower Salmon--he said he used the river and will document it with a list of guests taken.

This meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Then, F.S. District Ranger, Earl Dodds, Bob & Cathy Gillihan, Scott Farr and Ron Vaughn met about use of lakes in the vicinity of Big Creek. Rex Lanham's license and summer business is dissolved with his death, was agreed.

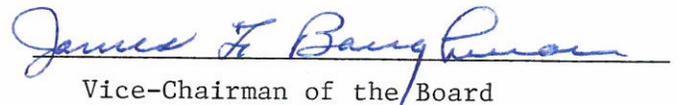
Earl Dodds said that Dave Stucker would not be permitted for Cougar Basin, but finally agreed to permit Scott Farr, along with Ron Vaughn and Bob Gillihan for those lakes.

The meetings being over, the Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary to the Board



Vice-Chairman of the Board

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Sign in, please

Name	Representation
Jo Meltzer - Red River R.D., Nezperce N.F.	
Wally Meyer	Boise Dist. BLM
Dale Baird	Boise I F + G
Andy Finn	Payette N.F.
Earl Dodds	Payette N.F.
EARL C. Kimball	" " Krassel R.D.
CLEM POPE	" " BIGLER R.D.
FRANK McELWAIN	USFS OGDEN
Daniel V. Shrum	USFS Sawtooth N.F.
Tom C. Harbour	USFS Challis N.F.
FRANK ELDER	USFS SALMON, ID.
Ted L Anderson	U.S.F.S. Challis N.F.
Arthur L. Seamans	USFS Wallawa/Whitman
RICHARD S. HILNER	USFS MUSE CR. - NEZPERCE
Lew Campbell	USFS Salmon, Id.
Dick Bacon	USFS Salmon, Id.
Bruce Fox	Boise N.F.