

River Access For Tomorrow

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RE: Project 54975 - Hells Canyon Creek Boat Ramp Repair Project

To Whom It May Concern:

River Access for Tomorrow (R.A.F.T.) is based in Lewiston, yet members enjoy floating Wild & Scenic Rivers of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Promoting cooperation between river users, protecting river access and maintaining a quality, safe experience are important to our membership, which currently represents 42 families. Every summer we conduct events to clean up sections of both the Snake and Clearwater Rivers.

In line with our philosophy regarding safety for the recreating public, we believe repairs to the existing boat ramp at Hells Canyon Creek Recreation site are long overdue. We support the U.S. Forest Service and the Hells Canyon Creek Boat Ramp Repair Project as the purpose of this project is to provide for safe access to the river at the Hells Canyon Creek Recreation Site.

Hells Canyon is best experienced from the water, a circumstance we value for the public. In its current condition, this boat ramp is not safe to use and is in danger of failing entirely. Members of R.A.F.T. are happy to share the river with all types of water craft. In the spirit of promoting fellowship, we strongly believe the boat ramp at Hells Canyon Creek Dam needs to be repaired so that it will serve to safely accommodate all users on the Snake River in Hells Canyon.

We very much appreciate the willingness of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest to pursue projects which benefit the public's safety and enjoyment of public waterways. R.A.F.T. fully supports the efforts of the U.S. Forest Service to repair the existing boat ramp at Hells Canyon Creek.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,



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