

Nevada Rivers

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From: **David Fiore** mtndaddy@gmail.com
Subject: **Re: Reese River Letter. Get others to write as well if you can. I also need letter about other rivers that they think are not navigable**
Date: **March 12, 2019 at 2:11 AM**
To: **Charles** cralbright@juno.com

how's

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you to inform you of the wonderful experience I had kayaking the upper Reese River. Yes, we boated (navigated) the Reese River! A group of four of us decided to find a river in Nevada that we had not kayaked before and which would provide us with wonderful scenery and good rapids. We picked the Reese River and hiked our kayaks in to the river and proceeded to run the river. It was a delightful experience and demonstrates that the river is indeed "navigable".

We were delighted to find that the Reese River provided some fun class 2 rapids which at higher water would be class 3. Unfortunately there were fences along the way that were very dangerous and should be removed.

I hope you consider this experience and do not deem the Reese River "non-navigable".

Sincerely,

David C Fiore, MD

On Sun, Mar 3, 2019 at 8:13 AM Charles <cralbright@juno.com> wrote:

More, BLM and USFS and USFWS cannot give opinions on Navigation in Nevada due to the Hatch Law. Another reason to hate Utah that says all government employees cannot make options when asked. That was driven home very much at BLM.

On Mar 3, 2019, at 7:26 AM, David Fiore <mtndaddy@gmail.com> wrote:

I'll put it on letterhead, sign, scan and send it to you. (if you have details like when we did it and where we put in and took out, please send)

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I hope you consider this experience and do not deem the Reese River "non-navigable".

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On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 7:46 PM Charles <cralbright@juno.com> wrote:

SEE above

Drink 1 Cup Before Bed, Watch Your Body Fat Melt Like Crazy

mayserve-magestor.com

<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3131/5c78aaf09a0092aee1b03st03vuc>

To whom it may concern,

I have been kayaking since 1992, with an emphasis on multi-day day trips in the Western US. Since 1996, I have paddled the waterways of the Bruneau drainage extensively. Nearly all of the water in these rivers originate in Northern Nevada. Some of these rivers are in designated wilderness areas. The entire drainage is a national treasure offering some of the best and most unique backcountry whitewater kayaking adventures in the Continental US. The beauty, wildness, and solitude are second to none.

Geologic wonders, these canyons also hold significant evidence of past human use, prehistorically as well as historically, and are home to deer, elk, big horn sheep, cougar, and many other species. Some of these rivers have been kayaked since the early 70s and are well documented. Others are more recent discoveries. A few sections have yet to be paddled but are certainly navigable. The area has left such an impression on me that I plan to paddle there as long as I am physically able. The following is a brief description of the navigable sections:

Salmon Falls Creek: Paddled several times at various water levels. Class 1 and 2. 14 miles. Launch 3 miles south of Jackpot, Nevada at the rest stop where Highway 93 crosses creek. Most do it one day. Others do it in two. Excellent introduction to overnight river trips for kids. There are miles of the creek above this that are navigable as well.

East Fork Jarbidge: Paddled once in June 2006, 200 CFS. Two day trip. Class 3, 4, and 5. Hiked in 6 miles to the put-in, beginning at the Slide Creek Trailhead just south of Pole Creek Ranger Station in northern Nevada. Launched at the confluence of Slide Creek and East Fork Jarbidge. Kayaked 6 miles to Robinson Hole. Grant Amaral, author of "Idaho, the Whitewater State", paddled the remaining 6 miles to Murphy Hotsprings the week after at half the flow. Dropping in to sub alpine from a high desert environment, then floating out in to a desert canyon makes this one of the most ecologically diverse and unique river trips I have done. There is a nice hot spring to soak in along the way.

West Fork Jarbidge: Beginning below the town of Jarbidge, Nevada and ending at the confluence of the East Fork Jarbidge, this is the only roadside run on the list. 12 miles of class 3 and 4 at medium flows.

Jarbidge: Paddled many times at various water levels. Beginning at the confluence of the East and West Forks of the Jarbidge, it is 30 miles to confluence of the West Fork Bruneau. Most continue through the Bruneau for a 72 mile trip. 3-4 days. Class 3, 4, and 5. Deep, narrow, pristine, and surprisingly lush, this is one of the most idyllic river canyons in the Nation. Well documented.

West Fork Bruneau: Paddled many times at various water levels. Beginning at Rowland, Nevada, it is 30 miles to the confluence of the Jarbidge. Most continue through the Bruneau for a 72 mile trip. 3-4 days. Class 4 and 5. Riddled in history, this canyon has several old homesteads along the way and has at least three marked graves near the river: Two homesteaders and one kayaker from a trip in 1974 ("Never Turn Back" by Ron Watters). One of the most remote river trips in the Lower 48, this canyon also has the highest concentration of good camp sites of any river I have paddled. It has the most cows and fences I have encountered as well. Given the fences are in flux year to year, the paddler is always guessing what they may find and where. To date, I have heard of 7 kayakers who have gotten hung up in various barbed wire fences crossing the river. I have witnessed one. Fortunately, no one has drowned as a result. The wire is hard to see amongst the willows and or the dim light caused by

shadows. This poses a significant threat to kayakers.

Bruneau: Paddled many times at various water levels. Beginning at the confluence of the Jarbidge and West Fork of the Bruneau, it is 42 miles to the take-out. Class 3 and 4. This is one of the most iconic river canyons in the Western US. Well documented. There is a hot spring to soak in at the put-in for those doing just the Bruneau or those coming out of the Jarbidge or West Fork rivers.

Sheep Creek: Paddled many times at various water levels. Beginning where the Rowland Road crosses Sheep Creek, it is 31 miles to the confluence of the Bruneau and another 30 miles to the take-out. Class 3, 4, and 5. The tightest, most pristine, and spectacular canyon in the drainage with vertical canyon walls rising 400-800 out of the water. Before the canyon closes in, there is an interesting homestead. There are several barbed wire fences in the upper several miles. Hidden in the willows, they pose a significant danger to kayakers. On the Nevada side, there are miles of navigable water above this put-in with historical homesteads.

Mary's Creek: Paddled once, May 2005. 4 miles to the confluence of Sheep Creek. Class 4. Combined with Sheep Creek for 3 day trip. With enough water, the streambed is steep and rocky enough that Mary's would offer the most continuous whitewater in the drainage. On the Nevada side, there are historical homesteads and miles of navigable water above this put-in.

East Fork Bruneau (Clover Creek): Paddled once, spring of 1998. Put in at Winter Camp and paddled 9 miles to the confluence of the Bruneau, then 20 miles on the Bruneau. 2 days. Class 4 and 5. Sections above have reportedly been paddled.

Sincerely,

Rusty Bowman

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From: **Setlock, Michael** msetlock@blm.gov 
Subject: Paddling near Elko
Date: March 25, 2019 at 4:00 PM
To: Charles craibright@juno.com



Hi Chris,

I have attached a float guide for the Owyhee, Bruneau and Jarbridge. You can contact the offices in the guide for more information. We have the South Fork of the Owyhee here in the Elko Do and this is also provided in the guide.

You can paddle the Humboldt either the mainstem that runs along I-80 or the South Fork which comes out of South Fork State Park/Reservoir. It is recommended that you run the section in the canyon due to some grazing fences that go across the river near just after the South Fork Res. This section is just upstream of where the SF dumps into the main Humboldt River and is about 8-10 miles long. If you have a map or on google you can put in off of Bullion Road outside of Elko then take out off of Bullion Road again before you get to Maggie Creek Ranch.

Salmon Falls Creek can also be run, not sure about Marys River. Have not heard of too many people paddling Marys River.

Below is a link for Salmon Falls Creek on the NV side for the ID side you can contact the Burley Field Office in ID.

<https://paddling.com/paddle/trips/salmon-falls-creek-idaho/?lat=42.0781&lng=-114.7145&zoom=10>

Hope you have fun out there and be safe,

Mike Setlock
Outdoor Recreation Planner
BLM Tuscarora Field Office
3900 East Idaho Street
Elko, NV, 89801
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msetlock@blm.gov



From: **Horn, Naaman - FS** nhorn@fs.fed.us
Subject: RE: Jeremy Evans, Recreation Officer, Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, Jarbidge, Elko, Wells Ranger District
Date: March 25, 2019 at 10:28 AM
To: Charles cralbright@juno.com



Hello Charles,
Here is the information I got back from the Bridgeport Ranger District.

I do not know of a comprehensive inventory or survey of fences along the river. From my limited knowledge I know that there were fences that crossed the West Walker in Pickel Meadow. At one point there was a heavy cable which was strung over the river and had a passable visual barrier for livestock that hung down to the water from that cable. I do not believe it is still in use nor has it been maintained. That cable was in also in Pickel Meadow.

There was at least one fence that crossed the river at the downstream end of Rosaschi Ranch on the East Walker but that was wiped out by flooding two to three years ago.

I could not speak to any of the private lands along the river and would imagine that there are some fences that may cross both forks in the valley bottoms on private lands.

There may be some more along the newly established Walker River State Recreation Area at Nine Mile and Flying M Ranches but we did not keep any data on those. The Nevada State Parks might have some of that information available.

The only other entity that I know of which may have some knowledge on that might be the Walker River Irrigation District. I do not know if they keep or collect any of that data though.

The only other place that I can think of that may impact a paddle is at Sonora Bridge, on the West Walker. The MWTC has completed analysis for some poles that they were going to install on either side of the river to be able to run a rope bridge over the river. I do not know the timing of when they would be using that but the bridge should come down when not in use.

As for places to access there are quite a few along both the East Walker and West Walker, none that I know of are established for that purpose though.

I think the best resource to find access points would be Google Earth.

Any specific information that could be provided about the fences that were encountered in the past could be useful to us. If there are fences that still cross which are Forest Service owned I would like to know.

I hope this helps.

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles [<mailto:cralbright@juno.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 4:13 PM
To: Horn, Naaman - FS <nhorn@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Jeremy Evans, Recreation Officer, Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, Jarbidge, Elko, Wells Ranger District

Hello Mr. Evans. You have one hell of a big district to ask questions of. So I guess I should get started. Hope you had some time for me.

Rubys Area:

I have been a life long paddler of canoes and kayaks and have spent many years in Nevada doing rivers and creeks here. I have also traveled much of the state and know many folks who have paddled in your district. I with this being a big water year was going to try to spend much of my spring and early summer out in your district looking for rivers and creeks in your huge district. So some of my paddling goals are in the Rubys and creeks or rivers such as the Humboldt that I would like to ask about. They offer many drainages that potentially could be flowing off both the east and west sides. So where might I find and access some of these creeks and rivers in your Ruby District? AND do you have any issues with me paddling them? Is there bridges or roads nearby where we can hike in and do sections of creeks such as Lamoille or the S.F. Humboldt? Will I have to worry about fences, low bridges, irrigation diversions or other hazards? Will there be issues with parking vehicles for access or egress? Any wildlife to look for or unique geology or locations? Do you have any concerns about our paddling these areas? Have you heard of others doing what I am asking about?

Jarbidge Area:

So I also plan on doing some paddling in the Jarbidge, Bruneau, Marys area. I was also told by a NDOW Official that Cottonwood Creek that drains the east side of the Jarbidge area is boatable and Salmon Falls Creek which it flows into have in the past been paddled. Any recommendations for access to that area? And is there other creeks on the east side that may or have been paddled in the past? As for the Jarbidge it has several forks in your Humboldt NF, can you recommend access sites for them and as before any hazards to worry about? Again any issues with parking for access or egress? Wildlife we might encounter, unique locations or other enjoyable sites? As asked before is there any concerns for safety such as fences, low bridges, other hazards? Does your staff have any concerns regarding our being there and paddling? Have you heard of others paddling these rivers and creeks?

Marys River:

Definitely on my radar as I have heard many great things about it and its canyon. So could you please suggest points of access and egress? Safety issues as asked above? Again, wildlife, unique locations or other pluses to see? Does your staff have any concerns? Have you heard of others paddling this river. My neighbor who is retired NDOW said that otters and been found on both the Humboldt and Marys and that to study them they used canoes to do the study. Any issues with parking at either put ins or take outs?

Bruneau:

As with the Jarbidge the Bruneau has several forks and side creeks that I have heard are boatable. Do you have any recommendations of locations for access and egress? As before and hazards like fences, low bridges or others? Do you have any issues with paddlers accessing those forks and creeks? There are also some creeks like Beaver Creek and the N.F. Humbolt that flow south of the Humbolt NF in the Bruneau area. Is there any paddling to be had in that area as well? Again possible sites for access and egress. Again any issues with parking at put ins or take outs? Have you ever heard of any other paddlers in these areas. Any other waters that might offer a enjoyable paddle?

Owyhee River and its Forks:

By maps it looks like most of the Owyhee River lays outside of your Humbolt NF. But a small stretch of it has a headwater in the west side of the Humbolt NF. Have you or others been in that area and know if there is any opportunity to recreate there? Any other creeks or even the Little N.F. of the Humbolt that flow off the Santa Rosa's and that section of Humbolt NF? Years ago I spent a good amount of time exploring that section and was working in the McDermitt area with a number of native americans who took me several places that were unique on their reservation. A great time in my life.

Humbolt River and its forks and tributaries:

So as with all the previous areas addressed: I realized that the main body of the Humbolt River is NOT in your district but have you got any information on where it might be accessed? Hazards? Wildlife? I had heard that back in the 1980's there was a downriver race on the Humbolt River and several times I considered coming out that way to compete. One can only assume that since white people got here that hey have paddled on Nevada's flowing waters for recreation and fishing and hunting. I am also very sure that the original native americans must have also spent time and much of their hunting and gathering along our waterways like the Reese and Marys. For a state that is considered to be mostly desert and devoid of water there must have been many folks who enjoyed our seldom seen and used rivers and creeks.

So last question besides all the ones above is are there other creeks and rivers in the districts that you over see that might offer a unique opportunity in a wet year like this?

You are lucky to oversee such a huge area. It must take a lot of work to address the whole NF. So THANK YOU for your time on this. I hope that you and your staff are doing well. I hope to hear from you soon. Again, Thanks for your time on my questions.

Sincerely yours,

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On a side note I believe there was a Marc Anderson who worked out of the Elko NF Office for many years. Ever hear of him? His brother Jayson was a best friend and I really enjoyed his parents. I looked him up back in the 1970's or so. Way back when. Thanks for your time.

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From: **Kramer, Martin - FS** martinkramer@fs.fed.us
Subject: RE: Questions for Martin Kramer of the Austin / Tonopah Ranger District
Date: March 25, 2019 at 10:09 AM
To: cralbright@juno.com
Cc: **Horn, Naaman - FS** nhorn@fs.fed.us

Charles,

In response to your questions. I would suggest that you get ahold of BLM Battle Mountain. The only place I think you MAY be able to get in to Reese River is on the North Side of highway 50 on BLM, where your friends went before. There is really nothing on the South end deep enough that you could get in nonetheless paddle in, even with all of the expected water. Reese River on the South end is more like a creek to be honest. Not much there. Hope this helps in some way.

-----Original Message-----

From: Horn, Naaman - FS
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 1:38 PM
To: Kramer, Martin - FS <martinkramer@fs.fed.us>
Subject: FW: Questions for Martin Kramer of the Austin / Tonopah Ranger District

Hello Martin,

Could you respond to the below email?

Thanks,
Naaman

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles [<mailto:cralbright@juno.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 1:35 PM
To: Horn, Naaman - FS <nhorn@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Questions for Martin Kramer of the Austin / Tonopah Ranger District

Hello Mr. Kramer, I am contacting you about possible paddling opportunities on the Reese River in the Toiyabe Humbolt NF. I had several friend who came out years ago and paddled the headwaters of the Reese and much of it course towards Battle Mountain. Others I have had discussions with have paddled the Reese River as well. This being a wet, snowy year there should be water to again explore what the Reese has for recreation on it waters. So my questions are where might I best access the river in your Ranger District? I assume that as long as I stay on NF Roads and hike if needed to the river I can legally access and paddle the river. Do you have any recommended locations for put in or take outs? I assume that there are various places where roads cross the river or get nearby. What sort of hazards might I encounter? Fences? Low Bridges? Strainers? What might I encounter as far as wildlife along the course of the river? Others have told me that they have paddled in good water years all the way to Battle Mountain. Have you ever heard of other paddlers doing sections of the river from its headwaters to Battle Mountain?

As for access is it safe to park at bridges along its way? Is there any worries about locals or people who might think I am trespassing? We will probably use a motorcycle for shuttles to get cars. Any other thoughts for our desire?

Thank for your time on this issue. Hope all is well for you and your staff. I have spent plenty of time out your way exploring in the past.

Last question: Any other creeks or lakes in your district that can be paddled?

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From: **McC Campbell, Michael** mmcccampbell@blm.gov
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: Winnemucca District BLM rivers
Date: March 25, 2019 at 9:30 AM
To: cralbright@juno.com



Hello Charles,

I've done some canoeing in the area and can make a few recommendations. The Humboldt River is good to float on in the spring until the water gets too low- usually the end of June or sometime in July. Downstream of Winnemucca there are several good access points next to bridges near Mill City and Imlay and there are just a couple dams near Winnemucca that need portage. I highly recommend day or multiday trips between Winnemucca Rye Patch Reservoir. Upstream of Winnemucca there are two good access points near the Valmeiy powerplant, two near Golconda, and one in Battle Mountain, but there are a lot of dams, low bridges and fences to go around. A few years ago I floated from Battle Mountain to Winnemucca in five days and had an average of 3 portages per day. From the river I've seen beaver, muskrats, deer, pheasants, owls, families of ducks and geese, lots of curlews, raptors, and one carp, but I've never tried fishing. The only place I've ever seen other floaters is in Winnemucca between the 795 Bridge and the river park on Bridge Street.

I have a friend who kayaks the Quinn River near Orovada in the spring when the water is high. I'm not sure on where to access that river as most of the surrounding land is private agriculture fields. Downstream of Orovada only has enough water to float in extremely high water years.

I've had good success canoe fishing at Bilk Creek Reservoir near Denio. The reservoirs Mike mentioned are good floating and fishing locations, but except for Rye Patch I rarely see any boats out there. I might be able to find information on other waters of interest, but these are the only ones I've had experience with.

Michael

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From: **Kizorek, Michael** <mkizorek@blm.gov>
Date: Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 10:02 AM
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: Winnemucca District BLM rivers
To: Michael McC Campbell <mmcccampbell@blm.gov>

Michael can you help with any of this gentlemen's questions?

Thanks!

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From: **Charles** <cralbright@juno.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 5:25 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Winnemucca District BLM rivers
To: Kizorek, Michael <mkizorek@blm.gov>

I had two other questions. Have you heard of others enjoying the paddles on the rivers I asked about? I am sure that over the years that there has been generations of folks that thought it would be nice and a great adventure to paddle the rivers I asked about. Also what sort of wildlife might we encounter out there. Any tips on what to expect? Again Thanks for your help. Fishing? Any real fish to catch?

On Mar 21, 2019, at 2:16 PM, Kizorek, Michael <mkizorek@blm.gov> wrote:

Charles,

Other than the Humboldt, most of the "Rivers" on the maps in our district are more like creeks. The only other one that might get large enough to paddle is Martin Creek near Paradise Valley? We do have several small reservoirs to offer if you wanted to go that route? I would suggest Blue Lake, Knott Creek and Onion Reservoirs in the Pine Forrest area. Chimny Reservoir near Paradise Valley and Rye Patch Reservoir along the Humboldt River (between Lovelock and Winnemucca).

Good luck, have fun, and let us know if you need anything else!

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Michael R Kizorek
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From: **Tipton Power** tiptonpower@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Nevada's Rivers and Navigation Law.
Date: March 25, 2019 at 8:35 AM
To: Charles cralbright@juno.com



Hi Charles. I would be happy to write something up about the stretches of Owyhee in Nevada I have been on. I will also pass this on to some other folks I know that may be able to contribute as well. Thanks.
-Tipton Power

On Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 11:50 AM Charles <cralbright@juno.com> wrote:
Grant Amaral suggested contacting you.

So I am Charles Albright a paddler from Reno who is trying to "reform" Navigation Law in Nevada. The Truckee, Carson, Colorado and Virgin Rivers are considered navigable in Nevada. Every other river is not yet each has had years even generations of usage by native americans first and settlers after that. I am trying to get folks that have recreated on Nevada rivers to send me letters or emails about the trips on those rivers to prove that they are indeed Navigable. So if you have paddled any of Nevada's Rivers other than the 4 above I would greatly appreciate it. If you know others who might assist with my quest please pass this on.

I can be reached at

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Reno NV 89503
775-324-5102 H

Thanks for any help you might lend me. Grant implied that you are based in the Owyhee, Bruneau, Jarbidge area for your paddling. So I am looking for folks who have done those rivers as well as Salmon Falls Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Mary's River, Humbolt, Quinn and Kings as well as any others . Happy Paddling! Great winter so far.

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From: **Seth Tonsmeire** seth@wildernessriver.com
Subject: Desert River Trips
Date: March 9, 2019 at 8:34 AM
To: cralbright@juno.com
Cc: Remi Keller remi@wildernessriver.com



Hi Charles,

Thanks for reaching out about trips on the Owyhee and Jarbidge Bruneau. We can do trips on the South Fork Owyhee on the Nevada sections. The East Fork in Idaho is our first choice for the upper Owyhee though. The scenery and experience is little better in my opinion on the East Fork. We normally start our upper trips at Garat Crossing, just below the Duck Valley reservation.

Do you have a particular section you are looking to float? Are you a solo traveler or have some friends or family interested too?

This spring looks like it should be a good season for desert rivers! We just posted an Owyhee article, [The Owyhee: Desert River. Desert Stories](#) which is a pretty fun read and some of our 2019 offerings are listed at the bottom.

Let me know what you are interested in or if you have any specific questions about our trips.

Best Regards,

Seth Tonsmeire

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From: **Charles** cralbright@juno.com
Subject: Re: Nevada's Non Navigable Rivers issue
Date: March 10, 2019 at 5:11 PM
To: Alan Reynolds alrey@cox.net



If you wish to send a note to me I will turn it into the AG's office with the rest of the letters. Maybe just say you have paddled those rivers as fact, do not mention they were not in Nevada. That should help. Hope all is well for you. We did the Truckee Town Run to Boca today and about a mile or so from the take out we found a hunting dog in the river where it could not get out due to snow. It was very hypothermic. They put it on a SUP and paddled it out to Boca then took it to the Humane Society in Truckee. It should survive but that was one lucky dog! The day started with a small amount of sun the winds and snow. Nice to hear from you.

On Mar 10, 2019, at 4:30 PM, Alan Reynolds <alrey@cox.net> wrote:

Hi Charlie, thanks for doing this. I have done the three forks of the Owyhee, the Jarbidge and the WF Bruneau and have had great runs on each, they are all in Idaho (and Oregon). I don't have any good input for the Nevada side. We are dealing with Wild and Scenic river designations on the Salmon/Challis forest and having to deal with Custer county rednecks (lockin up workin rivers) but it is usually worth it. Anything else I can do? Alan

On 3/8/2019 11:05 AM, Charles wrote:

Hi Guys, hope all is well for you 3. So I am trying to push two projects for paddlers. First is a proposal to inventory all the possible sites in Nevada where a person could use a non motorized paddle craft, i.e. a SUP, canoe, kayak, raft, tube to enjoy a pond, marsh, lake, river and anything related. (Maybe the TCID canal from Derby Dam to Fallon). I am going to eh State Legislature on the 12th to push that project.

Next is my continued desire to have the state of Nevada recognize that Rivers like the Owyhee, Bruneau, Jarbidge, Quinn, Reese, Humbolt, Marys, Kings and whatever else there is. SO what I am asking is that folks PLEASE take the time to write a letter to me regarding ANY runs that they have done on the above rivers or others in this state. So you three have spent lots of time running around this state with your jobs and travels and I know that all of you have done runs on rivers that Nevada declares non navigable. Please write me with a report for each river run you have done. What you did, when, flows, the experience, hazards, fences, irate land owners, whatever. I plan to give a massive dose of Federal Navigation Laws, State Navigation Laws, letters, history, photos, BLM, USFS, USFWS, NDOW, State Parks, State Lands and more to the new State Attorney General and ask of a legal opinion with regards to Navigable Rivers in Nevada. He can just make a legal opinion instead for the hassle that a legislative big would create. IF you know others who also have paddled river runs please ask them to submit a letter as well. The Owyhee, Jarbidge, Bruneau, Quinn, Walker, Salmon Falls Creek and I believe the Kings are ALL interstate Rivers. Interstate Navigation Laws should apply to them. BLM, USFS, USFWS and Army Corps all have their hands tied in that they say you can recreate on them but they cannot declare them Navigable when Nevada says they are not.

So please get me some letters if you can.

Charles Albright
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Thanks hope you all can help. Lets Make Nevada's Rivers OURS!

I copied a few others as well.

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From: Gipson, Jason A CIV USARMY CESPCK (USA) Jason.A.Gipson@usace.army.mil
Subject: Rivers and Harbors Act and Clean Water Act Jurisdiction Information
Date: February 12, 2021 at 11:31 AM
To: cralbright@juno.com



Sir,

Here are links to our website that provide information you requested regarding potential jurisdiction/oversight/authority of rivers in Nevada under the Corps Regulatory program, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

<https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/>

<https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Jurisdiction/Navigable-Waters-of-the-US/>

Let us know how we're doing. Please complete the survey at:
http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey

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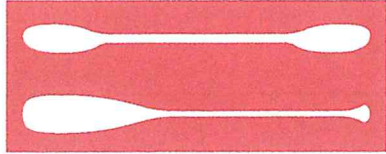
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Salmon Falls Creek in Idaho



Trip Overview

Salmon Falls Creek is a small river or large creek/stream that runs north into the Snake River and drains the northeastern Nevada slopes. The put in is in the Mountains and ranch land outside the



town of Jackpot, NV. This is an easy class 1 trip with one easy portage around a concrete diversion

structure. The scenery is a lot like the Jarbridge and Bruneau River Canyons, but its low volume and no rapids make this a favorite canoe or rec kayak trip.

This is a great trip to canoe or rec kayak and excellent for taking kids or beginners. The water is flat. There are no rapids, just class 1 moving water. Put in just south of Jackpot NV on the west side of Hwy 93. Take out before the reservoir for an easier float (access ranch roads off HWY 93), or paddle all the way across Salmon Falls Reservoir for a longer trip, but watch out for high afternoon winds in the spring! The Reservoir winds can make paddling across the lake tougher, usually in the afternoon.



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The put in is in the Mountains and ranch land outside the town of Jackpot, NV. This is an easy class 1 trip with one easy portage around a concrete diversion structure. The scenery is a lot like the Jarbridge and Bruneau River Canyons.

Wildlife, scenic. Incredible thunder and lightning displays sometimes occur in this canyon make for natural fireworks and sound shows. Take firewood if doing an overnight cause there is not a lot of dead fall in the desert.

Camping is everywhere if doing an overnight. Lots of sand is deposited on along the corners, just roll up

on the beaches and enjoy the stars!

Accommodations:

None; Wilderness trip, longer day trip or easy weekend trip

Fees:

None

Directions:

From Idaho, take I-84 to Hwy 93 south

Launches:

Put In: River Left a few miles south of Jackpot, NV

Take out: Off HWY 93, North of Jackpot, take forest roads into take out, Google Maps shows several.

Optional take out: anywhere you can access Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

Contact:

Call Tony at the RiverAT kayak store in Twin Falls, ID for updated flows, rentals, Shuttles....208-735-8697

Resources:

None, but there is a facebook page with all the beta you need: www.facebook.com/home.php?

[#/pages/Salmon-Falls-Creek-Idaho/227369440914?v=wall](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Salmon-Falls-Creek-Idaho/227369440914?v=wall)

Details

Duration: Day Trip, 2-3 Day Trip

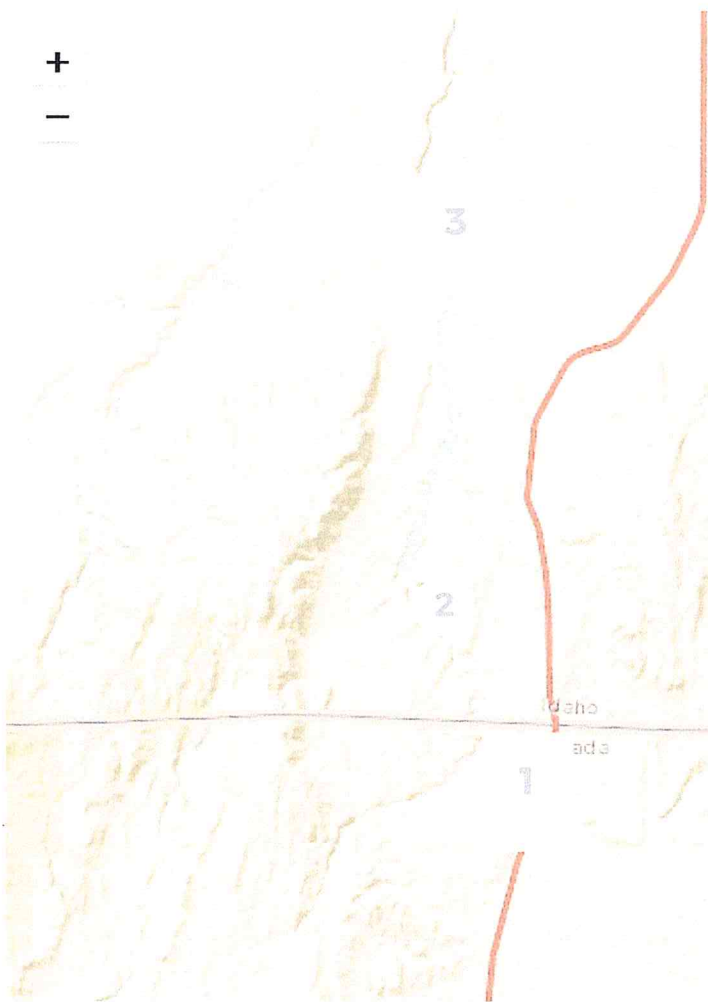
Sport/Activity: Kayaking, Canoeing

Skill Level: Beginner

Water Type: River/Creek (Up to Class II)

Group Rates: No

Locations on this Trip



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September 30th, 2020

AARON FORD
Nevada State Attorney General

Carson City, Nevada

Subject: A public right to use rivers and streams in Nevada

Dear General Ford:

I am writing this letter in the capacity of a citizen and not for any purpose relative to litigation even though I am a licensed attorney in Nevada and have been for over 44 years. I am an active paddle boater as are many of my friends and associates. Since I am an attorney they have asked me to get involved in an analysis of the right of the public to both access and use the rivers of Nevada for recreation purposes and to request a legal opinion from your office confirming those rights.

I was recently made aware that there are only four rivers in Nevada which have a “navigable” designation: the Colorado, Virgin, Carson, and Truckee. These rivers can be accessed and used by leisure boaters and government agencies also have jurisdiction such as: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of Transportation and other necessary agencies. We, in the environmentally friendly community of boaters, believe the same “navigability” status as is accorded the above named four rivers be accorded to all other rivers in Nevada. We believe established law bends toward confirming a public right to use rivers as part of our constitutional fabric and civic legacy and believe simple economics also favors this result.

We are only asking for the right to paddle, fish, and recreate within the maximum high water line for each river or stream in Nevada. We are not requesting a right to use the land along side or under the river; therefore, we are asking the State to acknowledge the right to use the rivers as a conveyance but not the land through which it flows. A right for the general public. What could be more justified than the ubiquitous use, without consumption, of water coming from the heavens? It is also economically advantageous. The push of the baby boomer, millennial, Y2K, and otherwise health conscious groups to avoid obesity and other crushing problems have resulted in a huge upswing in seeking vigorous outside vacations and adventures. The thirst to get out in nature has always been with humans. To deny or damage our right to seek and use nature or to give to specific members of the public the right to exclude public access to our rivers also denies economic opportunity to those who live in the commercial centers surrounding these public river assets. Boaters spend on restaurants, bars, gas, chips in a can, and ice cream, usually in the boonies; spending where outside money is most needed. We must now

establish a clear right to use these assets so boaters of all types along with their fisherman friends can go into these rivers without fear of being subject to capricious behavior by citizens who believe they have the right to deny access to the use of the river within the channel above defined.

Enough preaching, now for the legal underpinning. The term “navigable” is controlled by the definition of “use” under the common meaning. If a river is usable by a canoe or other small craft it is navigable under the law and becomes a public river or highway. *The Daniel Ball*, 77 U.S. 557 (1870). If a Nevada river is usable, no matter what mode of commerce is conducted, it is navigable in fact and law. In a navigable stream the public right is paramount to even that of state regulators. *Weber v. Board of Harbor Commissioners*, 85 U.S. 57 (1873); *West Chicago Railroad Co. V. Illinois*, 201 U.S. 506 (1906).

Rivers usable in recreational watercraft are navigable and this rule applies the canoes, kayaks, rafts, stand up paddle boards and other watercraft.

Best regards,

Fred Hill Atcheson

From: Charles cralbright@juno.com
Subject: Fwd: Mail Not Delivered
Date: March 4, 2021 at 8:46 AM
To: Brett Mayer bmayer@americancanoe.org



The lower portion is what I found in Nevada's Water Law

--- Enclosed is a copy of the message.

From: Charles <cralbright@juno.com>
Subject: **Fwd: Nevada Water Laws.**
Date: February 17, 2021 at 1:49:31 PM PST
To: agininfo@ag.nv.gov, sguyer@ag.nv.gov, Charles Albright <cralbright@juno.com>

Thanks for your time and I hope that i will get a response to this letter/ email. What I present seems rather obvious to be law in Nevada.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Charles <cralbright@juno.com>
Subject: Nevada Water Laws.
Date: February 17, 2021 at 1:03:21 PM PST
To: Gregory I. Zunino Deputy Solicitor General:

Nevada Water Laws.

TITLE 48 Water

Chapters 532-to 538, Inclusive
Also Chapters 543 and 544

Chapter 232
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NRS 232.005, 232.101 through 232.150

ADJUDICATION, APPROPRIATION 533.010

Under DEFINITIONS is:

533.020 "Stream System" Defined. As used in this chapter, "stream system" shall be interpreted as including any stream, together with its tributaries and all streams or bodies of water to which the same may be a tributary.
[47:140:1913; 1919 RL p. 3235; NCL 7932]

Next up is:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

533.025 WATER BELONGS TO PUBLIC.

The water of all sources of water supply within the boundaries of the state whether above or beneath the surface of the ground, belongs to the public.
[1:140:1913; 1919 RL p. 3225; NCL 7890]

533.030 APPROPRIATION FOR BENEFICIAL USE.

1. Subject to existing rights, all such water may be approbated for beneficial use as provided in this chapter and not otherwise.
2. The use of water, from any stream systems provided in this chapter and from underground as provided in NRS 543.080, for any recreational purpose, is hereby declared to be a beneficial use.

533.035 BENEFICIAL USE; Basis, measure and limit of right to use.

Beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure and the limit of the right to use the water.
[3:140:1913; RL p. 3225; NCL 7892]

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INTERSTATE WATERS; COMPACTS 538.600

ARTICLE XIII FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RECREATION

The use of waters for preservation, and protection, and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and recreation is hereby recognized as an inseparable part of the public interest in the use of the waters of Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson, Walker River Basins in both states, and is therefore beneficial.

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Dear Governor Sisolak, Attorney General Ford, and Department Directors and Administrators and Assistants, et al:

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- 1) Our pro bono attorney's request to the Attorney General for an opinion "confirming that the public...may pursue their lawful rights to enjoy all navigable rivers and streams within Nevada...." consistent with Federal and Nevada State Law
- 2) A copy of "State v. Bunkowski, 1972" regarding test of navigability of the State's rivers and streams
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In spite of Numerous Legal Rulings at both the National and State Level we do not have OUR WATERS Legally available for our citizens to use for recreation in any form. Be it hiking, fishing, gathering of food or furs, hunting, paddling, swimming and many more forms of recreation.

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Definition: “Navigable waters of the United States are *those waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide and/or are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.*”

Justification

- Nevada has many Interstate rivers and streams, including the Carson, Truckee, Walker, Bruneau, Jarbidge, Owyhee, Virgin, Colorado, Amargosa, Quinn, Kings, Salmon Falls Creek and many more. The Walker, Carson and Truckee Rivers and their tributaries were used to float logs down into the valley to support mining. The Carson and Truckee are determined ‘navigable’, the Walker is not.
- The Owyhee, Jarbidge and Bruneau Rivers have commercial rafting operations on them.
- Indigenous people lived along the river systems, gathered food, hunted and fished.
- The first settlers in this area travelled along the waterways and were fur trappers. It’s reasonable to assume ‘commerce’ occurred among groups that lived nearby and used the river systems for travel and food. Historical accounts from the Humboldt River system document native people trading fish for supplies with the settlers. Before the dam was built in Idaho, there were large runs of salmon on Salmon Falls Creek. The salmon were caught and sold on Salmon Falls Creek.
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Legal Precedent

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Public Trust Doctrine: Legal Opinion since 1842. As a Territory Nevada the public was granted free access to all waters and that right was to continue as a state. "State has the duty as the Trustee to hold all navigable waterways in trust for the benefit of the Public." The Public owns up to where water usually ends. This is called the "Mean High Water Mark". Navigable Waters are common highways and forever free.

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Many State, Federal and Conservation groups spend millions of dollars each year doing habitat restoration of our State lands and most waterways to benefit fish, plants, trees, and animals. Those groups include USFWS, BLM, B of Rec, USFS, NRA, WMA, NWR, NPS, Indian Reservations, State Parks, NDOW, EPA, State Lands, DCNR, Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited and many other groups. Hiker, bikers, paddlers, power boat users, climbers, OHV all do their share. Is this NOT Commerce? Public monies and funds to make our waters and lands better for public use as well as all the plants, fish, animals better off.

How can anyone deny this is Commerce?

Walker River Chronology January 1996: During the Third Session of the Territorial Legislature in 1864 a Franchise was granted to float logs and timbers on the West Fork Walker for 5 years. Territorial Lawmakers included a disclaimer with that franchise that provided that "nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to constitute said river a Navigable Stream." There was an opinion by Robert Stewart that the disclaimer was possibly a stated Territorial idea that "no law shall be passed interfering with the primary disposal of the soil." By definition, designation of Navigability would have assigned ownership of the Walker River's bed and banks of the Territory of Nevada. Transport of logs was deemed Commerce in the ruling of State of Nevada vs Bunkowski. It states that the Carson River was indeed Navigable due to floating logs and timbers. Topaz as well as Bridgeport Reservoirs have waters from both the East Fork and West Forks now are used as waters that allow recreation in all manner of boats. That is Navigation also on the Walker's water. Then there is the creation of a State Park on the East Fork where the State Parks promotes paddling, ie Navigation on the parks waters. BUT!!! According to the State Park you can get in at the upper end of the park and then paddle to a section of private property that spans both sides of the river. Where you MUST get out then travel to

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My Community Involvement

- Part of a greater group of paddling recreation seekers who see a bigger picture for Nevada's future. I moved to Nevada in 1972 and started exploring rivers and lakes then. Living in Carson and Tahoe at the time gave me access to the East Sierras and all of its creeks, rivers and lakes. I moved to Reno in 1976 and quickly began creating a paddling community there and nearby.
- Founding member of One Truckee River, a collaborative group that put together the One Truckee River Management Plan adopted by the City of Reno in 2016.
- Instrumental in the creation of the White Water Park in Reno. Our group spent 8 years on this effort. It was the example used for the creation of the Sparks Water Park.
- Taught safe paddling at Reno, Sparks and other local area pools for over 21 years, for free, to thousands of people.
- Led hundreds of paddling trips on Nevada's waterways.
- Facilitate the local White Water Group and manage the local Reno Kayakers Meetup Group, which has around 400 members.
- Active advocate and activist for safe rivers. Worked with Sierra Pacific Power to get signage for safety at their dams and continue to work with Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) for the benefit of river and shore users. For example, the Chalk Bluff Dam on the Truckee River, built by Sierra Pacific was a low head dam, which is an unsafe design for kayakers and has killed hundreds of people across the county. I was instrumental in the retrofit to make the dam safer for kayakers.
- Raising awareness on the Truckee River for allowable river use by kayakers. In the past, the Reno Police Department incorrectly assumed kayakers were not allowed on the river through town and would require kayakers to exit the river. Those misunderstandings have been resolved and kayakers can now enjoy the full length of the River.
- Led River Cleanups on the Truckee River for many years with hundreds of volunteers.
- Assist with the Reno River Festival and organize races at Wingfield Park.
- Working to help solve the issue of Homeless Camps along the Truckee River. I have a great working relationship with the Reno Mayor, Parks Department and Fire Department as well as the Community Liaison.
- Competed on numerous US Kayak Teams in the US, Europe and Canada, including being a National Champion several times and finishing in 4th place and 6th several times, representing the US in International Competition.

Nevada's Outdoor Recreation Economy Generates

**\$12.6
BILLION**

IN ANNUAL CONSUMER SPENDING¹

87,000

JOBS STATEWIDE

America's Outdoor Recreation Economy Generates

**\$887
BILLION**

IN ANNUAL CONSUMER SPENDING

7.6 MILLION

AMERICAN JOBS



GET INVOLVED

- 1 Visit the OIA Advocacy Center at outdoorindustry.org/advocacy to learn more about the issues and actions affecting outdoor recreation.
- 2 Recognize outdoor recreation's role in creating healthy economies and healthy communities, and support policies that promote your outdoor recreation economy.
- 3 Go outside and enjoy the public lands and waters that are our nation's treasures. They belong to you.

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These results report the economic contributions to the respective statewide economies from the outdoor recreation participants who reside within each congressional district. They do not represent the economic contributions that occur within any given district as a result of outdoor recreation.

¹ Estimates are based on where outdoor recreation participants reside, not where the activity or spending occurred. Totals for district data and state data may differ. Estimates do not include spending by international visitors, nor by those who do not participate in outdoor recreation.



New Clean Water Act Rule Released, Rivers Benefit

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Last week the Environmental Protection Agency released a [new final rule](#) governing which streams and wetlands will be covered by the Clean Water Act. If this sounds familiar, it is for good reason: this issue has been the subject of perennial debate and changes made by various administrations and courts for at least the past two decades. But, for today, for rivers, it is time to celebrate! The new rule, which will likely take effect in 60 days, will