

RIVERS CLOSED TO RECREATIONAL MINING

The Department of State Lands has been advised by the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that the following sections of rivers are closed to mineral entry except for federal mining claim holders working within valid claims under approved Plans of Operation. In addition, mining activities are not allowed in federal wilderness areas.

The Department will not be issuing authorizations for recreational mining for the following areas:

ROGUE RIVER (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF ROGUE RIVER)

From confluence of Grave Creek and Rogue River (Township 34S, Range 8W, Section 1) down river to the confluence of Watson Creek (Township 34S, Range 11W, Section 17) located approximately one mile above Foster Bar.

ILLINOIS RIVER (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF ILLINOIS RIVER)

From confluence of Deer Creek and Illinois River (Township 38S, Range 8W, Section 18) down river to the confluence of Nancy Creek (Township 35S, Range 11W, Section 29) near Agness.

ELK RIVER (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF ELK RIVER)

From the National Forest boundary at Elk River Fish Hatchery (Township 33S, Range 14W, Section 7) up river to the junction of North and South Forks, thence up river on North Fork to the falls (Township 33S, Range 12W, Section 7).

NORTH FORK SMITH RIVER (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF N.F. SMITH)

From Oregon/California border up river approximately 8 miles to the confluence of Acorn Creek (Township 40S, Range 11W, Section 16).

GRANDE RONDE RIVER (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF GRANDE RONDE)

Within the boundaries of the Umatilla National Forest from Section 11, T 3N, R 40E to Section 1, T 4N, R 41E and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest from T 4N, R 40 and 41E to T 5N, R 41E.

JOSEPH CREEK (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF JOSEPH CREEK)

In T 4N, R 45E, from its confluence with Baker Gulch and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest boundary, downstream to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest boundary in Section 6.

SNAKE RIVER

All parts of the Snake River located within the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

IMNAHA RIVER

The Imnaha River in its entirety, from its origin in the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, through the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area to its junction with the Snake River.