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2009 Rogue River Float Lottery Begins

December 1, 2008 - December 1 marks the first day for noncommercial boaters to apply for a chance to float the wild section of the Rogue River during the 2009 season. Permits are required to float the wild section (Grave Creek to Watson Creek) from May 15 through October 15.

The annual Rogue River lottery is currently being handled by the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM will only accept applications for noncommercial float permits from December 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009. Cost to apply is \$6.00 per application.

To obtain the 2009 Rogue River float lottery application and instructions, go to the BLM Rogue River website at:

- <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/floatspace-lottery.php> (lottery instructions and application form will be posted by December 1, 2008).

Or call:

- (541) 479-3735 (Mon- Fri) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning December 1.

The lottery drawing will take place in February 2009. Successful applicants **only** will be notified in early March. The last names of successful applicants will also be posted around mid-March on the BLM web site at <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/floatspace->

[lottery.php](#). The noncommercial float permit is good for one specific launch date during the 2008 Regulated Use Season.

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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