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## F\*#@#in' Earl Or Fun on The Selway, June 13-19, 2016 Submitted by Skip Currier

This trip really began in March, when like most of you, I opened my email to get confirmation that I had yet again made my annual contribution to various river permit systems. This year was like any other. Green-No. Yampa-No. Gates of Lodore-No. Middle Fork of the Salmon-No. Except.. Selway-YES!

After calling around, we ended up with a group of ten. Me, my step brother Ned Berce (from northern Maine), Randy Ford, Mark Tyree, Sam Watry, Scott Harvey, Jessie King, Tom Riggs, Bert Smith (a good friend of Tom's), and Cary Solberg.

We held our first planning meeting in April to do a couple of things. Drink beer, establish a Go/No Go river level (we settled on 5 feet and NOT rising at the Paradise gauge), as well as to figure out campsites and meal teams. We had one more planning meeting a week prior to launch to drink beer, finalize the details, and we were ready to go.

Our plan was to leave Portland on Saturday, June 11 drive to Missoula, and spend the night, and then drive in to the launch on Sunday. Cary made arrangements for the motel and we were able to eat dinner at The Montana Club right next door. Everyone was well behaved. Nobody got thrown out of either the Montana Club or the motel.

### September Club Meeting:

#### *Flying Pie Pizza*

7804 SE Stark Street  
Portland, OR 97215

**Speaker: Chris Wanner**  
(see page 2 for bio)

**Wednesday,**  
**September 14, 2016**  
**from 6:00-9:00 PM**

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## MEETING SPEAKER

**Speaker:** Chris Wanner,  
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**Bio:** Chris is responsible for management of operations and maintenance of surface and groundwater supplies, including treatment, transmission, storage, distribution, pump stations and tanks, system analysis, security and the SCADA system. Since 1984, Mr. Wanner has held various Bureau positions. He is the designated Direct Responsible Charge for the bureau with the State of Oregon and holds certifications for both Water Distribution (WD4) and Water Treatment (WT4). Mr. Wanner currently serves on the State's Drinking Water Advisory Committee and is Vice-Chair of ORWARN and a member of AWWA, IWA and WEF. He has worked on many facets of asset management including participating in Water Services Association of Australia benchmarking and Leading Edge of Strategic AM efforts.

**Do you have something you would like to submit to the OWA Newsletter?**

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To show our appreciation and to encourage future contributions, the Oregon Whitewater Association will have an annual drawing for \$150 gift certificate to one of the OWA sponsors. Every member who submits written material that gets published in the newsletter will automatically be entered into the drawing.

## Did you ever wonder?

by Bruce Ripley

I've been working over the last week or so to get ready for a Main Salmon trip that I'm going on and as I stood in the garage looking for some of my straps I started thinking about a few things?

So did you ever wonder why when you have a strap in your hand it's the wrong length? I mean you have the strap and it's ready to go but it's either 6 feet too long to 1 foot too short! Ok if it only happened once in a while then I'd understand but every time, you'd think that statistically that could never happen!

Did you wonder where all those straps that you started the year with went? I meant didn't you have a full complement of all of the normal lengths to start the year? I think they go wherever all the single socks go when they go missing! Maybe that means all your rafting buddies that have your missing straps also have your missing socks, you might want to check their sock drawer!

Speaking of missing stuff why is it when we have an OWA event and we say "make sure you mark all your stuff and take it home" we still end up with a pile of gear left over? I don't mean a random strap, I mean things like someone's favorite sweatshirt, or a throw bag, or that jacket with your school letters on it? (Ok, I'm kidding about the letter jacket). The best/worst part is we generally don't find a home for it? Oh well that's what makes the world we live in an exciting place, the unpredictability.

Last... Did you ever wonder why it is that no matter how much you cut back on your gear you always have too much stuff when you get to the river? But magically it always fits on your boat. I mean sometimes there no end to it, and it always fits. Now sometimes it ends up on someone else's boat but it still gets on the river. The best part... that last 50% of the gear doesn't get used, but you have that warm cozy feeling that you have it just in case you might need it should an emergency arise! Ok, maybe not an emergency but you never know when you might decide that you trip wasn't long enough and you want to stay another couple days. As long as it's not a permitted trip who's watching anyway? Stay safe, lay-over, and keep wondering!

## WFA Class

It's just about that time again. The fall WFA class is here and its 2 ½ days of fun and learning hosted by OWA and taught by Sierra Rescue. If you haven't been to the class in a couple years then you should try to sign up, those skills are very perishable and there is no substitute for training and practice. The class is getting close to full at this point so make a point to sign up. If you are not a club member, or know someone who isn't but would like to take the class tell them to sign up for the club and then the class. Remember if you pay your 2016 dues now we will extend your membership through the end of 2017! Thanks for your support of the club and the safety program!

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

The next meeting will be at Flying Pie Pizza in Portland. Please plan to come out and join us for our monthly meeting and speaker. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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# Selway River Trip Report



## ***Selway River Trip Report: Continued from page 1***

After a quick breakfast at the motel on Sunday morning, we headed south, and after a quick stop for last minute food and fishing licenses, on to the small town of Darby. The ride down Route 93 is absolutely beautiful! Ranchland to one side and mountains to the other. From Darby, it's up and over the Nez Perce Pass, separating Montana and Idaho. The ride in is spectacular! After a while you pick up the upper upper Selway. It would be a huge understatement to say that seeing it gets you excited about getting on the water!

We arrived at the Paradise Campsite (Launch) at about noon. We set up camp and started building boats. An aside here: When talking with the Forest Service in Darby in the weeks leading up to the trip, we were informed that once we had settled on the number of people and the number of days on the river, the paperwork would be waiting for us at the launch site and "Paradise Earl" would meet us at some point to issue the boat tags.

So, it's late afternoon and two dogs come into camp (they must have known we were having two beef tenderloins for supper) followed by this guy with a beard. "Paradise Earl".

We chatted for an hour or so about how he ended up as a camp host, how long he'd been hosting, was it lonely, etc. We played with the dogs and generally had a good time. We also asked him about the river conditions, weather forecast, routes down various runs, who was ahead of us... All of the stuff you'd ask one with local knowledge. We were delighted when "Paradise Earl" told us the river was pretty much going to hold its level (a tad less than 3 feet), and that the weather was going to be great the whole time we were on the river. We had nailed it! So, we had a great dinner, sat around the campfire and went to bed knowing we were finally going to raft the Selway!

Monday morning! Beautiful blue sky. The temperature is rising. After breakfast we broke camp and began loading rafts. Mark and Jessie launched from camp. It was a little hairy so we decided to launch the rest of the boats from the ramp. It took a little longer, but all in all it went fine. While we were doing all of this we were visited again by "Paradise Earl" who again assures us we nailed it. By the time we are ready to launch we are down to shorts and no shirts. It had to be 90°.

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Within about a half hour of us leaving our shuttle drivers showed up. I have to say that Karen Kidd is one of the nicest people I've ever met. We thanked her for her donation of two shuttles to the club. This is no small deal. They are worth about \$600.00! In any case, she said she is happy to do it. She is a big advocate of river safety and is doing what she can to help. All of her drivers were as nice as she is too. So if you ever have the occasion to meet Karen, thank her again for her support!

OK, back to the river. It's 90° and we need to don drysuits. As I was unpacking my bag... helmet liner-nah, glacier gloves-nah. I left 'em in the truck. Off we go! We are only going 8 miles today. (The trip is 47 miles and we are taking two layover days). Still and all we hit nine rapids. Some of the Class IIIs are Salmon Slide, Galloping Gertie, Washer Woman, Cougar Bluffs and Holy Smokes. The river is even prettier than the pictures. The river up here is narrow and lush.

We set up our first river night's camp at Upper Archer. This is a nice flat spot on river left with some shade and plenty of room for tents. The views down river are beautiful. As we are setting up camp, clouds began to move in. No problem, we brought tarps and set them and our tents up quickly. Sam & Randy had dinner duty. What do you know, we are having a great Spaghetti dinner in the rain! I don't know who said it first, but this is where "Paradise Earl" became affectionately known as "F\*#@#in' Earl".

It rained off and on all night. The river gods must have been smiling on us because the rain stopped long enough for us to have breakfast and pack up our wet tents. Off we go. "Earl" had given us some of the routes down some of the rapids. I think the first two we hit this morning were wrong. "F\*#@#in' Earl is batting a thousand!

Scott Harvey graciously stepped in to lead us from there. His last trip on the Selway was 11 or 12 years prior yet he was like an encyclopedia when it came to routes. There were going to be lots of rapids again today and Scott explained them all. It was so much information that it all kind of ran together. He said there are two Class IVs, Goat Creek and Ham. For one rapid, he said there are two rights, then a left, followed by a right and two more lefts and then more rights. Goat Creek at mile 11 is full of HUGE boulders and a bunch of must make moves. It felt like going down a giant water slide. Once at the bottom where we had all eddy'd out, Cary said "That must have been the lefty/righty one he was talking about!" If I could have got the boat back to the top, I would have run it again. Good clean fun! So much fun that we didn't notice the temperature had dropped, until our hands felt like we were running the Upper Clack in February! Glacier gloves and helmet liners???

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Next up is Green Eggs (false Ham), a solid Class III that is immediately followed by Ham which should definitely be scouted. Ham is a Class IV that occurs where huge boulders constrict the channel creating obstacles and nasty hydraulics. Matter of fact, the scout is Class IV too.

Our second river camp was at Lower Tony Point Campsite. The Two Tony Point Camps are located upstream and downstream of the Tony Point Pack Bridge. This is where Moose Creek joins the Selway and pretty much doubles the flow! This is a popular layover spot with lots to do. The campsite is pretty big and we got both tarps up, along with tents and cloths lines! It stopped raining so we were able to dry all of our stuff. Tom & Bert had dinner duty. We had lots of good appetizers and then ribeyes that covered the plate! After dinner we sat around the campfire and everybody had hit the hay by midnight.

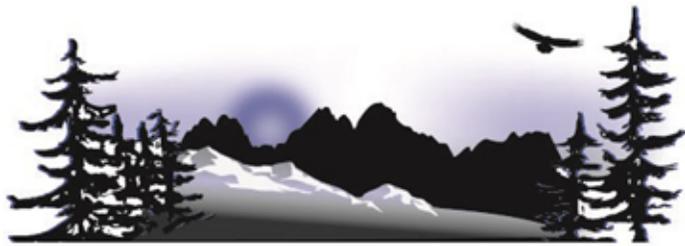


Wednesday is a layover day. It's sprinkling when we get up but not bad. After a big breakfast we decide we are going to hike around a bit and see the sights. Sprinkle has turned to steady drizzle so we suit up and head out. Our hike took us back up river to cross the Tony Point Pack Bridge. Once across, we decided to hike to the Moose Creek Ranger Station. You go through the woods for a bit and then break out to a 4000' airstrip! The ranger station is at the end of the runway. We got there and met the Ranger. His name was Cary. Super nice guy. He gave us the history of the place as well as how he got to be there. The airfield is primarily used for smoke jumpers. We got to meet the mule team, too. They were all fairly friendly and of course were looking for food! After filling our water bottles we hiked back down the runway and across the Moose Creek Pack Bridge to scout the rapids we would be running on the following day. The hike, though long, was amazing. Our layover day had turned into a hiking day. Every time water ran into somebody's shoes or down their neck, more homage was paid to F\*#@#in" Earl!



While we were hiking downstream, we met the new ranger who was heading to Moose Creek to spell Cary at Moose Creek Ranger Station. He was leading a team of eight mules all of which had to huge packs. Everything was wrapped in canvas and tied with Manila rope. Probably not much different than what they did a hundred years ago. Once we got back to camp, even though we were mostly dry, everybody's shoes were wet. It was a sight to see all of the shoes around the firepan. A side note: Mr. Solberg declared this a hiking day not a layover day!

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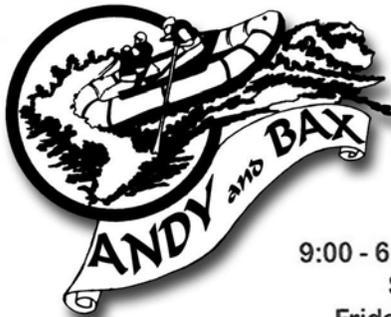
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Thursday morning the sun is out and things are looking good. We have a great breakfast. Bagels, cream cheese, oatmeal, eggs, fruit and OJ. Even after the big breakfast, there is a little apprehension. We have a quick safety meeting, locate all of the pin kits on each other's boats and get ready to roll. Our camp is at mile 26.5.

Within the next 2.5 miles we will run 11 rapids. They are Tony Point Rapid Class II, Divide Creek Rapid Class II, rapid Class II, Double Drop Rapid Class IV, rapid Class II, rapid Class II, Wa-Poots Rapid Class IV, Ladle Rapid Class IV, (Scott thought maybe V-), Little Niagra Rapid Class IV, Puzzle Creek Rapid Class III, and No Slouch Rapid Class III.

Mark and Jessie led the line through Ladle and it was great! This was a busy 2.5 miles! Even so, Sam, the altruistic guy that he is, was able to do some volunteer work for the Forest Service counting fish at Double Drop! Nobody hurt, no gear lost, and a quick recovery. Things do work out. Only 12 more rapids to go. All IIs and IIIs. Our Thursday night camp was at Upper Pinchot Camp. This is one of the nicest campsites I have ever seen anywhere. A big cobble stone beach that's super flat and a campsite that is sandy and fairly level as well.

We got camp set up, and Mark and Jessie put together a great Sausage and pasta spread for dinner. There was plenty to do at this camp, too. Especially fishing. There were a bunch of Cutthroat trout in the river. It was pretty cool to catch them. The water was so clear you could see them swim up and take the fly. What gorgeous fish. Golden with a bright red slash at the gills.

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Tonight was also the night Cary set up the bar: Gin & Tonic night!

Friday was our second layover day. What a day. The morning was bright and clear. We hung out on the beach, had a big lunch, fished and drank beer. At this point Cary announced "Now this is a layover day!" Not just any layover day, but a 100% Cary Solberg Certified Layover Day©! It's hard to describe. It was just a perfect river day!

Friday night we had meatball subs for dinner, and Cary had the bar going once again. Gin & Tonics.

Saturday. Take out day. Every trip has them. It's hard to leave such a great place. Yet, the river wasn't done with us. Right out of camp, no more than a .25 miles is Wolf Creek Rapid, another Class IV. The guide describes it as a powerful boat-flipping drop that funnels water along the right bank with some nasty lateral curlers. It was that and fun to run too!

Next up at mile 40.5 is Jim's Creek Rapid. Another Class IV. This was a rapid with a couple of short drops and a big hole on river right. Everybody made it through each of these without problems.

From here on out to the take out the river had a steady drop with the last mile or so flattening out. We got to the take out, found our vehicles (Thanks again Karen!), and started for home. On our way we got to see Selway Falls. It leaves no doubt why its rated Class VI. It is beyond crazy!

After about 20 miles, we were back in familiar territory. Three Rivers! where the Lochsa meets the Selway and forms the Clearwater River. We were tempted.

This report doesn't begin to do this river justice. There are bigger rapids, there is scenery that's just as nice, and there are groups that get along well. This river has all of that and more. It's just beautiful, remote, and challenging!

One can only hope to experience this river...and if you have an opening...

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<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>265</b>

Club Financial Status

Opening Balance	Current Balance	Budget Projection		
		Income	Expense	Balance
\$18,000	\$22,000	\$21,000	(\$22,000)	\$17,000

\* All values rounded to the nearest \$1,000

Current Financial Status (2013)

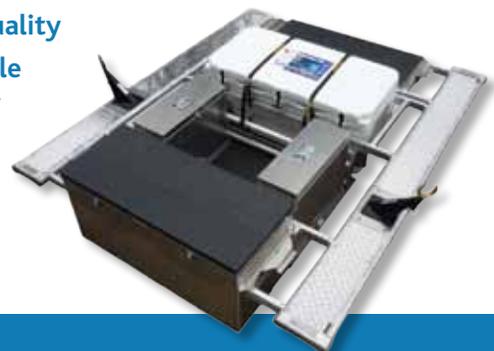
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		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Member Dues		\$6,810	\$5,768	\$8,400	\$7,028	\$6,891	\$7,028	\$3,560	\$6,664
Advertising		\$1,600	\$1,800	\$1,600	\$1,700	\$1,760	\$1,600	\$1,800	\$1,800
River Trip		\$378	\$1,300	\$1,112	\$480	\$821	\$736	\$459	\$810
eCommerce		\$680		(\$273)		\$917		\$98	
Adjustment		(\$135)		(\$6)		(\$6)		\$0	
Charity		(\$150)	(\$500)	(\$150)	(\$500)		(\$500)		(\$400)
Fees		(\$140)	(\$219)	(\$971)	(\$1,055)	(\$1,120)	(\$1,055)	(\$1,090)	(\$1,055)
Safety Training		(\$1,484)	(\$1,965)	(\$367)	(\$2,190)	(\$395)	(\$2,522)	\$2,784	(\$808)
Miscellaneous		(\$267)	(\$800)	(\$578)	(\$1,100)	(\$1,737)	(\$1,100)	(\$564)	(\$2,950)
Newsletter		(\$1,664)	(\$1,600)	(\$1,993)	(\$1,600)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,600)	(\$1,751)	(\$1,600)
Meeting		(\$2,601)	(\$2,550)	(\$2,846)	(\$2,650)	(\$3,159)	(\$2,975)	(\$1,278)	(\$3,475)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,027</b>	<b>\$1,234</b>	<b>\$3,928</b>	<b>\$113</b>	<b>\$2,474</b>	<b>(\$388)</b>	<b>\$4,017</b>	<b>(\$1,014)</b>



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- 1 cup Veganise
- 2-3 TBLS lime juice
- 2 tsp. sea salt
- 2-4 cloves of crushed or minced garlic (to taste)
- Black pepper to taste
- 1 head green or purple cabbage shredded (approx 4 cups once shredded)
- 1 cup sweet corn (fresh, frozen or canned)
- 1 sweet red pepper diced (or yellow, orange)
- 1/8 cup minced red onion
- 1 bunch cilantro minced (approx 1 cup)
- 1 15 oz can drained and washed whole black beans



## SOUTHWEST VEGAN ENSALADA DE COLE

*Submitted by Michelle Dorfi*

## DIRECTIONS

In a very large bowl, mix the following: Veganise, lime juice, sea salt, garlic and pepper. Whisk all until well mixed and fluffy, modify to taste. (Agave can be added to taste, but I choose to omit.)

Next prep the following: green or purple cabbage, sweet corn, red pepper, red onion, cilantro and black beans. Toss all together, chill for a few hours or overnight, and Voila!

Makes approx 8 cups of slaw.

Can be made ahead 1-3 days, ideal for potlucks, BBQs, camping and river trips. You can use 1/2 cup more of the Veganise if you want it really creamy. But the juices from the veggies really sauce this up after 24 hours in the fridge or cooler. Enjoy!

Options: Add 1 large shredded carrot. Use fresh dill instead of cilantro. If you use green cabbage, red or orange peppers are nice. Yellow or orange peppers looks great with purple cabbage. For river trips, it is nice to mix in the black beans when you're about to serve the slaw, as they can turn the creamy dressing kind of purple. Or skip them all together. It's a very flexible recipe. Friends say they enjoy it on day 3, served with tortilla chips, like a cool dip.

## 2016 2.5 Day (20 hours) Wilderness First Aid September 30-October 2

*What should you bring with you to WFA?*

*Please be sure you have your name on anything you bring with you.*

- Small Tarp (to lay on)
- 2-3 2'-4' cam straps or a couple old belts (used to secure a splint)
- 4' or longer stick/paddle (used as a splint)
- Clothes that you don't mind getting stained (we will be using stage blood and bruising.)

It's important that you have appropriate clothes for the weather. Think about having rain gear available. This is a rain or shine course. Please bring your lunch with you for both full days and plan to stay at Dodge Park for lunch so we can start on time after lunch. OWA will provide drinks (coffee and electrolytes) and sweet & salty snacks.

**Please leave your dogs at home.**

**Age Limit:** Please be at least age 10 to participate (no exceptions).

**Follow the link below to sign up and be sure you pay using the PayPal link provided. Payment is due at the time you sign up.**

**Lead Instruction:** Sierra Rescue - Rescue 3 West

**Registration:** <http://oregonwhitewater.org/rescue1/3-day-wilderness-first-aid-2016/>

**Registration Fee:** \$70 per person (Non-Refundable) This amount is highly subsidized by OWA.

**Location:** Dodge Park – Sandy Oregon <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/575138>

**Time:** Friday 5pm-7:30pm and Sat/Sun 8:00 am –5:00 pm (Attendance on Friday, September 30th is optional but encouraged.)

**Camping:** There may be camping available at Dodge Park but OWA has not secured sites. Feel free to contact Portland Parks & Rec. to reserve yourself a spot: [https://apm.activecommunities.com/portlandparks/Facility\\_Search](https://apm.activecommunities.com/portlandparks/Facility_Search)

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# Knot of the Month

## Knot of the Month - Prusik

### Overview

- Bi-directional Friction Hitch
- Will grip when tensioned and slide when eased. (in either direction)
- Used to grip a rope in a haul system
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## Boating 101 Is Back! September 24

Boating 101 is typically held in April of each year however, this year due to scheduling conflicts it was pushed to September 24th from 9:00am - 5:00pm and the 25th from 9:00am - 4:00pm. We will again be meeting at Packsaddle County Park on the North Santiam and boating to Fishermen's Bend Campground both days.

Please contact Matt Saucy to let him know if you will be attending either day at: 971-241-5396

The link below only includes information to Mill City. From Mill City to Fisherman's Bend is class II. There are several class III drops above Mill City that are relatively straight forward.  
<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/1552>

Camping is available at Fishermen's Bend but you must book that on your own:  
<http://www.recreation.gov/camping/fishermens-bend/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=74081>

Boating 101 is a weekend to practice river running skills on a relatively easy river that still has some exciting drops and rapids. This is not a "class" but rather an opportunity to boat with other folks that have varying degrees of experience ranging from first timers to seasoned boaters with decades of experience.

This is an opportunity to be part of a safe trip with a focus on practice basic boating skills in paddle rafts, IK's and light oar boats. Beginners and youngsters are welcome, also more experienced boaters who are willing to share their river knowledge and help the less experienced. A chance for all of us to get river ideas from other boaters and to try different styles of boating. You don't necessarily need to bring your own boat. This not an overnight trip on the river, but instead, multiple single day trips on the same sections, with the idea of getting familiar with the run, so that practicing is easier.



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# Upcoming Trips

Submitted by Cheryl Ford,  
Trip Editor



TRIP	DATES	TRIP LEADER	CONTACT INFO
2016 Hell's Canyon, Class III/IV	September 16-18, 2016	Mike Moses	mtymo_@hotmail.com, 509-240-4220
2016 -Tieton River, Class II/III	September 17-18, 2016	David Elliott	dce@dcell.com
2016 Boating 101, North Santiam, Class II/III	September 24-25, 2016	Matt Saucy	sawdusty9@yahoo.com, 971-241-5396
2016 Fall Colors, North Santiam, Class II/III	October 1, 2016	Matt Saucy	sawdusty9@yahoo.com, 971-241-5396
2016 Veteran's Day, Rogue, Class III/IV	November 11-13, 2016	Kevin Buck	buckriverman@gmail.com, 360-890-6776
2017 Lower North Umpqua Trip	April 28, 2017	Bill Goss	zanng@msn.com, 503-757-4659
2017 McKenzie River, Class II/III	June 22-25, 2017	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com, 360-931-4224
2017 Upper N Umpqua	June 22, 2016	Walt Bammann	wbamman@wizzards.net, 541-817-7904

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