

**Boaters Comments:**

"Dear Eric,

Congratulations! *Idaho's Salmon River* was awarded honorable mention in the 2005 National Outdoor Book Award (NOBA) for the Outdoor Adventure Guidebook Category. The announcement was just made at the Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education held in Buffalo, New York"

**"You should be very proud. You were up against the likes of the Mountaineers, National Geographic, Falcon, Globe Pequot and assorted New York publishers."**

- Ron Watters, Chairman, National Outdoor Book Awards

"We used your guide book "Idaho's Salmon River" to help us, as we have never been on an Idaho river before. The book was fantastic. Its' mile by mile descriptions are very accurate. My friends were amazed when I was able to pull up to the Hot Tub as if I knew where I was going. We also stepped right up to the Legend Creek pictographs.

Your book was a fabulous addition to our trip. It's a little beaten up from riding on my cooler for seven days in the sun, sand, and water. The ink has smudged here and there but the pages held up well. Thanks for a well written description of the river." -Tony, Elk Grove, California

"Just wanted to let you know that my group just got back from our Salmon River trip and we found your guide to be fantastic. Three of us had guides, my sister Pat, my brother Don, and myself and we were reading the book constantly. The GPS coordinates are almost to the foot.

GREAT JOB!! and thanks for all your work." -Mike Farrell

"Hi Eric, just got back from a 7 day trip on the Main Salmon. We used your guide and it was invaluable. No ideas for improvement, or comments, just wanted to let you know that everyone thought the guide was very well done. It made our trip a bunch better." -John Fry

"I just wanted to thank you for your great guide to the Main Salmon River. We just finished our first trip down this river and had a great time. At least part of that was due to your fine book. We found your book to be fun as well as accurate. We particularly enjoyed the history and the side hikes. We also appreciated the rapid diagrams and descriptions. The book is also certainly well made. It was wet much of the time but held up without damage." -Randy Hodges

**"One of the most worthwhile books I have ever purchased." -Dave Reid**

“We just returned from our trip down the Main Salmon, and were lucky enough to see your guide just before we departed (John at Blackadar highly recommended it and sold us our copy, as we were arranging shuttle with him). The guide is fantastic, and so very much needed. We have done the Main a number of times, always relying on the Forest Service guide given at put-in, which is not always completely accurate in its mileages, and certainly gives too little detail about canyon history, human, geologic or otherwise.

Your guide, on the other hand, is always accurate, and full of interesting, valuable detail, and had such a wonderful, engaging variety of photos. I kept it in my hand the entire way down the river, and everyone else in our group of 17 relied upon me to keep them up to date on the history for sites, and information on upcoming rapids. Your descriptions of various big rapids were particularly helpful, since you covered the differences at different flows. I have always been interested in finding the petroglyphs I knew were at some sites, but the Forest Service guide was scanty on helpful information on how to really find the few they do mention. With your guide, we were able to easily locate every single one you mention. What great work!

My husband, Bill Cross, is one of the co-authors of Western Whitewater and he and I both understand the incredible work it takes to produce a work such as yours. We also understand the financial burden of 'going for broke,' and making it such a high-quality book, with its water resistant paper and its multitude of great photos. I, for one, thank you so much for giving the river community such a fine book, so valuable with its information and so obviously produced with great affection and love for the river you speak of.

Come Christmas, I plan on ordering a number of copies to give to my river-running friends. Even if one were not planning on running the Main, your guide makes great reading on its own, and would definitely inspire anyone to come and see for themselves.

Anyway, again thanks for such a great book.” -Polly Greist, Oregon)

“My wife e-mailed you yesterday telling you that we used your new river guide on our Main Salmon float last week. I want to second her enthusiasm: we were both incredibly impressed by your book, and very grateful for the new information it gave us. As a guide book author myself I know how much sweat and care goes into each page. Yours is an outstanding guide, and was a wonderful addition to our float. The only problem we had with it was squabbles over sharing one copy among four families (as lead boat, I of course had to take it most of the time!). The Main Salmon has SO desperately needed a good guide; many thanks to you and your wife for taking the time to craft one.”

-Bill Cross, Contributing Editor, Paddler Magazine

“Just wanted to let you know that we ran the Main Salmon for the first time starting July 2nd. We had a great trip, and found your new guidebook to be invaluable. You obviously put a lot of time and effort into it, and it paid off. My 10-year old son especially liked all the descriptions of the calamities/awful deaths that befell the original settlers of the cabin, and I found that your campsite descriptions were detailed enough that I always knew where I was on the river. You did a great job!” -Wendy Wyels, Sacramento CA

“Just a quick note to let you know that I received your river guide today and am most pleased! Love the size and the fact that the pages can be turned back. Can tell you raft since you've made the guide like we wish all guides were put together. I have already recommended it to people on our Salmon trip this summer.” -Anne Hill