



# Stream Channel Alteration by Small Scale Mining Activities: 2026 Instructions

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## Idaho Department of Water Resources Contact Information

IDWR’s website (<https://idwr.idaho.gov>) is the best source for the latest information on small scale mining. Comments and general questions should be emailed to [IDWRinfo@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:IDWRinfo@idwr.idaho.gov). Copies of this document may be downloaded from IDWR’s website or obtained from one of the IDWR offices listed below. If you wish to have a copy of your receipt for payment of the required fee emailed to you, please provide a valid email address on your LETTER PERMIT.

### State Office Mailing Address

PO Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098  
Phone: 208-287-4800

### Western Region

2735 Airport Way  
Boise, ID 83705-5082  
Phone: 208-334-2190

### Southern Region

650 Addison Ave W Ste 500  
Twin Falls, ID 83301-3308  
Phone: 208-736-3033

### State Office Physical Address

322 E Front St, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boise, ID 83702

### Northern Region

7600 N Mineral Dr. Suite 100  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815  
Phone: 208-762-2800

### Eastern Region

900 N. Skyline Dr. Suite A  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718  
Phone: 208-525-7161

## Definitions

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**Stream Channel Alteration** To obstruct, diminish, destroy, alter, modify, relocate or change the natural existing shape of the channel or to change the direction of flow of water of any stream channel within or below the mean high water mark (MHWM). It includes removal of material from the stream channel and emplacement of material or structures in or across the stream channel where the material or structure has the potential to affect flow in the channel as determined by the director (IDAPA 37.03.07.010.01). Any activity that alters the stream channel requires a stream channel alteration permit issued by IDWR. Mining or placer mining below the MHWM with non-powered equipment (see below) that exceeds minimum standards established by IDAPA 37.03.07 Rule 61 or with any powered mining equipment requires a stream channel alteration permit.

**Mean High Water Mark (MHWM)** A water level corresponding to the “natural or ordinary high water mark” as defined in Idaho Code § 58-104(9) and is the line which the water impresses on the soil by covering it for sufficient periods of time to deprive the soil of its terrestrial vegetation and destroy its value for commonly accepted agricultural purposes. (IDAPA 37.03.07.010.10)

**Non-Powered Equipment** Equipment which is powered only by human strength (IDAPA 37.03.07.010.11). Any equipment used to alter a stream channel that is operated by human strength is considered non-powered mining equipment. This includes non-powered sluices, pans, rockers, suction devices, and similar hand tools, etc., used to extract, collect, process, or concentrate stream bed materials that rely on human strength. When non-powered equipment is operated in a manner that exceeds the minimum standards for non-powered operations established by IDAPA 37.03.07 Rule 61 you must obtain a stream channel alteration permit (LETTER PERMIT on “open” streams or Joint Application for Permits on all other streams).

**Powered Equipment** Equipment which is powered by means other than human strength such as a gasoline engine or electric motor (IDAPA 37.03.07.10.13). Any equipment used to alter a stream channel that is operated by a motor, an engine, or anything other than human strength is considered powered mining equipment and requires a stream channel alteration permit. This includes powered sluice boxes, hydraulic concentrators (often referred to as a “high-banker”), suction dredges, or any other form of equipment used in mining to extract, collect, process, or concentrate earthen materials that uses anything other than human strength. Use of powered pumps that divert water from the stream or river to sluice boxes or high bankers operated below the MHWM is considered a mechanized mining operation and requires a stream channel alteration permit (LETTER PERMIT on “open” streams or Joint Application for Permits on all other streams).

## Introduction

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Idaho Code § 42-3801 et seq., *Alteration of Channels of Streams*, hereafter referred to as the Stream Protection Act (Act), requires any alteration of Idaho streams be permitted by the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). Stream Channel Alteration Rules (IDAPA 37.03.07) specify procedures for processing and considering applications for stream channel alterations under the provisions of Title 42, Chapter 38. The relevant statutes and rules are available at the following links:

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title42/T42CH38/>

<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/37/370307.pdf>

The purpose of this document is to describe conditions and limitations allowed under a LETTER PERMIT to alter a stream channel using small scale mining equipment. If you propose to work in a closed area, work for an extended season, or use mining equipment that exceeds the minimum standards described in these instructions, you must use the *Joint Application for Permits* to apply for a stream channel alteration permit (see [IDWR Permit Requirements for Joint Application](#) on Page 4).

**A stream channel alteration permit does not serve in lieu of other permits that may be required by other state or federal government agencies; nor does it in any way constitute an exemption for other permit requirements except as specifically noted herein.** Permit holders operating small scale mining equipment on lands owned or managed by federal, state, or tribal government agencies must contact the appropriate landowner or land management agency to determine if additional permits or authorizations are required.

**DEQ IPDES General Permit:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) administers the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) permit program. **Anyone operating a small suction dredge on any stream or river in Idaho must contact the DEQ to obtain IPDES suction dredge general permit coverage.**

Additional information regarding IPDES permitting may be obtained via DEQ's website: <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/permits/water-quality-permits-certifications/general-permitting/> or by contacting the DEQ IPDES Helpdesk: 1-833-473-3724.

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

State Office  
1410 N Hilton  
Boise, ID 83706  
208-373-0136

**Fee Requirements for Expedited Letter Permit:** Idaho Code § 42-221M requires the applicant pay a stream channel alteration application fee to IDWR when submitting their application for a stream channel alteration permit. The fee is non-refundable. **The small scale mining LETTER PERMIT fee is \$10 for Idaho residents and \$30 for non-residents.** Submit the appropriate fee, a readable copy of your original completed LETTER PERMIT, including page 2, listing your planned mining locations and mail to: Department of Water Resources, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0098. The required fee may be in the form of cash, check, or money order. **Each person who operates small scale mining equipment must have their own permit.**

## Special Requirements or Restrictions

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IDWR Permit Requirement for Letter Permit Idaho Code §42-3801 et seq., Alteration of Channels of Streams and the IDAPA 37.03.07 Rule 61, Suction Dredges and non-powered Sluice Equipment, govern small scale mining stream alterations. When stream alterations are done with processes commonly associated with small scale mining operations in areas and during timeframes indicated, the potential for negative impact is reduced and the LETTER PERMIT may be used. These conditions include:

1. Permit holder will only work on a stream segment listed as open (see Appendix F, page 13 of this document).
2. Permit holder will only work with equipment that complies with the following physical limits:
  - a. Motor/engine rated at no greater than 15 horsepower (HP); and
  - b. Intake diameter no greater than five (5) inches.
3. Permit holder has obtained permission from the landowner or land manager to access the property.
4. Permit holder has completed the application for a LETTER PERMIT, including page 2 to locate their planned mining areas, including maps, if necessary.
5. Permit holder has provided a copy of these documents to IDWR and will maintain copies of these documents in their possession when conducting mining operations.
6. Permit holder has paid the appropriate fee.
7. Permit holder will restore the stream channel to its original general configuration.

**IDWR Permit Requirements for Joint Application for Permits** When the planned stream channel alteration will include the use of mechanized mining equipment that exceeds the physical limits described above for the LETTER PERMIT or the use of any mechanized mining equipment on streams that are closed to small scale mining (not listed herein as open), the operator must submit a Joint Application for Permits and receive a stream channel alteration permit from IDWR prior to altering the steam channel. It is the applicant's responsibility to develop a project description that accurately describes the proposed mining operation. The Joint Application for Permits cannot be processed until the applicant has provided a complete application including detailed information on their proposed mining operation. The Joint Application for Permit and instructions may be obtained from the following web links:

Application: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Portals/28/docs/regulatory/JtApplication/Jt.Application.pdf>

Instructions: [http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Portals/28/docs/regulatory/JtApplication/Instruction\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Portals/28/docs/regulatory/JtApplication/Instruction_Guide.pdf)

Example Diagrams: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/forms/recreational-mining-special-supplement-example-maps-sf-clearwater-river.pdf>

**Other Permit Requirements** The individual miner is responsible for complying with all local, state, and federal permit requirements prior to operating mining equipment in the State of Idaho. **Miners need to contact DEQ to obtain an IPDES permit** (see page 3 of these instructions for DEQ contact information). A stream channel alteration permit does not serve in lieu of other permits that may be required by other state or federal government agencies; nor does it in any way constitute an exemption for other permit requirements except as specifically noted herein. The individual miner must also meet all requirements of the property owner or land manager. Please see Attachments D and E if you are mining on a navigable river.

Operation of any mining equipment on streambeds of navigable rivers must also comply with IDAPA 20.03.05, which can be found at the following link: <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/2006/20/0305.pdf>

**Operation Above Mean High Water Mark (MHWM)** Any equipment set up and/or operated above MHWM is not covered by the stream channel alteration program and does not require a LETTER PERMIT. A permit is not required to remove and transport material from a stream channel to an upland location for processing as long as the removal of stream material is done by hand or human strength and is within the limits for non-powered operations established by IDAPA 37.03.07 Rule 61. However, any withdrawal of water from a stream to operate your mining equipment located above the MHWM requires a valid temporary water right from IDWR (see Water Rights below).

**Limitation of Mining Sites** Only one (1) mining site per one hundred (100) linear feet of stream channel shall be worked at one (1) time. (IDAPA 37.03.07.061.06)

**Operation Near Stream Banks** Operation of any mining equipment in a manner that results in the undercutting of a stream bank, the dislodging of stream bank vegetation, or that creates a condition whereby undercutting of stream bank will occur during high water is a violation of Idaho Code and LETTER PERMIT requirements.

**Operation Near Boat Ramps** Operation of any mining equipment is prohibited within 200 feet of any maintained boat ramp.

**Operation Near Stream Gaging Station** Operation of any mining equipment is prohibited within 500 feet upstream or within 200 feet downstream of any stream gaging station.

**Mining Claims** The ownership of a mining claim does not exempt you from complying with stream channel alteration requirements. Idaho Code requires that you obtain a stream channel alteration permit prior to altering a stream channel even when that stream channel is within the limits of your mining claim.

**Water Rights** Under Idaho Code §42-201, diversion of water by pumping or other methods from a stream requires a water right from IDWR if the diverted water is used to operate mining equipment located above the MHWM. For information on obtaining a temporary water right to facilitate your mining operations, contact the nearest IDWR office listed on page 1 of these instructions.

## Violations

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All small scale mining activities conducted under a LETTER PERMIT must be in accordance with the Idaho Small Scale Mining Instructions. Operators who conduct small scale mining activities in violation of Idaho Code §42-3809 are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to revocation of their LETTER PERMIT and a fine of not less than \$150 nor more than \$500. Provided further, each day such violation takes place shall constitute a separate offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$150 for each day until such activity is abated or voluntarily ceased.

## ATTACHMENT A

### Effects of Suction Dredges on Fish

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Suction dredges and other small scale mining equipment, when improperly used, can cause severe damage to game fish populations. Trout and salmon spawn in gravel areas in Idaho streams. The eggs and alevins (newly hatched salmonid with yolk sac) remain in the gravel for several months before their yolk sac is absorbed and the alevins become free swimming fry.

During the time that eggs and alevins are in the gravel, improperly operated suction dredges can reduce their survival in many ways.

One way mining affects trout and salmon spawning is when the spawning gravels themselves are disturbed and the eggs and alevins are either crushed or exposed to predators. Another way small scale mining may destroy fish eggs and alevins is by disturbing the fine sediments (e.g., sand and silt) in the stream, which is carried downstream and settles out in the spawning areas suffocating eggs and alevins.

To protect important spawning populations of salmon, steelhead and trout, streams are closed to small scale mining during the periods when fish are spawning, and eggs or alevins are in the gravel. Because different species of fish spawn at different time, some streams have fish eggs or alevins in the gravel during every month of the year and are therefore closed year-round to small scale mining activities.

The following three methods of operating small scale mining equipment constitute a violation that will damage fish populations and will result in the revocation of your stream channel alteration LETTER PERMIT and may result in penalties described within Idaho Code.

1. Do not operate in the gravel bar areas at the tail of pools. This is the area preferred by trout and salmon for spawning.
2. Do not operate in such a way that discharge of fine sediment from the mining equipment blankets gravel bars.
3. Do not change the stream channel in such a way that the current is directed into the bank causing erosion or destruction of the natural form of the channel.

The best areas for locating gold are located around boulders near the upstream end of pools where the current first starts to slow, in seams and pockets in exposed bedrock and around midstream boulders, or on the inside of a river bend at or near the head of a gravel bar where larger materials have accumulated. These are also areas where small scale mining has minimal effect on aquatic habitat.

## ATTACHMENT B

### Part I: Recognize and Avoid Spawning Areas

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Trout construct spawning nests (redds) in clean gravel from ¼ - 1½ inches in diameter. The preferred site is a gravel bar at the tail or side of pools covered by 6 to 12 inches of smoothly flowing water. Redds may be recognized as round or oval depressions in the gravel which appear cleaner or brighter than the surrounding gravel.

Salmon and Steelhead spawn in similar areas in gravel and cobblestones up to 3 - 4 inches in diameter.

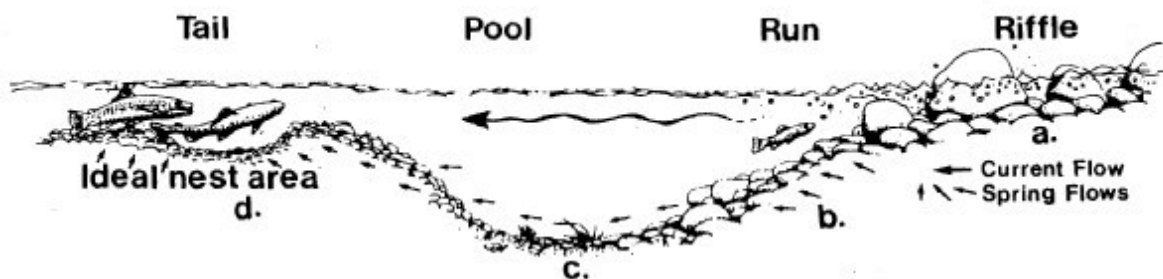
Steelhead, Rainbow, and Cutthroat Trout can spawn from March through June, but primarily in the months of April and May, and their eggs and alevins remain in the gravel until mid-summer.

Spring and Summer Chinook Salmon typically spawn in August and September, Fall Chinook Salmon spawn in October and November. Their eggs and alevins remain in the gravel until the following spring.

Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Bull Trout, Kokanee, and Mountain Whitefish spawn from September into December and their eggs and alevins remain in the gravel during winter. Incubation of Bull Trout eggs also occur over a longer period than other species and their young have an extended period of residency in spawning gravels: 200 days as opposed to about 60 - 120 days for other trout.

Pacific Lamprey is an anadromous species present in the Snake River Drainage utilizing similar stream habitats to Chinook Salmon and Summer Steelhead. Lamprey adults migrate into the Columbia and Snake River basins from June through October, over winter, and spawn during April through July. Spawning substrates are fine to medium size gravels (0.25 to 1.0 inch diameter). Following a hatching period of 2 - 3 weeks, larvae (ammocoetes) rear in fine substrates where they remain for over 5 years until the transformation to adult is complete.

Adults migrate to the ocean where they become parasitic.



*The Natural Nest Areas that Most Spawning Salmonids (above):* Use this drawing to recognize and avoid disturbing these type of areas.

## ATTACHMENT B

### Part II: Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

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Miners using float supported mining equipment (e.g., a suction dredge) must ensure that their equipment does not introduce invasive species into Idaho waters.

Recreational suction dredges could be carrying aquatic invasive species, specifically Quagga mussels (*Dreissena bugensis*) and Zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*). Quagga/Zebra mussels are highly destructive because they reproduce quickly and in very large numbers, coat submerged surfaces such as piers, pilings, rocks, cables, boat ramps, docks, lines, pipes, fish screens, etc., and if introduced into the State of Idaho could result in infested waters being closed to dredging, boating, fishing, and other recreational activities altogether. The Idaho Invasive Species Law makes it illegal to import, transport, and possess invasive species.

Recreational suction dredge operators are required to decontaminate their dredge before they come to Idaho or before returning to Idaho after dredging out of state. All recreational suction dredge operators shall decontaminate their dredge when moving into another watershed. Recreational suction dredge operators shall ensure all internal and external surfaces of their equipment are cleaned and free of all bacterial growth by circulating hot water internally and thoroughly pressure washing all exterior surfaces. Cleaning should ensure that all rough or gritty spots (microscopic mussels feel like sandpaper) are cleaned using high pressure 140+ degree Fahrenheit water and thoroughly drying dredge for a minimum of 24 hours prior to use.

Decontamination procedures may be found at:

<https://www2.deq.idaho.gov/admin/LEIA/api/document/download/15318>.

Questions related to invasive species should be directed to Idaho Department of Agriculture at 1-877-336-8676.

Visit <https://invasivespecies.idaho.gov/boaters> for additional information on how you can help prevent introduction of invasive species.

## ATTACHMENT C

### Endangered Species Act (Revised March 2011)

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It is illegal to “take” any listed species unless one of two exemptions applies. These exemptions include takings in accordance with: 1) an incidental take statement issued by either the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) or National Marine Fisheries Service in conjunction with a biological opinion under section 7(b)(4) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), or 2) with an incidental take permit issued under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. If listed species are present or the action is within the species’ critical habitat, the applicant should evaluate the action’s (i.e., recreational suction dredging) potential for “take” of listed species.

The term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct. Harass in the definition of “take” in the ESA means an intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury to fish and wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns. Harm in the definition of “take” in the ESA means an act that actually kills or injures fish or wildlife. Such an act may include significant habitat modification or degradation, which actually kills or injures fish or wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, spawning, rearing, migrating, feeding, or sheltering.

For Federal actions associated with recreational suction dredging (e.g., issuance of a Corps of Engineers or Environmental Protection Agency permit under the Clean Water Act, requirement of a Special Use Permit by a Federal land management agency, etc.) that “may affect” listed species or designated critical habitat, consultation through section 7 of the ESA should be initiated by the Federal agency prior to issuing a permit authorizing recreational suction dredging. Suction dredging activity that occurs without these permits, and without having undergone section 7 consultation, may be in violation of the ESA should “take” of listed species occur as a result of the action.

ESA section 10 incidental take permits are required for non-federal entities whose projects involve the incidental taking of listed species. Additional information on conservation planning tools can be found on the website <https://www.fws.gov/idaho/#> or [Incidental Take Authorizations - General Information | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#).

The FWS published a revised final critical habitat rule for bull trout in 2010, which has replaced the 2005 rule previously in effect. Critical habitat for bull trout in Idaho now includes virtually all occupied bull trout habitat in Idaho, as well as a small percentage of unoccupied habitats. Please refer to the FWS website for details [Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for Bull Trout in the Coterminous United States; Final Rule | FWS.gov](#).

Critical habitat was designated for the Snake River Sockeye Salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*); Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and Snake River Fall Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) in December 1993. Critical habitat was designated for Snake River Steelhead in 2005 and Snake River Steelhead was re-listed as threatened under the ESA in 2006. The critical habitat in Idaho for the Snake River Salmon Steelhead is described as follows:

- **Snake River Sockeye Salmon** - Consists of river reaches of the Columbia, Snake, and Salmon Rivers, Alturas Lake Creek, Valley Creek, and Stanley, Redfish, Yellow Belly, Pettit, and Alturas Lakes (including their inlet and outlet creeks).

- **Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon** - Consists of river reaches of the Columbia, Snake, and Salmon Rivers, and all tributaries of the Snake and Salmon Rivers (except the Clearwater River) presently or historically accessible to Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon (except reaches above impassable natural falls and Hells Canyon Dam).
- **Snake River Fall Chinook Salmon** - Consists of river reaches of the Columbia, Snake, and Salmon Rivers, and all tributaries of the Snake and Salmon Rivers presently or historically accessible to Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon (except reaches above impassable natural falls, and Dworshak Dam and Hells Canyon Dam).
- **Snake River Steelhead** - Consists of river reaches of the Columbia, Snake, and Salmon Rivers, and all tributaries of the Snake and Salmon River presently or historically accessible to Snake River Steelhead (except reaches above impassable natural falls, Dworshak Dam, and Hells Canyon Dam)

Questions and concerns regarding the ESA as it relates to **Salmon and Steelhead** should be directed to:

United States Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Region  
800 Park Blvd  
Plaza IV, Suite 220 Boise,  
Idaho 83712-7768  
(208) 378-5696

Questions and concerns regarding the ESA as it relates to **Bull Trout** should be directed to:

United States Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office  
1387 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 368  
Boise, Idaho 83709  
(208) 378-5243

## ATTACHMENT D

### Idaho Department of Lands Permit for Recreational Dredge Mining on Navigable Rivers

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Navigable rivers in Idaho are generally those that the State of Idaho has owned since statehood. The bed and banks of these rivers below the ordinary high water marks are managed by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). A list of these rivers is available on the IDL website: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/01/list-navigable-lakes-rivers-1-1.pdf>

Some navigable river segments have been withdrawn from mineral entry. Please see this IDL website for additional information: [Riverbed Mineral Lease and Exploration Location - Department of Lands](#)

General information about dredge and placer mining on State Land and other areas can also be found at this IDL website: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/mining-minerals/dredge-placer-mining/>

Small scale mining in navigable rivers is authorized by the Rules Governing Riverbed Mineral Leasing in Idaho (IDAPA 20.03.05) administered by IDL. Specifically, the following rules are pertinent to small scale mining in navigable rivers:

- **.015.01 Lands Open** All beds of navigable rivers which have not been located, leased or withdrawn in accordance with statute or the terms of these rules, are free and open to casual exploration and small scale mining on a nonexclusive and first come basis.
- **.015.04 Small Scale Mining Equipment** Mining equipment for small scale mining shall be limited to suction dredges with an intake diameter of five inches (5") or less with attendant power sources rated at fifteen (15) horsepower or less, pans, rockers, hand tools, hand operated sluices, and other similar equipment.
- **.015.05 Department of Water Resources Permits** Possession of a valid Stream Channel Protection Act permit, issued by the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and a Small Scale Mining Permit, issued by the Idaho Department of Lands, shall constitute the waiver of bond, waiver of royalty, and written approval to engage in small scale mining under Section 47-704(6), Idaho Code, and Chapter 13, Title 47, Idaho Code.

The attachment of this document to the Idaho Recreational Dredge Authorization ("One-Stop" LETTER PERMIT) issued by the Idaho Department of Water Resources constitutes a Small Scale Mining Permit from the Idaho Department of Lands as required by IDAPA 20.03.05. This permit authorizes only that person on the LETTER PERMIT to conduct casual exploration or small scale mining in the beds of navigable rivers.

Questions and concerns regarding mining on navigable rivers should be directed to:

Idaho Department of Lands  
Lands, Minerals, Range Division  
300 North 6th St., Suite 103  
Boise, Idaho  
(208) 334-0200

## ATTACHMENT E

### Withdrawn River Segments, Water Bodies of the National Wild and Scenic River Systems, and Protected Rivers

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Mining on certain river or stream segments in Idaho is prohibited or severely restricted because of their outstanding fish and wildlife, recreational, geologic, or aesthetic values.

#### Withdrawn River Segments (Idaho Code §§ 58-104(9)(a) and 47-702)

Pursuant to the authorities specified in Section 58-104(a) and 47-702, Idaho Code, the State Board of Land Commissioners has withdrawn from mineral entry and exploration certain segments of navigable rivers. Recreational dredging, placer mining or use of any other type of small scale mining equipment including pans, rockers, hand tools, hand operated sluices and other similar equipment is prohibited on certain navigable river segments (see the link the Idaho Department of Lands website below).

Please refer to **Attachment F** for further description of navigable rivers segments where small scale mining is prohibited, or refer to the following Idaho Department of Lands website: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/01/SectionsOfNavigableRiversWithdrawnFromMineralEntry-1.pdf>

#### Water Bodies of the National Wild and Scenic River Systems (Idaho Code § 47-1323)

Pursuant to the authorities specified in Idaho Code § 47-1323, **the State Board of Land Commissioners has prohibited dredge mining in any form on these river segments** that make up part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The Middle Fork of the Clearwater River from the town of Kooskia upstream to the town of Lowell; the Lochsa River from its junction with the Selway at Lowell forming the middle fork, upstream to the Powell ranger station; and the Selway River from Lowell upstream to its origin;

The Middle Fork of the Salmon River from its origin to its confluence with the main Salmon River;

The St. Joe River including tributaries, from its origin to its confluence with Coeur d'Alene Lake, except for the St. Maries River and its tributaries.

#### Protected Rivers (Idaho Code § 42-1734A)

Pursuant to the authorities specified in Idaho Code § 42-1734A, the Idaho Water Resource Board (Board) may protect rivers or stream segments by designating them as either a Natural or Recreational rivers. Additionally, the Board may prohibit dredge mining on protected Natural and Recreational rivers. Please refer to **Attachment F** for further description of protected waterways or stream segments closed to dredge mining.

## ATTACHMENT F Streams Open/Closed

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### **Any Stream Not Listed As Open Is Closed To Small Scale Mining**

The following list depicts streams and/or stream segments in which small scale mining is permitted when conducted in conformance with all requirements described in this document. Other permit requirements may be required by the Idaho Department of Lands, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Forest Service, the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or other governmental entities. Small scale mining in streams and/or stream segments not listed as open in this attachment requires applicants to complete a Joint Application for Permits as described in IDAPA 37.03.07 Rule 30 APPLICATIONS and for applicant to receive a valid permit prior to altering the stream channel.

**Streams not listed as open are closed.** This list of streams is subject to periodic revision. The most current listing can be found on IDWR's web site: <https://idwr.idaho.gov> → Forms → Stream Channel/Small Scale Mining, and click on IDWR Small Scale Mining Instructions.

**This listing of streams open to small scale mining does not guarantee public access. The miner shall at all times be held responsible for any federal, state, and local statutes and ordinances** pertaining to dredging to include BLM or state mining claim requirements, filing of a Notice of Intent and/or Plan of Operations with the District Ranger on US Forest Service administered lands, BLM, etc.

**You must include a location description on page 2 of your LETTER PERMIT** to allow regulatory personnel to readily locate your planned mining sites.

### **The Streams/Rivers Listed Below Require Additional Documentation**

**South Fork Clearwater River** Dredge mining on the South Fork Clearwater River (in areas designated as OPEN on page 16 of these instructions) requires submission of the *2026 IDWR South Fork Clearwater River Special Supplement Application* ("Special Supplement"). The Special Supplement Instructions, Special Supplement, and Special Conditions for the Special Supplement can be found on IDWR's web site: <https://idwr.idaho.gov> → Forms → Stream Channel/Small Scale Mining → Small Scale Mining Permit Forms. *SFCR Special Supplement applications must be complete and received by IDWR by close of business March 1, 2026, to be considered. A complete applications must include ALL supporting documentation, maps, fees, and applicant's signature.*

**McCoy Creek Drainage** Dredge mining within the McCoy Creek drainage, tributary to the South Fork Snake River (in areas designated as OPEN on page 20 of these instructions), requires submission of a Joint Application for Permit. The Joint Application for Permit and Instructions can be found on IDWR's website: <https://idwr.idaho.gov> → Forms → Stream Channel/Small Scale Mining → Stream Channel Alteration Permit Forms. *Joint Applications for dredging activity within the McCoy Creek drainage for the 2026 season will only be accepted by IDWR from April 1, 2026 – July 1, 2026. Applications received after July 1 will not be considered.*

**Mores Creek Sub-Basin, including Elk Creek and Grimes Creek (within Boise River Drainage)** Dredge mining within Mores Creek, Elk Creek and Grimes Creek drainages near Idaho City (within the Boise River drainage) requires submission of the LETTER PERMIT **plus** the submission of the *IDWR Mores Creek, Grimes Creek, Elk Creek, and tributaries Letter Permit Supplement Form*, including maps and all requested information.

## List of Streams Open/Closed

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Drainages are listed alphabetically.

(tribs = tributaries; NF = North Fork; MF = Middle Fork; SF = South Fork)

### Bear River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Georgetown Cr.	June 30 - Nov 30	Dec 1 - June 29
Eight Mile Cr.	June 30 - Nov 30	Dec 1 - June 29
Cottonwood Cr.	June 30 - Nov 30	Dec 1 - June 29
Mink Cr.	June 30 - Nov 30	Dec 1 - June 29
Cub River.	June 30 - Nov 30	Dec 1 - June 29
All other streams & tribs		Closed Entire Year

### Big and Little Wood River Drainages

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
All locations		Closed Entire Year

### Big Lost River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
All locations		Closed Entire Year

### Blackfoot River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Blackfoot River Trail Cr. Bridge to Blackfoot Dam	June 30 - Nov 30	Dec 1 - June 29
All other streams & tribs		Closed Entire Year

**Boise River Drainage:** Additional documentation must be submitted with your LETTER PERMIT to dredge in Mores Creek, Grimes Creek, and Elk Creek drainages, portions of the Boise River Drainage, see page 13, Attachment F.

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Boise River below Star Highway Bridge	Year Round	
Boise River, Star Bridge to Lucky Peak Res. (Withdrawn – Navigable)		Closed Entire Year

Boise River, Arrowrock Res. to confluence of the NF Boise R. and MF Boise R. (Protected & Withdrawn - Navigable)		Closed Entire Year
Mores Cr. & tribs upstream from Boulder Cr.		Closed Entire Year
*Mores Cr. downstream from Boulder Cr.	July 15 - Sept. 30	Oct. 1 - July 14
*Tributaries to Mores Cr. not otherwise specified	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Thorn Cr. downstream of NF Thorn Cr.	July 15 - Sept. 30	Oct. 1 - July 14
*Thorn Cr. upstream of NF Thorn Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Tributaries to Thorn Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Daggett Cr. downstream of Sheep Cr.	July 15 - Sept. 30	Oct. 1 - July 14
*Tributaries to Daggett Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Elk Cr. between Ross Fork & Eldorado Gulch	July 15 - Sept. 30	Oct. 1 - July 14
*Elk Cr. upstream of Ross Fork	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Tribs to Elk Cr. upstream of Eldorado Gulch	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
Elk Cr. & tribs downstream of Eldorado Gulch		Closed Entire Year
*Grimes Cr. & tribs upstream of Charlotte Gulch to Cup Cr. (Sec 17, T8N, R6E)	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Grimes Cr. downstream of Charlotte Gulch	Year Round	
*Tributaries to Grimes Cr. not specified and downstream of Cup Cr. (Sec 17, T8N, R6E).	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Clear Cr. downstream of Smith Cr.	Year Round	
*Clear Cr. & tribs upstream of Smith Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Smith Cr. downstream of SF Smith Cr.	Year Round	
*Tributaries to Smith Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Granite Cr. downstream of W.F. Granite Cr.	Year Round	
*Granite Cr. upstream of W.F. Granite Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Granite Cr. tribs not otherwise specified	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Woof Cr. downstream of Ophir Cr.	Year Round	
*Woof Cr. upstream of Ophir Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Tributaries to Woof Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Clear Cr. downstream of Trail Cr.	Year Round	
*Clear Cr & tribs upstream of Trail Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Trail Cr. between Clear Cr. and Canyon Cr.	Year Round	
*Trail Cr. upstream of Canyon Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
*Tributaries to Trail Cr.	July 15 - Aug. 31	Sept. 1 - July 14
NF Boise River, confluence with MF Boise R. to Crooked R. (Protected)		Closed Entire Year
NF Boise River, Crooked R. to Hunter Cr.		Closed Entire Year
NF Boise River, Hunter Cr. to Sawtooth Wilderness Area (Protected)		Closed Entire Year
NF Boise River, all other stream segments and tributaries		Closed Entire Year
MF Boise River, Arrowrock Res. to east boundary T5N, R8E below Roaring R. (Withdrawn - Navigable)		Closed Entire Year
Roaring River & tribs (Protected)		Closed Entire Year
MF Boise River, Roaring R. to Kirby Dam (Sec 4, T5N, R11E).	June 30 – Sep 30	Oct 1 - June 29
SF Boise River, Neal Bridge to Anderson Ranch Dam (Withdrawn - Navigable)		Closed Entire Year

SF Boise River, Pine Bridge upstream to Barker Gulch	June 30 – Aug 20	Aug 21 - June 29
All other stream segments and tribs		Closed Entire Year

### Boundary Creek Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Boundary Ck. & tribs not listed	July 14 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 13
Grass Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Saddle Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year

### Bruneau River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Bruneau River & tribs below Hot Cr.	June 30 - Sept 10	Sept 11 - June 29
All other streams & tribs		Closed Entire Year

### Clearwater River Drainage: \*Additional documentation must be submitted with the LETTER PERMIT as described below and on page 13, Attachment F.

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Main Clearwater River	June 30 - Sep 15	Sept 16 - June 29
Orofino Cr & tribs above Orofino Cr Falls (falls are located approx. 2.5 miles above Whiskey Cr.)	June 30 - Mar 31	Apr 1 - June 29
*Lolo Creek (trib. to main Clearwater R.), from Eldorado Cr. to Dutchman Cr., incld. Dutchman Cr.	July 15 – Aug 15	Aug 16 – July 14
All tributaries to Main Clearwater not listed		Closed Entire Year
NF Clearwater River from Kelly Cr. to Isabella Cr.	June 30 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - June 29
*Orogrande Cr., (trib. to NF Clearwater River) including French Cr.	June 30 – Sept 15	Sept 16 - June 29
*Moose Creek (tributary to Kelly Creek), including Independence Creek and Deadwood Creek.	July 1 – Aug 15	Aug 16 – June 29
All other portions of the NF Clearwater River & all tribs not listed		Closed Entire Year
MF Clearwater River and tribs (National Wild & Scenic River System and Navigable Rivers withdrawal)		Closed Entire Year
*SF Clearwater River from confluence of the Clearwater River to the confluence with the Red and American Rivers	July 15 – Aug 15	Aug 16 – July 13
All other portions of the SF Clearwater R. & tribs		Closed Entire Year

**\*Lolo Creek, including Dutchman Creek, is limited to 18 permits or operations per year** as recommended in the *Record of Decision, Recreational Suction Dredging in Lolo Creek and Moose Creek, Clearwater National Forest, March 2010.*

**\*Moose Creek, including Independence Creek and Deadwood Creek, is limited to 38 permits or operations per year** as recommended in the *Record of Decision, Recreational Suction Dredging in Lolo Creek and Moose Creek, Clearwater National Forest, March 2010.*

**Note on Moose Creek and Lolo Creek Drainages:** Before dredge mining begins, operators must submit a Plan of Operations (POO) to the Forest Service (USFS) that includes all of the operating conditions, design features, and mitigation measures as found in the *Record of Decision, Recreational Suction Dredging in Lolo Creek and Moose Creek, Clearwater National Forest, March 2010*. POOs must specify the location, approximate amount of surface area that operators plan to dredge, and likely dates of operation. The operating plan will be used to establish channel-monitoring sites and is not intended to constrain the timing and location of dredge operations.

**\*Orogrande Creek, including French Creek, is limited to 20 permits or operations per year** as recommended in the draft *Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for Small-Scale Suction Dredging in Orogrande and French Creeks and South Fork Clearwater River*.

**Note on Orogrande Creek and French Creek Drainages:** Before dredge mining begins, operators must submit a Plan of Operations (POO) to the US Forest Service (USFS) that includes all of the operating conditions, design features, and mitigation measures as found in the draft *Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for Small-Scale Suction Dredging in Orogrande and French Creeks and South Fork Clearwater River*. POOs must specify the location, approximate amount of surface area that operators plan to dredge, and likely dates of operation. The operating plan will be used to establish channel-monitoring sites and is not intended to constrain the timing and location of dredge operations.

**\*South Fork Clearwater River (main stem river).** Before dredge mining begins, operators must complete and submit an *IDWR South Fork Clearwater River Special Supplement Application* ("Special Supplement") to IDWR. Operators must also submit a Plan of Operations (POO) to the US Forest Service (USFS) or Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Special Supplements must specify the location, approximate amount of surface area that operators plan to dredge, and proposed dates of operation. Much of the information required in the Special Supplement may also satisfy information requirements for the USFS/BLM Plan of Operations.

**Important Dates in 2026 for SFCR Special Supplement:**

March 1, 2026: Last day for applicants to submit Special Supplement to IDWR. Complete and original applications, including all supporting documentation, maps, and fees, must be submitted to IDWR by March 1, 2026, to be considered.

Site inspections and delineations will occur in the second half of June and the first half of July, weather and flow dependent.

### Deep Creek Drainage (Boundary County)

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Deep Cr. & tribs not listed	July 14 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 13
Trail Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Ruby Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Fall Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Snow Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year

### Goose Creek Drainage (Cassia County)

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
All locations		Closed Entire Year

### Kootenai River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Kootenai River & tribs not listed	July 14 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 13
Myrtle Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Long Canyon Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Parker Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Callahan Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
N. Callahan Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
S. Callahan Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Boulder Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Debit Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Caboose Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Curley Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year

### Malad River Drainage (Gooding County)

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
All locations		Closed Entire Year

### Malad River Drainage (Oneida County)

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
All locations		Closed Entire Year

### Moyie River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Moyie River & tribs not listed	July 14 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 13
Canuck Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Keno Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Spruce Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year

### Owyhee River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Jordan Cr. above Williams Cr.	Year Round	
All other streams & tribs		Closed Entire Year

### Palouse River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Palouse River & tribs	Year Round	

## Payette River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Payette River, Black Canyon Dam (Sec 22, T7N, R1W) to Banks (Sec 32, T9N, R3E) (Withdrawn - Navigable)		Closed Entire Year
Payette River, Banks to Beehive Bend Boat Access (Sec 26, T8N, R2E) (Protected & Withdrawn - Navigable)		Closed Entire Year
NF Payette River, Banks to Cabarton Bridge (Protected & Withdrawn - Navigable)		Closed Entire Year
NF Payette River, Cabarton Bridge to Big Payette Lake		Closed Entire Year
NF Payette River, Payette Lake inlet to headwaters (Protected)		Closed Entire Year
MF Payette River & tribs, mouth to Wet Foot Cr (Sec 28, T12N,R5E)	June 30 - Sept 30	Oct 1 - June 29
MF Payette River & tribs, Wet Foot Cr to headwater		Closed Entire Year
SF Payette River, from confluence of the MF Payette to Big Pine Cr.	June 30 - Sept 30	Oct 1 - June 29
SF Payette River, from confluence of Big Pine Cr. to confluence of Deadwood River (Protected)		Closed Entire Year
SF Payette River, from confluence of Deadwood River to Five Mile Cr.	June 30 - Sept 30	Oct 1 - June 29
Deadwood River & tribs		Closed Entire Year
All other stream segments & tribs		Closed Entire Year

## Pend Oreille Lake Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Pend Oreille Lake drainage not listed	July 14 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 13
Pack River & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Grouse Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Trestle Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Rapid Lightning Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Lightning Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
E. Fork Lightning Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Savage Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Char Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Porcupine Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Wellington Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Rattle Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Morris Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Clark Fork to Montana border & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Twin Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Johnson Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Granite Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Sullivan Springs & tribs		Closed Entire Year

Falls Creek		Closed Entire Year
Gold Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
N. Gold Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year
Strong Cr. & tribs		Closed Entire Year

### Priest River Drainage (Protected & Withdrawn: Navigable Rivers)

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
All locations		Closed Entire Year

### Raft River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Raft River	June 30 - Sept 10	Sept 11 - June 29
All other streams & tribs	June 30 - Sept 10	Sept 11 - June 29

### Salmon Falls Creek Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Salmon Falls Cr. & tribs	June 30 - Sept 10	Sept 11 - June 29
All other streams & tribs not listed	June 30 - Sept 10	Sept 11 - June 29
Hot Cr. & tribs Nevada line to mouth		Closed Entire Year

### Salmon River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Main Salmon River, Hammer Cr. to Long Tom Bar	May 25 - Sept 30	Oct 1 – May 24
All other Salmon River segments (National Wild & Scenic River System and State Navigable Rivers withdrawal)		Closed Entire Year
All Salmon River tributaries		Closed Entire Year

### Snake River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Idaho portion of the Snake River from the north boundary of T20N, R4W downstream to the south boundary of T31N, R5W (Withdrawn - Navigable, includes Hells Canyon NRA)		Closed Entire Year
Wildhorse River (Adams Co.)	June 30 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - June 29
Indian Cr. (Adams Co.)	June 30 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - June 29
Snake River from west boundary of T1S, R2W upstream to east boundary of T6S, R8E (Withdrawn – Navigable)		Closed Entire Year

Snake River from east boundary of T6S, R8E to King Hill	Year Round	
Little Canyon Cr. & tribs upstream 4 mi. from mouth	June 30 - Mar 1	Mar 2 - June 29
King Hill Cr. & tribs mouth upstream for 4 miles	June 30 - Sep 10	Sep 11 - June 29
Snake River 100 feet below Murtugh Bridge to 100 feet above the Hansen Bridge. (Protected)		Closed Entire Year
Snake River from King Hill to Milner Dam (except 100 feet below Murtaugh Bridge to 100 feet above Hansen Bridge)	June 30 - Oct 31	Nov 1 - June 29
Snake River from Heyburn/Burley Bridge to Minidoka Dam		Closed Entire Year
Snake River Minidoka Dam to Massacre Rock SP	June 30 - Oct 31	Nov 1 - June 29
Deep Cr. (Twin Falls Co.)	Aug 1 - Mar 1	Mar 2 - July 31
Mud Cr. (Twin Falls Co.)	Aug 1 - Mar 1	Mar 2 - July 31
Cedar Draw Cr. (Gooding Co.)	Aug 1 - Mar 1	Mar 2 - July 31
Rock Cr. & tribs (Cassia Co. & Twin Falls Co.)	Aug 1 - Mar 1	Mar 2 - July 31
McMullen Cr. (Twin Falls Co.)	Aug 1 - Mar 1	Mar 2 - July 31
Snake River from Massacre Rock State Park to confluence of Henry's Fork	June 15 - Nov 30	Dec 1 - June 14
Grays Lake Outlet upstream from Homer Cr.	Feb 1 - May 1	May 2 - Jan 31
Lava Cr.	Sept 1 - May 1	May 2 - Aug 31
Henry's Fork of the Snake River & tribs (Protected & Withdrawn - Navigable)		Closed Entire Year
Falls River from Kirkham Bridge to Idaho border & tribs (Fremont Co.) (Protected)		Closed Entire Year
Teton River and tribs (includes protected reaches & tribs)		Closed Entire Year
Moose Cr. trib. to Warm River (Fremont Co.)	Aug 1 - Aug 31	Sep 1- July 31
* McCoy Cr. from its confluence with Barnes and City Creeks to confluence of Fish Cr., and the following McCoy Creek tributaries: Camp Cr., City Cr., Miners Delight Cr. and Iowa Cr., including Anderson Gulch, Bilk Cr. (tribs to Iowa Cr); Barnes Cr. (trib. to City Cr.) and Pole Cr. (trib. to Clear Cr.)	Aug 1 – Oct 31	Nov 1 – July 31
Fish Creek and tributaries (tributary to McCoy Cr.), and McCoy Cr. below Fish Cr. (Protected)		Closed Entire Year
Box Canyon Cr., Bitters Cr., Clear Cr., Kirk Cr., Hell Cr., Jensen Cr., and Wolverine Cr. (all tributaries to McCoy Cr.) (Protected)		Closed Entire Year
All other stream segments		Closed Entire Year

**\* All suction dredge mining requests in these waters must be made using the IDWR Joint Application for Stream Channel Alteration Permit (Joint Application) form. Joint Application forms requesting suction dredge mining operations on these waters must be submitted to IDWR starting April 1, 2026 and received by July 1, 2026. Additionally, miners must submit documentation of their intentions to mine by submitting a Notice of Intent or Plan of Operations to the US Forest Service, Caribou National Forest, as recommended in the *Environmental Assessment and Notice of Decision and Finding of No Significant Impact for Small Placer Mining Operations, Caribou Basin Area, Caribou National Forest, December 12, 1994* (USFS Caribou Basin EA.) No more than five (5) permits may be approved for dredge mining operations on McCoy Creek and tributaries within the area delineated in the USFS Caribou Basin EA.**

## Spokane River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Spokane River & tribs not listed	July 15 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 14
Coeur d'Alene R. from Latour Cr. to mouth		Closed Entire Year
Coeur d'Alene River above Latour Cr., including SF Coeur d'Alene R. & tribs & NF Coeur d'Alene	July 15 - Aug 15	Closed Aug 16 – July 14
NF of Coeur d'Alene & tribs above Yellow Dog Cr.		Closed Entire Year
Little NF of Cd'A River & tribs below Lavern Cr.	July 15 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 14
Little NF of Cd'A River & tribs above Lavern Cr.		Closed Entire Year
Prichard Cr. & tribs below Granite Cr.	Year Round	
Prichard Cr. & tribs above Granite Cr.	July 15 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 14
W.F. Eagle Cr. & tribs below Bobtail Cr.	July 15 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 14
W.F. Eagle Cr. & tribs above Bobtail Cr.		Closed Entire Year
Beaver Cr. & tribs below Delta	Year Round	
Beaver Cr. & tribs above Delta	July 15 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 14
Shoshone Cr. & tribs above Ulm Cr.		Closed Entire Year
Brown Cr. & tribs	July 15 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 14
Cougar Cr. & tribs	July 15 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 14

## St. Joe River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
St. Joe River & tribs (National Wild & Scenic River System and Navigable Rivers withdrawal)		Closed Entire Year
St. Maries River & tribs	July 15 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - July 14

## Weiser River Drainage

RIVER, STREAM, OR STREAM SEGMENT	OPEN	CLOSED
Weiser River & tribs mouth to Little Weiser River	June 30 - Sept 30	Oct 1 - June 29
Weiser River & tribs above Little Weiser River		Closed Entire Year
Little Weiser River, Grays Cr. to Andersen Cr.	June 30 - Sept 30	Oct 1 - June 29
Little Weiser River & tribs above Anderson Cr.		Closed Entire Year
Dewey Cr. & tribs (tributary to Little Weiser R.)	June 30 - Aug 15	Aug 16 - June 29
Sage Cr. & tribs (tributary to Weiser R.)	June 30 - Sept 30	Oct 1 - June 29
Goodrich Cr. & tribs (tributary to Weiser R.)	June 30 - Sept 30	Oct 1 - June 29
All other streams and tribs not listed		Closed Entire Year