## SMITH RIVER STATE PARK AND RIVER CORRIDOR

## Visitor Use \& Statistics Monitoring Report 2022



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## SECTION 1 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Snowpack, Rainfall and River Flows

The 2022 float season picked up where the 2021 season left off, with low water. The drought of 2021 continued through the winter of 2022 with below average snowpack and precipitation. The snowpack peaked on May 2nd at $83 \%$ of the median peak and there was an obvious lack of low and middle elevation snowpack as early as March. The below average precipitation in March through May seemed to evaporate immediately and the ground never saturated. The flows through April reflected these grim conditions. The high flow in April was 135 CFS with a low of 55 CFS and 21 days below 100 CFS. Through May, flows exceeded 200 CFS on only seven days. The silver lining for the early season was that temperatures were below average and that allowed the limited snowpack to persist and slowly melt off.

Above average precipitation in June saved the float season. June precipitation was $119 \%$ of normal and timely rains during the third week supported a late peak flow on June $21^{\text {st }}$. The flow dropped below 150 CFS on July $17^{\text {th }}$, a full month later than in 2021. Hoot Owl fishing restrictions were also initiated on July $17^{\text {th }}$ and were in place until September $9^{\text {th }}$. Low flows still matched the twenty-year low from last year at 36 CFS, but a more dire scenario was averted with the precipitation improvements in June. FWP also made a call on its Murphy water rights on July $30^{\text {th }}$. It is uncertain what effect, if any, this made to flow conditions.

## Visitation

2022 was another below average season in terms of the number of floaters. While just $1.5 \%$ below the twenty-year average, visitation in 2022 was $17 \%$ below the five-year average. This major decline was attributable to the low floater numbers in April and May due to the low water. April and May only had 72 and 1,413 floaters, respectively, the lowest amount since 2014. June and July visitation was near normal with the increased flows. The exception to below average use was commercial outfitted use. Smith River outfitters conducted 68 trips, $42 \%$ above the twenty-year average and $24 \%$ more than the five-year average. The outfitters attributed this anomaly to pent-up demand from Covid cancelled trips and trips cancelled in 2021 due to low water.


Deep Creek Conservation Easement

## Social Conditions

The qualitative social indicator which measures satisfaction levels related to "encounters with other boats while floating the river" is the basis for assessing floater satisfaction with the overall level of solitude on the Smith River. $90.4 \%$ of the floaters fell into the range of "Neutral to Liked Very Much." There is a correlation between the number of boats seen per hour and the level of satisfaction. On average, respondents reported seeing 1.28 boats per hour with an average satisfaction of 3.84. These results are a strong indication of high floater satisfaction with the overall level of solitude. The perception of crowding at Camp Baker has also continued to decrease with improved registration protocols and the closure of the campground.


## SECTION 2 - MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

## Staffing

Employees from Montana Fish, Wildlife \& Parks (FWP) Region 4 and Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest (USFS) involved with the 2022 Smith River State Park \& River Corridor program included:

- Colin Maas - Smith River Recreation Manager (FWP)
- John Taillie - Region 4 Recreation Manager (FWP) - Retired
- Robert Gliko - Resource Specialist (USFS)
- Nate Kluz - FWP Lead Recreation Ranger (FWP)
- Cody Kenyon - Recreation Ranger (FWP)
- Andrea McElwain - Recreation Ranger (FWP)
- Don Mendenhall - River Ranger (USFS)
- Christopher Freistadt - River Ranger (USFS)
- Krystal Phares - Smith River Reservation Clerk (FWP)

Numerous other employees from Region 4 FWP and the Helena Headquarters office, as well as individuals from the USFS, played a role in a team effort to make the Smith River State Park \& River Corridor program work successfully.

## Fee Revenue

Total "floater fee" revenue collected in 2022 was $\$ 198,740$. Floater fee revenue increased by $\$ 34,080$ compared to 2021 revenues.


GRAPH 1: FLOATER FEES COLLECTED IN 2022

Total "other fee" revenue collected in 2022 was $\$ 212,381$. Other fee revenues increased by $\$ 23,638.50$ compared to 2021 revenues.


GRAPH 2: OTHER FEES COLLECTED IN 2022

The following floater fees approved for the 2022 season by means of the Smith River State Park Biennial Fee Rule:

- Permit application fee (residents and non-residents, non-refundable) = \$10.00 (\$15 beginning in 2023)
- Montana Resident Floaters Age 13+, Outfitter Staff = \$25.00
- Non-Montana Resident Floaters Age 13+ = \$60.00
- Children Ages 6-12 (Resident or Non-resident) $=\mathbf{\$ 1 5 . 0 0}$
- Landowner Non-Immediate Family = $\$ 7.50$
- Outfitted Client Floater $=\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0 . 0 0}$ ( $\$ 110$ beginning in 2023)
- Outfitted Launch Fee = \$200.00
- Outfitted Transfer Fee $=\mathbf{\$ 2 0 0 . 0 0}$


## Special Projects Completed in 2022

## Camp Baker

> A streambank restoration project was completed in December of 2022. This project involved the removal of the downstream boat ramp and restoration of the degraded bank from the ramp into the next corner with a bioengineered willow-lift and native shrubs and grasses. A new fence was also built to restrict access for cattle and water access will be replaced with a new well located off the river.


Bioengineered Bank Restoration at Former Downstream Boat Ramp

## Eden Bridge

> Waste storage tanks for the human waste removal (SCAT) machine were buried and construction of the building will begin in the spring of 2023. Construction is scheduled to be completed in late spring of 2023.

## River Corridor

> Noxious weed control efforts were undertaken by the Smith River Habitat Project (SRHP) and the Smith River Weed Volunteers (SRWV). Favorable flows allowed for both parties to float again this year. The SRWV group floated in mid-June and logged 183.5 volunteer hours pulling and trimming weeds in boat camps. SRHP was able to float and spray in early July and via UTV in the fall and treated 213.5 acres.


Smith River Weed Volunteers at Cow Coulee Boat Camp
> A forest entomologist with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) floated with rangers in April to deploy MCH packets to sentinel trees in camps to deter Douglas Fir Beatle invasion. This work will continue in 2023.
> Hazard tree removal continued this season. Trees were removed at the following boat camps: Lower Indian Springs, Upper Rock Garden, Lower Scotty Allen, Syringa, Lower Sunset, Crowsfoot and Upper Table Rock. Most tree removals were single trees. The Syringa boat camp required more extensive tree removal. Approximately thirty-seven trees were removed, including some healthy trees that were required for the safe
removal of dead trees. Future tree removal projects include Canyon Depth, Trout Creek and Ridgetop boat camps.


Hazard Tree Removal @ Syringa Boat Camp

## Administrative - Management Actions

> Camp Baker was again closed to overnight camping for the 2022 season. The camping closure was approved by the Parks and Outdoor Recreation (POR) Board and adopted into the Smith River Biennial Fee rule. Exception: Camping at Camp Baker will be allowed from September 1 to November 30.
> Mandatory human waste pack-out was also approved by the POR Board to the Smith River Biennial Fee Rule. This rule will be implemented for the 2024 float season to ensure the housing and infrastructure for the SCAT machine will be completed prior to implementation. Rangers will continue to educate floaters about these changes during the pre-float orientation.
> Increases to the application fee and outfitted client fees were adopted in the Smith River Biennial Fee Rule. The application fee increased from $\$ 10$ to $\$ 15$ and the outfitted client fee increased from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 110$.
> Floater registration, including payment and boat camp selection, was completed via phone two days prior to a floater's launch date. Floaters received permit paperwork at Camp Baker. This was received well by floaters again and will continue in 2023.

## SECTION 3 - VISITOR USE STATISTICS

Private Launch Applications


GRAPH 3: NUMBER OF APPLICANTS PER YEAR


Below Crowsfoot Boat Camp: 1960s and 2022

## 2022 FLOATER LOG COMMENT SUMMARY

## CAMPSITE QUESTIONS:

Question: Overall, how satisfied were you with this boat camp?


GRAPH 4: BOAT CAMP SATISFACTION

Question: Did you feel crowded by other groups occupying adjacent or nearby boat camps?


## FLOATING QUESTIONS:

Question: How many other boats did you observe while floating the river today (excluding your group)?


GRAPH 6: FLOATER PERCEPTION OF NUMBER OF BOATS SEEN PER HOUR


GRAPH 7: FLOATER PERCEPTION OF NUMBER OF BOATS SEEN PER MILE

Question: How did you feel about the number of other boats observed on the water while floating the river today?

Beginning in 2010, FWP implemented the new social indicator of encounters with other boats while on the river. This indicator has become the basis for assessing floater satisfaction with the overall level of solitude. The corresponding standard, that defines the appropriate satisfaction level with solitude, has not yet been determined.

HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT THE NUMBER OF OTHER BOATS OBSERVED ON THE WATER WHILE FLOATING TODAY? (BREAKOUT BY MONTH)


GRAPH 8: FLOATER PERCEPTION OF NUMBER OF BOATS SEEN PER DAY


GRAPH 9: FLOATER PERCEPTION OF NUMBER OF BOATS SEEN PER DAY OVERALL PERCENT OF RESPONSE


Written responses to questions 1, 2, 5 and 7 of the floater logs are contained verbatim in the 2022 Floater Log Comments document.



GRAPH 11: FLOATER PERCEPTION OF FEELING CROWDED AT CAMP BAKER PUT-IN

## Question \#4: Did you feel crowded at the take-out? Yes or No

DID YOU FEEL CROWDED AT THE EDEN BRIDGE TAKEOUT? (BREAKOUT BY MONTH)

םYES םNO

GRAPH 12: FLOATER PERCEPTION OF FEELING CROWDED AT EDEN BRIDGE TAKE-OUT

Question \# 7: Please rate your overall satisfaction with your Smith River trip.


GRAPH 13: FLOATER OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH SMITH RIVER TRIP


Bald Eagle Early Morning On The Lower River

| 2022 BOAT CAMP GROUP USE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BOAT CAMP | RIVER MILE | LAND OWNERSHIP | NUMBER OF GROUPS STAYED AT EACH BOATCAMP | \% OF OVERALL USE |
| UPPER SPRING CREEK | 4.4 | FWP | 2 | 0.10\% |
| LOWER SPRING CREEK | 4.4 | FWP | 0 | 0.00\% |
| IN LIEU | 5.6 | FWP | 0 | 0.00\% |
| UPPER INDIAN SPRINGS | 6 | USFS | 11 | 0.53\% |
| MIDDLE INDIAN SPRINGS | 6 | USFS | 52 | 2.51\% |
| LOWER INDIAN SPRINGS | 6 | USFS | 48 | 2.32\% |
| UPPER ROCK GARDEN | 6.8 | USFS | 57 | 2.75\% |
| LOWER ROCK GARDEN | 6.8 | USFS | 46 | 2.22\% |
| ROCK CREEK | 8.9 | USFS | 83 | 4.00\% |
| UPPER SCOTTY ALLEN | 12 | USFS | 56 | 2.70\% |
| MIDDLE SCOTTY ALLEN | 12 | USFS | 41 | 1.98\% |
| LOWER SCOTTY ALLEN | 12 | USFS | 67 | 3.23\% |
| SYRINGA | 15.2 | DNRC | 54 | 2.60\% |
| CANYON DEPTH | 16.9 | USFS | 53 | 2.56\% |
| TWO CREEK | 17.8 | USFS | 27 | 1.30\% |
| SHEEPWAGON | 18.4 | USFS | 48 | 2.32\% |
| UPPER COW COULEE | 22.8 | USFS | 61 | 2.94\% |
| MIDDLE COW COULEE | 22.8 | USFS | 44 | 2.12\% |
| LOWER COW COULEE | 22.8 | USFS | 16 | 0.77\% |
| UPPER SUNSET CLIFF | 23.6 | USFS | 67 | 3.23\% |
| MIDDLE SUNSET CLIFF | 23.6 | USFS | 62 | 2.99\% |
| LOWER SUNSET CLIFF | 23.6 | USFS | 67 | 3.23\% |
| COUNTY LINE | 25.5 | USFS | 39 | 1.88\% |
| UPPER BEAR GULCH | 29 | USFS | 22 | 1.06\% |
| LOWER BEAR GULCH | 29 | USFS | 51 | 2.46\% |
| UPPER TROUT CREEK | 30.3 | FWP | 8 | 0.39\% |
| MIDDLE TROUT CREEK | 30.3 | FWP | 1 | 0.05\% |
| LOWER TROUT CREEK | 30.3 | FWP | 2 | 0.10\% |
| CROWSFOOT | 32 | FWP | 62 | 2.99\% |
| UPPER TABLE ROCK | 33.5 | USFS | 42 | 2.03\% |
| MIDDLE TABLE ROCK | 33.5 | USFS | 14 | 0.68\% |
| LOWER TABLE ROCK | 33.5 | USFS | 27 | 1.30\% |
| UPPER FRAUNHOFER | 35.4 | USFS | 77 | 3.71\% |
| LOWER FRAUNHOFER | 35.4 | USFS | 47 | 2.27\% |
| MEADOW BEND | 35.6 | FWP | 33 | 1.59\% |
| UPPER PARKER FLAT | 37.5 | USFS | 63 | 3.04\% |
| PARKER FLAT \#1 | 37.9 | FWP | 34 | 1.64\% |
| PARKER FLAT \#2 | 37.9 | FWP | 7 | 0.34\% |
| PARKER FLAT \#3 | 37.9 | FWP | 29 | 1.40\% |
| DEEP CREEK | 38.7 | PRIVATE | 6 | 0.29\% |
| PARADISE BEND | 39.5 | FWP | 19 | 0.92\% |
| STAIGMILLER | 44 | PRIVATE | 56 | 2.70\% |
| MERGANSER BEND | 44.5 | FWP | 38 | 1.83\% |
| UPPER BLACK BUTTE | 44.8 | FWP | 38 | 1.83\% |
| LOWER BLACK BUTTE | 44.8 | FWP | 21 | 1.01\% |
| UPPER RIDGETOP | 45 | PRIVATE | 67 | 3.23\% |
| MIDDLE RIDGETOP | 45 | PRIVATE | 50 | 2.41\% |
| LOWER RIDGETOP | 45 | PRIVATE | 60 | 2.89\% |
| UPPER GIVENS GULCH | 47.2 | PRIVATE | 6 | 0.29\% |
| LOWER GIVENS GULCH | 47.2 | PRIVATE | 73 | 3.52\% |
| UPPER RATTLESNAKE | 47.4 | PRIVATE | 53 | 2.56\% |
| LOWER RATTLESNAKE | 47.4 | PRIVATE | 66 | 3.18\% |
| TOTALS |  |  | 2073 | 100.00\% |
|  |  | CAMP LAND DISTRI | UTION |  |
|  | \# OF SITES | SITES OWNED BY | \% OF TOTAL SITES |  |
|  | 15 | FWP | 29\% |  |
|  | 1 | DNRC | 2\% |  |
|  | 9 | PRIVATE | 17\% |  |
|  | 27 | USFS | 52\% |  |
|  | 52 |  | 100\% |  |


|  | 2022 SMITH RIVER USE STATISTICS BREAKDOWN BY MONTH |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MONTH | APRIL |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { APRIL \% OF } \\ \text { OVRRALL } \\ \text { TOTAL } \\ \text { SEASONLSE } \end{array}$ | MAY | MAY BEAKOWN ONTOTAL OF MAYISE | $\begin{gathered} \text { MAY \% OF } \\ \text { OVERALI TOTAL } \\ \text { SEASONLSE } \end{gathered}$ | JUNE | JINE BEAKDOWN ON TOTAL OF JUNELSE | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { JUNE \% OF } \\ \text { OVERALL } \\ \text { TOTAL } \\ \text { SEASONISE } \end{array}$ | JULY | $\left.\begin{gathered} \text { JUYYBEAKDOWN } \\ \text { ONTOTAL \% OF } \\ \text { JULYLSE } \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \begin{array}{c} \text { JUY } \% \text { OF } \\ \text { OVERLLL } \\ \text { TOTAL } \\ \text { SEASN } \\ \text { ISE } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| \# OF FLOATERS-PRIVATE | 72 | 94.74\% | 1.94\% | 1071 | 75.85\% | 28.80\% | 1919 | 76.33\% | 51.60\% | 642 | 84.03\% | 17.26\% |
| \# OF FLOATERS - OUTFITTED | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 305 | 21.60\% | 32.90\% | 532 | 21.16\% | 57.39\% | 90 | 11.78\% | 9.71\% |
| \# OF FLOATERS - ADMIN | 4 | 5.26\% | 5.71\% | 22 | 1.56\% | 31.43\% | 34 | 1.35\% | 48.57\% | 10 | 1.31\% | 14.29\% |
| \# OF FLOATERS WAIVED |  | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| \# OF FLOATERS LANDOWNER |  | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 11 | 0.78\% | 33.33\% | 7 | 0.28\% | 21.21\% | 15 | 1.96\% | 45.45\% |
| \# OF FLOATERS LANDOWNER NON IMMEDIATE FAMILY |  | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 3 | 0.21\% | 8.82\% | 22 | 0.88\% | 64.71\% | 7 | 0.92\% | 20.59\% |
| \# OF FLOATERS - TOTAL | 76 | 100.00\% | 1.59\% | 1412 | 100.00\% | 29.52\% | 2514 | 100.00\% | 52.56\% | 764 | 100.00\% | 15.97\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \# OF GROUPS - PRIVATE | 16 | 94.12\% | 3.33\% | 147 | 83.05\% | 30.56\% | 216 | 81.20\% | 44.91\% | 94 | 83.93\% | 19.54\% |
| \# OF GROUPS - OUTFITTED | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 22 | 12.43\% | 32.35\% | 39 | 14.66\% | 57.35\% | 7 | 6.25\% | 10.29\% |
| \# OF GROUPS - ADMIN | 1 | 5.88\% | 6.67\% | 5 | 2.82\% | 33.33\% | 5 | 1.88\% | 33.33\% | 4 | 3.57\% | 26.67\% |
| \# OF GROUPS-WAIVED | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| \# OF GROUPS-LANDOWNER | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 2 | 1.13\% | 25.00\% | 1 | 0.38\% | 12.50\% | 5 | 4.46\% | 62.50\% |
| \# OF GROUPS-LANDOWNER NON IMMEDIATE FAMILY | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 1 | 0.56\% | 11.11\% | 5 | 1.88\% | 55.56\% | 2 | 1.79\% | 22.22\% |
| \# OF GROUPS - TOTAL | 17 | 100.00\% | 2.93\% | 177 | 100.00\% | 30.46\% | 266 | 100.00\% | 45.78\% | 112 | 100.00\% | 19.28\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USER DAYS - PRIVATE | 218 | 93.16\% | 1.23\% | 4613 | 76.36\% | 26.09\% | 9136 | 76.59\% | 51.68\% | 3636 | 84.52\% | 20.57\% |
| USER DAYS - OUTFITTED | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 1357 | 22.46\% | 29.44\% | 2641 | 22.14\% | 57.30\% | 611 | 14.20\% | 13.26\% |
| USER DAYS - ADMIN | 16 | 6.84\% | 7.02\% | 57 | 0.94\% | 25.00\% | 122 | 1.02\% | 53.51\% | 33 | 0.77\% | 14.47\% |
| USER DAYS - WAIVED | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| USER DAYS - LANDOWNER | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 11 | 0.18\% | 33.33\% | 7 | 0.06\% | 21.21\% | 15 | 0.35\% | 45.45\% |
| USER DAYS - LANDOWNER NON IMMEDIATE FAMILY | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 3 | 0.05\% | 8.82\% | 22 | 0.18\% | 64.71\% | 7 | 0.16\% | 20.59\% |
| USER DAYS - TOTAL | 234 | 100.00\% | 1.04\% | 6041 | 100.00\% | 26.75\% | 11928 | 100.00\% | 52.82\% | 4302 | 100.00\% | 19.05\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| USER NIGHTS - PRIVATE | 174 | 93.55\% | 1.27\% | 3557 | 75.34\% | 25.89\% | 7265 | 77.16\% | 52.87\% | 2684 | 84.62\% | 19.53\% |
| USER NIGHTS - OUTFITTED | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 1126 | 23.85\% | 31.00\% | 2043 | 21.70\% | 56.25\% | 463 | 14.60\% | 12.75\% |
| USER NIGHTS - ADMIN | 12 | 6.45\% | 6.59\% | 38 | 0.80\% | 20.88\% | 107 | 1.14\% | 58.79\% | 25 | 0.79\% | 13.74\% |
| USER NIGHTS - WAIVED | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |  | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| USER NIGHTS - TOTAL | 186 | 100.00\% | 1.06\% | 4721 | 100.00\% | 26.89\% | 9415 | 100.00\% | 53.63\% | 3172 | 100.00\% | 18.07\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AVG DAYS/GROUP - PRIVATE | 3.03 |  |  | 4.31 |  |  | 4.76 |  |  | 5.66 |  |  |
| AVG DAYS/GROUP - OUTFITTED | 0.00 |  |  | 4.45 |  |  | 4.96 |  |  | 6.79 |  |  |
| AVG DAYS/GROUP - ADM | 4.00 |  |  | 2.59 |  |  | 3.59 |  |  | 3.30 |  |  |
| AVG DAYS/GROUP - TOTAL | 3.08 |  |  | 4.31 |  |  | 4.79 |  |  | 5.77 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AVG \# FLOATERS/GROUP - PRIVATE | 4.50 |  |  | 7.29 |  |  | 8.88 |  |  | 6.83 |  |  |
| AVG \# FLOATERS/GROUP - OUTFITTED | 0.00 |  |  | 13.86 |  |  | 13.64 |  |  | 12.86 |  |  |
| AVG \# FLOATERS/GROUP - ADM | 4.00 |  |  | 4.40 |  |  | 6.80 |  |  | 2.50 |  |  |
| AVG \# FLOATERS/GROUP - WAIVED | 0.00 |  |  | 0.00 |  |  | 0.00 |  |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| AVG \# FLOATERS/GROUP - LANDOWNER | 0.00 |  |  | 5.50 |  |  | 7.00 |  |  | 3.00 |  |  |
| AVG \# FLOATERS/GROUPS - LANDOWNER NON IMMEDIATE FAMI | 0.00 |  |  | 3.00 |  |  | 4.40 |  |  | 3.50 |  |  |
| AVG \# FLOATERS/GROUP - TOTAL | 4.47 |  |  | 7.98 |  |  | 9.45 |  |  | 6.82 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \# OF RAFTS | 35 | 77.78\% | 1.64\% | 560 | 85.37\% | 26.28\% | 938 | 83.01\% | 44.02\% | 150 | 52.26\% | 7.04\% |
| \# OF CANOES | 9 | 20.00\% | 0.42\% | 34 | 5.18\% | 1.60\% | 34 | 3.01\% | 1.60\% | 41 | 14.29\% | 1.92\% |
| \# OF DRIFT BOATS | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 30 | 4.57\% | 1.41\% | 67 | 5.93\% | 3.14\% | 4 | 1.39\% | 0.19\% |
| \# OF KAYAK | 1 | 2.22\% | 0.05\% | 32 | 4.88\% | 1.50\% | 91 | 8.05\% | 4.27\% | 92 | 32.06\% | 4.32\% |
| \# OF OTHER TYPE CRAFT | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |  | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF CRAFT | 45 | 100.00\% | 2.11\% | 656 | 100.00\% | 30.78\% | 1130 | 100.00\% | 53.03\% | 287 | 100.00\% | 13.47\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL PRIVATE CRAFT | 43 | 95.56\% | 2.02\% | 494 | 75.30\% | 23.18\% | 885 | 78.32\% | 41.53\% | 236 | 82.23\% | 11.07\% |
| TOTAL OUTFITTED CRAFT | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 144 | 21.95\% | 6.76\% | 209 | 18.50\% | 9.81\% | 32 | 11.15\% | 1.50\% |
| TOTAL ADM CRAFT | 2 | 4.44\% | 0.09\% | 14 | 2.13\% | 0.66\% | 24 | 2.12\% | 1.13\% | 8 | 2.79\% | 0.38\% |
| TOTAL WAIVED CRAFT | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| TOTAL LANDOWNER CRAFT | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 3 | 0.46\% | 0.14\% | 3 | 0.27\% | 0.14\% | 7 | 2.44\% | 0.33\% |
| TOTAL LANDOWNER NON IMMEDIATE FAMILY CRAFT | 0 | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 1 | 0.15\% | 0.05\% | 9 | 0.80\% | 0.42\% | 4 | 1.39\% | 0.19\% |
| TOTAL CRAFT | 45 | 100.00\% | 2.11\% | 656 | 100.00\% | 30.78\% | 1130 | 100.00\% | 53.03\% | 287 | 100.00\% | 13.47\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT - PRIVATE GROUP | 2.69 |  |  | 3.36 |  |  | 4.10 |  |  | 2.51 |  |  |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT - OUTFITTED GROUP | 0.00 |  |  | 6.55 |  |  | 5.36 |  |  | 4.57 |  |  |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT - ADMIN GROUP | 2.00 |  |  | 2.80 |  |  | 4.80 |  |  | 2.00 |  |  |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT - WAIVED | 0.00 |  |  | 0.00 |  |  | 0.00 |  |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT - LANDOWNER | 0.00 |  |  | 1.50 |  |  | 3.00 |  |  | 1.40 |  |  |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT - LANDOWNER NON IMMEDIATE FAMILY | 0.00 |  |  | 1.00 |  |  | 1.80 |  |  | 2.00 |  |  |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT/GROUP - TOTAL | 2.65 |  |  | 3.71 |  |  | 4.25 |  |  | 2.56 |  |  |



## SMITH RIVER TREND STATISTICS (2003-2022)



## SMITH RIVER TREND STATISTICS CONTINUED (2003-2022)

| YEAR | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | AVERAGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# OF RAFTS | 1245 | 1237 | 1311 | 1560 | 1545 | 1693 | 1766 | 1624 | 1552 | 1651 | 1829 | 1965 | 1701 | 2009 | 2047 | 2291 | 2255 | 2340 | 1466 | 1684 | 1,739 |
| \# OF CANOES | 276 | 284 | 235 | 259 | 209 | 210 | 200 | 215 | 150 | 155 | 153 | 206 | 185 | 152 | 164 | 133 | 178 | 163 | 74 | 125 | 186 |
| \# OF DRIFT BOATS | 96 | 86 | 113 | 119 | 128 | 138 | 168 | 163 | 91 | 115 | 86 | 131 | 80 | 118 | 131 | 195 | 171 | 195 | 146 | 101 | 129 |
| \# OF KAYAKS | 133 | 157 | 133 | 206 | 162 | 184 | 189 | 151 | 174 | 214 | 164 | 204 | 147 | 180 | 249 | 246 | 305 | 322 | 118 | 221 | 193 |
| \# OF OTHER TYPE CRAFT | 23 | 56 | 44 | 90 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF CRAFT | 1773 | 1820 | 1836 | 2234 | 2044 | 2225 | 2323 | 2153 | 1967 | 2135 | 2232 | 2506 | 2113 | 2459 | 2591 | 2865 | 2909 | 3020 | 1804 | 2131 | 2,257 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE CRAFT | 1452 | 1503 | 1494 | 1867 | 1685 | 1808 | 2008 | 1836 | 1608 | 1759 | 1925 | 2218 | 1846 | 2124 | 2166 | 2403 | 2452 | 2601 | 1503 | 1669 | 1,896 |
| TOTAL GUIDED CRAFT | 209 | 218 | 253 | 240 | 273 | 307 | 195 | 220 | 216 | 240 | 209 | 205 | 191 | 248 | 307 | 342 | 325 | 275 | 243 | 385 | 255 |
| TOTAL ADM CRAFT | 45 | 28 | 20 | 33 | 24 | 37 | 42 | 37 | 51 | 34 | 42 | 58 | 46 | 40 | 62 | 64 | 52 | 52 | 43 | 48 | 43 |
| TOTAL WAIVED CRAFT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL LANDOWNER CRAFT | 20 | 19 | 20 | 32 | 18 | 28 | 39 | 21 | 28 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 18 | 27 | 19 | 34 | 29 | 54 | 6 | 13 | 23 |
| TOTAL LANDOWNER NON IMMEDIATE FAMILY CRAFT | 47 | 52 | 49 | 59 | 44 | 45 | 39 | 36 | 64 | 87 | 43 | 13 | 12 | 20 | 37 | 22 | 51 | 38 | 9 | 16 | 39 |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT/PRIVATE GROUP | 3.23 | 2.99 | 2.84 | 3.21 | 3.32 | 3.23 | 3.23 | 3.00 | 2.98 | 3.10 | 3.63 | 3.30 | 3.44 | 3.51 | 3.63 | 3.49 | 3.46 | 3.88 | 3.34 | 3.46 | 3.32 |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT/GUIDED GROUP | 5.65 | 4.74 | 5.27 | 4.62 | 5.69 | 5.69 | 5.00 | 5.24 | 5.40 | 5.58 | 5.23 | 5.13 | 5.31 | 5.28 | 5.69 | 5.52 | 5.00 | 5.09 | 5.93 | 5.66 | 5.34 |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT/ADMIN GROUP | 2.50 | 1.75 | 1.67 | 2.54 | 1.85 | 1.68 | 2.00 | 1.95 | 2.13 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.64 | 2.42 | 1.60 | 2.30 | 2.29 | 2.26 | 3.06 | 3.07 | 3.20 | 2.22 |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT/NAIVED | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.00 |
| AVG \# OF CRAFTLANDOWNER | 1.82 | 1.58 | 1.43 | 2.00 | 3.60 | 3.50 | 1.95 | 1.91 | 1.75 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 1.33 | 2.25 | 1.80 | 1.90 | 2.00 | 2.42 | 2.00 | 1.20 | 1.63 | 1.94 |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT/LANDOWNER NON IMMEDIATE FAMILY | 3.92 | 5.20 | 2.72 | 5.90 | 3.38 | 3.75 | 3.00 | 2.12 | 3.05 | 3.95 | 3.07 | 1.86 | 1.71 | 1.82 | 2.31 | 1.69 | 3.19 | 2.38 | 1.80 | 1.78 | 3.03 |
| AVG \# OF CRAFT/GROUP - TOTAL | 3.36 | 3.10 | 2.97 | 3.31 | 3.49 | 3.39 | 3.25 | 3.06 | 3.07 | 3.24 | 3.65 | 3.34 | 3.48 | 3.50 | 3.69 | 3.54 | 3.53 | 3.85 | 3.50 | 3.67 | 3.41 |
| OUTFITTED \% OF TOTAL GROUPS | 7.01\% | 7.84\% | 7.77\% | 7.72\% | 8.19\% | 8.23\% | 5.46\% | 5.97\% | 6.25\% | 6.53\% | 6.54\% | 5.33\% | 5.93\% | 6.69\% | 7.68\% | 7.66\% | 7.89\% | 6.88\% | 7.96\% | 11.70\% | 7.21\% |
| OUTFITTED \% OF TOTAL FLOATERS | 12.17\% | 13.41\% | 14.54\% | 13.47\% | 14.60\% | 14.68\% | 9.41\% | 10.56\% | 11.13\% | 10.69\% | 11.09\% | 9.64\% | 9.92\% | 11.77\% | 12.45\% | 12.85\% | 12.97\% | 10.59\% | 13.46\% | 19.38\% | 12.38\% |
| HIGH WATER FLOW LEVEL IN CFS (daily mean) | 938 | 1650 | 1650 | 1290 | 853 | 1420 | 1050 | 2040 | 3820 | 1250 | 1110 | 1360 | 886 | 825 | 652 | 2350 | 1880 | 1600 | 588 | 837 | 1,402 |
| LOW WATER FLOW LEVEL IN CFS (daily mean) | 43 | 79 | 100 | 60 | 43 | 85 | 87 | 150 | 151 | 62 | 55 | 102 | 68 | 52 | 51 | 88 | 108 | 87 | 36 | 35 | 77 |

Visitor Use Trends - Average Group Size


GRAPH 14: AVERAGE GROUP SIZE PER YEAR - PRIVATE GROUPS


GRAPH 15: AVERAGE GROUP SIZE PER YEAR - OUTFITTED GROUPS


Visitor Use Trends - Number of Floaters Per Year


| SMITH RIVER DAILY LOG (2022) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2022 | CFS DAILY MEAN | TOTAL NUMBER OF GROUPS ON THE RIVER EACH DAY | TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE RIVER EACH DAY | AVERAGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER GROUP ON THE RIVER EACH DAY |
| 1-Apr | 95 | 4 | 16 | 4.00 |
| 2-Apr | 91 | 5 | 19 | 3.80 |
| 3-Apr | 86 | 5 | 19 | 3.80 |
| 4-Apr | 85 | 5 | 15 | 3.00 |
| 5-Apr | 79 | 4 | 11 | 2.75 |
| 6-Apr | 75 | 3 | 8 | 2.67 |
| 7-Apr | 77 | 2 | 8 | 4.00 |
| 8-Apr | 84 | 2 | 8 | 4.00 |
| 9-Apr | 95 | 2 | 8 | 4.00 |
| 10-Apr | 81 | 2 | 8 | 4.00 |
| 11-Apr | 77 | 1 | 6 | 6.00 |
| 12-Apr | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 13-Apr | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 14-Apr | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 15-Apr | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 16-Apr | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 17-Apr | 98 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 18-Apr | 95 | 8 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 19-Apr | 106 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 20-Apr | 99 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 21-Apr | 97 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 22-Apr | 97 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 23-Apr | 108 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 24-Apr | 106 | 3 | 8 | 2.67 |
| 25-Apr | 101 | 6 | 17 | 2.83 |
| 26-Apr | 106 | 6 | 17 | 2.83 |
| 27-Apr | 106 | 4 | 13 | 3.25 |
| 28-Apr | 112 | 4 | 13 | 3.25 |
| 29-Apr | 135 | 1 | 4 | 4.00 |
| 30-Apr | 136 | 3 | 30 | 10.00 |
| 1-May | 129 | 3 | 30 | 10.00 |
| 2-May | 127 | 7 | 56 | 8.00 |
| 3-May | 131 | 10 | 75 | 7.50 |
| 4-May | 138 | 11 | 72 | 6.55 |
| 5-May | 156 | 12 | 61 | 5.08 |
| 6-May | 188 | 14 | 65 | 4.64 |
| 7-May | 211 | 17 | 82 | 4.82 |
| 8-May | 201 | 15 | 81 | 5.40 |
| 9-May | 178 | 18 | 115 | 6.39 |
| 10-May | 152 | 21 | 146 | 6.95 |
| 11-May | 138 | 26 | 182 | 7.00 |
| 12-May | 141 | 29 | 221 | 7.62 |
| 13-May | 142 | 25 | 195 | 7.80 |
| 14-May | 140 | 25 | 176 | 7.04 |

SMITH RIVER DAILY LOG (2022)
$\left.\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline & & \begin{array}{c}\text { TOTAL NUMBER } \\ \text { OF GROUPS ON } \\ \text { THE RIVER }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { TOTAL NUMBER } \\ \text { OF PEPLE ON } \\ \text { THE RIVER } \\ \text { EACH DAY }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { AVERAGE NUMBER } \\ \text { OF PEOPLE PER } \\ \text { GROUP ON THE } \\ \text { RIVER EACH DAY }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { 2022 } & \text { CFS DAILYMEAN }\end{array}\right]$

SMITH RIVER DAILY LOG (2022)
$\left.\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline & & \begin{array}{c}\text { TOTAL NUMBER } \\ \text { OF GROUPS ON } \\ \text { TRE RIVER }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { TOTAL NUMBER } \\ \text { OF PEOPLE ON } \\ \text { THE RIVER } \\ \text { EACH DAY }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { AVERAGE NUMBER } \\ \text { OF PEOPLE PER } \\ \text { GROUP ON THE } \\ \text { RIVER EACH DAY }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { 28-Jun } & \text { CFS DAILYMEAN }\end{array}\right]$

| SMITH RIVER DAILY LOG (2022) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2022 | CFS DAILYMEAN | TOTAL NUMBER OF GROUPS ON THE RIVER EACH DAY | TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE RIVER EACH DAY | AVERAGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER GROUP ON THE RIVER EACH DAY |
| 11-Aug | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 12-Aug | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 13-Aug | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 14-Aug | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 15-Aug | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 16-Aug | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 17-Aug | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 18-Aug | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 19-Aug | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 20-Aug | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 21-Aug | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 22-Aug | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 23-Aug | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 24-Aug | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 25-Aug | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 26-Aug | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 27-Aug | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 28-Aug | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 29-Aug | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 30-Aug | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 31-Aug | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 1-Sep | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 2-Sep | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 3-Sep | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 4-Sep | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 5-Sep | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 6-Sep | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 7-Sep | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 8-Sep | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 9-Sep | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 10-Sep | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 11-Sep | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 12-Sep | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 13-Sep | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 14-Sep | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 15-Sep | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 16-Sep | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 17-Sep | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 18-Sep | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 19-Sep | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 20-Sep | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 21-Sep | 79 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 22-Sep | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 23-Sep | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 24-Sep | 98 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |


| SMITH RIVER DAILY LOG (2022) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2022 | CFS DAILYMEAN | TOTAL NUMBER OF GROUPS ON THE RIVER EACH DAY | TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE RIVER EACH DAY | AVERAGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PER GROUP ON THE RIVER EACH DAY |
| 25-Sep | 84 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 26-Sep | 80 | 2 | 4 | 2.00 |
| 27-Sep | 76 | 2 | 4 | 2.00 |
| 28-Sep | 74 | 2 | 4 | 2.00 |
| 29-Sep | 75 | 2 | 4 | 2.00 |
| 30-Sep | 99 | 2 | 4 | 2.00 |
| 1-Oct | 173 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 2-Oct | 198 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 3-Oct | 166 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 4-Oct | 154 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 5-Oct | 138 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 6-Oct | 129 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 7-Oct | 124 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 8-Oct | 128 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 9-Oct | 127 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 10-Oct | 123 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 11-Oct | 126 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 12-Oct | 125 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 13-Oct | 120 | 2 | 3 | 1.50 |
| 14-Oct | 117 | 4 | 6 | 1.50 |
| 15-Oct | 114 | 4 | 6 | 1.50 |
| 16-Oct | 112 | 4 | 6 | 1.50 |
| 17-Oct | 112 | 3 | 4 | 1.33 |
| 18-Oct | 110 | 1 | 1 | 1.00 |
| 19-Oct | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 20-Oct | 108 | 1 | 2 | 2.00 |
| 21-Oct | 106 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 22-Oct | 134 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 23-Oct | 169 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 24-Oct | 145 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 25-Oct | 135 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 26-Oct | 129 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 27-Oct | 122 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 28-Oct | 116 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 29-Oct | 115 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 30-Oct | 114 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 31-Oct | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |

## SECTION 4 - RESOURCE AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

## River Flows

The lowest measured stream flow for the 2022 season was 36 cfs (08/23/2022), while the peak stream flow was 773 cfs (06/21/2022). High/Low flows represented as daily mean values.


GRAPH 18: HISTORICAL RIVER FLOW TRENDS


GRAPH 19: APRIL - OCTOBER FLOW COMPARISON OF 2022 TO 1997-2021


GRAPH 20: JUNE - AUGUST TEMPERATURE COMPARISON OF 2022 TO 1996-2021


Indian Springs Monkeyflower

