

Wilderness Report

A non-profit organization dedicated to protecting wilderness values

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Mr. Gonzalez:

Thank you for your immediate and specific response to my inquiry regarding the use of drones within the congressionally designated wild river corridor of the lower Owyhee River.

You mention that the issue of drone use will be evaluated when the river plan is updated. When will the next update of the Owyhee River Plan take place?

You also clarify that the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act does not prohibit the use of motorized and/or mechanized travel within designated river corridors—that this issue is addressed by Agency policy not the Act. In order to better understand current Agency policy on this issue I am requesting a copy of the current Owyhee River Management Plan.

Wilderness Report is a newly formed organization dedicated to protecting wilderness values. Because the management of the Owyhee is of a matter of concern to many river users, correspondence related to this issue will be posted on the Wilderness Report website

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Arthur Pope
Executive Director