

Wilderness Report

A non-profit organization dedicated to protecting wilderness values

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Mr. Dennis Teitzel
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Prineville District Office
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Mr. Teitzel,

Thank you for your detailed reply to my earlier inquiry concerning the use of drones and OHV's within sections of the John Day River designated as wild under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

I am concerned about the illegal use of drones by the producers of Oregon Field Guide; a program supported by Oregon Public Broadcasting. I believe that they have violated the Wilderness Act and/or management and/or user regulations by using drones in three or more northwest wilderness areas or wild river segments.

This letter requests that the Prineville BLM, as the responsible management agency for the section of the John Day River filmed with drones by OPB staff, inform OPB and Oregon Field Guide, in writing, that drones are not allowed "on or immediately above the river" on wild sections of the John Day River managed by the Prineville BLM. Wilderness Report would appreciate being copied on that letter.

Wilderness Report is dedicated to protecting wilderness values. This subject is a matter of concern to many river users and your response to this request will be posted on the Wilderness Report website.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Arthur Pope
Executive Director

CC: Steve Bass, CEO, Oregon Public Broadcasting,
Steve Amen, Executive Producer, Oregon Field Guide