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Safety Handout for 8/20/13

Hazards

Increased bear activity in the river canyon, especially in the burned areas and around campsites.

Spot fires may be near the river's edge – stay away from the wildfire.

Smoke may be thick at times and or extended periods of time. Visibility may be reduced.

Watch for falling trees / snags falling into river.

Rolling debris and rocks – slopes become unstable as a result of fire.

Obstructions in the river / strainers – be alert when navigating the river and scout rapids when appropriate for possible obstructions in the rapids.

Helicopter traffic – there may be as many as 3 dip sites: 2 near Whiskey Creek and 1 near Winkle Bar. A dipping manager will guide boaters through the dip sites. Expect delays. If a helicopter is dipping, follow the instructions of the dip site manager. Once they give the ok, quickly move down river out of their way.

Reminders

Closed Campsites (including micro beaches near listed sites) – Big Windy, Little Windy, Bunker Creek, Jenny Creek, Dulog, Lower Kelsey, Battle Bar and Quail Creek.

Current fire regulations allow gas and propane only, NO OPEN FIRES, NO CHARCOAL FIRES. Each group must carry a shovel and bucket (1-gal minimum).

Bear Camp Road, Eden Valley, Kelsey-Mule, Mount Ruben, and the road to Marial (BLM 32-9-14.2) are CLOSED.

Practice positive river etiquette. Campsites may be crowded. Be courteous and share sites as restrictions reduce the number of available campsites.

Fire personnel may be present in the river corridor conducting fire operations.

Rogue River Trail remains closed from Grave Creek to the Rogue River Ranch. Rainie Falls trail is open for day use only – no camping or campfires!

Safety Instructions are subject to change. Check http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3570 for the latest information.