

# 2018 SCHEDULE AND RATES



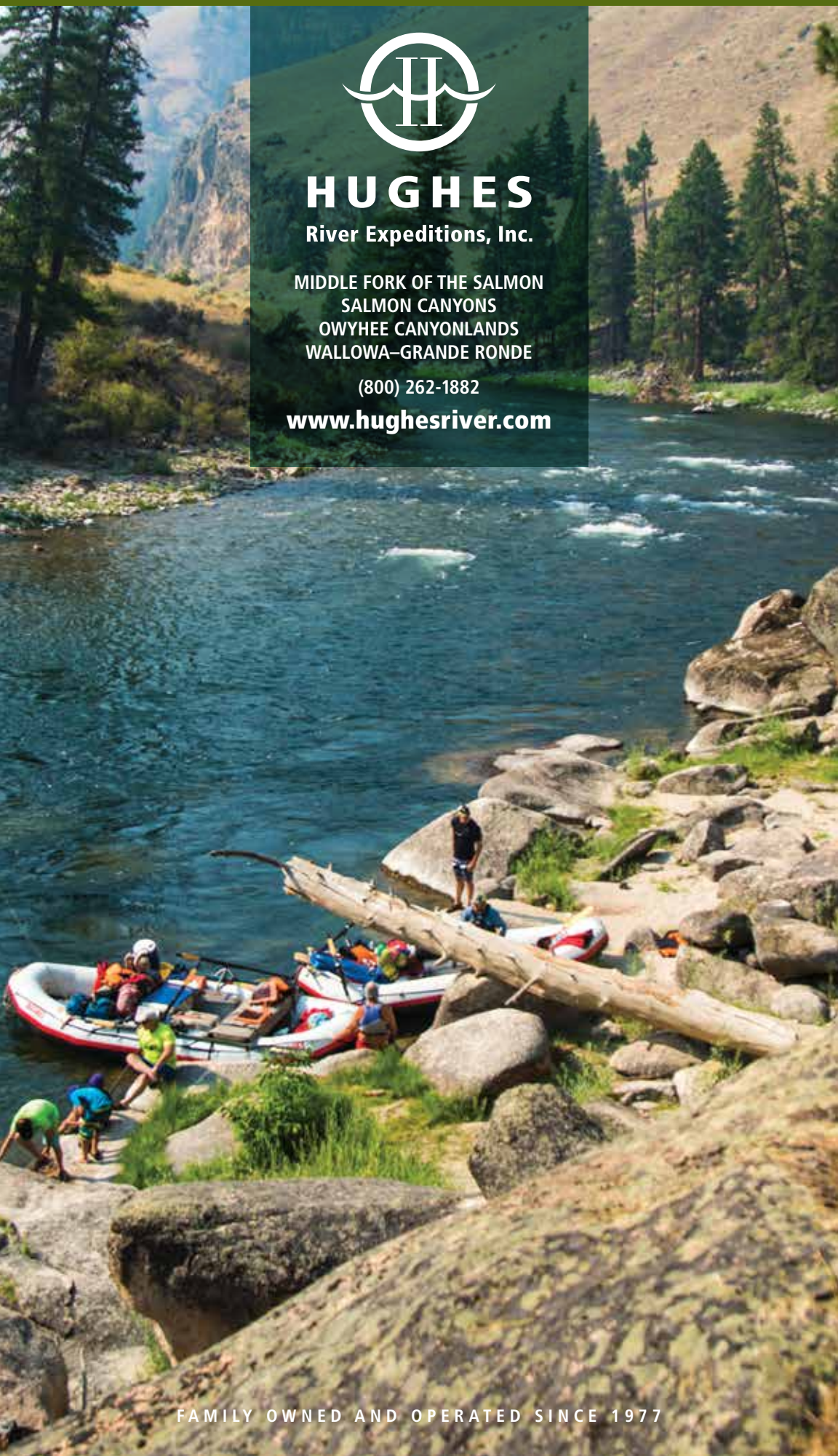
## HUGHES

River Expeditions, Inc.

MIDDLE FORK OF THE SALMON  
SALMON CANYONS  
OWYHEE CANYONLANDS  
WALLOWA-GRANDE RONDE

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## Hughes River Expeditions, Inc.

Raft the rivers of Idaho and eastern Oregon with Hughes River Expeditions, Inc.

These rivers are among the most beautiful and challenging in the West. Flowing through isolated backcountry, they offer striking natural beauty, whitewater, pioneer and Native American history, fishing, hiking, and a diversity of wildlife.



Count on professional guides, excellent equipment, wonderful meals, spectacular rivers and canyons, and attention to detail. Jerry Hughes, Carole Finley, and Colin Hughes operate the company, and 2018 is our 42nd year.

Thanks to everyone who has rafted with Hughes River Expeditions through the years. We invite you to gather your extended family and friends for another river run.

The Hughes River Expeditions website is remodeled, and updated with everything you need to plan your trip. Feel welcome to call or email if we can be of help in any manner. We look forward to hearing from you.

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# Middle Fork of the Salmon

## 5 & 6 DAYS ■ JUNE-SEPTEMBER

Idaho’s most famous mountain, wilderness, and whitewater river. Challenging rapids, crystal clear water, Native American cultural sites, pioneer history, “blue ribbon” dry fly fishing for wild Westslope cutthroat trout, natural hot springs. National Wild and Scenic River inside the vast Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness. Headquarters: Stanley, ID.



DATES	LENGTH	ADULT	YOUTH
June 4-8*	5 days/4 nights	\$2060	\$1950
June 13-18**	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
June 22-27	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
June 30-July 5	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
July 8-13	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
July 16-21	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
July 24-29	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
Aug. 1-6	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
Aug. 9-14	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
Aug. 17-22	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
Aug. 25-29	5 days/4 nights	\$2060	\$1950
Sept. 2-7***	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
Sept. 11-16	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
Sept. 20-25+	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350
Sept. 29-Oct. 4+	6 days/5 nights	\$2460	\$2350

Fishing Boats (2 fishermen/boat and guide):  
\$3360/person (6 days), \$2860/person (5 days).

Deposits to Confirm: \$700/person (6 days),  
\$550/person (5 days)

Recreation Enhancement Act Fee requires collection  
of \$4/day/person. This fee will be added to your  
trip cost.

Flight cost from Stanley to the river is  
approximately \$125/person when required by road,  
water, and weather conditions.

\*High Water Special

\*\*Hotspots/Hiker Special

\*\*\*Annual Jazz Trip

+Available for groups interested in fishing and bird  
hunting (“Cast & Blast”)





**Middle Fork of the Salmon**





Photo: Doug Haight

# Salmon River Canyons

## 4 & 5 DAYS ■ JULY-SEPTEMBER

Roller coaster rapids, perfect swimming water, wonderful canyonlands. The Salmon – River of No Return – drifts through quiet pools and surges into churning whitewater. Camping on exotic pure white sand beaches is unforgettable. Baja in Idaho! Largest undammed river in the continental United States. Headquarters: Lewiston, ID.

DATES	LENGTH	ADULT	YOUTH
July 1-5	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
July 9-13	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
July 17-21	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
July 25-29	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
July 29-Aug. 2	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
Aug. 2-6	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
Aug. 10-14	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
Aug. 18-22	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
Aug. 26-30	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
Sept. 3-7	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
Sept. 11-15	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
Sept. 19-23	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675

Groups can book 4 days/3 nights @\$1540/adult; \$1400/youth. Check with Hughes RE Office for 4 day trip opportunities.

Deposits to Confirm: \$550/person (5 days), \$450/person (4 days).

Fall Fishing and Chukar Hunting trips available in late September at \$2750/person. Check with Hughes Office for dates.

Trip cost "includes" chartered jet boat at the end of the trip from below Confluence of Salmon and Snake Rivers to Hells Gate Marina in Lewiston, ID.







Photo: Doug Haight



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Salmon River Canyons



# Owyhee Canyonlands

4 & 5 DAYS ▪ LATE APRIL TO MID-MAY

Great spring rafting through remote backcountry. Beautiful basalt-rhyolite canyons tower over the rafts. Exhilarating rapids, fabulous scenery, natural hot springs, desert bighorn sheep, waterfowl, birds of prey, homesteader history. Native American petroglyphs, and fields of wild flowers. The Owyhee is a National Wild and Scenic River. Headquarters is Boise, ID.

**OWYHEE CANYONLANDS:  
ROME TO BIRCH CREEK OR LESLIE GULCH**

DATES	LENGTH	ADULT	YOUTH
April 27-May 1	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
May 4-8	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675
May 11-15	5 days/4 nights	\$1845	\$1675

Friday Launches in April and May.  
Deposits to Confirm: \$550/person.

**MIDDLE OWYHEE CANYON:  
THREE FORKS TO ROME**

4 days/3 nights: \$1925/adult, \$1775/youth  
Age limit 14 and up  
Charter trips for parties of 8-10 guests  
Deposits to Confirm: \$700/person

The Owyhee flows through a vast, remote desert region. Water conditions vary annually.







Owyhee Canyonlands





# Wallowa–Grande Ronde

## 4 DAYS ▪ MAY-MID-JULY

Two of Oregon's most pristine backcountry rivers. Basalt canyons rise 4,000 feet above river level. Dense forest alternates with lush grasslands. Camps are shaded with towering ponderosa pines and douglas fir. Swift current with medium difficulty rapids are great fun. Grande Ronde is a National Wild and Scenic River. Headquarters: Lewiston, ID, or Minam, OR.

**TRIP DATES:** Groups can schedule trips on dates of your choice during May and early June.

Wallowa-Grande Ronde trips are normally planned for 4 days/3 nights. 3 Day trips are available. Contact Hughes Office for information and dates.

Dates: Late May and first week of June.

4 Day Trip: \$1500/adult; \$1375/youth  
3 Day Trip: \$1300/adult; \$1175/youth

Deposits to Confirm: \$450/person (4 days),  
\$400/person (3 days)



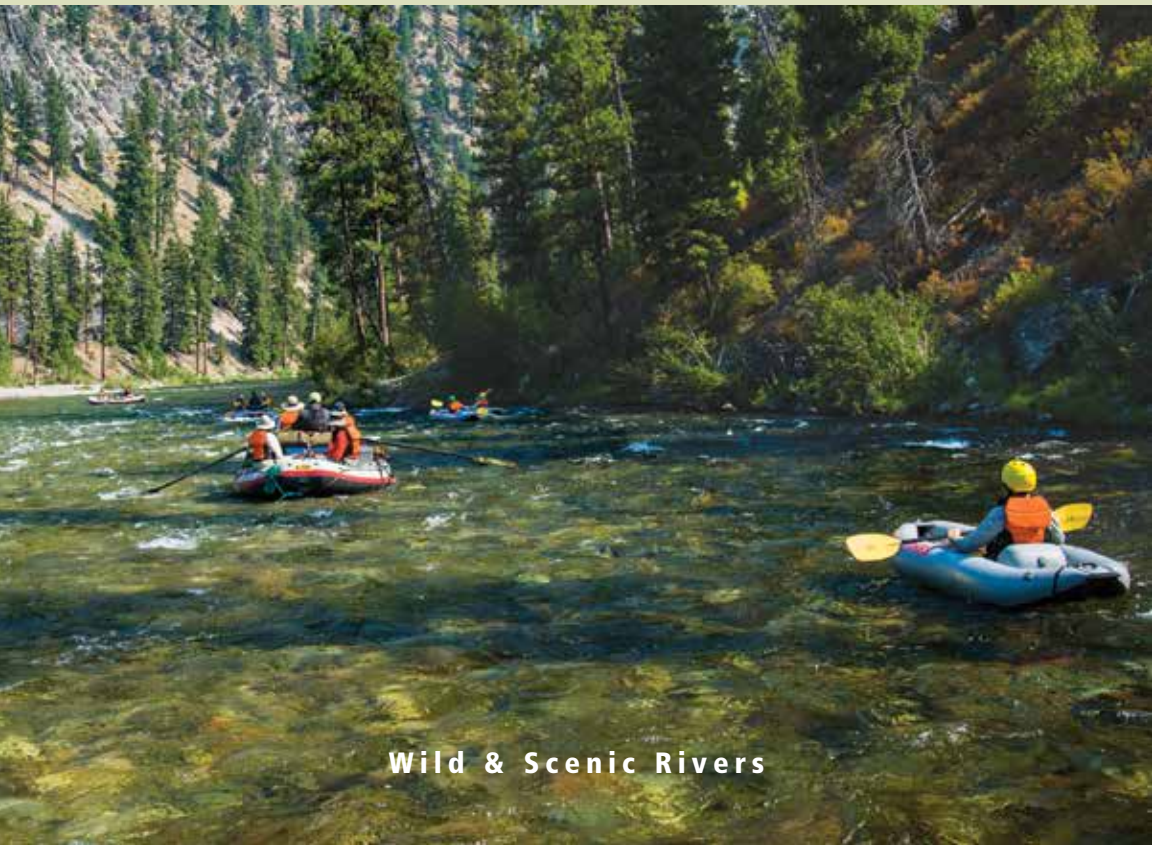


## 50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

**Middle Fork Salmon is one of the “original eight” included for protection.**

2018 is the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Created by Congress in 1968, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was enacted to “preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in the free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations.” Middle Fork of the Salmon was one of the “original eight Wild and Scenic Rivers” in 1968. The Middle Fork is often referred to as the “crown jewel” of the Wild and Scenic Act. Idaho and

Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers that Hughes River Expeditions, Inc. outfits on include: Middle Fork of the Salmon, Owyhee River, and Grande Ronde River. The Salmon River Canyons (Lower Salmon) have been studied for inclusion, and will hopefully be included in the Wild and Scenic River system. Hughes River Expeditions encourages all our guests to support Wild and Scenic Rivers and our irreplaceable Public Lands managed by the National Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service.



**Wild & Scenic Rivers**





Check our website about...

**Middle Fork “blue ribbon” fly fishing trips:** Wild Westslope cutthroat. Two guests per boat and guide.

**2018 Annual Jazz Trip**

Middle Fork of the Salmon.

September 2-7, 2018 (6 days/5 nights).

**Deposits to Confirm Reservations**

(Personal Check, VISA, MasterCard, or Discover Card)

3 days – \$400/person

4 days – \$450/person

5 days – \$550/person

6 days – \$700/person

**Youth rates:** kids, teens, and college students.

**Final payment due 60 days prior to launch (by personal check).**

**RESERVATIONS**

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## About Hughes River Expeditions

**WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE TRIP?**

Meals from lunch the first day through lunch the last day. All utensils. Unlimited potable water, limited complimentary beverage supply, and plenty of ice. Hughes Crew does the cooking, clean up, camp set up and take-down.

Trip gear: tents, sleeping pads, freshly laundered sleeping bags and camp pillows, chairs, dining tables, camp shower, waterproof duffels, day bags, camera boxes, life jackets, Farmer John wetsuits (spring and high water), helmets for paddle teams and inflatable kayaks.

**EXPERIENCE:** Experience counts, and we have plenty. 2018 is the 42nd year Jerry and Carole have owned and operated Hughes River Expeditions, Inc. as a family business. 2018 is the 52nd year Jerry has worked as a professional river guide. Go to “History” [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com).

**REFERENCES:** National Geographic Society (5 trips), The Nature Conservancy (5 trips), Sir Edmund Hillary (3 trips), Edsel Ford, Frank Wells, Charles Knight, Peter Ueberroth, Jon Lovelace, Bob Kirby, Jim Rothenberg, Kevin Clifford, Tim Armour, Tim Kilgallon, Jim and Heather Murren, Robert Johnson, Grant Cambridge, Joyce Gorden. See a more complete list at “About Hughes” [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com).





**MEDIA DESCRIBING OUR TRIPS:** America's Majestic Canyons, National Geographic Society; Conde Nast Traveler; Reader's Digest Video Series, "America's Wilderness"; National Geographic Sourcebook; Idaho Public TV, Outdoor Idaho "A Middle Fork Journey." See a complete list at "About Hughes" [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com).

**PERMITS:** This institution is operated under special use permits with Salmon-Challis National Forest, Umatilla National Forest, Cottonwood Field Office, BLM, Baker Field Office BLM, Vale District, BLM.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Should you have to cancel your trip, deposits and final payments are non-refundable, unless we can replace your reservations. If we replace your canceled space(s) a \$200/person cancellation fee is charged. Alternate guests you provide are welcome with no cancellation fee. We cannot insure your investment in river trip reservations, and recommend the purchase of trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

**USDA/FS POLICY:** In accordance with Federal Law and US Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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### **WATER, WEATHER, WILD FIRE, LOG JAMS**

**AND OTHER CONDITIONS:** Extremely unfavorable water and weather conditions, insufficient bookings, and other conditions and events, can be cause for a trip cancellation. HUGHES RIVER EXPEDITIONS, Inc. will not be held responsible for any cancellation, or for expenses incurred as a result of such cancellation. Hughes River Expeditions, Inc. has the right to make changes to "alternate rivers" when necessary due to high water, low water, forest fires, log jams, debris flows, and other events. When you book a trip with Hughes River Expeditions you agree to make such schedule changes when required by events beyond our control.

### **HUGHES on Public TV!**

A Middle Fork Journey on  
Outdoor Idaho. DVD available on  
[www.idahoptv.org](http://www.idahoptv.org) or call our office.

**LIABILITY:** HUGHES RIVER EXPEDITIONS, Inc. outfits and guides trips on whitewater rivers that run through remote backcountry areas far from standard medical facilities and services. While our safety record is excellent, river running in these areas presents inherent risks that we cannot eliminate or control. Injury or illness may require evacuation from a river trip to outside medical facilities. You as a potential river runner, must be willing to assume the inherent risks that are associated with river trips in remote canyons. You will be required to sign an "assumption of risk" agreement" in order to join a trip with HUGHES RIVER EXPEDITIONS, Inc.

## **About Hughes River Expeditions**





## Why Go with Hughes?

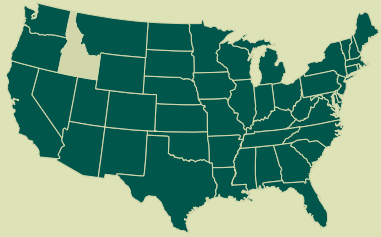
- Hughes River Expeditions, Inc. is a small, owner/operator family business.
- Hughes Crew is a wonderful mix of personalities and backgrounds (Hughes Guides – [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com))
- Experience counts. 2018 is our 42nd season. (History – [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com))
- Excellent equipment. Self-bailing oar rafts, paddle rafts, inflatable kayaks.
- Large custom-designed supply pontoons float ahead each day to organize the evening's camp. Hughes River Expeditions was among the first outfits to run large sweep and oar controlled gear rafts on the Idaho and eastern Oregon rivers.
- Fabulous meals (River Menu – [www.hughesriver.com](http://www.hughesriver.com))
- All camping gear provided – no rental fees. Tents, freshly laundered sleeping bags & pillows, deluxe sleeping pads, waterproof duffels & day bags, camera boxes, chairs, dining tables.
- Hughes Crew does the camp set-up, take-down, cooking, cleanup. Full service trips.
- Safety First on all Hughes River Expeditions trips.







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**LEGEND:**

- Middle Fork of the Salmon
- Salmon River Canyon
- Wallowa-Grande Ronde
- Owyhee Canyonlands

W A S H I N G T O N

Sandpoint

Coeur d'Alene

Spokane

Moscow

Lewiston

Troy

Grangeville

White Bird

Minam

Riggins

Missoula

M O N T A N A

Salmon

Halfway

McCall

Baker City

Cambridge

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