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THE WATERLOG

EARN BIG-TIME RIVER KARMA! Flip less often! Get shuttles from bikini models! Stop losing your hair! Your boat will look better; your beer will be colder; the sun will shine every day you're on the river and it will rain every day you're off the river! All you have to do is...**SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE WATERLOG!** (Photos & cartoons too! It's just that easy) The Waterlog is published 11 times a year. (Monthly except December) Material for publication should reach the editor by the 25th of the month. An attempt will be made to place submissions received after the 25th. However, no guarantees are given. The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions for clarity and length. Articles and editorial comment do not necessarily reflect the view or opinions of WRRR, its Board of Directors, or its membership...They seem to think it's important that I print that last bit for some reason, go figure. Authors are solely responsible for the content of their articles.

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2012 WRRR Board Election Update

Washington Recreational River Runners,

New Electronic ballots for the Washington Recreational River Runners 2012 Board of Directors are being sent to you by the Election Committee. This was decided at a Special Board Meeting held November 30, 2011. Brian Vogt and David Elliott were appointed to the Election Committee. Revised Election Rules were also approved for the 2012 balloting to extend the balloting period among other issues.

I apologize in advance for any inconvenience that you may incur as a result of receiving a revised electronic ballot. The original paper ballots are still valid.

The issue resulted because the Board did not establish an Election Committee and Election Rules as required by the ByLaws. Now that an Election Committee and Election Rules are in place, the Election can continue.

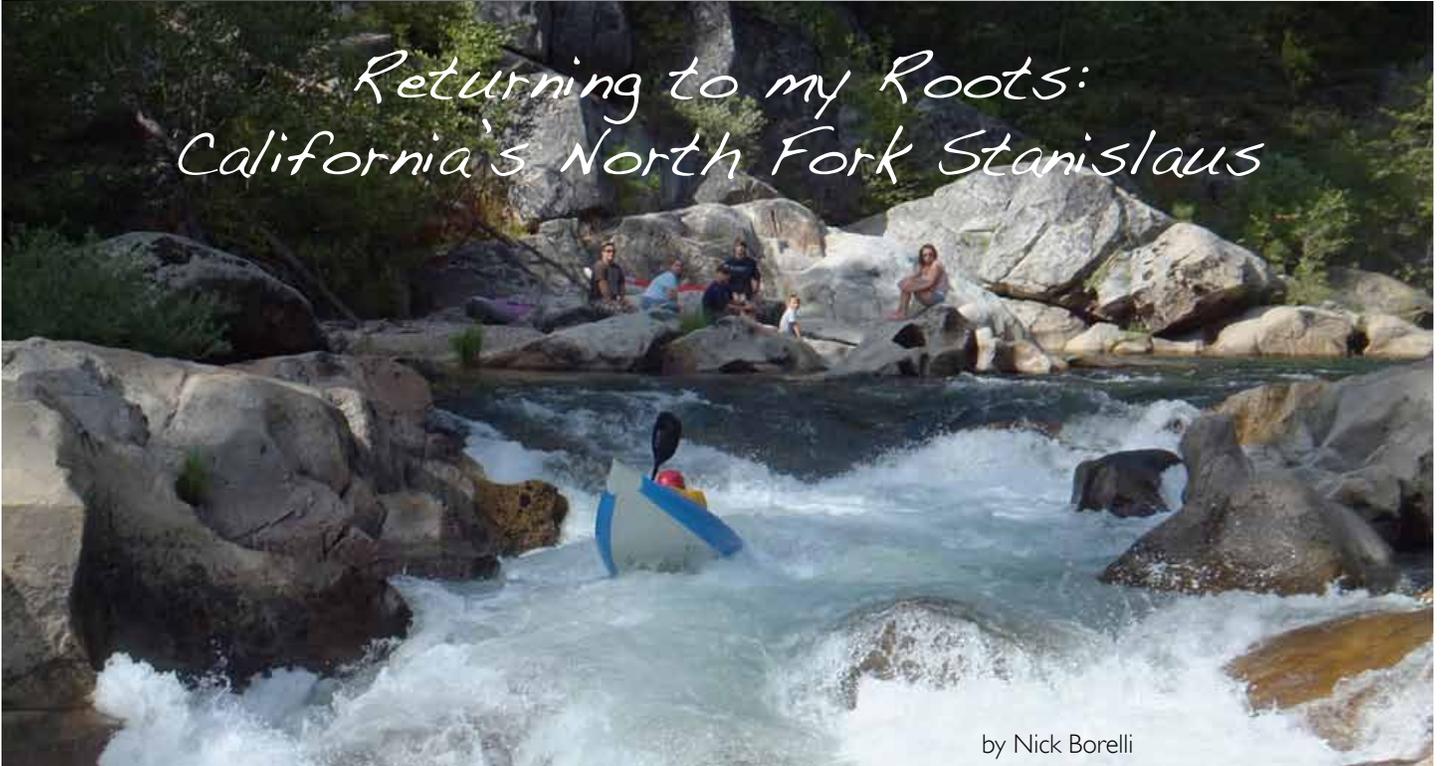
I do appreciate your atten-

tion to this matter and encourage everyone to vote for the WRRR 2012 Board of Directors. This election process is necessary so that the 2011 Board of Directors can properly hand over the duties to the 2012 Board of Directors

Mark Burns

President, Washington Recreational River Runners, 2011

Returning to my Roots: California's North Fork Stanislaus



by Nick Borelli

I grew up whitewater boating in California. The early years were centered around paddle rafting where I both loved to paddle in the front or guiding from the back. All the popular rivers in the Sierras I hit during snowmelt and then when the dry summers came, I'd be slumming it down the "1-5" of boating, the South Fork American or if lucky a trip a year on the dam controlled Tuolumne. At one point or another I jumped in an IK to try it on one of those runs, thought it was fun, but at my skill level then and usually heady flows, the swim factor kept it at a novelty level only. But then I heard about the NF Stan. It too was dam controlled and had an all summer flow, but only at flows an IK could navigate. It looked great and had Class IV rapids. In a drought year, I decided to paddle it and over the next 2 months got on it at least 4 times...it was awesome! It was my introduction to low water creek boating. Ledge, holes, tight constricted rock gardens, stuff I could never get my 14' raft down and it was big fun. The river changed my boating perspectives and over a year's time I was in an IK nearly full time.

Fast forward almost 2 decades. I left Cali in 1994, and found Washington to rock for IKs, complete with insane boaters who boat all year long! This summer I was laid up with a hip surgery and off the water

since May. I was waiting eagerly for early September when my surgeon cleared me to get back in my boat. So I treated myself to a nostalgic trip down to run the NF Stan again. Lots had changed since my last trip. An epic flood in the late 90s rearranged the Class V rapid at the put-in to V+. The rapids below it, both Class IV, also picked up some difficulty. I was a bit older and now can set off airport metal detectors.

We put-in on an 80 degree, sun drenched day in mid-September. Put-in is 4000' in a lovely forest next to Big Trees State Park, and the river is bathed in fine Sierra Granite! We had 8 IKs this day, including 2 guys over 65. This graying pack of ducky captains may have been the oldest band of IKers to ever hit this river; I was thinking at the time.

Beginner's Luck kicks off the trip and there is a constant pulse of good rapids for the first mile. A couple of portages due to a blowout and some wood were at river level and easy. The next 2 miles are mostly Class III and beautiful. You do see some cabins in there, but they fade away soon enough and the action returns. The Slot is a great rapid, although several folks portaged not having faith in their boof stroke as one of the holes did look sticky from the scout (I portaged it long ago). It was a first descent for me and glad to report it was a clean run.

After the slot, more memorable rapids remain. The Thing, a Class IV+ boulder garden with a waterspout rock always got me butterflies. I managed to clean it and avoid the boats and bodies strewn about in the eddy below.

A really cool Class IV (no name) is in a steep, blind short canyon downstream. I didn't remember it until I was on top of it and remembered the nasty hole half way down that typewriters you into the right wall, which is exactly what happened. We were all on our game in there and made it through with big grins.

Then the grand finale; the Sequoia sequence. 3 rapids in about 1/4 mile, in the State Park at the take-out bridge which always means a crowd to put even more pressure on your lines. Boat scouted #1 and it went great. #2, my new friends had a totally different line than I remember and after seeing it done, I realized it was the line for me. All that was left was #3, Lower Sequoia. It is a tricky drop as it has a midway diagonal hole that tends to flip boats. 2 of the IKs in front of me suffered this fate and gave the gawking carnage seekers something to cheer about. I managed a tube stand, but landed cleanly with the biggest grin of the day in the final pool. New beginnings on my new hip, on a run that changed my boating life years ago. It was a good day.



by David Elliott

In 1923, Eileen Dam was built on the Moyie River in Northern Idaho. This is a semicircular dam built in a narrow canyon. Below the dam is a small power house. When the dam was filled, the canyon wall on the left side began to crumble and the dam failed. A section of the dam next to the wall was shaved off to allow water to flow, and the dam was abandoned. Years later, another dam was built downstream.

In July, Lee and Cynthia (from Ferry County) and I were on a 10-day trip in Idaho and Montana. We ran the Priest River, the NF St. Joe, then headed over to Montana to run the Blackfoot and the St. Regis. We ran the SF Coeur D'Alene (aka, "Shit Creek") in Wallace, Idaho, and then headed back to the main St. Joe. Before heading back to Washington, Lee and I decided to go and run the Moyie.

The flow was low. We had been warned that it would be too low, but we decided to take a chance. We had sketchy directions, but we found our way to the takeout and then to the put-in. We ended up putting in from our campsite on the river. There appeared to be plenty of water for inflatable kayaks, and we had great weather.

The first few miles of the run were filled with class II+ and easy class III rapids. The gradient made for long, technical boulder gardens. A short afternoon thunder-

storm cooled us off and helped take the sun out of our eyes. At the bottom of one of the rapids, I looked ahead and saw the wall of the dam ahead. I had seen videos of this section, but it didn't compare to the sight in person. The dam loomed 50 feet high, made even more imposing by the narrow canyon we were entering. As I neared the dam, I realized that there was a class III rapid with a big rooster tail rock about 100 feet above the dam wall. A swim here would not be a good idea. After the rapid, the river takes a sharp left around the dam into a 12 foot wide channel. On the left of the wall, Skin Creek enters the river in a 30-foot waterfall. Normally, this waterfall would have been small, but the abundant snowpack meant that the creek was flowing high. The sound echoed against the dam wall.

Going around the broken dam wall, there is a small rapid. The drop isn't much, but the route the river takes results in a lot of whirlpools in different directions. There's also the imposing sight of the dam, now upstream, and the remains of the power house, complete with the pipes for taking the water from the dam. Below this there are more rapids in a narrow canyon before it opens up again.

Over the next couple of miles, the rapids go from class II+ to class III, getting more difficult with each drop. Finally, we

saw the entrance to Hole in the Wall. This is a steep class IV drop in a narrow canyon. At first glance, it looks like a straightforward ledge drop, but there is a lot going on. Above the main ledge, there are several holes. I decided to hit one of the big ones to help slow me down for the main drop. As I approached the drop, I could see a rock sticking, which forced me to move quickly to the right. When I got to the bottom, I was in a huge whirlpool surge against the right wall. I spun to avoid the wall and braced hard to stay upright. A couple of moments later, I got to watch Lee go over the drop. He had seen my line and went right earlier, so his run was much cleaner.

After we got a few photos of Hole in the Wall, we headed downstream. We had been expecting the lake to start right away, but there was still plenty of current and a few more small rapids. There was still some current when we saw the highway bridge and then the dam. It was a short and easy paddle on the lake. After the run, we headed back to the campsite where we had started, and spent the night next to the river.

So what's runnin'?

December boating: the cold hasn't set in yet, but the rain means rivers are back! Here are a few holiday boating ideas.

Green Headworks II+

Full of surf, riffles, scenery, and even a friendly ledge, there aren't many beginner runs as fun and varied as the Headworks of the Green. And in this early rainy season time of year when little is running, this run is almost always available.

NF Snoqualmie III

Simpson Timber is going to start charging \$75 per visitor, whether you walk, hike, or drive in. This run used to be *the* Seattle intermediate run before it was locked behind private gates, and it still offers great scenery and lots of splashy III fun. Check it out while you still can!

Miller River IV

The Miller doesn't get as much attention as some gnarlier Sky drainage staples, but it packs a quality class IV punch in just a few short miles. If you've already run everything else in the area, give this one a look and enjoy some high quality technical boulder gardens.

Wind River V

Short daylight hours and snow in the hills: it must be Wind Season! It may be a long haul, but the action is big and technical in a stacked canyon section of this Southwest Washington classic. Check out the PNW Whitewater group to find a local and have your flip lines ready!





President's Message

Thank You for having me as President of Washington Recreational River Runners these last three years, we have had a great time and we accomplished a lot of things. It is time for new people to support the club activities and functions as I am at the end of my term limit.

I wanted to recap some of WRRR's accomplishments over the last three years as the Board is very proud of what we have done. When WRRR members are told that things are not possible, it seems that our culture is one of stepping up to the challenge and making things happen.

WRRR established a strong relationship with the owners of Shangri La and have been allowed use of Shangri La facilities for the last couple of Green River Cleanups. In the opinion of many, this oasis really added to the recent success of the cleanup. I will continue to nurture that relationship for WRRR even as I step away from the Board of Directors.

WRRR recycled some HUGE pieces of debris out of the Green River Gorge including a pickup truck bed, a motor boat, various car parts, and much, much more. This was the big thing that the 2011 WRRR Board chose to accomplish at the suggestion of Brian Vogt. Countless club members put in time with prescouting trips, demolition trips, and the actual removal trips on the day of the 26th annual Green River Cleanup.

Brenan Filippini, VP River Operations, was a major motivator behind the salvage operation and donated time, equipment, truck fuel, and much more. Jim Johnson, son of WRRR's cofounders, showed that he had huge courage to put a pickup bed on a

catboat and row it down the Green River Gorge.

WRRR members voted in revisions to the ByLaws for the first time in it's history to clean up some obsolete terminology, update the By Laws to today's reality and to add a conduct clause. Jessica Dyson, VP Business, saw this need and turned it into a reality even when many thought it could not be done.

WRRR brought back the Program Director Position in 2010 to add value to the already fantastic value that WRRR members get.

The 2011 WRRR Program Director, Matt Holmes, brought in the first ever Tieton River Costume Float which was fun for all. People competed not only on their own costume but also on how they could decorate their float.

WRRR brought back the Spring Picnic and tied it in with flip practice at Lake Sammamish State Park so that WRRR members could have fun and also learn important skills. This was a combination of efforts between the 2011 Safety and Education Director, Lyles Larkin, and Board Member Jim Johnson.

The 2010 and 2011 WRRR Board brought about an awesome new camping area at Hollenbeck Park in Trout Lake, WA.

The 2010 and 2011 WRRR Board brought in the Safety Olympics as a new tradition at the Poker Run to the delight of many.

The 2011 Board is working with Shelly Becker to update the WRRR website and create something that can be adapted and

updated through the years by new Board Members.

The 2011 Board put Board of Directors Insurance in place to help protect the long term interests of the club.

The Membership Directors of 2010 and 2011, Jessica Dyson and Shaun Heublein, did work with databases to streamline information flow.

The WRRR newsletter, the Waterlog, went electronic which was something many WRRR members and Board members have been suggesting for many years. We now have greater capability for color pictures, embedded links, and much more.

A new Waterlog Editor, Brian Vogt, took over the helm from Joe Sauve who produced the newsletter for the previous decade. Many Thanks to Joe for his hard work, the Go Pro Camera awarded at retirement does not do enough to recognize Joe's hard work so everyone should hand Joe a beer whenever he shows up at a WRRR event.

Nancy Douty deserves recognition for her endless energy, her willingness to make anything happen, toting around and selling WRRR T Shirts, Fleece, Hats, etc. for the last several years and for serving on the Board year after year after year. Nancy claims ignorance of computer programs but she stepped up to the plate and learned spreadsheets, online banking, etc. as VP Finance in 2011.

WRRR improved relationships with the Forest Service and is coordinating efforts with the Forest Service personnel in addition to commercial rafting companies to improve river access.

-- Mark Burns, 2011 WRRR President

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Stein River, BC Trip Report
<http://bit.ly/u0OD0o>

Canoe Freezes into Lake
<http://bit.ly/vEA70z>

'Tis the Season: SE Creeking is back in!
<http://bit.ly/tIORM7>

John Turk, Eric Boomer Candidates for Adv. of the Year
<http://on.natgeo.com/ruMePX>

Recap of First Circumnavigation of Ellesmere Island
<http://bit.ly/vqclU4>

Bosnia's Rakitnica Canyon
<http://bit.ly/rYIbVw>

Video of the Rakitnica Canyon
<http://bit.ly/sXGWhl>

Cliff Mass Discusses Myths of NW Floods
<http://bit.ly/tmLfZv>

2012 AW Calendar: Featuring the Green River Gorge!
<http://bit.ly/ueVqyS>

AW: White Salmon Access @ NW Lake Closed
<http://bit.ly/uk51tL>

AW: Hydro Permit on Idaho's Little Potlatch Withdrawn
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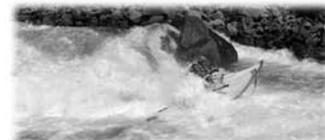
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Board Meeting Minutes September 2011

Call to order Wednesday, September 14, 2011 Washington Recreation River Runners Board Meeting at Big E Ales in Lynwood. Board Members in attendance: Mark Burns, Jessica Dyson, Nancy Douth, Shaun Heublein, Jim Johnson, Lyles Larkin, Brenan Filippini. General Members in attendance: Chris Herman, David Hablewitz, Ken Gersten, Mike Savory, Troy Anderson

- 1) Reviewed June and July Meeting Minutes
 - a. August approved as printed
- 2) Skipped reviewing August action items
- 3) Guest Speaker: Phil Kincare from Parks
 - a. Upper horseshoe bend on N. Fork Nooksack improved put in
 - b. Working on parking lot improvement for Sauk at Bedall camp ground before first snow fall of this year it should be done
 - c. Improvement of cable drop access on S. Fork Sky still pending EIS approval. Plan is for straight line down back with cedar railing. Expecting to need WRRR volunteer work party some weekend in October
- 4) Old Business Updates
 - a. Board of Directors Insurance
 - i. Nancy send check to pay for Board insurance for \$700
 - b. By Laws Update
 - i. The voting results of members at the Skagit: nearly unanimously approved (only one vote opposed)
 - c. Nomination committee -Lyles
 - i. List of nominations due October 1st
 - 1) Shaun willing to serve in 2012, Jessica will be in Asia so can't serve, Nancy willing to serve, Mark can't run due to term limits, Ken can't serve due to his work on another board.
 - d. Gear Swap and Repair workshop
 - i. WRRR can pay for pizza for all who show (no beverages)
 - ii. Mark contacted Sheflo who said we could use his facility
 - iii. Mark told us that Sheflo would do a lesson on repairs
 - iv. A few board members thought the original vision of the event was more hands on gear repairs (small group breakouts)
 - 1) In order to facilitate hands on we would need to know who was attending and what the types of gear repair they were interested in
 - 2) Jessica offered to put together an RSVP letter that we could email, or snail mail and send to Lyles
 - v. Mark delegated the event to Lyles
- 5) New Business
 - a. Tieton Special Use Permit
 - i. Brenan was told that WRRR needs a special use permit because we are an organized group
 - ii. No action needed this year but next year we need to get a permit
 - 1) There are a number of different types of permits we might qualify for including potentially the "special recreation permit" for groups less than 75 people with no money changing hands \$100
 - iii. Board approved motion to pursue Tieton permit for 2012
- 6) Committee Reports
 - a. Business
 - i. By Laws passed by nearly unanimous votes by members at the Skagit event (only one vote opposed the revisions)
 - ii. Shelly busy in September and said she could start project to redesign WRRR website in October
 - iii. Mark asked Jessica about tax exempt filing -Jessica reminded him that the result of the August meeting was that Mark was going to connect with a tax professional he knew. It was stated in the August meeting and approved minutes that "None of the Board members have the capacity or expertise to complete this task -it is beyond our capacity to do ourselves" and that we should get professional assistance pro bono or paid if necessary. Jessica reinforced that this task is owned Mark to see through to resolution.
 - b. Finance
 - i. Nancy bought checks
 - ii. Bought 5 wind resistant fleece jackets
 - iii. Nancy suggested Brenan use the WRRR credit card to reserve campgrounds because it needs to be used to keep our free checking account
 - c. River Ops
 - i. Skagit recap
 - 1) Brenan needs to send Brian announcement of Skagit Safety Olympics winners
 - 2) New poker hand tracking system was a big success members loved it. Must do again next year
 - ii. Tieton
 - 1) Brenan has toilet paper supply for port-a-poty
 - 2) Brenan to contact OWA letting them know of Blue Sky sharing camping turnaround area
 - 3) Brenan will be off duty as of Saturday 10PM on Tieton
 - iii. Reserving Next Year camps
 - 1) Wenatchee reserved
 - 2) Skagit not reserved
 - 3) White Salmon date not set -Randy Rogers to decide data. Would recommend Hollenbeck Park if possible as camp location
 - 4) Green Clean scheduled but no camp reserved
 - d. Safety & Education
 - i. One day safety course by Casey Labor Day weekend
 - 1) 12-14 people attended (2 new members joined)
 - 2) Lyles suggested altering between CPR/First Aid free course and River Safety every other year
 - ii. Mark mentioned that the City of Kent is offering grant money to teach kids about river safety and he said he would post message to WRRR Yahoo Group
 - e. Membership
 - i. Membership Roster
 - 1) Email sent to members giving them an opportunity to renew before rosters are printed also reminded

Board Meeting Minutes Continued:

- people to verify their contact info
- 2) Roster ready to be sent at end of September
- f. Communications -No updates
- g. River Access -Board member at large not in attendance
- h. Programs -Board member at large not in attendance
- 7) Around the Table
 - a. Troy would like to see another WRRR event -potentially Elway. Response was that current Board maxed out with existing work load but if Troy wants to volunteer to coordinate/Lead that would be great
 - b. Phil offered to do an article for the Waterlog
- c. Mark mentioned that someone he knows offered to let WRRR set up a tent at Google to promote the club
- i. Feedback was that WRRR is a whitewater recreation club for whitewater enthusiasts and Google employees while very cool aren't going to necessarily be river runners. The club doesn't exist to raise funds, we need to keep our focus and efforts on the river running community.
- 8) October Board Meeting Location
 - a. Bogarts on Airport Way in Seattle

DAY/DATE	RIVER/DESCRIPTION	CLASS	CONTACT
Jan 1st	New Year's Hangover Float on the Cedar	II-III	Nancy Douty
May 5th	GREEN RIVER CLEANUP	III-IV	WRRR Board pinkofilippini@yahoo.com
May 29th - Jun 2nd	WENATCHEE RENDEZVOUS	III+	WRRR Board pinkofilippini@yahoo.com
July 20th - 22nd	WHITE SALMON	III	WRRR Board pinkofilippini@yahoo.com
Aug 9th-12th	SKAGIT POKER RUN. Safety Olympics / Potluck / Prizes Saturday Group Camp reserved Thurs night thru Sun Noon	II-III	WRRR Board pinkofilippini@yahoo.com
Aug 20th-21st	THOMPSON RIVER, BC Come see the big water and bigger canyons of British Columbia	III-IV	Shaun Heublein wrmembership@live.com
Sept 8th - 9th	WRRR TIETON WEEKEND	III	WRRR Board pinkofilippini@yahoo.com
Sept 15th - 16th	WRRR / OWA WEEKEND Potluck Saturday night	III	WRRR/OWA Board pinkofilippini@yahoo.com
Sep 23rd-27th	ROGUE RIVER Pending Permits, Semi Wilderness	III-IV (V)	Brenan Filippini pinkofilippini@yahoo.com



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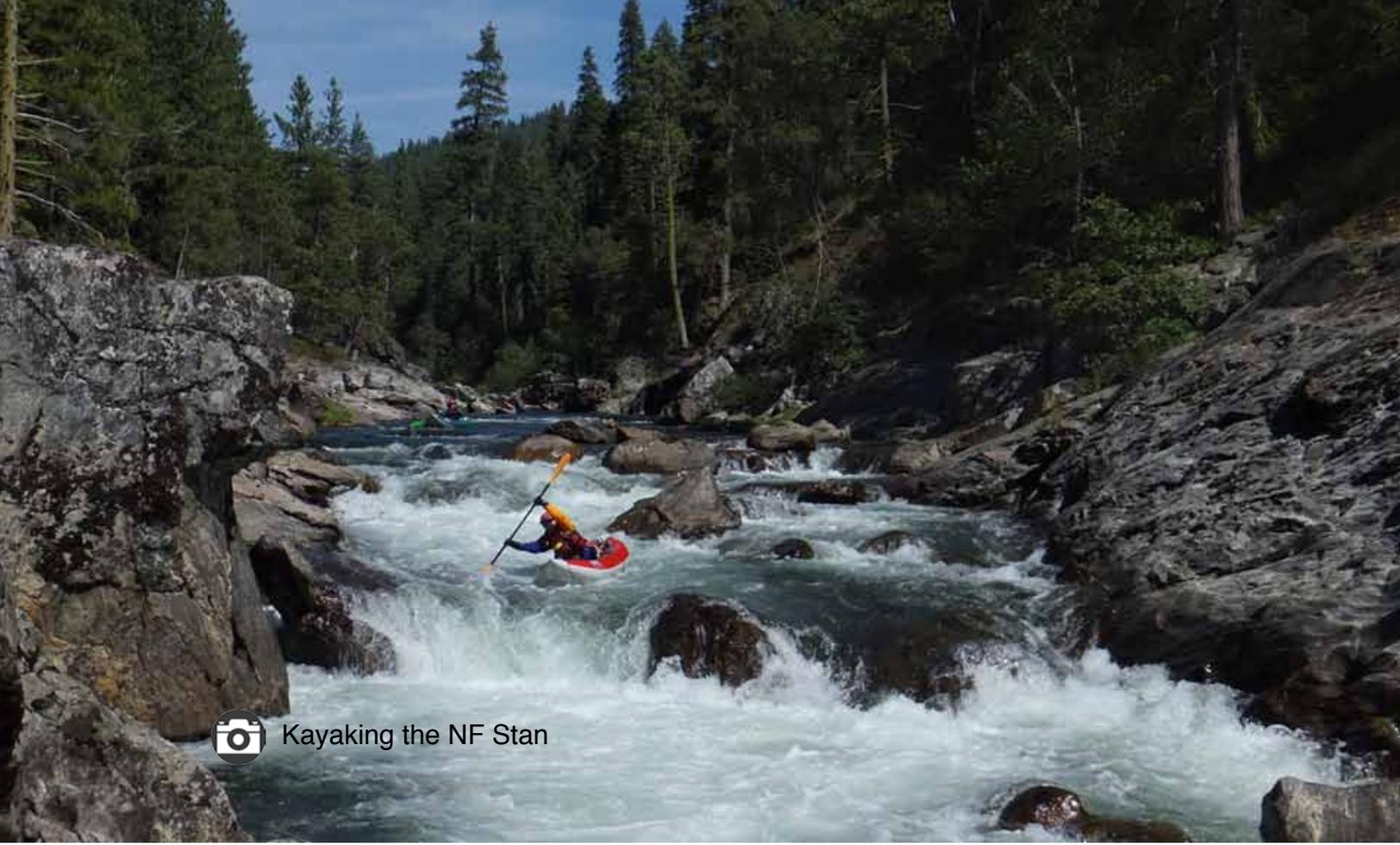
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