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Good times and good flows at Lochsa Falls. Photo David Chatham

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Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM (except December).

Please visit <http://www.wrrr.org/> for meeting locations.

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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Carey Berger Memorial Skagit Poker Run August 15-18 2013

A poker game played with skill, you draw cards at river stations while you float the Skagit River at Newhalem and you can win prizes. Not to be missed, the WRRR Poker run is one of the club's most popular events. The Skagit River is one of the few rivers still running late in the summer; the run is rated easy class 2-3 at most levels. Other activities include camping and a potluck dinner in the North Cascades National Park. Bring the family. There are usually groups running the river on Friday and Sunday also. Contact any board member for more information or check out the YahooGroup (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wrrr>) & Facebook

TRIP LEADERS: Contact Lyles Larkin, VP of River Ops at 425-894-5465 or ik4fun@comcast.net or any other board member for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Anyone interested in helping with this event by running a river station please contact any board member.

POKER RUN DETAILS: Poker Run registration is from 9:30 AM to 11:30 on Saturday at the boat launch in Goodell Creek Campground. The station dealers launch about 10-10:30, don't launch before them or you will miss your next cards. Last boats launch BEFORE noon. A "sweep" boat will launch at noon and card stations shut down after the sweep boat arrives at them. Don't get behind the sweep boat or you may lose out on cards and play with a short hand! Cost is \$5 per poker hand; you may buy/play as many hands as you want. To play this game of skill you get your first card at the put-in and your next 4 cards are drawn at river "dealers" that you must eddy out for. If you miss the station you have to play a card short. Boaters with class 2-3 ability should have no problem. We will compare poker hands after dinner about 7 PM at the group camp; you will want to be there when we start because top prizes go first to the highest hand present. Pick the cash prize or river gear then subsequent highest hands choose prizes. There is a prize for the lowest hand also.

CAMPING: Free camping for members from Thursday noon to Sunday noon at the Lower Goodell Group Camp. We have both upper and lower loops. There are individual sites in the lower loop and a big open space for lots of rigs in the upper loop. The

camp is on the north side of Hwy 20 along the west side of Goodell Creek. To find the camp look for an unmarked dirt road under the power lines on the north side (left as you head east) of Hwy 20 just after you pass the main campground, about 1 mile west of Newhalem. The dirt road is just west of the bridge where the highway crosses Goodell Creek. A donation of \$20.00 per family is suggested for Non-members to camp in the group site.

The park service requests we secure food/coolers inside vehicles when camp is unattended due to wild animals. All food must be stored in sealed containers until use, violators subject to fine.

NOISE: Quiet hours for the upper loop are 10PM-8AM. There are no quiet hours for the lower loop. Pick your camp site accordingly.

FOOD: Potluck dinner on Saturday at the group camp about 6:30 PM. Bring your favorite side dish, main dish or dessert, and a beer for the Waterlog editor. WRRR will provide plates, forks, etc.

2013 Tieton Rally

Friday-Sunday • September 13-15, 2013

Camp with WRRR members, friends and family on the sunny Tieton River. The Tieton is a class III+ run with continuous gradient, lots of fun rapids, few eddies, and a runnable dam. It is a favorite end of summer run for many boaters. The combination of great camping and fun whitewater is not to be missed, and since boaters flock to the Tieton from all directions, it's a great place to catch up with old friends.

Annual WRRR-Oregon Tieton Weekend and Potluck

Friday-Sunday • September 20-22, 2013



President's Message

Hi, everyone! It's been a fantastic year for WRRR so far.

We started the year with a great turnout for the New Year's Day float, followed by a great trip on the Tilton. We hope that the Tilton Trek will become a popular annual event. In April, we held a Flip Practice event on Lake Sammamish. Lots of people got a chance to learn how to reflip their rafts, cats, and IKs, and we had a nice BBQ afterwards. The Green River Cleanup was a great success, and following that we had our Safety Class and the Lochsa Pilgrimage. We rounded out the first half of the year with a great weekend at the Bob Johnson Memorial Wenatchee Rendezvous.

If you didn't get a chance to attend any of these events, don't despair. We still have lots of fun still to come this summer. The White Salmon trip is coming up in July, the Skagit Poker Run is in August, the Tieton will be running all of September, and there will be other events and surprises as well. Also, during the summer there is almost always a trip going on somewhere. The Sky, Sauk, Suiattle, and even the Snoqualmie still have water, and there's always a chance

of a big summer storm to bring summer fun (pray for rain - but wish for sun, too).

If you haven't checked out the WRRR web site at <http://wrrr.org>, I encourage you to do so. If you have suggestions for improvements to the web site, feel free to let us know (but don't be surprised if we ask you to help out - it's easy to tell us to add stuff to the site, but we may need help to get that stuff).

Finally, I want to mention the WRRR Board of Directors and the future of WRRR. Simply put: We need to find people who are going to be the new officers for the club in the coming year. We can't keep recycling people forever - some of our board members have been on the board 7 years or more, and we need to train the people who will take over these jobs. There are a lot of excuses as to why people can't do this, but there are so many good reasons to help run the club. Over the next couple of months, I'll be talking more about this.

Have a great summer! See you on the river!

-David Elliott

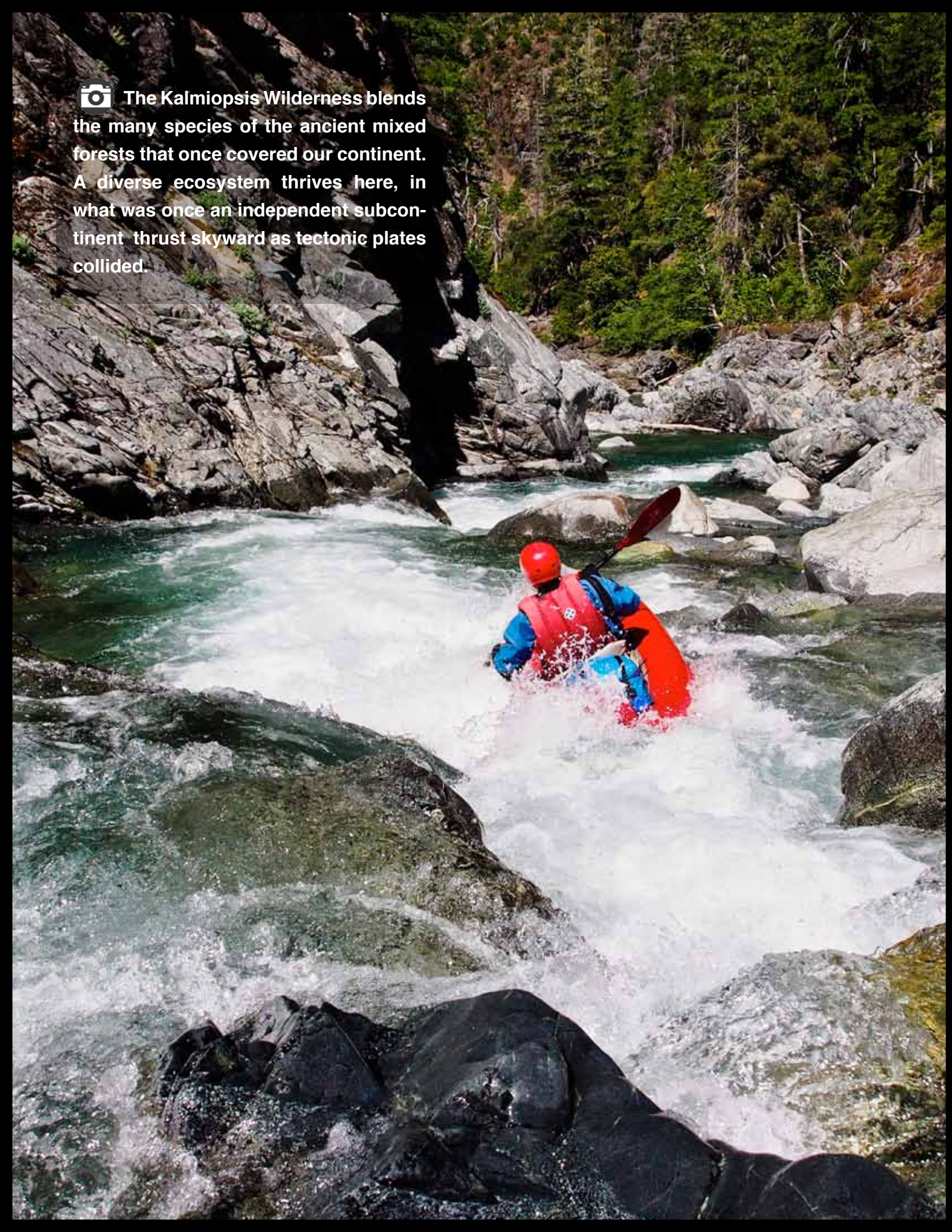



The Magic Gorge of the Chetco is a paradise after the nine mile hike through Biscuit Fire carnage. The Chetco carves a path east-to-west through the heart of the Kalmiopsis.



Shaun dropping into the Upper Chetco Gorge. This 3 mile canyon drops over 340 feet through ledges, boulder gardens, and bedrock rapids.

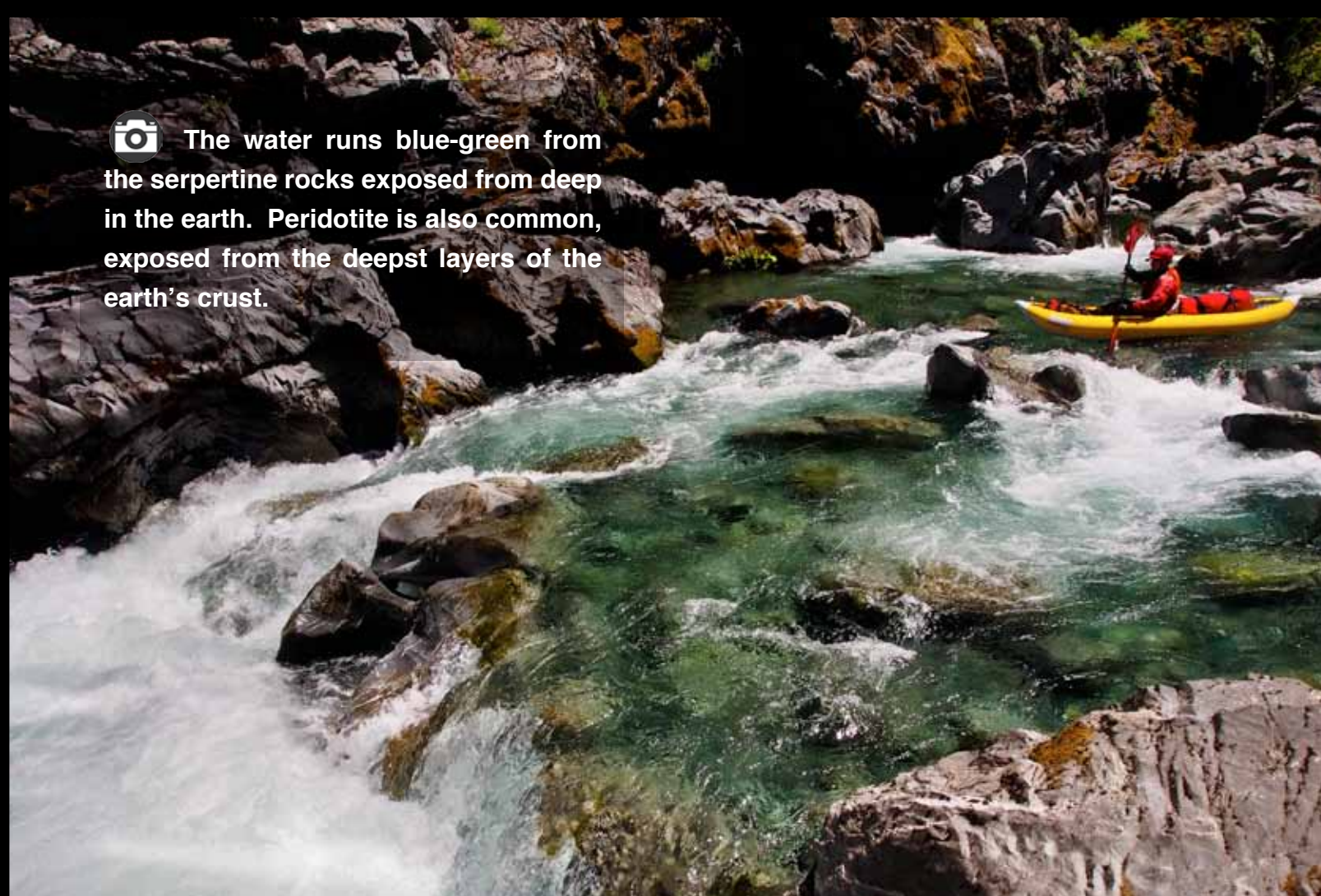




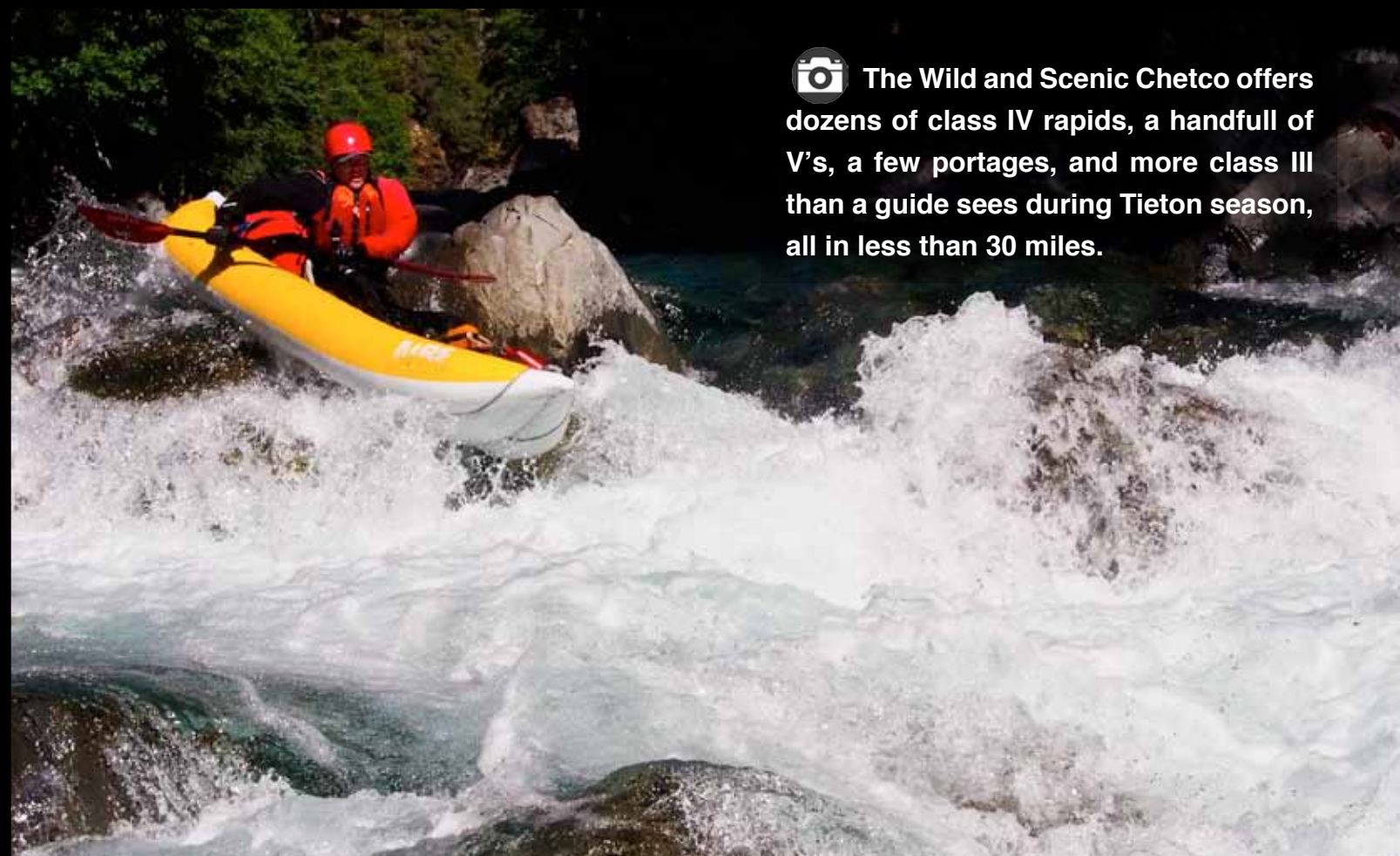
 The Kalmiopsis Wilderness blends the many species of the ancient mixed forests that once covered our continent. A diverse ecosystem thrives here, in what was once an independent subcontinent thrust skyward as tectonic plates collided.



The water runs blue-green from the serpentine rocks exposed from deep in the earth. Peridotite is also common, exposed from the deepest layers of the earth's crust.



The Wild and Scenic Chetco offers dozens of class IV rapids, a handful of V's, a few portages, and more class III than a guide sees during Tieton season, all in less than 30 miles.

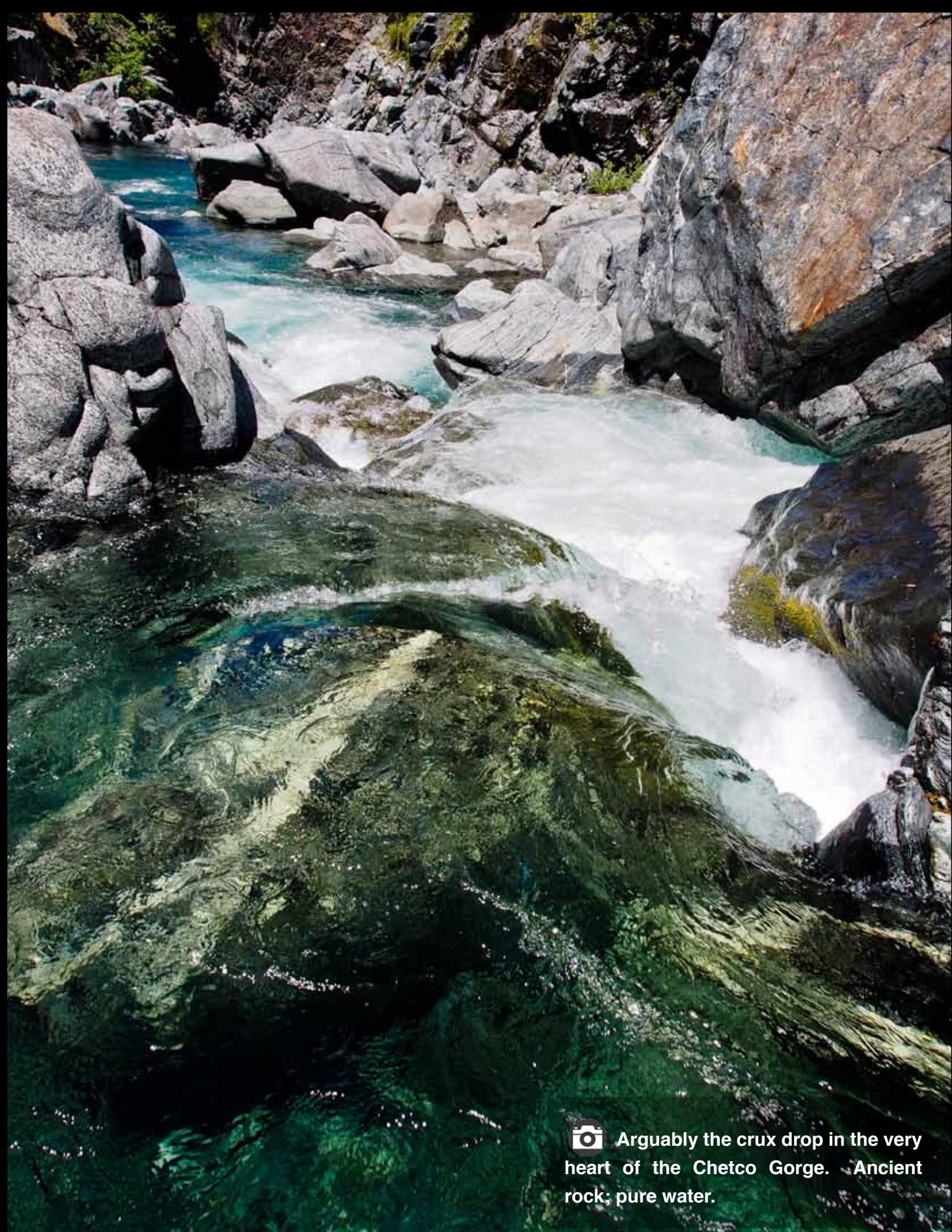




Nick negotiates one of the steepest sections of the spectacular Upper Gorge



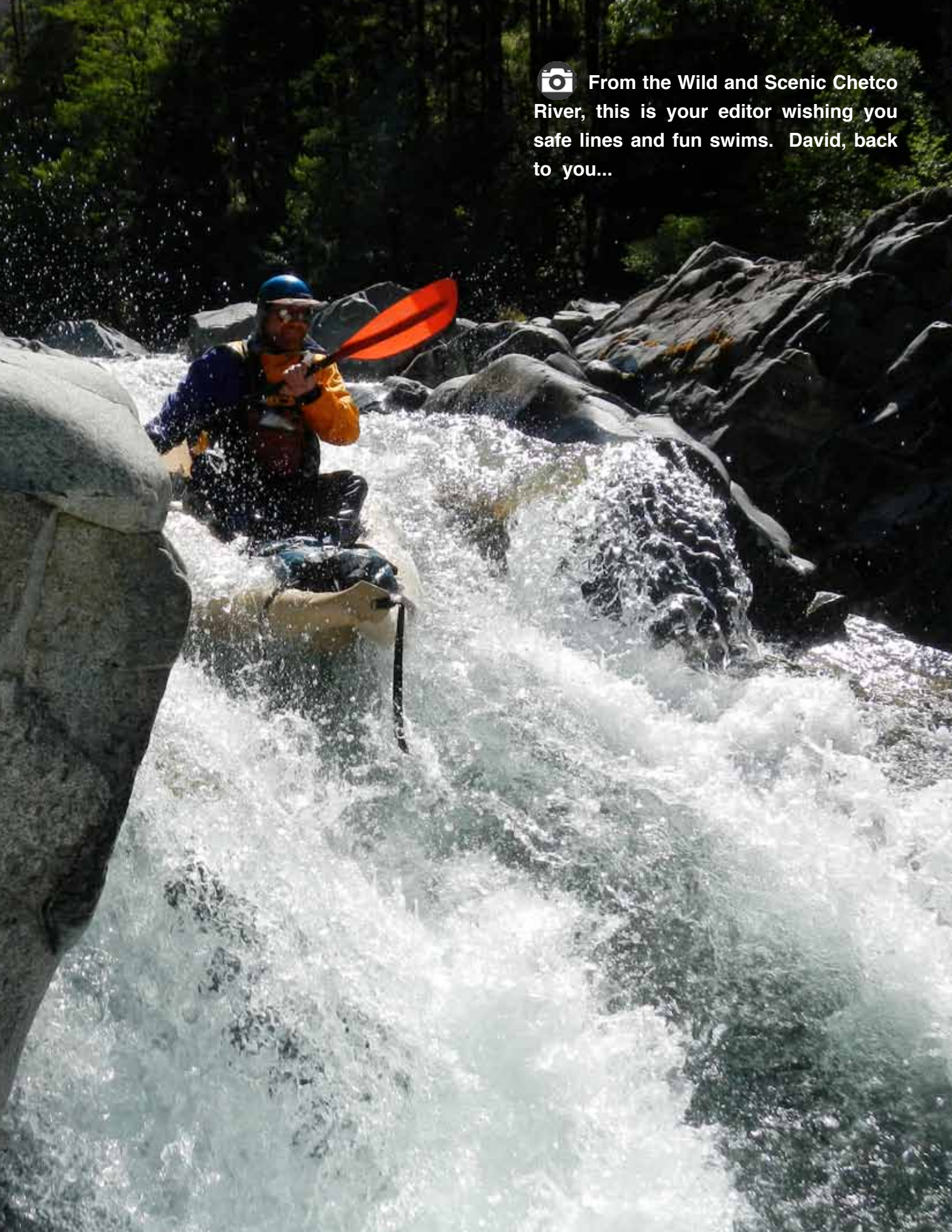
He who loses boat in wilderness must meditate on rescue.



Arguably the crux drop in the very heart of the Chetco Gorge. Ancient rock; pure water.



From the Wild and Scenic Chetco River, this is your editor wishing you safe lines and fun swims. David, back to you...





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July 20th	WHITE SALMON RETREAT	III+	Lyles Larkin ik4fun@comcast.net
August 17th	CAREY BERGER MEMORIAL POKER RUN Skagit River	II+	Lyles Larkin ik4fun@comcast.net
September 14th	WRRR TIETON RALLY	III+	Lyles Larkin ik4fun@comcast.net

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