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## ***Owyhee & Bruneau / Jarbidge River Notes***

### **YOUR FIRST DESTINATION -**

**For Lower and Middle Owyhee River Trips** your ROW team leader will meet you the evening before your trip either at the Boise airport at 5:00 PM Mountain Time (if you fly) or at **7:30 PM Mountain Time** at Jim's Shell Motel in Jordan Valley, Idaho (if you drive)<sup>1</sup>.

At the motel in Jordan Valley we'll have a brief meeting to answer your questions and give you your waterproof bags to pack. This is an important meeting, so please be on time. Early the next morning (usually about 7:30 AM) we leave in our van for the 30 minute drive to our put-in at Rome for Lower Owyhee trips, or for a one-hour drive to Three Forks for Middle Owyhee trips. At the end of the trips we'll drop off those who have cars in Jordan Valley, at the motel around 4 PM. You may want to spend the night, or begin driving home. Then, those who met us in Boise will continue in our bus, arriving at the Red Lion Inn Boise Downtowner by about 6 PM or later.

**For Upper Owyhee** trips we meet everyone in Boise at **7:30 PM Mountain Time**, the evening before the trip at the Red Lion Inn Boise Downtowner. The next morning we depart from Boise for our 5-hour drive to the put-in. At the end of the trip we return to Boise by 6 PM or later.

*For all Owyhee river trips, if you fly to Boise it's best not to plan to fly home that night as we don't know our exact arrival time (muddy roads can slow down our take-out) and you'll be ready for rest and a hot shower.*

**For the Bruneau or Jarbidge/Bruneau** we meet everyone in Boise at **7:30 PM Mountain Time**, the evening before the trip at the Red Lion Inn Boise Downtowner. The next morning we depart from Boise for our 4-5 hour drive to the put-in (3 hours if going to the Jarbidge). On the last day, we take out at a paved road and we'll usually be back in Boise by 3-4 PM, so it is possible to fly home that same day if you want.

**TRAVEL DIRECTIONS** - If you are flying, fly roundtrip to Boise, Idaho which is served by a number of airlines.

**For Lower and Middle Owyhee trips**, be sure you arrive in Boise no later than 4:45 the day before the trip for our 5 PM airport pick up. If you are driving, then drive to Jordan Valley where you can leave your car at the motel parking lot during the course of the trip. Some travel distances and directions: From the San Francisco area head to Reno and Winnemucca and turn north on Highway 95. Allow 10 hours. From Portland and Seattle first go to Bend, Oregon, then east on Hwy 20 to Burns. Then Hwy 78 for 90 miles to Rome, turn north on Hwy 95 for 46 miles to Jordan Valley.

## MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Middle and Lower Owyhee Trips** - For the night **before** your trip, we suggest you stay at Jim's Shell Motel in Jordan Valley<sup>1</sup>, Oregon. To make reservations just call them at 541-586-9244. Doubles are about \$64 plus tax. If they are full or you are interested in a Bed and Breakfast you can call the Basque Inn at 541-586-2800.

**For the night after the trip** if you are driving, you may want to start your drive home, or stay in Jordan Valley again. For those that fly to Boise, we'll take you back to Boise this evening and suggest you stay at the Red Lion Boise Downtowner, phone number 208-344-7691. Be sure to ask for the ROW Adventures rate.

**Upper Owyhee or Jarbidge/Bruneau trips** - For the night before and the night after the trip, stay at the Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtowner phone 208-344-7691. Be sure to ask for the ROW Adventures rate. They offer free airport pickup and are about 10 minutes from the airport. (Just call them using your cell phone as they do not have a courtesy phone in the airport.) You can also store extra luggage there during the trip or leave your car in their parking lot.

Don't be surprised if the people at the front desk don't know anything about ROW, although our corporate rate is coded in their computer system. Their staff turns over regularly and we are very small part of their total business.

**EXTRA LUGGAGE:** If you have luggage that you won't be needing on the trip you can leave it at any of the motels or in your car.

**FISHING LICENSES:** For the Middle and Lower Owyhee you'll need Oregon Fishing licenses which you can purchase at the convenience store in Jordan Valley. On the Bruneau and Upper Owyhee you'll need an Idaho license which you can get in Boise. Fishing is for bass and channel catfish and is best done with spinning gear.

**SUGGESTED READING:** There is not a lot of history written about the Owyhee area, but some suggestions are: Owyhee Trails, by John Hanley. It is a fun read and available through the ROW office or try your library. The Weiser Indians, by Hank Corless, University of Utah Press, available for purchase at ROW, \$18. Roadside Geology of Oregon, Mountain Press Publishing. The Range, by Sherm Ewing, Mountain Press Publishing. Any books about the Shoshone or Bannock Indians would also be applicable.

**LAST MINUTE PHONE NUMBERS:** If you need to reach ROW at the last minute, try our office first at 208-765-0841 or 1-800-451-6034. If these don't work our warehouse number is 509-758-5585. Leaving a message for the ROW guide at the hotel is also a good idea if you're going to be late.

**GRATUITIES:** Here are some helpful guidelines on tipping. Your guide is a paid professional. Tips are appropriate and accepted only if we exceeded your expectations. Whether you tip and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means. If you believe your guide deserves a tip, a suggested range is from 7-12% of your trip cost. If you had the time of your life, then the sky is the limit! We also appreciate your comments. We use your feedback to recognize extraordinary guest service and to discover areas where we can make improvements. Our goal is to exceed your expectations! (P.S. Let us know if you found these guidelines appropriate or helpful.) Tips can be given to the "ROW Team Leader", who will distribute equally among the crew.

<sup>1</sup> The Jordan Valley Rodeo is always held the third weekend in May and is a great spectacle that fills all the hotels. For trips that would meet on this weekend, we'll meet folks in Boise rather than Jordan Valley.