



# NORTHEAST OREGON FISHING OUTLOOK

By Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

**Effective September 1 through October 31, 2019;** the daily bag limit is one hatchery steelhead in the following areas: The Grande Ronde River upstream to Meadow Creek; The Imnaha River downstream of Big Sheep Creek; The Willowa River from the mouth upstream to Trout Creek; Big Sheep Creek downstream of Little Sheep Creek; The Wenaha River downstream of Crooked Creek.

**GRANDE RONDE RIVER:** trout, whitefish, bass, steelhead  
With cooler weather trout fishing has picked up on the Grande Ronde River. Biologists have received recent reports of success with large stonefly patterns. Steelhead season opened on Sept. 1 with a reduced daily bag limit of one hatchery steelhead. Poor returns of steelhead are forecasted for the Snake River Basin prompting managers to reduce bag limits to ensure hatchery production can be met. Managers will continue to evaluate the run and adjust bag limits as necessary. Remember that fall Chinook, bull trout, and toho will be present in the Grande Ronde throughout the fall. If you

encounter these species, they must be released immediately and unharmed.

**IMNAHA RIVER:** trout, whitefish, bass, steelhead  
Steelhead season opened on Sept. 1 with a reduced daily bag limit of one hatchery steelhead. Poor returns of steelhead are forecasted for the Snake River Basin prompting managers to reduce bag limits to ensure hatchery production can be met. Managers will continue to evaluate the run and adjust bag limits as necessary. Remember that fall Chinook and bull trout will be present in the Imnaha River throughout the fall. If you encounter these species, they must be released immediately and unharmed.

**WALLOWA COUNTY PONDS:** rainbow trout  
Wallowa County ponds on the forest and in the valley have been stocked this year and fishing should be good. Kinney Lake is fishing well for stocked and holdover trout up to 16-inches.

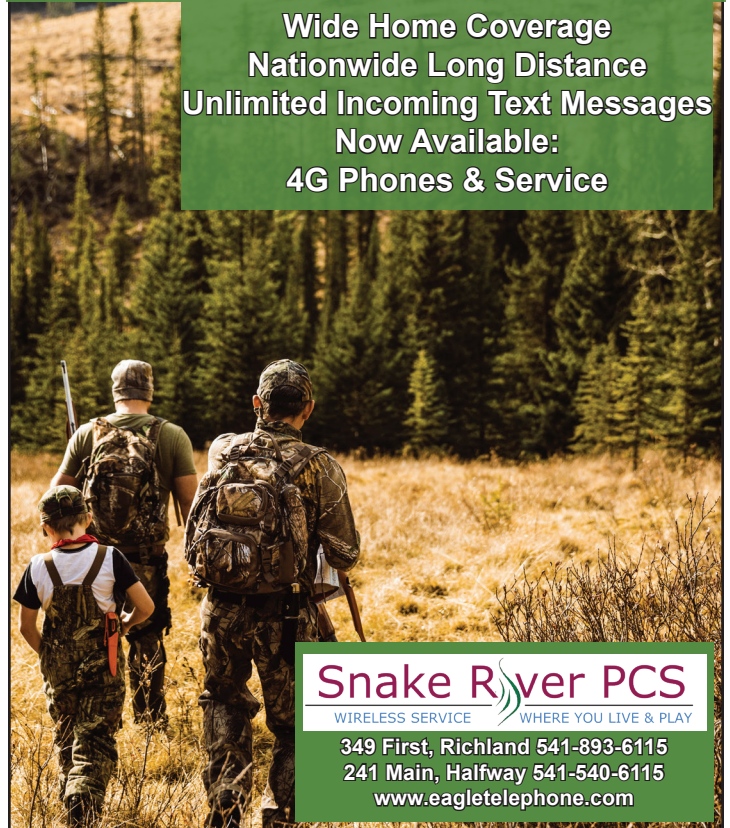
**WALLOWA RIVER:** steelhead, mountain whitefish, trout  
Trout fishing on the Wallowa River is currently good with fish

to 20-inches being reported. Dry flies during the last few hours of daylight have been effective. Steelhead season opened on Sept. 1 with a reduced daily bag limit of one hatchery steelhead. Poor returns of steelhead are forecasted for the Snake River Basin prompting managers to reduce bag limits to ensure hatchery production can be met. Managers will continue to evaluate the run and adjust bag limits as necessary. While steelhead season is open, it will be later in the fall when fish appear in catchable numbers. Remember that bull trout and coho will be present in the Willowa River throughout the fall. If you encounter these species, they must be released immediately and unharmed.

**WALLOWA LAKE:** rainbow trout, kokanee, lake trout  
The crowds have left Wallowa Lake, but trout and kokanee are still available to the determined angler. Expect natural baits to be successful as stocked trout have been in the lake long enough to key in on food items in the lake.

## Keeping You Connected.

Wide Home Coverage  
Nationwide Long Distance  
Unlimited Incoming Text Messages  
Now Available:  
4G Phones & Service



**Snake River PCS**  
WIRELESS SERVICE WHERE YOU LIVE & PLAY

349 First, Richland 541-893-6115  
241 Main, Halfway 541-540-6115  
www.eagletelephone.com

## A good neighbor has your back.



**Conklin Insurance Agency Inc**  
Nate E. Conklin, Agent  
1112 Adams Ave  
La Grande, OR 97850  
Bus: 541-963-0929

Life's a combination of good days and bad. I have your back for both. And who has my back? The company more people have trusted for 90 years. **CALL ME TODAY.**



1606040

State Farm  
Bloomington, IL



**A Hot Tub Can Turn Any Hunt Into a Relaxing HUNTcation**

- Seating Capacity - 6 Adults
- Dimensions - 7' x 7' x 36"
- Wireless Entertainment Ready
- Nice selection of jets
  - LED lighting
  - Salt Water ready

\*Financing Available

**Claudson's**  
Sew & Soak



1401 Adams • La Grande  
541-963-6402