



Reflecting on Water:  
*Celebrating 40 years of Wild and Scenic Rivers in Idaho*  
Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural & Education Center • Salmon, Idaho

- 8:00 - 9:00      **Coffee, registration, reception**
- 9:00              **Welcome, opening remarks**
- 9:30 - 10:45    **Panel: Economic Benefits of Wild Rivers**  
*How wild rivers can provide natural dividends to your community.*
- ◆ **John Barker** – Outfitter/businessman, Lewiston, Idaho
  - ◆ **Allison French Steen** – President, Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association
  - ◆ **Lowell Cerise** – Rancher, Salmon, Idaho
  - ◆ **Marty Smith** – River/fishing outfitter, Kooskia, Idaho
- 10:45 - 10:55    **Break**
- 11:00 - 12:00    **Panel: Designation Through Collaboration – The Owyhee Initiative**  
*Built through compromise, the landmark Owyhee Initiative legislation would give 316 miles of rivers federal protection as wild & scenic.*
- ◆ **Bill Sedivy** – Executive Director, Idaho Rivers United
  - ◆ **Fred Grant** – Attorney, Owyhee County, Idaho
  - ◆ **Grant Simonds** – Executive Director, Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association
- 12:10 - 1:00     **Lunch (on-site)**
- 1:00 - 2:00      **Keynote address: Dr. Roderick Frazier Nash**  
Professor Emeritus of History and Environmental Studies, UC Santa Barbara  
*Professor Nash is considered America's foremost wilderness historian. His numerous books include the classic Wilderness and the American Mind and The Big Drops: Ten Legendary Rapids of the American West. A former resident of Sun Valley, he believes Idaho and its rivers are the last, best part of the American frontier.*
- 2:00-2:10        **Break**

- 2:15-3:00**      **Wild Rivers, Wild Salmon and a Changing Climate**  
The importance of wild rivers for conserving biodiversity in a dynamic environment: Evidence from Central Idaho  
◆ **Russ Thurow** – Research Fisheries Biologist, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Boise Aquatic Sciences Lab, Boise, Idaho
- 3:00-3:10**      **Break**
- 3:15-4:15**      **Upstream/Downstream: Community Strategies for River Protection**  
*How Montana communities are protecting rivers, wetlands and sensitive riparian areas through local land use planning initiatives.*  
◆ **Janet Ellis** – Program Director, Montana Audubon, Helena, Montana
- 4:15-5:15**      **Panel: What does Wild and Scenic designation mean for communities?**  
*Tools and lessons to make development and wild and scenic river designation compatible.*  
◆ **Michael Whitfield** – The Land Trust Alliance, Heart of the Rockies Initiative
- 5:15**            **Closing Remarks**  
◆ **Kristin Troy** – Executive Director, Lemhi Regional Land Trust
- 5:30-7:00**      **Dinner hosted by Salmon Valley Stewardship**  
*Served al fresco on-site (weather permitting) with musical accompaniment.*
- 8:00 p.m.**      **Evening Program – Tim Palmer Rivers of America Slide Program**  
**Salmon Valley Center, 200 Main Street, Salmon, Idaho**  
*Tim Palmer is the award-winning author of 19 books about rivers, conservation and adventure travel and a renowned photographer of America’s natural landscapes. His slide program – Rivers of America – is a vivid personal journey about passion for rivers and their crucial importance to all of life.*