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Eben Ray President Willamette Valley Miners. Please make entry into public record. 4/16/2013

Senator in the 4/14/2013 hearing on SB401 and SB838 a river guide talked about the intrusive 25 dredges on the Rouge River and how dangerous they are. How loud they are. How the numbers have greatly increased.

Below are some of the adds and internet info.

120 commercial and noncommercial users per day on the wild section. Boating use?
Sections open to jet boats up to 104 mile trips. Jetboats on Hellgate section below Grants Pass.
Jerry's alone takes 34,000 people on the river.

Boating



 Rafting Mule Creek Canyon on the lower Rogue

Soggy Sneakers: A Paddler's Guide to Oregon's Rivers lists several [whitewater](#) runs of varying difficulty along the upper, middle, and lower Rogue River and its tributaries. The longest run, on the main stem of the river downstream of Grants Pass, is "one of the best-known whitewater runs in the United States".^[80] Popular among [kayakers](#) and [rafters](#), the 35-mile (56 km) run consists of [class 3+ rapids](#) separated by more gentle stretches and deep pools. Its entire length is classified Wild and Scenic.^[80]

The Wild section of the lower Rogue River runs for 33.8 miles (54.4 km) between Grave Creek and Watson Creek. To protect the river from overuse, a maximum of 120 commercial and noncommercial users a day are allowed to run this section. To enter it, boaters must obtain a special-use permit allocated through a random-selection process and pick it up at the Smullin Visitor Center, about 20 miles (32 km) west of [Interstate 5](#) on the Merlin-Galice Road, at the [Rand Ranger Station](#) downstream of Galice.^[120] Other sections of the river are open to jetboats. A Gold Beach company

offers commercial jetboat trips of up to 104 miles (167 km) round-trip on the lower Rogue River.^[63] Another company offers jetboat excursions on the Hellgate section of the river below Grants Pass.^[121]

Combined Horse power in an individual vessels is 1000+
A dredge is 5hp to 8hp combined 25 dredges is $8 \times 25 = 200\text{hp}$
Who makes the most noise?

Enjoy the Rogue River's premier whitewater jet boat tour!

Don't be left wondering what was around the next corner. The 104-Mile Wilderness Whitewater will travel into the 'Wild' section, an area only accessible by jet boating, rafting and hiking. We are the only commercial jet boat trip allowed to operate in this remote twelve mile section. The base of Blossom Bar Rapid marks the end of upstream travel and is not navigable by jet boat.

Our skilled pilots will entertain you with tall tales, rich history and help you relax as they navigate the swift currents, still waters, rugged canyons and spectacular whitewater. Keep your camera handy. Black bear, black tail deer, river otter, mink, bald eagle, osprey, and beaver all call the Rogue River canyon home.

Our commercial fleet consists of 15 U.S. Coast Guard Inspected vessels. Inspections occur annually prior to the beginning of each season. Vessels range in size from 32' to 42' long and are capable of introducing 38 to 65 passengers respectively to the Rogue River Canyon. Our vessels have been custom manufactured locally by Wayne Adams of Sea People Manufacturing. *(Wayne is a direct decedent of the Adams family pioneers whom homesteaded in the Rogue River Canyon and used the services of the early Mail Boats at the turn of the last century.)* Changes in hull design, layout and seating are constantly evolving to meet new safety, comfort and environmental concerns. Horsepower is derived from triple engine, gasoline powered installments using 6.0 L 366 c.i. and 8.1 L 496 c.i. Chevy Marine Engines. Combined horsepower in individual vessels is 1000+. Hydro-Jet technology allows shallow draft navigation and maneuverability through the Rogue River's shallow rocky environment. Fully loaded jet boats can travel through 8 inches of water. The hydro-jet pumps we use are Legend, Berkeley and Hamilton pumps. Boats can reach speeds of 50+ M.P.H but typically cruise at 35 M.P.H.. Each vessel is equipped with modern sound suppression to reduce river disturbance for all river users. Public address (P.A.) systems mounted internally in every row allow your jet boat pilot to narrate while traveling up stream. Jerry's Rogue Jets is capable of introducing 800+ passengers to the Rogue River Canyon in a single day. Annually 34,000 passengers enjoy a trip aboard Jerry's Rogue Jets, Oregon's only Mail Boat.

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