

# Participation Waiver and Release Agreement

## Please Read Carefully Before Signing: This Is a Release of Liability and Waiver of Certain Legal Rights

In consideration for my being permitted by the **Friends of the Owyhee (FOTO)** to participate in the various activities that take place in the backcountry and wilderness regions of Oregon, I agree to the following waiver and release: I acknowledge that backcountry and wilderness travel, activities and work projects have inherent risks, hazards and dangers that cannot be eliminated, particularly in a wilderness environment. **I understand that these risks, hazards and dangers include without limitation:**

1. Risks arising from any activities in areas where no outside services are available or provided; where rescue and advanced medical care and services are limited and will be slow, if available at all; where trail or road conditions vary, are not maintained or controlled and are unpredictable and changeable; where hazards may not be obvious or visible; where weather is changeable and unpredictable;
2. Risks involved in decision making and route finding in a wilderness environment; and
3. Such other risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to wilderness travel and any and all outdoor sports and activities that take place in a wilderness environment such as hiking, climbing, mountaineering, backpacking, working, trail construction and repair;

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I have read and understand the information provided by FOTO regarding the activities, work projects, and travel to and from the areas for such activities and projects and also acknowledge that FOTO staff has been available to more fully explain to me the risks, hazards and dangers of the subject activities and projects. I understand that participation in the travel, activities, and projects in a wilderness environment may require good physical conditioning and a degree of skill and knowledge different from other activities. I understand that I have responsibilities as a backcountry user. **I am voluntarily participating in the activities and projects of FOTO with full knowledge of the inherent risks, hazards and dangers involved and hereby assume and accept any and all risks of injury, paralysis or death.**

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Lastly, for myself, my heirs, successors and executors, I hereby **knowingly and intentionally waive and release, indemnify and hold harmless FOTO** from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, suits, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) and **Negligence** of any kind or nature, whether foreseen or unforeseen, arising directly or indirectly out of any damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death to me or my property as a result of my participation in the activities and projects of the FOTO, the use of its information services and traveling in a wilderness environment from **Negligence** of FOTO, its directors, officers, agents or employees, or from some other cause. I further agree not to sue FOTO as a result of any injury, paralysis or death that may occur while participating in its activities or projects.

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**Photo release:** FOTO frequently uses photos of, and by, volunteers in FOTO's Facebook page and promotional material

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**I have carefully read, clearly understand and voluntarily sign this participation, waiver and release agreement.**

### Emergency Contact Info

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_