

NEWS RELEASE



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DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: May 25, 2008 – 11:00AM

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NATURE OF STORY: Voluntary "Stay off the Water" Ban Lifted

LOCATION: McKenzie River Only

DETAILS: As of this date the Lane County Sheriff's Office has rescinded the request for recreationists to avoid using the McKenzie River. The voluntary ban is still in effect for the Willamette River. Updates will be provided as they are available.

Cooler temperatures, reduced flow rates, and less floating debris on the McKenzie River have improved conditions. Water temperatures continue to be in the mid 40's. While none of our rivers can be considered free of risk, the assessment is that the McKenzie can be reopened to recreationists. It is still highly recommended that persons take all precautions when in or near our rivers by wearing PDF's and practicing proper water safety and boating practices.

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