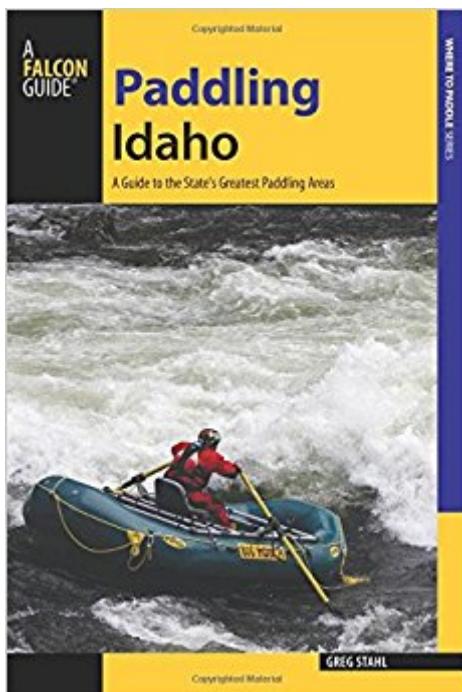


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# Paddling Idaho: A Guide To The State's Best Paddling Routes (Paddling Series)



## Synopsis

Idaho's rivers hold a wealth of riches for avid paddlers, floaters, and anglers. Paddling Idaho features the best river trips for the perfect paddle, whether it is a half-day or a full-day trip. History buffs will appreciate the sidebars detailing local information. Look inside to find: Full-color photos, GPS coordinates, Detailed river descriptions, Maps showing access points and river miles, Level of difficulty, optimal flows, rapids, and other hazards, Historical information, For more than twenty-five years, Falcon Guides® have set the standard for outdoor guidebooks. Written by top experts, each guide invites you to experience the adventure and beauty of the outdoors.

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Greg Stahl has been a writer, editor, and communications professional focusing on the politics, people, economy, and ecology of the Rocky Mountain West. The current assistant policy director at Boise-based conservation group Idaho Rivers United, Stahl works on in-stream water rights, and water-wise education efforts. He is an avid whitewater kayaker.

Wonderful book. Even if you are not paddling, the photos, the information and the maps provide a beautiful picture of Idaho.

An OK book for fairly broad and general information about runnable rivers in Idaho. If you want a

book with useful maps and accurate, detailed information about rapids, features, points of interest, this is not it. The most glaring oversight in this book is the listed flows (CFS). In this book, the listings are virtually useless for every type of river runner. But especially for rafters. If you're a rafter and want to know what the runnable flows are for any stretch, you will not find that information in this book. Example-- you're a rafter and want to know if you can run river "XYZ" at 1,000 CFS. This book gives zero indication as to whether or not that can be done. The author simply lists which type of craft are good for a particular run (ex, kayak, raft, canoe, SUP) and lists a very, very broad CFS range (ex 500-10,000). The low end of the range listed for just about every run in this book, by far, exceeds what is runnable in a raft. If you try taking a raft down many of the runs in this book at the lower third of the author's listed CFS, you will be dragging or portaging your boat a lot, if you can even get it down the river at all. Even for kayakers, the information in this book only tells you, very broadly, the flows at which it's possible to float down a stretch of river. It does not indicate which ones are ideal, fun, challenging or boring. Additionally, the listed craft are very subjective. Plenty of people paddle a lot of the runs in this book on SUPs, but in this book, they're not listed for these runs. The maps in this book are very, very broad. They only show where major put-ins, take-outs and a few developed campgrounds are. That is it. One map may cover an entire drainage with multiple runs, rather than a single run and details about that run. The maps do not show any rapids, topographical info or points of interest at all. Despite the size of this book, (270 pages), it is surprisingly light on content. Some descriptions are surprisingly brief and incomplete. There's a lot of blank space in this book (on many pages more than 50% of the page is blank). There's also a lot of photo-filler. Most of it pretty lackluster. And much of it is very poorly printed--either so over-exposed or so dark it's hard to understand why it's even in the book. Some of the classifications in this book are inaccurate. Ex-- the lower main Payette is listed as a class II run. However, Climax rapid on this run has the biggest wave and the toughest hole (unless you run Go Left the wrong way) on the entire main Payette and sends far, far more people swimming and flips more boats than any other rapid on the main. There are other runs in this book that are misclassified. This book almost seems like it was half-heartedly written. Anyone with some time and an internet connection can more thoroughly marshal information on all the rivers in this book and put together a much more detailed and accurate guide to Idaho whitewater. If you want a broad overview of runnable Idaho rivers that can be used solely for quick reference, this is a decent book. If you want anything more than that, you're going to have to look elsewhere. With a some time and effort, some additions and revisions, this book could be great. But this edition is not there.

I really like this book, it has great pictures and the descriptions are spot on. Like every kayak junkie you have multiple guide books to pour over but the older Idaho guide books are outdated so this is a good one to add to your collection. Living in McCall, I kayak many of the runs that are mentioned in the book, the descriptions are accurate and give a good gauge for a persons ability. For more detailed information regarding current river conditions and hazards it always makes sense to look online and on forums, but I love having a book in hand to geek out on when driving to a new river put in.

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