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Press Release
2012 USA Wildwater Nationals
Hoback and Snake Rivers, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
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Hosted by: Jackson Hole Kayak Club

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The USA Wildwater Board would like to extend warm congratulations to the paddling community of Jackson Hole, Wyoming for its winning bid to host the 2012 USA Wildwater Nationals. Jackson Hole offers world class whitewater runs, outstanding wildwater venues on the Hoback and Snake Rivers, first rate lodging in Jackson and Teton Village ski resort, and a Nationals level event put on by 2 proven event directors. The Jackson Hole Valley boasts a few of the United States top wildwater paddlers and USA Wildwater is excited about this new venue on the 2012 racing schedule.

Aaron Pruzan, race co-director describes the race venues; “Last year the massive Double Draw landslide swept into the Alpine Canyon stretch of the Snake and created an outstanding new rapid. Complete with large holes and waves, Double Draw Rapid offers several variations for racers seeking the fastest sprint line through powerful whitewater. The twisting 10K course on the Hoback is truly a classic. The continuous blend of constrictions, turns, waves and holes with very few flat sections make for challenging paddling requiring constant focus. The venues are 13 miles apart and are both designated Wild & Scenic Rivers.”

Information for Racers: Please note that this information may change as the need arises and at the discretion of race organizers. Check back at www.usawildwater.com for the latest updates. Likewise you can get on the organizers event mailing list and be notified as changes occur by e-mailing brentyc10@yahoo.com.

Travel Info: Jackson Hole has a regional airport with jet service, however those with kayaks traveling by air should consider flying into Salt Lake City which is 5 hours away

by car or Idaho Falls which is 1.5 hours away. Shipping boats to Denver via Old Dominion Freight Lines/[Jeremy Rodgers](#) for approx \$125 freight charge is also an option. He will transport boats to Jackson Hole. The race organization is also actively putting together a system of loaner boats with advance notice by emailing race co-director Aaron Pruzan.

Lodging Info: The sprint and classic courses will be held in the area of Hoback Junction approx. 10 miles south of Jackson. With a county wide population of 30,000, Jackson, Wyoming has a large selection of known hotel chains found by internet discount sites and condo style vacation rental properties best found on www.vrbo.com. Teton Village is the primary ski area and is on the northern extreme of the city of Jackson opposite the race area but home to beautiful views and lodging options. A family favorite, Teton National Park is also minutes away from Teton Village just north of Jackson with legendary wildlife, fly fishing, and recreational opportunities.

Race Format: As the races this year are in part to determine our national team champions, we will be following ICF and USAC/USA Wildwater guidelines. The races will take place over two days with the 10K classic race on a class 2-3 (IV) section taking place on **Saturday, May 25th**. The Sprint Competition will take place on **Friday, May 24th** and will consist of two runs of a < 400 m. course on a class 2-3+. More detailed information on this section of river can be obtained at www.jacksonholekayak.com.

Wyoming Whitewater Championships: In addition to Wildwater Nationals, all competitors are encouraged to participate in the Hoback Downriver Race on Friday evening, freestyle on Saturday afternoon and in the Class IV/V Greys River Boater Cross on Sunday morning. Several social gatherings for the entire paddling community are also in the works.

Registration will take place on Friday morning, May 24th or by emailing brentyc@yahoo.com. An event website is under construction. Entry cost inside of a 10 hour driving radius is \$50 and outside a 10 hour driving radius is \$35. A travel subsidy for outside of radius paddlers is being planned with details to be determined.

Boat Classes and Age Groups- The classes for glass and plastic wildwater style boats will be K-1 men's, K-1 women, C-1 men, and C-2 men. Age groups within each class will consist Juniors (14 to 18 yrs), Seniors 18 to 39, and Masters-40 and beyond.