



Aquatic Invasive Species | Smith River Permits

Get ready for your Smith River float.

Make sure everyone on your permit knows and follows these rules.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT CAMP BAKER:

Nonresident boats must be inspected at a watercraft inspection station prior to arrival at Camp Baker. You will receive a receipt as proof of inspection.

Nonresidents bringing watercraft into Montana must purchase an **AIS Vessel Prevention Pass** (\$10 for any non-motorized watercraft). The Pass is not transferable between vessels and expires Dec 31. Go to fwp.mt.gov, scroll down and click [Buy A License](#).

Resident boats must be inspected at a watercraft inspection station prior to arrival at Camp Baker if last used out-of-state.

THESE LAWS APPLY TO ALL MONTANA WATERS (not just the Smith River)

- **All boat owners** must remove all aquatic vegetation from watercraft, trailer and gear before leaving the boat ramp or associated parking area.
- **All boat owners** should remove drain plugs and other devices that prevent water drainage before leaving the boat ramp or associated parking area.
- **All watercraft traveling from east of the Continental Divide** must be inspected before launching on waters west of the Continental Divide.
- **All boat owners** carrying or towing *any* watercraft must stop at all open watercraft inspection stations encountered in Montana. Cleaned, drained and dried watercraft should pass inspection easily and quickly.

Clean – Drain – Dry your boat & gear

- **Clean** your boat and fishing gear using the water you just floated in. Remove any mud, sand or vegetation when you leave the water.
- **Drain** standing water out of your boat and gear. Sponge up water from nooks and crannies with a towel or a sponge.
- **Dry** out your boat and gear. Your chances of spreading aquatic invasive species are much lower if everything is dry to the touch.



For more information call: 406-444-2440

Find a watercraft inspection station at: fwp.mt.gov/ais



MONTANA FWP

If you bring a boat from out-of-state, it must be inspected before launching.

■ Most Class I Stations open in May.

★ Class II Stations require an appointment. Open Monday through Friday all year.

