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I've been a licensed whitewater rafting guide for the past 9 years. Each year I pay for my own guide license and insurance in order to guide folks on mulitday whitewater trips on the Wild and Scenic section of the Rogue River. I chose to guide as a "sub-contractor" rather than an employee as it allows me to easily work for multiple commercial rafting outfitters throughout the season. Nearly every one of those 9 years my annual insurance cost has increased to the point where my pay from working more than 1 trip to goes to cover the cost of license and insurance! My capabilities as a guide allow other folks to experience the wilds of Oregon, help bring tourism dollars to Southwest Oregon and support small businesses and their families. Insurance and license cost increases are making me consider stepping away from the job I love.