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As an commercial river running outfitter with over 50 years of experience, OARS believes that requiring participants to sign a release of claims for ordinary negligence is an essential component of ensuring safe and responsible whitewater rafting experiences. Whitewater expeditions inherently carry risks, and this release helps to clarify the responsibilities of both the outfitter and the participants. It ensures that our guests understand and acknowledge the potential dangers involved in outdoor adventures while also allowing us to operate with the proper safety protocols in place. By having guests sign this waiver, we can continue to provide thrilling, yet safe, experiences while minimizing the risk of misunderstanding. We strongly believe that such documents are crucial for both safety and for maintaining the viability of the industry in Oregon.

Thank you,

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OARS