

Ice House Log Hazards

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide information on the most significant log hazards present in South Silver Creek below Ice House reservoir. On 4/25/26 I paddled the pulse release with a flow of 460 cfs. I started at the Ice House Road Bridge, so I did not look for any hazards between the Ice House Dam and the Ice House Road Bridge. Overall, the run is in the best shape it has ever been, with several minor hazards located above Triple Drop Rapid and only one significant hazard below Triple Drop Rapid.

Log 1

This is at the first right turn below the Ice House Road Bridge put in. It is easily accessible for remediation, so I included it in this document. The brush on the left has caused problems in the past. In addition, there is a new branch, possibly attached to a log in the middle of the current (see red arrow). The branch is pointed upstream and on the 4/25/26 trip a hardshell kayak got stuck against it.

4/25/26 at 460 cfs



Location

38°49'1.10"N 120°22'31.68"W

38.816973, -120.375466

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/vPUf71Leg7gkMMQ99>

Log 2

This log is not a significant hazard, except to a swimmer.

4/25/26 at 460 cfs

**Location**

38°49'08.4"N 120°22'43.9"W

38.819000, -120.378861

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/PazsH7Rve6b6MRaK9>

Log 3

This log had already been cut, and we were able to remove a center piece. However, there appears to be a second log underneath it.

4/25/26 at 460 cfs



Location

38°49'05.7"N 120°22'49.2"W

38.8182500, -120.3803333

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/1uZgy53BUDGVwg9K6>

Log 4

This log is much easier to get around due to work performed in 2025 by Dustin Bell and his USFS crew. There is now a shallow channel around the right side of the log that kayakers can go through.

4/25/26 at 460 cfs



6/28/25 at 410 cfs.



6/28/25 at 410 cfs.



Location

38°48'56.0"N 120°23'04.9"W

38.815541, -120.384686

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/mTnxeZMKynuUdMAV7>

Log 5

This is a new log and is in the most hazardous log on the run. Boats can go around it on the right. It is located 400' above the right turn that starts Triple Drop Rapid, so care will need to be cut in no longer than 4' lengths to reduce the chance of it becoming a hazard in Triple Drop.

4/25/26 at 460 cfs



Location

38°48'52.6392"N 120°23'11.6808"W

38.814622, -120.386578

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/V93TgUNBLwaLhJMu6>

Log 6

Not a log but brush and tree branches that extend into the river channel in fast moving water around a blind turn. These branches can knock kayakers and rafters out of their boat. On my 6/14/25 trip a hardshell kayaker in my group did not successfully avoid the branches. He momentarily hung on to the branches, releasing his paddle. He then flipped and exited his kayak. I am hoping that I can stop there during one of the June 2026 recreational releases to remove some of the branches.

4/25/26 at 460 cfs



6/14/25 at 510 cfs (looking downstream)



6/14/25 at 510 cfs (looking upstream)



Location

38°49'55.6"N 120°26'24.1"W

38.832110, -120.440019

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/teU9q3WCe77F4ugt8>