# **Data Compiled from the Following Sources**

- Recreation.gov
- National Parks Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Forest Service
- Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- United States Geological Survey
- River Management Society (Credit to Lisa Byers for the original format)
- Dreamflows and Chris Shackleton
- RioLOGIC (Ron Radzieta)
- Western Whitewater by Cassady, Cross, Calhoun





### **IDAHO AND NORTHERN ROCKIES**

- Middle Fork Salmon River, ID; 100 miles; III-IV+ (Recreation.gov)
- Main Salmon River, ID; 78 miles; III-IV; (Recreation.gov) Selway River, ID; 46 miles; IV-V; (Recreation.gov)
- Snake River, Hells Canyon, ID; 76.3 miles; III-IV; (Recreation.gov)
- Smith River, MT; 59 miles; II-; (Montana State Fish, Wildlife and Parks)

# CANYON COUNTRY

- Green River, Ladore Canyon, CO; 43 miles; III-IV; (Recreation.gov)
- Yampa River, Colorado-UT; 71 miles; III+ (one IV); (Recreation.gov)
- Green River, Desolation & Gray Canyons, UT; 128 miles; II-III; (Recreation.gov)
- Colorado River, Ruby-Horsethief Canyon, CO; 25 miles; II-; (BLM, Grand Junction Office)
- Colorado River, Westwater Canyon, UT; 17 miles; IV; (BLM, Moab Field Office)
- Colorado River, Cataract Canyon, UT; 96 miles; III+ to V; (Canyonlands National Park)
- San Juan River, UT; 84 miles; II; (Recreation.gov)
- Colorado River, Grand Canyon, AZ; 225+ miles; IV+; (NPS, GC River Permits Office)

## SOUTHERN ROCKIES

• Rio Chama River, NM; 31 miles; II-III; (BLM, Taos Field Office)

## **SOUTHWESTERN BORDER**

• Salt River, AZ; 52 miles; IV; (Tonto National Forest)

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST

• Rogue River, OR; 34 miles; III+; (BLM, Smullin Visitor Center)



# Middle Fork of the Salmon River, Idaho

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for May 28 through September 3 (lottery control season) are assigned by the Four Rivers Lottery System at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Successful applicants must confirm their reservation and pay part of their recreation fees by March 15. Unconfirmed reservations will be released at a random time on March 16. Any cancelled reservations (private and commercial) are released at a random time within 24 hours. Pre- and post-season launches may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis on the website beginning October 1 at 8am MST. Permits are required year-round on the Middle Fork of the Salmon. Permit holder must be 18 years of age.

**Considerations:** On most days there is a limit of 7 launches. On most days, at least 4 will be for private trips. On several days only 3, or even 2, private trips are allotted and your odds to obtain a permit are reduced on those days. There are also several days when 5 privates are allotted. It is advised to check the launch calendar. The launch calendar is available at the <u>USFS Official Permit Page</u>

#### Fees:

Application \$6.00 non-refundable fee.

Recreation Fee - \$4.00 per person per day (or any part of a day) or be a valid Middle Fork/Main Salmon Rivers Season Pass holder (see below). Permit holders will be responsible for submitting complete and final payment of fees for their entire group online at least three days prior to the actual launch date. Payments for recreation fees will not be accepted at the launch sites.

Season Passes: \$40 per person per year and are available for purchase from the Middle Fork and North Fork offices. This pass entitles the holder only (not to include other members of their party) to float the Middle Fork and/or Main Salmon Rivers without further payment of Recreation Fees within one year from the date of purchase.

Federal Park Passes: A fee reduction of 50% is available to valid Senior or Access Pass holders. Season pass holders and persons using a senior or Access Pass for a fee discount must present their pass, along with their photo ID, to the launch personnel issuing the permit.

**Camping:** A link to current river camps can be found <u>here</u>.

**Cancellations:** If you cannot make the trip, you must cancel your reservation; no exceptions. Cancellations should be made at <u>www.recreation.gov</u> as soon as possible but must be submitted no later than 21 days prior to your launch date to avoid a penalty of non-participation in the control season lottery for the Main Salmon for 3 years. If you need to cancel your launch reservation after payment of fees has been made, your recreation fees will be refunded.

Additional Information: Disheartening weather can persist for several days during the first three weeks of June. Anyone who wants to launch a boat on Idaho waters will have to buy and display an <u>Idaho Invasive Species Fund</u> <u>sticker</u>. (Inflatable, non-motorized vessels less than 10 feet long are exempt). The non-motorized cost in 2019 is \$7. During the Lottery Control Season, (May 28-September 3) group size determines trip length:

- 21 24 people, up to 6 days/5 nights
- 11 20 people, up to 7 days/6 nights
- 1 10 people, up to 8 days/7 nights



Pre- and post-season: the maximum group size is 24 and the maximum trip length is 8 days.

Contacts: Address: U.S. Forest Service; 311 N. US Highway 93; Challis, ID; 83226 Telephone: (208) 879-4101 Fax: (208) 879-4198 Reservations/Cancellations: (877) 444-6777 or via email at fourriverslottery@fs.fed.us Office Hours: 7:45am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday Websites: USFS Official Permit Page and Four Rivers Lottery Information and FAQs



### Middle Fork Salmon River, ID; 100 miles; III-IV+

#### Middle Fork Salmon River - Boundary Creek to Cache Bar (ID) - 2018 Permit Year 6.0 100% Reach: 100 miles, III to IV (feet) (rate) People/Nights (in season) Max 24 / 5 nights 21-24 / 5 nights 5.0 83% 11-20 / 6 nights ÷ 1-10 / 7 nights **Permits Required: Year Round** 4.0 67% Lottery Season: May 28 to Sep 3 3.0 50% Peak Use Season: 4th week Jun thru 3rd week Jul Application Fee: \$10.00 2.0 33% Additional Fees: Yes ←→ Lottery Application Dates: Dec 1 to Jan 31 1.0 17% "?" Lottery Results: Feb 14 "#" Off-Season Call-in: 0.0 0% Oct 1 for the following year. ? ## **Cancellation Deadline:** Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Арг May Jun Jul Sep Oct Nov Dec 21 days before launch date. - 2017 -- 2018 Permit Year **Good Flows:** Gauge: Mi. Salmon - At Middle Fork Lodge (18-year average) 2.0 to 5.0 feet Permit application success rate (as a percentage) in 2016. Note: graph was generated by Dreamflows, using historical gauge data. **Optimal Flows:** Note: permit information compiled from official sources by Dreamflows. 2.5 to 4.5 feet Credit: the original concept and presentation of this page were provided by: Ron Radzieta et al, RioLOGIC/Downriver Equipment.



Note: This hydrograph is a very general guide for predicting flows. The lines merely connect daily flow readings. Considerable fluctuation can occur daily, especially on very warm days and after high-intensity rain storms.



# Main Salmon River, Idaho

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for June 20 through September 7 (lottery control season) are assigned by the Four Rivers Lottery System at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Lottery results will be posted February 14. Successful applicants must confirm their reservation and pay part of their recreation fees by March 15. Unconfirmed reservations will be released at a random time on February 14. Any cancelled reservations (private and commercial) are released at a random time within 24 hours. Pre- and post-season launches may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis on the website, by calling (877) 444-6777 or via email at fourriverslottery@fs.fed.us beginning October 15 at 8am MST. Permits are required year-round on the Main Salmon. Permit holder must be 18 years of age.

**Considerations:** On most days there is a limit of 8 launches. On most days, 4 will be for private trips. On several days only 3 or even 2 private trips are allotted and your odds to obtain a private permit are reduced. It is advised to check the launch calendar. The launch calendar is available at the <u>USFS Official Permit Page</u>.

#### Fees:

Application Fee: \$6.00 non-refundable.

Recreation Fee: \$4.00 per person per day (or any part of a day) or be a valid Middle Fork/Main Salmon Rivers Season Pass holder (see below). Permit holders will be responsible for submitting complete and final payment of fees for their entire group online at least three days prior to the actual launch date. Payments for recreation fees will not be accepted at the launch sites.

Season Passes: \$40 per person per year and are available for purchase from the Middle Fork and North Fork offices. This pass entitles the holder only (not to include other members of their party) to float the Middle Fork and/or Main Salmon Rivers without further payment of Recreation Fees within one year from the date of purchase.

Federal Park Passes: A fee reduction of 50% is available to Senior or Access Pass holders. Season pass holders and persons using a Senior or Access Pass for a fee discount must present their pass, along with their photo ID, to the launch personnel issuing the permit.

Camping: A link to current river camps can be found here.

**Cancellations:** If you cannot make the trip, you must cancel your reservation; no exceptions. Cancellations should be made at <u>www.recreation.gov</u> as soon as possible but must be submitted no later than 21 days prior to your launch date to avoid a penalty of non-participation in the control season lottery for the Main Salmon for 3 years. If you need to cancel your launch reservation after payment of fees has been made, your recreation fees will be refunded.

Additional Information: Anyone who wants to launch a boat on Idaho waters will have to buy and display an <u>Idaho</u> <u>Invasive Species Fund sticker</u>. (Inflatable, non-motorized vessels less than 10 feet long are exempt). For more information and purchase options call (800) 247-6332. The non-motorized cost in 2019 is \$7. During the Lottery Control Season, (June 20–September 7) group size determines trip length:

21-30 people, up to 6 days/5 nights

11-20 people, up to 7 days/6 nights

1-10 people, up to 8 days/7 nights



Pre- and post-season: the maximum group size is 30 and the maximum trip length is 10 days.

Contacts:

Address: Salmon-Challis National Forest; North Fork Ranger District; PO Box 180; North Fork, ID 83466 Telephone: (208) 865-2700 Fax: (208) 865-2738 Reservations/Cancellations: (877) 444-6777 or via email at fourriverslottery@fs.fed.us Websites: USFS Official Permit Page and Four Rivers Lottery Information and FAQs



### Main Salmon River, ID; 78 miles; III-IV



MAIN SALMON RIVER

Salmon-Challis National Forest



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# Selway River, Idaho

Updated December 2018

**Application Process**: Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for May 15 through July 31 (lottery control season), are assigned by the Four River Lottery System at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Successful applicants must confirm their reservation online by March 15. Unconfirmed reservations will be released a random time beginning on March 16th. Cancelled reservations will be released at a random time within 24 hours beginning on March 16th and continuing throughout the float season. Permits are not required outside the control season on the Selway River, but if you launch in May you must be off the river before May 15.

**Considerations:** On most days there is a limit of 1 launch. On most days, that will be for a private trip. On several days the one launch will be for a commercial trip. It is advised to check the launch calendar before applying so that you do not apply for a commercial date. The launch calendar is available at the <u>USFS Official Permit Page</u>.

Fees:

\$6.00 non-refundable application fee.

Camping: A link to current river camps can be found here.

**Cancellations:** If a Selway reservation is cancelled outside the 14-day window prior to your entry date, the permit holder will not be penalized. If cancelled within the 14-day window or if no showed, the permit holder will not be allowed to participate in the next year's lottery. The 14-day advance notice requirement may be waived in cases where water levels exceed five feet at the Paradise gauge, or if the access road is not open. Regardless, a cancellation must be submitted. Failure to provide timely cancellation will trigger a penalty. These statuses can impact your ability to get a permit for one year on the Selway River. Adjustments to group sizes can be made through <u>www.recreation.gov</u> or at the permit issuing station as needed.

#### Additional Information:

Party sizes are limited to 16 people during the permit control season and 20 people outside the permit season. Anyone who wants to launch a boat on Idaho waters will have to buy and display an <u>Idaho Invasive Species Fund</u> <u>sticker</u>. (Inflatable, non-motorized vessels less than 10 feet long are exempt). For more information and purchase options call (800) 247-6332. The non-motorized cost in 2019 is \$7.

#### Contacts:

Address: West Fork Ranger District; Bitterroot National Forest; 6735 West Fork Road; Darby, MT 59829 Telephone: (406) 821-3269 Fax: (406) 821-1211 Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm MST Reservation/Cancellation Phone Number: (877) 444-6777 Websites: USFS Official Permit Page and Four Rivers Lottery Information and FAQs



### Selway River, ID; 46 miles; IV-V



Note: This hydrograph is a very general guide for predicting flows. The lines merely connect points which were read on the dates shown. Considerable fluctuation can occur daily, especially on very warm days and after high-intensity rain storms.



#### SELWAY AT LOWELL VS. PARADISE GAGE HEIGHT





# Snake River (Hells Canyon), Idaho/Oregon

Updated December 2018

**Application Process**: Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for the Friday before Memorial Day (May 24, 2019) through September 10 (lottery control season), are assigned by the Four River Lottery System at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. On February 14 the lottery results will be posted and, if declined or cancelled, launches can be reserved by others. Successful applicants must confirm their reservation online by March 15. Unconfirmed reservations will be released at a random time beginning on March 16th. Cancelled reservations will be released at a random time within 24 hours beginning on March 16th and continuing throughout the float season. Self-issued permits are required outside of the control period for private non-commercial floaters. These launch permits must be picked up at the launch site. Private powerboat reservations are also reserved online through <u>www.recreation.gov</u> or by calling (877) 444-6777. For more information: <u>Private Powerboat Reservations</u>

**Considerations:** Most Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are reserved for Non-Motorized Launches. It is advised to check the launch calendar before applying. The launch calendar is available at the <u>USFS Official Permit</u> <u>Page</u>

Fees: \$6.00 non-refundable application fee.

**Cancellations:** If a wild section of the Snake reservation is cancelled outside the 15-day window prior to your entry date, the permit holder will not be penalized. If cancelled within the 15-day window or if no showed, the permit holder will not be allowed to participate in the next year's lottery. Exceptions are made for high water events, but a cancellation is still necessary to avoid penalty. Adjustments to group sizes can be made through <u>www.recreation.gov</u> or at the permit issuing station as needed.

Additional Information: Maximum party size of 24 people and a limit of 8 float craft per float party are in affect all year (during and outside of control season).

**Invasive Species Stickers:** (Inflatable, non-motorized vessels less than 10 feet long are exempt). Either an <u>Idaho Invasive Species Fund sticker</u> or an <u>Oregon Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permits</u> is accepted. The Idaho non-motorized cost in 2019 is \$7.

Contact: Address: Snake River Administrative Office; 2535 Riverside Dr.; PO Box 699; Clarkston, WA 99403 Phone: 509-758-1957 Fax: (509) 758-1963 Reservations/Cancellations: (877) 444-6777 Websites: USFS Official Permit Page and Four Rivers Lottery Information and FAQs







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Because of releases from Hells Canyon Dam, considerable fluctuation can occur.

# Smith River, Montana

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** The lottery control season exists from May 15 until July 15. Applications for the regular Smith River Permit lottery are accepted from January 2, 2019 to February 14, 2019. You can either submit an application online through the <u>FWP Automated Licensing System</u> or pick up a paper application at any Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks office. Permit results will be posted online March 4. To view results, visit <u>Montana State Parks</u> or <u>MyFWP</u>. Only successful applicants will be notified. Unsuccessful applicants still have a chance to float the Smith River by calling the Smith River Reservation Line at (406) 454-5861 beginning March 12 (8am -12pm, Monday - Friday) to request any remaining launch dates or cancelled permits.

**Super Permit Lottery:** Purchase a chance for the Super Permit January 2 - March 15, 2019, through the <u>FWP</u> <u>Automated Licensing System</u> and at any FWP regional office or license provider. This is a good option for another chance for a float if you aren't awarded a permit in the regular drawing. Montana State Parks issues one Super Permit each year through a separate lottery from the Private Float Permit lottery. The recipient of the Super Permit will be allowed to launch on any date of their choosing for that season. Float fees are not included with the Super Permit and must be paid when registering at Camp Baker. There is no limit to the number of chances someone may purchase (\$5 per chance). The money from the sale of Super Permit chances will directly benefit the Smith River Corridor Enhancement Account.

**Considerations:** Expect any and all types of weather conditions, especially in the spring. Snow is possible and quite common in April, May and June.

Application Fees: \$10 nonrefundable permit application fee. \$5 per Super Permit chance.
The following float fees must be paid during the registration process at Camp Baker on the launch day.
Under 6 years (resident/non-resident) FREE
6-12 years (resident/non-resident) \$15
13 and older (resident) \$25
13 and older (non-resident) \$60

**Camping:** Of the 118 miles of shoreline along the river, only 26 miles border public land. There are 27 boat camps with 52 campsites along the river located on National Forest land, FWP land, DNRC state land and leased private land. The boat camps are signed and marked on the Smith River maps, which are distributed at Camp Baker upon registration.

**Cancellations:** Permit holders must cancel their permit if they are not going to use their launch regardless of weather or water flows above 100 CFS. Failure to cancel a permit at least 2 days prior to your launch date, at flows above 100 CFS, will result in losing next years' privileges for the Smith River Permit drawing.

Additional Information: Typical float season is from mid-April through mid-July, occasionally with some floating in September and October. May 15 - July 15 floaters can stay on the river a maximum of four nights. Maximum size of floating party is 15. A person applying for a Smith River permit must be a minimum of 12 years of age at the time they submit their permit application. "Bear Aware" food storage and related regulations are enforced. Contacts:

Address: Smith River State Park; c/o FWP Region 4 Headquarters; 4600 Giant Springs Rd; Great Falls, MT 59405 Telephone: (406) 454-5840

Hours: 8am – 12pm, Monday - Friday





### Smith River, MT; 59 miles; II-





# Green River (Lodore Canyon), Dinosaur National Park, Colorado/Utah

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Applications for the lottery will be accepted from December 1 until January 31 for either a Yampa or Lodore launch. You can apply online at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Applicants will be notified of lottery results by February 16 and must confirm their reservation no later than March 1. High use lottery season is from May 13, 2019 until September 14, 2019 (2nd Monday in May to the 2nd Friday in September, dates will change year to year). Beginning February 16, 2019 lottery results can be determined at recreation.gov. Low use season, low water, and any available high use trips are available first-come, first-serve for reservation by calling the River Office only, beginning March 1, 2019. One-day permits are available through either the River Office or www.recreation.gov beginning March 1, 2019. Successful applicants will need to login to recreation.gov and confirm acceptance of the launch date and pay associated fees no later than February 28, 2016. Once this is completed, you will receive a confirmation letter with links to two forms, both of which need to be completed and returned to the Dinosaur National Monument River Office at least 30 days prior to your river launch date in order to obtain your permit which will arrive from the river office.

**Considerations:** Camps at Jones Hole are notorious for harboring a population of skunks during peak season. Please take precautions and do not leave food out for the animals.

### Fees:

\$15.00 Application fee

\$20.00 Permit fee for one day trips

\$185.00 Permit fee for multi-day trips (maximum four days)

\$35.00 over-length fee (maximum five days) is applicable only during high-use season and is due with permit fees. Over-length fee must be paid separately so that it can be returned to the applicant if the over-length request cannot be accommodated.

\$10.00 per vehicle Park Entrance fee (unless you have a valid Federal Park pass)

If the trip is picked up after the lottery process and is less than 30 days away, the \$185 permit fee must be paid at the time of booking.

Camping: A link to current camping can be found here.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be made by either calling or emailing the Dinosaur National Monument River Office. You must reference your permit number. If you cancel a lottery launch reservation after payment of fees has been made, we will refund your payment if the cancellation is made more than 30 days prior to launch date, less the \$15.00 application fee (refunds are for credit card payments only and to the permit holder only). A no-show will result in an administrative penalty, as will cancellation within two weeks of the launch date. Additional Information: A person can only hold one permit in their name at a time. All noncommercial boaters are limited to a maximum of one high-use trip per year through any portion of the multi-day section of the Green River within Dinosaur National Monument. Maximum group size is 25 persons and four nights (only one night below the confluence).

#### Contacts:

Address: Dinosaur National Monument River Office; 4545 Highway 40; Dinosaur, CO 81610 Telephone: (970) 374-2468 (River Office) and (866) 825-2995 (info on available launch dates after March 1) Hours: 8:00am – 12:00pm, Monday through Friday



Websites: <u>Dinosaur National Monument Boater's Video</u> and <u>Information & Regulations (2018)</u> and <u>Official Permit</u> <u>Page</u>



## Green River, Lodore Canyon, CO; 43 miles; III-IV





# Yampa River, Dinosaur National Park, Colorado/Utah

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Applications for the lottery will be accepted from December 1 until January 31 for either a Yampa or Lodore launch. You can apply online at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Applicants will be notified of lottery results by February 16 and must confirm their reservation no later than March 1. High use lottery season is from May 13, 2019 until September 14, 2019 (2nd Monday in May to the 2nd Friday in September, dates will change year to year). Beginning February 16, 2019 lottery results can be determined at recreation.gov. Low use season, low water, and any available high use trips are available first-come, first-serve for reservation by calling the River Office only, beginning March 6, 2019. One-day permits are available through either the River Office or www.recreation.gov beginning March 1, 2019. Successful applicants will need to login to recreation.gov and confirm acceptance of the launch date and pay associated fees no later than March 1, 2019. Once this is completed, you will receive a confirmation letter with links to two forms, both of which need to be completed and returned to the Dinosaur National Monument River Office at least 30 days prior to your river launch date in order to obtain your permit which will arrive from the river office.

**Considerations:** During High Use Season only 300 permits for launch are issued. From May 13 to May 22 two permits are issued per day. From May 23 to July 12 three permits are issued per day, not to exceed two launches per river. From July 13 through September 14 two permits are issued per day.

#### Fees:

\$15.00 Application fee

\$20.00 Permit fee for one day trips

\$185.00 Permit fee for multi-day trips (maximum four days)

\$35.00 over-length fee (maximum five days) is applicable only during high-use season and is due with permit fees. Over-length fee must be paid separately so that it can be returned to the applicant if the over-length request cannot be accommodated.

\$10.00 per vehicle Park Entrance fee (unless you have a valid Federal Park pass)

If the trip is picked up after the lottery process and is less than 30 days away, the \$185 permit fee must be paid at the time of booking.

Camping: A link to current camping can be found here.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be made by either calling or emailing the Dinosaur National Monument River Office. You must reference your permit number. If you cancel a lottery launch reservation after payment of fees has been made, they will refund your payment if the cancellation is made more than 30 days prior to launch date, less the \$15.00 application fee (refunds are for credit card payments only and to the permit holder only). A no-show will result in an administrative penalty, as will cancellation within two weeks of the launch date. Additional Information: A person can only hold one permit in their name at a time. All noncommercial boaters are limited to a maximum of one high-use trip per year through any portion of the multi-day section of the Green River within Dinosaur National Monument. Maximum group size is 25 persons and four nights (only one night below the confluence).

**Additional Information:** A person can only hold one permit in their name at a time. All noncommercial boaters are limited to a maximum of one high-use trip per year through any portion of the multi-day section of the Yampa



River within Dinosaur National Monument. Maximum group size is 25 persons and five nights (only one night below the confluence).

### Contacts:

Address: Dinosaur National Monument River Office; 4545 Highway 40; Dinosaur, CO 81610 Telephone: (970) 374-2468 (River Office) and (866) 825-2995 (info on available launch dates after March 1) Hours: 8:00am – 12:00pm, Monday through Friday

Websites: <u>Dinosaur National Monument Boater's Video</u> and <u>Information & Regulations (2018)</u> and <u>Official Permit</u> <u>Page</u>



# Yampa River, Colorado-UT; 71 miles; III+ (one IV)





# Green River (Desolation/Gray Canyon), Utah

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** A permit is required year-round for floating the Desolation and Gray Canyon section of the Green River. Permits can be reserved at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Starting December 1 through January 31 applications may be submitted online for launch dates between May 1 and September 30. Each application can include four possible launch dates. Lottery result notifications will be emailed to applicants in mid-February. Successful applicants must confirm their reservation no later than March 15. There is no wait list for unconfirmed reservations. All dates not awarded, and all dates cancelled through the lottery will be available on <u>www.recreation.gov</u> starting March 16. Launch dates prior to May 1 and after September 30 will be available on a first come, first served basis starting December 1 also on <u>www.recreation.gov</u>.

**Considerations:** Curiously, July 4 and 24 are often available. August is not popular due to heat and bugs, leading more and more people to apply for September in hopes of milder weather. Everything you have heard about mosquitos on Desolation are true. Up until the week of or two weeks past peak flow, the stretch from Sandwash through the first 20-30 miles can be rough. Be prepared with nets and spray, especially if your trip has small children. By night 3 it should have died down significantly. Pets are prohibited. Camping/hiking on the Ute land on river left is no longer allowed as of November 2018. Currently, there is no plan to reopen these camp sites and hikes for the public.

**Fees:** There is a one-time \$6 reservation fee and recreation fee of \$25 per person. The reservation fee and recreation fee for one person must be paid at the time that the launch is reserved. Any launch cancelled more than 30 days before the launch will receive a full refund of any recreation fees paid. Cancelling a trip less than 30 days in advance will not receive any refunds. Payment for all passengers must be completed and the permit printed in the two weeks preceding the launch date. Failure to do so will cause the reservation to be cancelled the day of the trip.

**Camping:** Check with the most recent guidebook for camps and details. RiverBrain has a pretty nice list of camps with descriptions and mileages <u>here</u>.

**Cancellations:** If you cancel your reservation at least 31 days prior to your entry date, all reservation fees collected will be refunded. The \$6.00 transaction fee is non-refundable for all reservations. If you cancel your reservation 30 days or less prior to the entry date, none of the fees will be refunded. Please cancel your reservation if you are unable to use it as this opens quota space for others. If you find that you cannot make the trip and you are the permit holder then a trip leader change may be made by calling the Price Field Office at (435) 636-3600.

Additional Information: The maximum group size is 25 people. Do not show up at the launch ramp without a permit expecting to launch or to join another group. Minimum trip length is 3 calendar days. Maximum trip length is 9 calendar days. Pets are prohibited on the Desolation and Gray Canyons section of the Green River year-round. The east side of the river above Coal Creek is Ute Tribal Land and off-limits. Hiking and camping on Ute lands used to be allowed via additional permit fees. Please respect the land boundaries.

#### Contacts:

Address: Bureau of Land Management; Price Field Office; 125 South 600 West; Price, UT 84501 Price Field Office Telephone: (435)-636-3600 River Office Phone: (435) 587-1544 River Office Hours: 8:00am - 12pm (MDT), Monday - Friday Website: Official Permit Page and NPS River Trip Video and the Deso/Gray BLM Page





Note: graph was generated by Dreamflows, using historical gauge data. Note: permit information compiled from official sources by Dreamflows.



# Colorado River (Ruby & Horsethief Canyons), Colorado/Utah

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Due to limited camping in this 25-mile stretch of the Colorado, overnight camping permits are required year-round and must be reserved in advance.

Reservations for Ruby-Horsethief camping permits can be made two months in advance. Campsite reservations open through a rolling booking window where each month, an entire month of reservations become available. The monthly opening of campsite reservations begins on the first Wednesday of each month. For example, campsite reservations for April will open on the first Wednesday of February, reservations for May will open on the first Wednesday of March, and reservations for June will open on the first Wednesday of April.

Visitors can reserve multi-night trips within the open window. Visitors are limited to one active reservation at a time. Visitors can have multiple permits per year.

A permit is not required for day use in Ruby-Horsethief.

Reserve your trip online at <u>www.recreation.gov</u> or call the Field Office at 970-244-3000.

**Considerations:** Expect strong headwinds from Black Rocks to Westwater most afternoons, especially in the spring. Summer days can be very hot and buggy. There is little shade along the river. Rain storms are usually short but somewhat violent. Summer nights are usually comfortable. Fall provides the most consistent weather with warm days, cool nights, and infrequent rain. However, several days of long, cold, heavy and steady rain can occur at any time.

**Fees:** Fees are by group size, per night. Dogs are included in the head count for the fee and for group size, with a limit of two dogs per campsite. Children who are 16 years old and under are free and are therefore not included in the head count for group size fees. No refunds are given, and a permit cannot be resold.

Group Size Cost per Night: 0-5 People \$20 6-14 People \$50 15-25 People \$100

**Camping:** The online reservation tool can be found <u>here</u>. A better list with user-sourced details can be found at <u>www.riverbrain.com</u>.

**Cancellations:** As a courtesy to other boaters who wish to camp along the river, please notify the BLM river office as soon as possible if you are unable to use your camping permit or wish to change the trip leader information. If space permits, you may transfer your permit to a different date during the same season.

**Additional Information:** Reservations for Ruby-Horsethief camping permits can be made two months in advance. Campsite reservations open through a rolling booking window where each month, an entire month of reservations become available. The monthly opening of campsite reservations begins on the first Wednesday of each month. For example, campsite reservations for April will open on the first Wednesday of February, reservations for May will open on the first Wednesday of March, and reservations for June will open on the first Wednesday of April.



#### Contacts:

Address: Bureau of Land Management; Grand Junction Field Office; 2825 H Road; Grand Junction, Colorado 81506 Telephone: (970) 244-3000 Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30 Website: <u>Permit Page</u> and <u>Complete Rules and Regulations</u> and <u>RiverBrain</u>



## Colorado River (Ruby & Horsethief Canyons), CO; 25 miles; II-





# Colorado River (Westwater Canyon), Colorado

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Due to heavy recreational demand and to protect the primitive nature of Westwater Canyon, permits are required year-round for private and commercial use. Between April 1 and September 30, private use is limited to five permits or 75 people (whichever occurs first) per day; commercial use is limited to 75 passengers per day. From October 1st through March 31st, use is limited to seven permits or 150 people per day. Permit reservations may be made up to two months in advance (per the calendar date) and are obtained by calling 435-259-7012, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, except federal holidays. Permit fees are \$10/person and are non-refundable. Visit the Private Permit Calendar to see available dates.

**Considerations:** Dogs are not allowed in Westwater Canyon. Infants and children are discouraged from floating Westwater canyon if the child is too small to effectively self-rescue. PFDs are mandatory for all passengers through Westwater Canyon. Children under 12 must always wear a PFD while floating in Utah.

**Fees:** \$10.00 per person. Payment can be made when you acquire a launch or is due 30 days prior to your launch date. Payments may only be made by the trip leader or alternate trip leader. No refunds will be issued.

Camping: A list of river camps can be found in current guidebooks and at <u>www.riverbrain.com</u>.

**Changes/Cancellations:** You must speak to someone at the River Office to make any changes. Changes must be made at least 24 hours prior to your launch date. If you haven't already made two changes to a paid permit, you can request a launch date and payment transfer at the time of cancellation.

Additional Information: Maximum group size is 25 people. Dogs are not allowed in Westwater Canyon. The river generally peaks at about 20,000 CFS in late May or early June and recedes throughout the summer and fall seasons to reach a flow of less than 3,000 CFS. High-water trips (13,000 CFS and above) can be extremely dangerous. A low water trip (1,000 to 5,000 CFS) takes about ten hours, a moderate level trip (5,000 to 13,000 CFS) takes about seven hours, and a high-water trip (above 13,000 CFS) takes as little as four hours.

Contacts: Address: Bureau of Land Management; Moab River Office; 82 East Dogwood Moab, Utah 84532 Telephone: (435) 259-7012 Fax: (435) 259-2158 Hours: 8am – 12pm, Monday through Friday Website: Westwater BLM Website and Private Permit Calendar and Shuttle Services





### Colorado River, Westwater Canyon, UT; 17 miles; III-IV

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# Colorado River, Cataract Canyon, Utah

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Reservations can be made <u>online</u> up to four months in advance and two days prior to the trip start date. River permits may be obtained <u>online</u>, in person, or by mail from the Reservation Office in Moab, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. Permits may also be obtained in person at any Canyonlands National Park visitor center (hours vary). There is no lottery for river permits in Canyonlands. These permits are available first-come, first-served, no more than four months, and no less than two days prior to the permit start date. There are no daily launch limits in Canyonlands, so there is no need to submit multiple requests for the same date. If you submit a request, you will get a permit for any date you choose.

**Considerations:** Avoid high flows. The sites you request may not be available if someone reserves a site online prior to processing of your mailed request.

**Fees:** Fees are non-refundable. Canyonlands charges fees for all private river permits. \$30 reservation fee + \$20 per person in the group. For example, a Cataract Canyon trip with five people would cost \$130.

**Camping:** A list of river camps can be found in current guidebooks and at <u>www.riverbrain.com</u>.

**Cancellations:** If you cancel your trip more than two days before the trip start date, you will receive a credit for a future reservation starting within one year. Call the Reservation Office, 435-259-4351, for information.

Additional Information: Group size limit is 40 people for private river trips. Permits can be issued for up to 14 consecutive nights.

#### **Contacts:**

Address: Canyonlands National Park; 2282 SW Resource Blvd.; Moab, UT 84532 Telephone: Backcountry Reservation Office (435) 259-4351 Reservation Office: (435) 259-4285 Cancellations: (435) 259-4351 Website: Backcountry Reservation System and NPS Website and Official River Regulations



### Colorado River, Cataract Canyon, UT; 96 miles; III+ to V





# San Juan River, Utah

Updated December 2018

Application Process: A permit is required year-round to float any section of the San Juan River between Montezuma Creek and Clay Hills. Permits are issued only through a pre-season lottery and advanced <u>online</u> <u>reservations</u>. Lottery applications will be accepted from December 1st to January 31st at www.recreation.gov. Applicants will be notified of the results on their recreation.gov accounts and via email on February 12th. Successful applicants must accept and pay the per person permit fees for their awarded reservation by March 15th. Unaccepted reservations will be cancelled. Full payment of per person Permit Fees must be made at time of reserving a permit. The San Juan has specific dates and rules for trip launch dates:

Trips Launching January 1st- April 14th

Launches may be reserved at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>, beginning December 1 at 10:00 a.m. (ET). There are no per person permit fees for trips launching prior to March 1st

Trips Launching April 15-July 15th

Lottery season. Launches may be reserved at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Following the lottery, available launches and cancellations may be reserved at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>, beginning March 16 at 10:00 a.m. (ET).

Trips Launching July 16-December 31

Launch reservations may be reserved at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>, beginning March 16 at 10:00 a.m. (ET). There are no per person permit fees for trips launching on or after November 1

**Considerations:** The San Juan can be extremely hot in the middle of summer. Rafters advised to seek flows higher than 800 CFS to avoid low-water sand bars and shoals.

Fees: The following per person per trip fee schedule applies for launches from March 1 through October 31. Sand Island to Mexican Hat: \$10 Mexican Hat to Clay Hills: \$20 Sand Island to Clay Hills: \$30

No fee is charged for the Montezuma Creek to Sand Island section, but a permit is still required.

**Camping:** Campsites must be reserved for trips launching March 1 through October 31. Reservation requests should be submitted immediately after paying for a permit reservation on <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. The BLM Monticello Field Office will automatically assign your campsites if your request form is not received within five days of paying for your permit. Read more about camping on the San Juan <u>here</u>. Navajo Nation Camp closures can be found <u>here</u>. Permits for accessing the river left bank for hiking and camping can be purchased <u>here</u>. Camp descriptions can be found <u>here</u>.

Cancellations: Call the Price Field Office at (435)-636-3600.

Additional Information: No pets are allowed. Maximum group size is 25 people.

#### Contacts:

Address: Bureau of Land Management; Price Field Office; 125 South 600 West; Price, UT 84501 Price Field Office Telephone: (435)-636-3600



River Office Phone: (435) 587-1544 River Office Hours: 8:00am - 12pm (MDT), Monday - Friday Email: <u>blm\_ut\_sanjuan\_permits@blm.gov</u> Website: <u>Official Permit Page</u> and <u>San Juan River Trip Planning</u> and <u>River Stipulations</u> and the <u>San Juan BLM Page</u>



### San Juan River, UT; 84 miles; II





# Grand Canyon, Colorado River, Arizona, NPS, IV

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Weighted Lottery applications are accepted during the first few weeks of February for permits with launch dates occurring in the following year. The drawing takes place near the end of February. Create a User Profile by visiting the <u>Weighted Lottery Website</u>. This profile will maintain your contact information, accrued points, trip history, status of all applications you've submitted or been listed on, and links to those applications. Create a Lottery Application: When a lottery is open and accepting applications, log back into your profile, create an application and submit it. Go <u>here</u> for a more thorough explanation of the lottery.

**Considerations:** Off-season trips can be quite pleasant and easier to win. From November through February the maximum private trip length is 25 days, making it the longest permitted trip in the list. Plan accordingly. From May through August the trip length is limited to 16 days.

#### Fees:

\$25.00 Lottery Application Fee (this covers all applications for launch dates of that particular year). Those who win through the lottery are immediately charged a \$400 non-refundable deposit (\$200 for launches advertised through the lottery as small trips) and usually have 1 to 5 days to pay this deposit. The deposit will apply toward the final permit fees.

\$20 entrance fee per participant (16 years and older); \$10 per participant for trips launching before Sep-1-2018. \$90 river permit cost per participant for participants added after a river permit has been issued, an additional \$100 late charge per participant. Final fees are due 90 days before launch.

**Camping:** Consult the most current guide book for detailed information to plan your river trip. A list of camps from 2011 can be found on the National Park Service website <u>here</u>.

**Cancellations:** All Lottery and Permit fees are non-refundable. The Park Service has a page <u>here</u> that explains the process for applying for cancelled private trips via the follow-up lotteries held throughout the year.

**Additional Information:** The above information is for permits to launch from Lees Ferry (River Mile 0) and takeout at Diamond Creek (River Mile 226) or Lake Mead (River Mile 277). Shorter Trips: Noncommercial River Permits are also available for the Lower Gorge (the Diamond Creek to Lake Mead section of the Colorado River. Information and application for Lower Gorge permits can be found <u>here</u>.

#### Contacts:

Address: National Park Service; Grand Canyon River Permits Office; 1824 S. Thompson St, Suite 201 Flagstaff, AZ; 86001

**Telephone:** (800) 959-9164 or outside the U.S. call (928) 638-7843 **Fax:** (928) 638-7844

Reservations/Cancellations: https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/cancelled-dates.htm

Email: grca riv@nps.gov

**Website:** Official Permit Page and Official Trip Regulations and River & Weighted Lottery FAQs and Grand Canyon Outfitters and Grand Canyon River Trip Orientation Video and Additional Helpful Links







Note: permit information compiled from official sources by Dreamflows.



# **Rio Chama, New Mexico**

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Because of the demand for trips in late spring and summer, the BLM uses a lottery system to reserve weekend (Friday-Saturday) launch dates from May 1 through Labor Day weekend. Lottery winners may launch at any time on Friday or Saturday. Lottery instructions can be found <u>here</u>. Please note that for a launch after Labor Day and before May 1, no advance reservation is required – you simply show up at the launch site, fill out a registration form, pay the fees, and go. The BLM will take requests for weekday launch (Sunday-Thursday) starting the first business day of April. Call Mark Sundin at 575-751-4720 or 575-758-8851. No advance reservation or fees are required for day trips launching from Chavez Canyon, just below the Monastery. All you need to do for this day-run is fill out a boater registration form with the BLM before you launch.

**Considerations:** There is a high demand for the weekend (Friday and Saturday) flow releases launch dates. You will increase your chance for successful week-end launch date if you put down up to three choices for a lottery-assigned launch.

**Fees:** \$6.00 application fee for lottery. All boaters, regardless of season, must fill out a boater registration form at the launch site and pay a \$5.00/person BLM fee, and any fees required by the owners of the launch site (El Vado AKA Cooper's Ranch).

**Camping:** Consult a current river guidebook for the most up-to-date information on camps along this 31-mile stretch of river. Camping is plentiful and permitted at established sites only.

**Cancellations:** If the entire launch must be cancelled, please contact the BLM at (575)-758-8851 as soon as possible, so the BLM can try to reassign the launch to another group. If a trip leader cannot make a trip, the permit can be reassigned to another member of the group.

**Additional Information:** Maximum trip size is 16 people. Flows are highly variable, based on water availability, irrigation demand and rainfall. During the winter season (Labor Day – April 30) no advance reservation is required, however, minimum flows are around 50 CFS. Rafts 14' or larger should seek minimum flows of 500 CFS. Please self-register at the put-in with the number of people in your group.

Contacts: Address: BLM Taos Field Office; 226 Cruz Alta Road Taos; NM 87571-5983 BLM Field Office Telephone: (575)-758-8851 El Vado Ranch Telephone: (575)-588-7354 Cancellations: (575)-758-8851 Website: Lottery Application Instructions and Rio Chama Official Permit Guide





### Rio Chama River, NM; 31 miles; II-III



# Salt River (Upper), Arizona

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Lottery applications are accepted from December 1 through January 31. Apply at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Lottery results are posted February 10, 2019. The last day to pay for your permit is February 20, 2019. Starting February 21, 2019, cancelled reservations become available on a first-come, first-served basis at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. White Mountain Apache Tribal Permits are required year-round on the Upper Salt and are available for purchase online <u>here</u>. A Tonto National Forest Upper Salt River boater permit is required to float the Salt River Canyon Wilderness from March 1 to May 15 annually. You must launch on your permitted day. Typically, boaters launch on river right from First Campground on Apache Road 1 just down from where the Highway 60 Bridge crosses the Upper Salt River. The take-out for the permitted wilderness section is just downstream of the Highway 288 Bridge on river left, 52.3 miles downstream from First Campground. Most people with boater permits plan a four to five-day river trip, although the permit does not limit your length of stay. Group size is limited to 15 people.

**Considerations:** This is a free-flowing river and as such, river levels can change quickly.

**Fees:** There is a \$16.00 non-refundable lottery application fee, due at the time of application. Please note that \$10.00 of this fee supports the Tonto National Forest Wilderness River Program and \$6.00 is the reservation fee.

There is a \$125.00 boater permit fee for successful lottery applicants.

There is a \$125.00 boater permit fee, and a \$6.00 non-refundable reservation fee, when a first-come, first-served boater permit is reserved.

All rafting trips going beyond the "HooDoo" camp area require a minimum 2-day rafting permit for each person, regardless of the destination. There is a self-pay station for permits at the put in at the first campground near the Highway 60 bridge.

There is a \$25/day private river rafting fee assessed by the White Mountain Apache Tribe for river access.

Camping: A link to a detailed map of the river and campsites can be found here.

**Cancellations:** You must cancel your boater permit 21 days or more prior to the launch date in order to receive a refund of the \$125 boater permit fee. Cancelled launch dates will be released at a random time within 24 hours of submission; continue to check this website throughout the permitted season for cancelled reservations. There will be a \$10.00 non-refundable reservation fee when a first-come, first-served boater permit is reserved.

Additional Information: The Salt usually has a short runoff season and some of the rapids on this stretch can pack a punch at peak flows, getting more technical and tighter at lower flows.

#### Contacts:

WMA Tribe, Outdoor Recreation Division Address: 100 West Fatco Road; P.O. Box 220; White River, AZ 85941 WMA Tribe, Outdoor Recreation Division Phone: (928) 338-4385 WMA Tribe, Outdoor Recreation Division Website: <u>www.wmatoutdoors.org</u>



**River Manager Address:** Globe Ranger District; River Manager: Don Sullivan; 7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Road; Globe, AZ 85501 **River Manager Phone/Cancellations:** (928)-402-6236

Website: Official Permit Page and USFS Salt River Page and the White Mountain Apache Tribe Page



### Salt River, AZ; 52 miles; IV





# Rogue River, Oregon

Updated December 2018

**Application Process:** Lottery applications are accepted from December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for the May 15—October 15 lottery season are assigned at <u>www.recreation.gov</u>. Lottery results are announced via email February 15, 2019. After February 15, 2019, call Smullins Visitor Center via phone at (541)-479-3735 to pick up trip cancellations. Pre- and post-season permits are obtained via the self-service pay stations at Smullin Visitor Center or Grave Creek Boat Launch Access.

**Considerations:** In order to provide a safe experience and protect the tranquil landscape, the Wild section of the Rogue River allows 120 people per day for river access. The maximum group size is 20 people per permit with a maximum trip length of six nights and seven days from May 15 to October 15.

**Fees:** A \$6.00 non-refundable Lottery Application Fee is required for each lottery application, payable to <u>www.recreation.gov</u> online. A \$10.00 per person fee is required at the time of confirmation of reservation and must be received by the BLM no later than 10 days prior to the launch date. This fee is collected by the facility and not www.recreation.gov. The lottery application is non-refundable and non-transferrable. For payment instructions see the Lottery Award Confirmation Instructions <u>here</u>.

Camping: Check out the Official Rogue River Boater's Guide for campsites and maps.

**Cancellations:** If you fail to cancel by 3pm the day before your launch you will be considered a no-show and you will not be able to hold a float permit under your name for the rest of the year and continuing through the following year's lottery and regulated use season.

Additional Information: After the lottery process, there are still float spaces available. These available spaces are given away over the phone the first five business days in April. Throughout the permit season, beginning May 15, cancellations received at the Smullin Visitor Center at Rand are given out by phone the morning following the cancellation. The state of Oregon requires an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permits for operators of canoes, kayaks, drift boats, inflatable rafts, and other manually powered boats 10 feet or longer. Permits are available at Oregon Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permits.

### Contacts:

Address: Smullin Visitor Center; 14335 Galice Road; Merlin, OR 97532
Telephone: (541)-479-3735
Fax: (541)-479-0535
Hours: May 5 through October 15 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. seven days a week
Phone Access Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Website: <u>BLM Rogue River Main Page</u> and <u>Official Rogue River Boater's Guide</u> and <u>Official Permit Application Page</u>



### Rogue River, OR; 34 miles; III+



Note: permit information compiled from official sources by Dreamflows Note: permit application success rates supplied by Richard Ferguson.

Credit: the original concept and presentation of this page were provided by: Ron Radzieta et al, RioLOGIC/Downriver Equipment. Reach: 35 miles, III+

<u>People/Nights</u> Max 20 / 6 nights

Permits Required: Year Round (self-issued outside lottery season).

Lottery Season: May 15 to Oct 15

Application Fee: \$10.00 Additional Fees: Yes

←→ Lottery Application Dates: Dec 1 to Jan 31

"?" Lottery Results: Feb 10

"X" Call-in for Cancellations: From Mar 30 onward.

Cancellation Deadline: 3pm the day before launch.

Good Flows: 1,000 to 6,000 cfs

Optimal Flows: 1,750 to 3,500 cfs

Note: the permit selection process changed in 2017, so the success rate graph is very much out-of-date. Use it only to get a very general idea of success rate trends.

