

Down River Equipment Permit Info Party



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**Western River Dynamics
Relative to Permitting Processes
and also Off-Season Utilization**



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**Specifics of the Permitting Process,
Cancellation Strategy
and Networking Methods**



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**Required Equipment for Permitted
Rivers**

Data Compiled from the Following Sources

- Recreation.gov
- National Parks Service
- Bureau of Land Manage
- National Forest Service
- Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- United States Geological Survey
- American Whitewater Association
- River Management Society(Lisa Byers)
- Dreamflows, Chris Shackleton
- Western Whitewater by Cassady, Cross, Calhoun

Western Permit Rivers



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, Hell's 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 Cayon, 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

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Application Process: Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for May 28 - September 3 (lottery control season) are assigned by the Four Rivers Lottery System at www.recreation.gov. 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 or by calling (877) 444-6777 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: June 1, 22%, June 15, 2%, July 1, 1.3%, July 15, 1.3%, Aug 1, 4.5%, Aug 15th, 16%, Sept 1, 43% (based on 2013 statistics) (Ferguson, Rocky Mtn Canoe Club). 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 http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd485558.pdf.

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 and are available for purchase from the Middle Fork and North Fork offices. This pass entitles the holder only (not 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.

Cancellations: If you cannot make the trip, you must cancel your reservation; no exceptions. Cancellations should be made at www.recreation.gov as soon as possible, but have to 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: Dishearting 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 [Idaho Invasive Species Fund sticker](#). (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 2016 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:

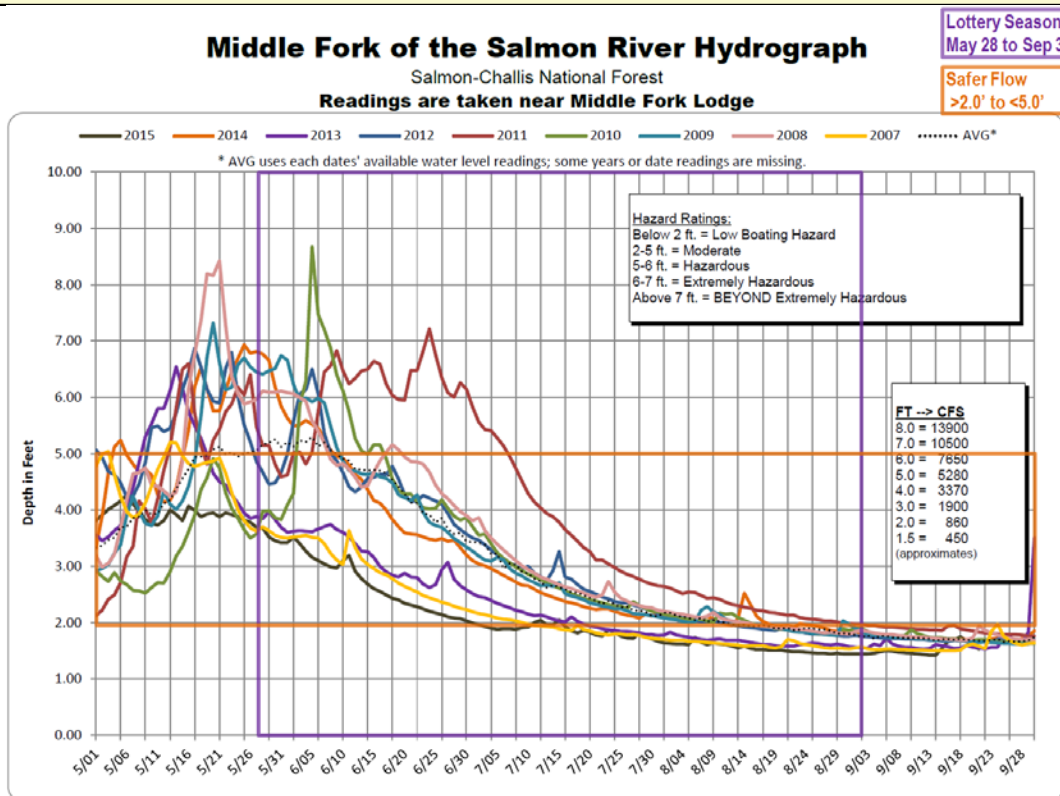
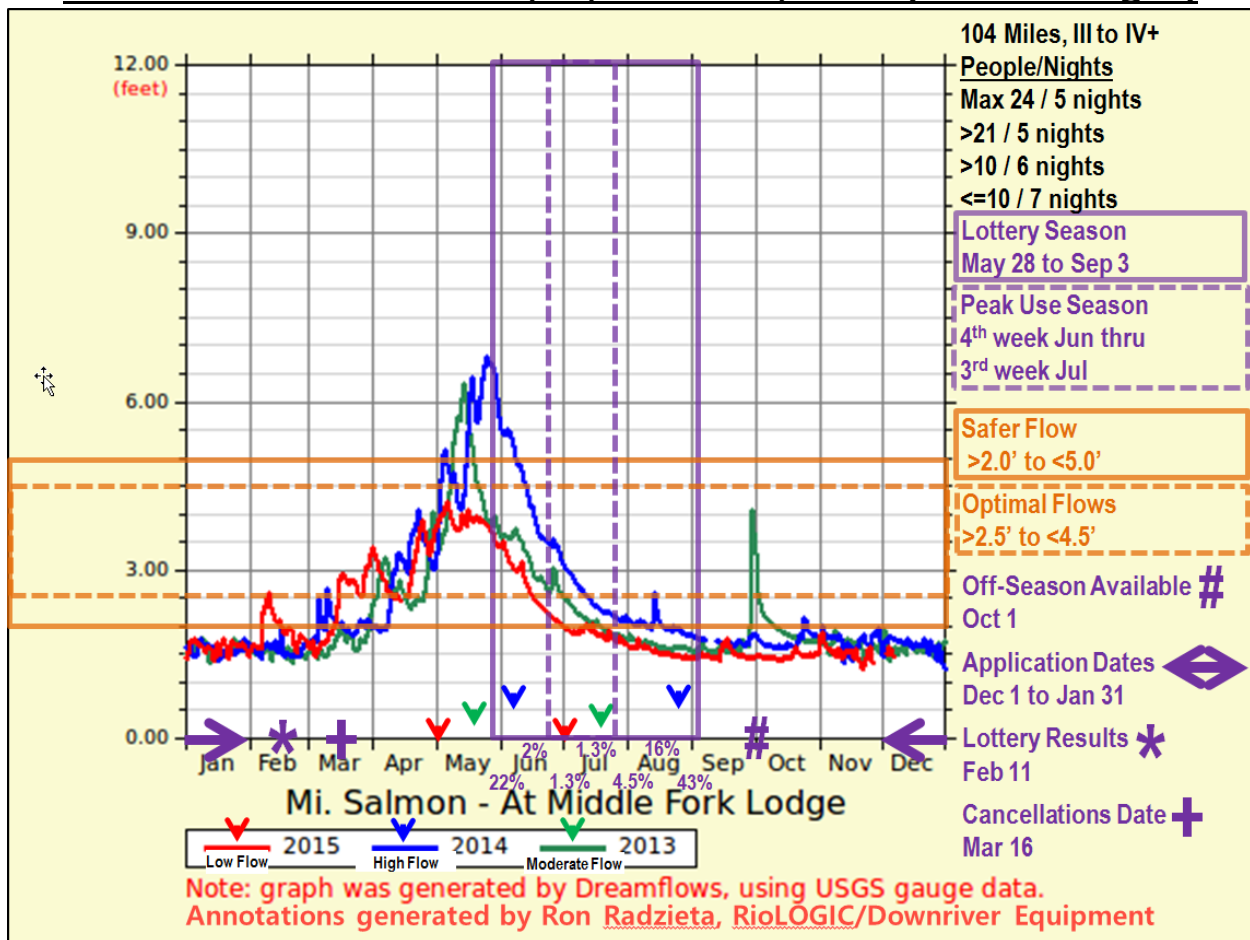
U.S. Forest Service; Middle Fork Ranger District; HC 63 Box 1669; Challis, ID 83226

Telephone: (208) 879-4101 **Fax:** (208) 879-4198 **Reservations/Cancellations:** (877) 444-6777

Office Hours: 7:45am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday

Websites: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/scnf/recreation/wateractivities/?cid=stelprdb5302105> and [Four Rivers Lottery Information](#) and [FAQs](#)

Middle Fork Salmon River, ID; 100 miles; III-IV+(Recreation.gov)



Salmon River (Main), Idaho

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Application Process: Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for June 20 - September 7 (lottery control season) are assigned by the Four Rivers Lottery System at www.recreation.gov. 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 or by calling (877) 444-6777 beginning October 1 at 8am MST. Permits are required year-round on the Main Salmon. Permit holder must be 18 years of age.

Considerations: July 1st - 3%. July 15 - 2%, Aug. 1, 3%, Aug 15, 8%, Sept. 1, 30%% (Based on 2013 season)(Ferguson, Rocky Mtn Canoe Club). 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 http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd485558.pdf.

Fees: Application \$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 at [online](http://www.recreation.gov) 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 and are available for purchase from the Middle Fork and North Fork offices. This pass entitles the holder only (not 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.

Cancellations: If you cannot make the trip, you must cancel your reservation; no exceptions. Cancellations should be made at www.recreation.gov as soon as possible, but have to 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 [Idaho Invasive Species Fund sticker](#). (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 2016 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.

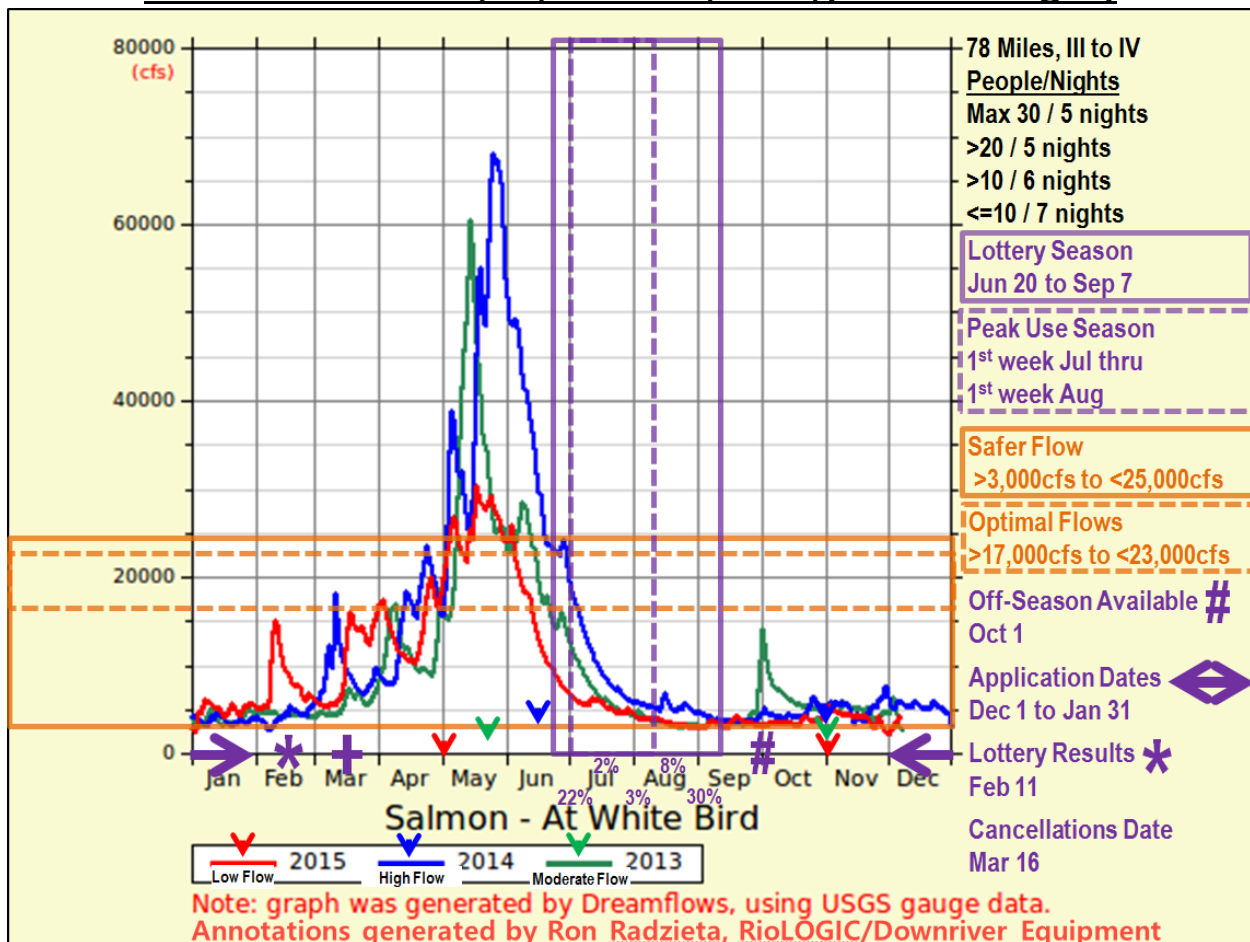
Contact:

U.S. Forest Service; North Fork Ranger District; P.O. Box 180; North Fork, ID 83466

Telephone: (208) 865-2700 **Fax:** (208) 865-2738 **Reservations/Cancellations:** (877) 444-6777

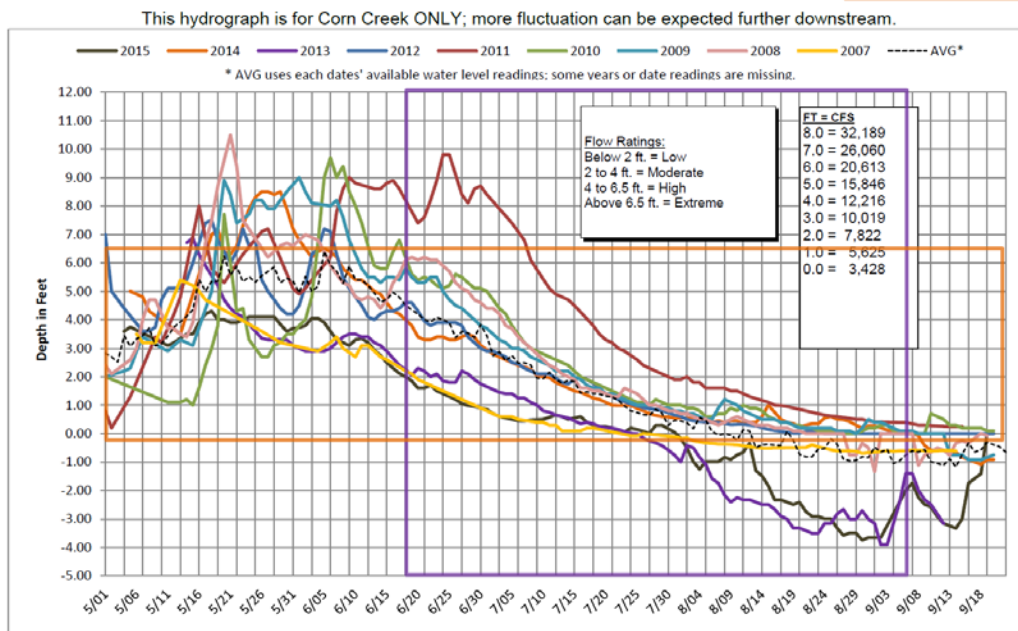
Websites: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/scnf/recreation/wateractivities/?cid=stelprdb5303132> and [Four Rivers Lottery Information](#) and [FAQs](#)

Main Salmon River, ID; 78 miles; III-IV;(Recreation.gov)



Corn Creek Launch Site Hydrograph

MAIN SALMON RIVER
 Salmon-Challis National Forest



Note: This hydrograph is a very general guide for predicting flows. The lines merely connect depth 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 River, Idaho

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Application Process: Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for May 15 - July 31 (lottery control season), are assigned by the Four River Lottery System at www.recreation.gov. 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 http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd485558.pdf.

Fees:

\$6.00 non-refundable application fee.

Cancellations: If a Selway 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. Adjustments to group sizes can be made through www.recreation.gov or at the permit issuing station as needed.

Additional Information:

Party sizes are limited to 16 people all year (during and outside of control season)

Anyone who wants to launch a boat on Idaho waters will have to buy and display an [Idaho Invasive Species Fund sticker](#). (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 2016 is \$7.

Contact:

Bitterroot National Forest; West Fork Ranger District; 6735 West Fork Road; Darby, MT 59829

Telephone: (406) 821-3269

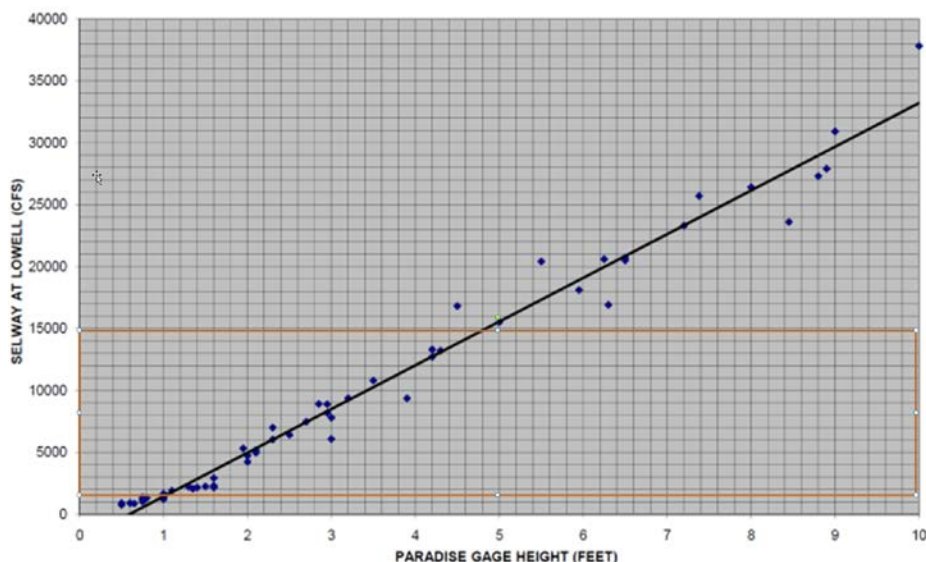
Fax: (406) 821-1211

Office Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm

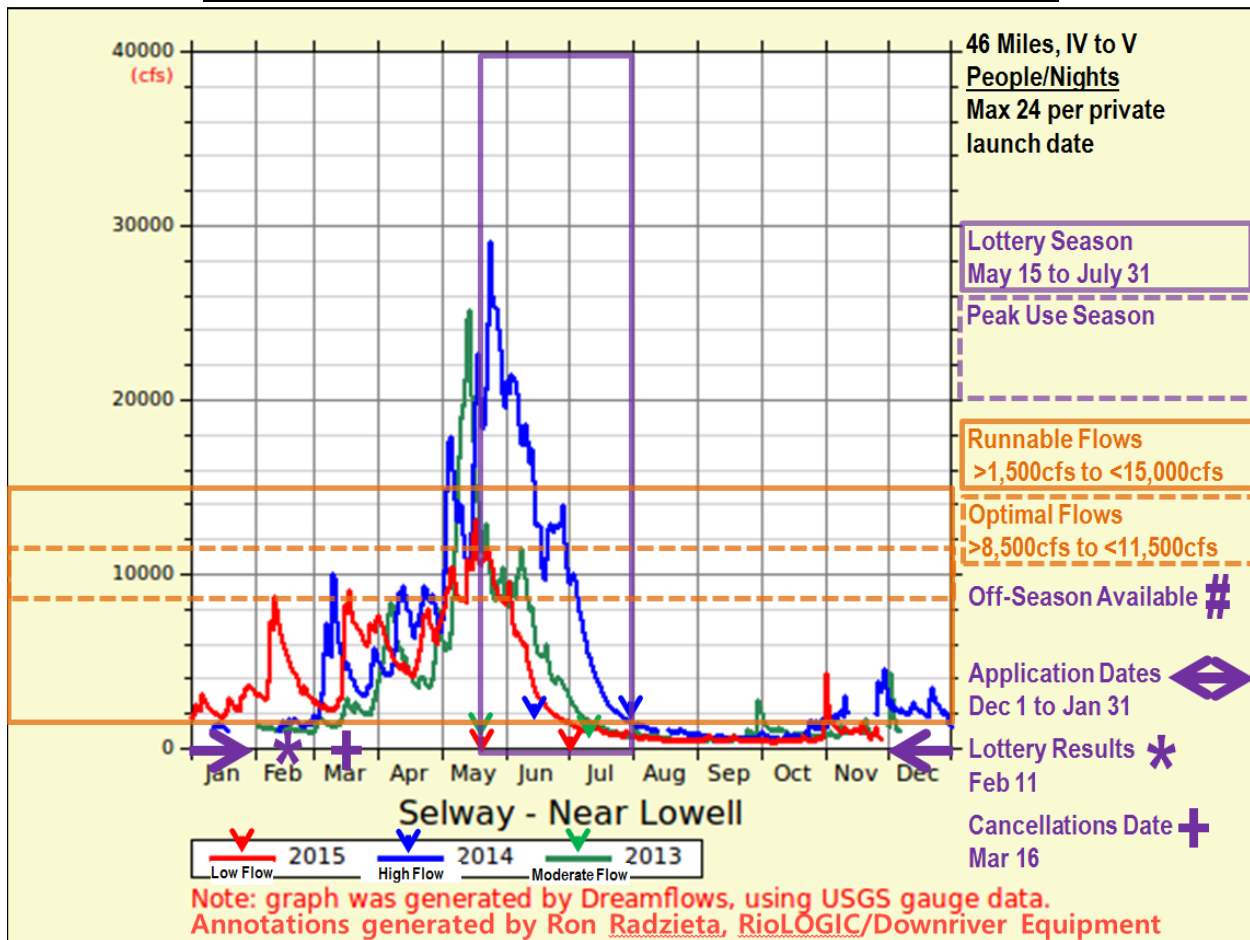
Reservation/Cancellation Phone Number (for recreation.gov): (877) 444-6777

Websites: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/bitterroot/home/?cid=STELPRDB5262645> and [Four Rivers Lottery Information](#) and [FAQs](#)

SELWAY AT LOWELL VS. PARADISE GAGE HEIGHT



Selway River, ID; 46 miles; IV-V;(Recreation.gov)

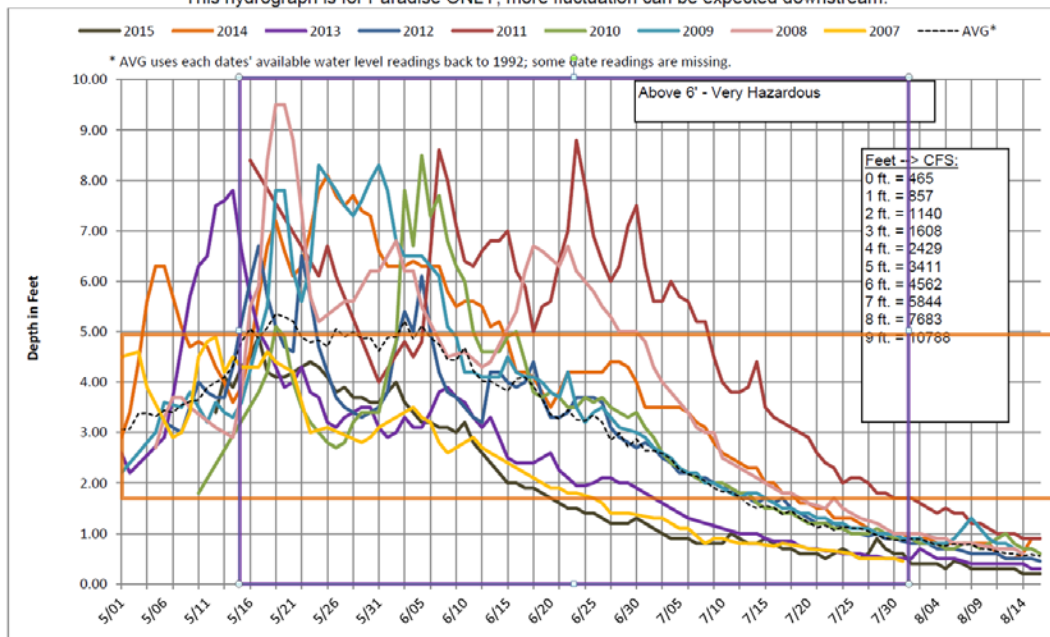


Paradise Launch Site Hydrograph

SELWAY RIVER

Bitterroot National Forest

Safe operation varies with the amount of experience of the operator, condition of the equipment, and difficulty of various rapids under various flow conditions. This hydrograph is for Paradise ONLY; more fluctuation can be expected downstream.



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.

Snake River (Hells Canyon), Idaho/Oregon

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Application Process: Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for the Friday before Memorial Day(May 27, 2016) - September 10 (lottery control season), are assigned by the Four River Lottery System at www.recreation.gov. Successful applicants must confirm their reservation online at 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.

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 www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777. For more information: [Private Powerboat Reservations](#)

Considerations: Most Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays are reserved for Non-Motorized Launches. It is advised to check the launch calendar before applying. The launch calendar is available at http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd485558.pdf.

Fees: \$6.00 non-refundable application fee.

Cancellation Policy: 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. Adjustments to group sizes can be made through www.recreation.gov 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 [Idaho Invasive Species Fund sticker](#) (800) 247-6332 or an [Oregon Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permits](#) is accepted. The Idaho non-motorized cost in 2016 is \$7.

Contact: HCNRA, Snake River Administrative Office; PO Box 699; 2535 Riverside Dr.; Clarkston, WA 99403

Phone: 509-758-1957

Fax: (509) 758-1963

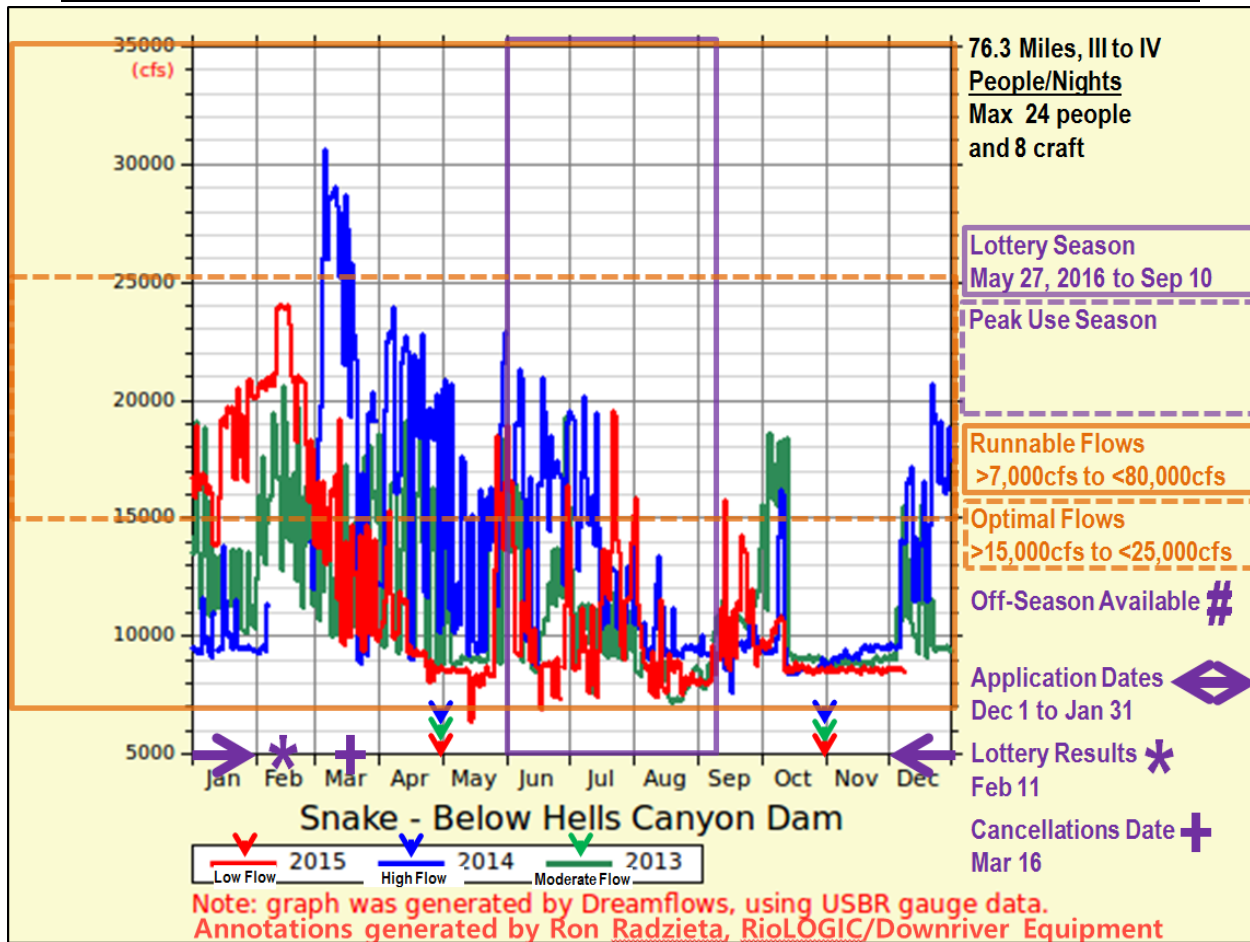
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General HCNRA Information: (509) 758-0616

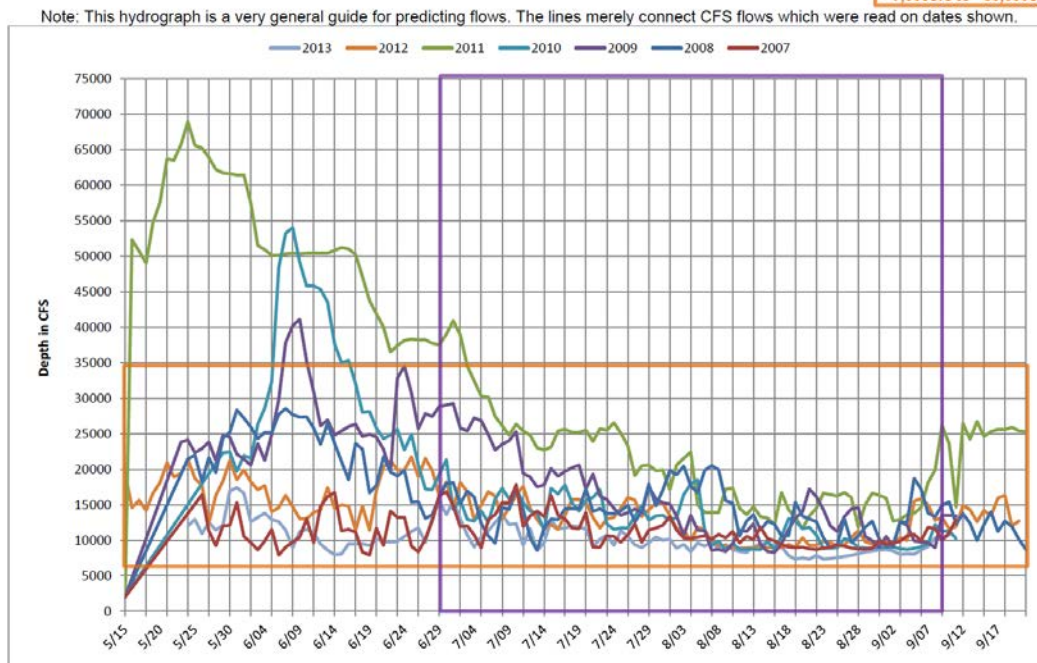
Reservations/Cancellations (for recreation.gov): (877) 444-6777

Websites: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/wallowa-whitman/specialplaces/?cid=stelprdb5227104> and [Four Rivers Lottery Information](#) and [FAQs](#)

Snake River, Hell's Canyon, ID; 76.3 miles; III-IV;(Recreation.gov)



Hells Canyon Creek Launch Site Hydrograph SNAKE RIVER



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

Smith River, Montana

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Application Process: The lottery control season exists from May 15 until July 15. Applications for the regular Smith River Permit lottery are accepted January 4, 2016 – February 18, 2016. There are 3 ways you can apply:

- Fill-in and submit the application online through the [FWP Automated Licensing System](#).
- Download and print out a paper [application and instructions](#). Mail completed application to the address on the form.
- Pick up a paper application at any Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

Permit results will be posted online March 3. To view results, visit [Montana State Parks](#) or [MyFWP](#). 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 14 (8am -12pm, Monday - Friday) to request any remaining launch dates or cancelled permits.

Super Permit Lottery: The opportunity to purchase chances for the Smith River "Super Permit" are available January 4 - March 17 at \$5 per chance. Chances may be purchased online through the [FWP Automated Licensing System](#) and at any FWP regional office or license provider. The Super Permit Lottery will be on March 21.

Considerations: 5/1, 32%, 5/15, 17%. 6/1, 15%, 6/15, 5%, 7/1,6%. 7/15, 22%, 8/1, 100%(based on 2014 season) (Ferguson, Rocky Mtn Canoe Club).

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

Cancellation Requirement: 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 beginning with 2016 season.

Contact:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; 4600 Giant Springs Road; Great Falls, MT 59405

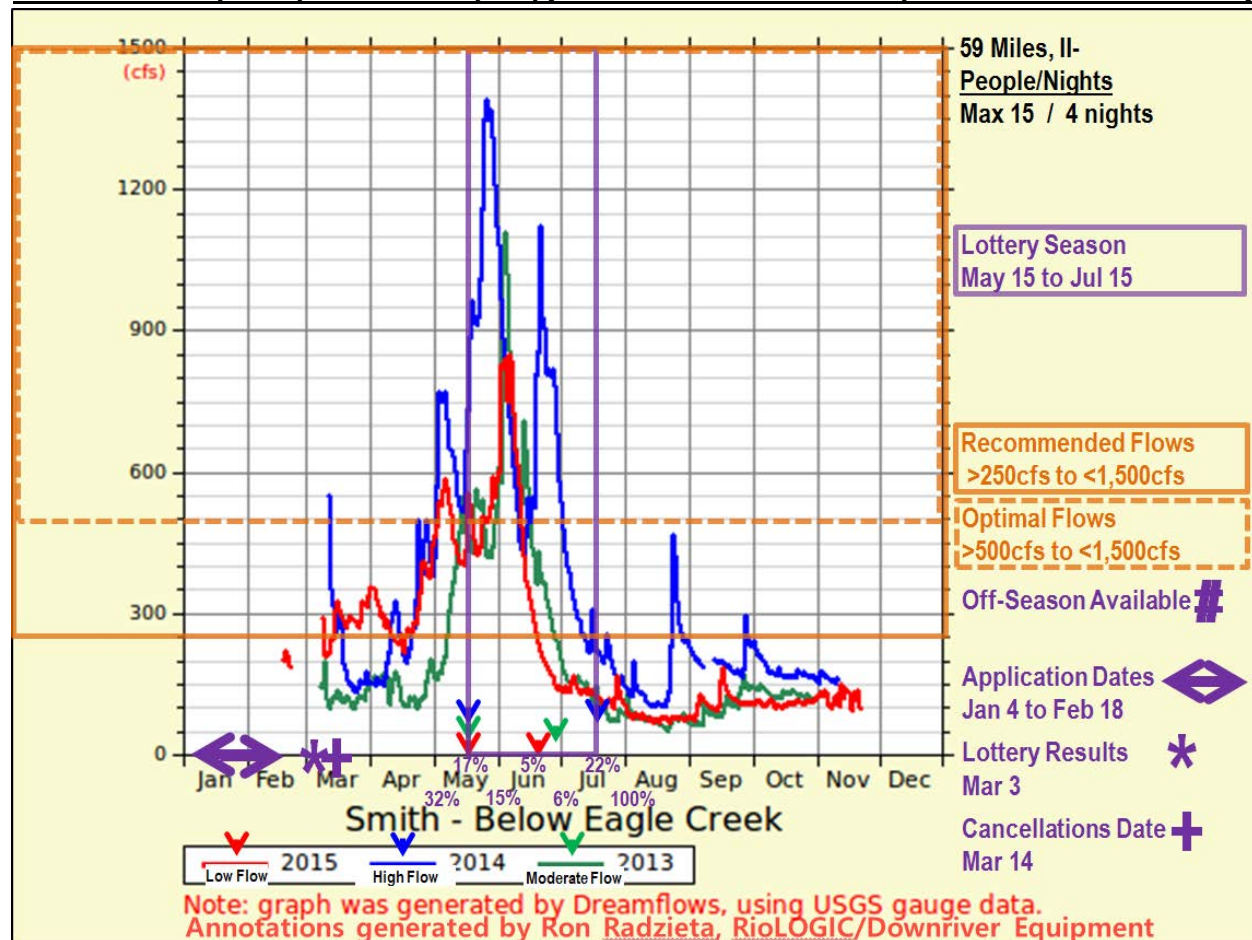
Telephone: (406) 454-5840

Hours: 8am – 12pm, Monday - Friday

Email: SmithRiver@mt.gov

Website: <http://stateparks.mt.gov/smith-river/>

Smith River, MT; 59 miles; II-;(Montana State Fish, Wildlife and Parks)



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

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Application Process: Applications for the lottery will be accepted December 1 - January 31 for either a Yampa or Lodore putin. You can apply online at www.recreation.gov or continue to download an application on the [Dinosaur National Monument](#) page. Applicants will be notified of lottery results by late February. High use lottery season is May 9, 2016 - September 9, 2016 (2nd Monday in May to the 2nd Friday in September, dates will change year to year). Beginning February 16, 2016 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, 2016.

One-day permits are available through either the River Office or www.recreation.gov beginning March 1, 2016.

New 2015: 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: 5/15, 5%. 6/1, 5%. 6/15, 4%. 7/1, 6%. 7/15, 9%. 8/1, 11%. 8/15, 16%, 9/1, 19%, 9/10, 34%(based on 2012 statistics)(Ferguson, Rocky Mtn Canoe Club).

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.

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).

Contact:

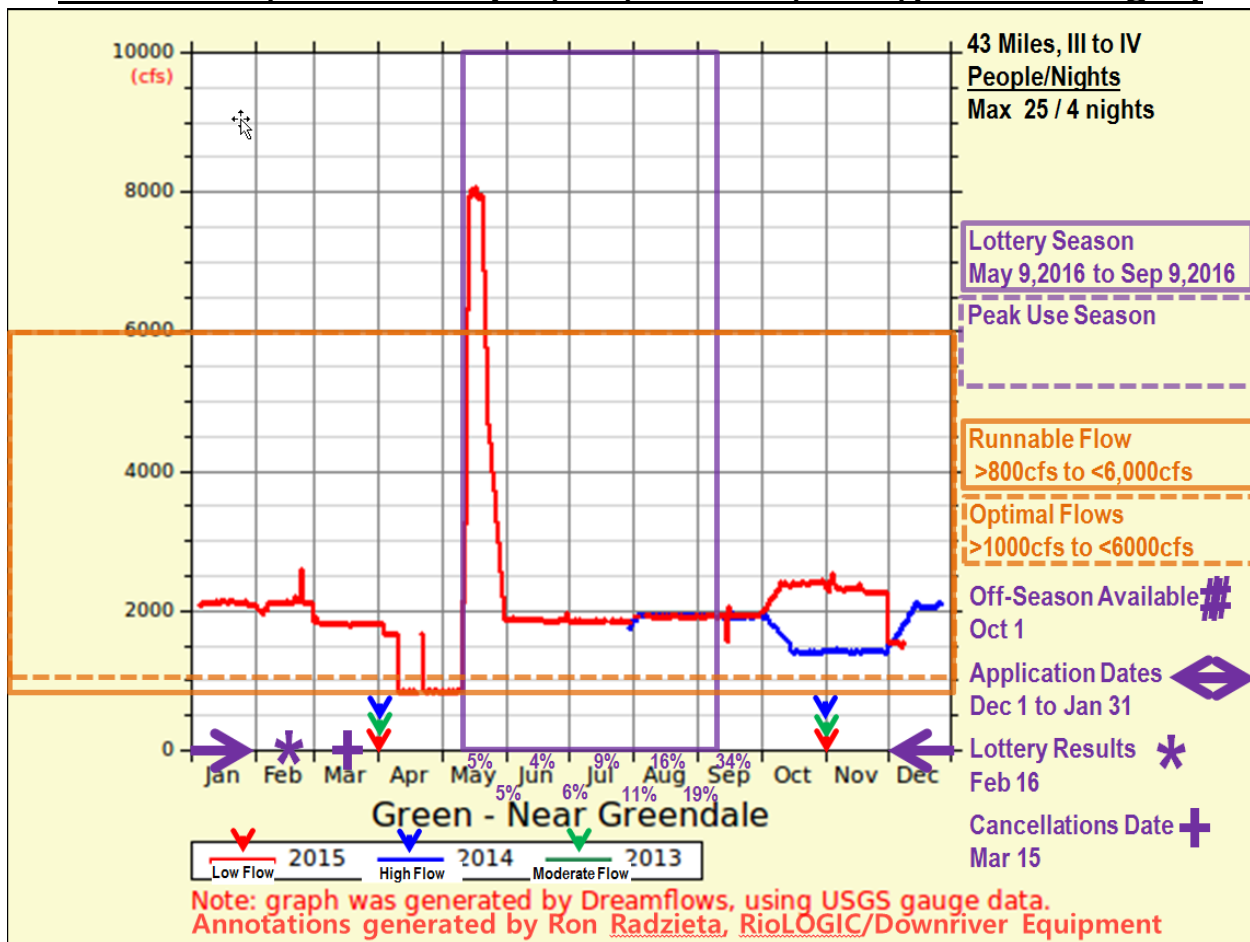
Dinosaur National Monument River Office; 4545 Highway 40; Dinosaur, CO 81610

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

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/dino/planyourvisit/boating-and-rafting.htm>

Green River, Ladore Canyon, CO; 43 miles; III-IV; (Recreation.gov)



Yampa River, Dinosaur National Park, Colorado/Utah

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Application Process: Applications for the lottery will be accepted December 1 - January 31 for either a Yampa or Lodore putin. You can apply online at www.recreation.gov or continue to download an application on the Dinosaur National Monument page. Beginning February 16, applicants can check the results of the lottery by signing into their Recreation.gov account to see if they drew a launch date. High use lottery season is May 9, 2016 - July 9, 2016(2nd Monday in May to the 2nd Saturday in July, dates will change year to year).

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, 2016.

One-day permits are available through either the River Office or www.recreation.gov beginning March 1, 2016.

New 2015: 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. 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: 5/15, 5%. 6/1, 5%. 6/15, 4%. 7/1, 6%.(based on 2012 statistics)(Ferguson, Rocky Mtn Canoe Club).

Fees:

All fees are non-refundable.

\$15.00 Application fee

\$20.00 Permit fee for one day trips

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

\$35.00 over-length fee (maximum six 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 National 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.

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

Contact:

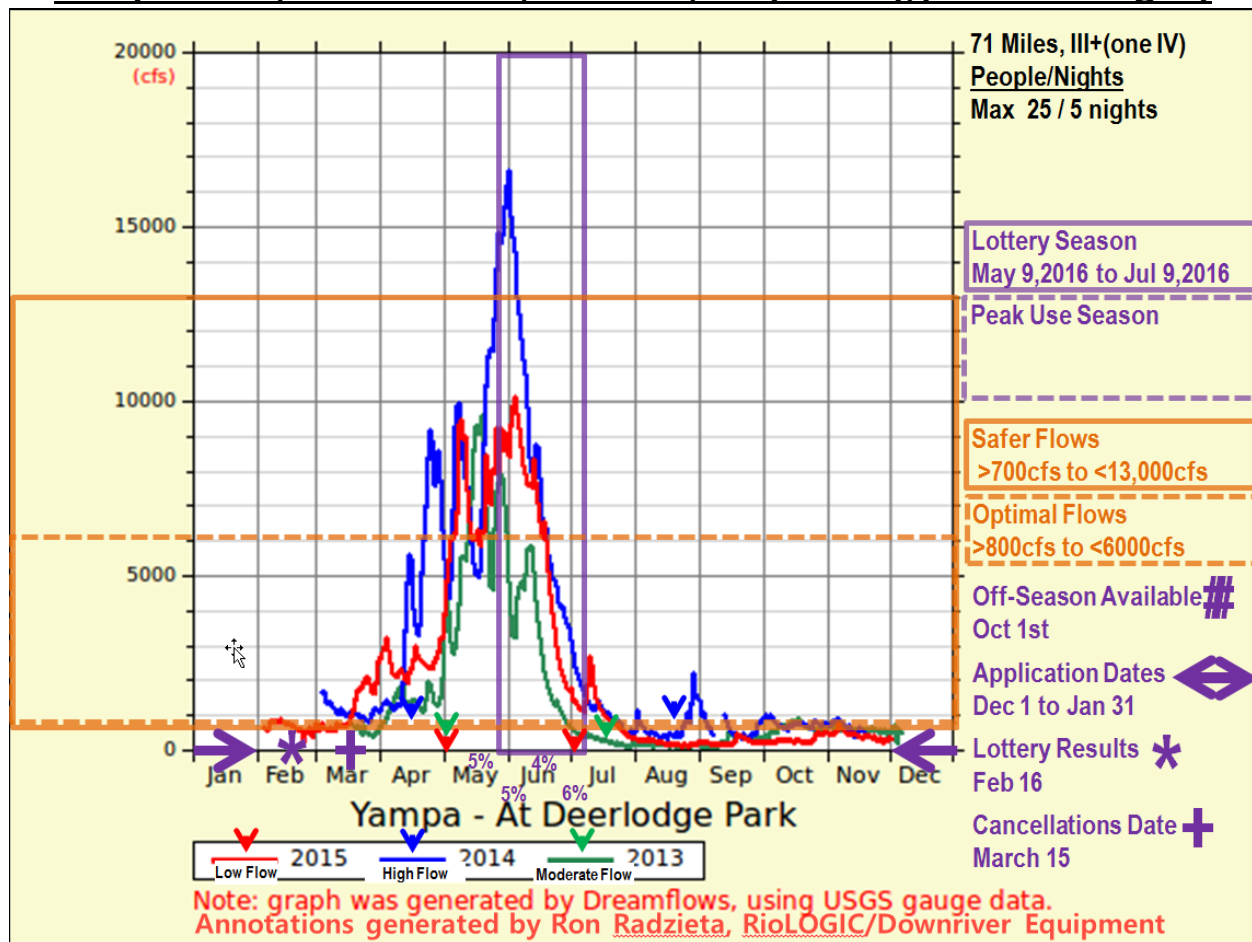
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Telephone: (970) 374-2468 (River Office) and (866) 825-2995 (info on available launch dates after March 1)

Hours: 8:00am – 12:00pm, Monday through Friday

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/dino/planyourvisit/boating-and-rafting.htm>

Yampa River, Colorado-UT; 71 miles; III+(one IV);(Recreation.gov)



Green River (Desolation/Gray Canyon), Utah

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Permit Process: A permit is required year round for floating the Desolation Gray Canyons section of the Green River. Permits can be reserved at www.recreation.gov. 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. All dates not awarded and all dates cancelled through the lottery will be available on www.recreation.gov starting March 16. Launch dates prior to May 1 and after September 30 will be available on a first come basis starting December 1 also on www.recreation.gov.

Considerations: Curiously, July 4 and 24 are often available. August not popular due to heat and bugs, more and more folks going for September, better weather(Ferguson, Rocky Mtn Canoe Club).

Fees: Application: \$6.00 non-refundable fee. Reservation Use Fees required to access most of the river-left bank: \$25 per person. Permit holders will be responsible for payment of fees for their entire group. A minimum payment of \$25 (1 person) must be made when confirming reservation. Final payment for their entire group must be made in full on www.recreation.gov at least seven working days prior to the actual launch date.

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.

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. Hiking and camping on Ute lands is allowed with a permit from the Ute Tribe(\$25/person). After a valid BLM permit has been acquired, a Ute Tribal permit may be purchased at www.uitfwd.com/Doc/desolationCanyonPermit.html.

Contact:

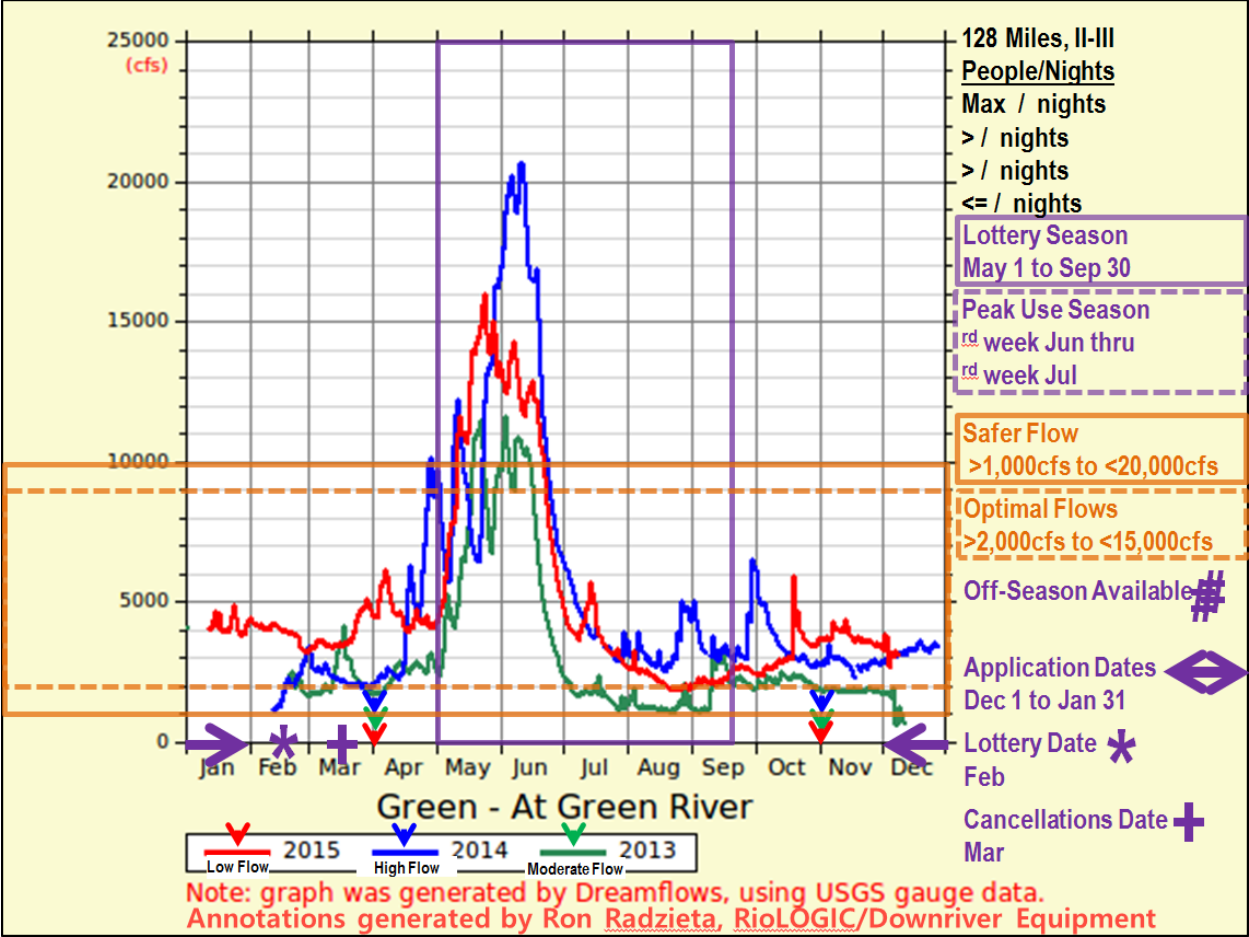
Bureau of Land Management; Price Field Office; 125 South 600 West; Price, UT 84501

Recreation Office Telephone: (435) 636-0975 8am – 12pm, Monday through Friday

Price Field Office Telephone: (435) 636-3600

Website: <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/price/recreation/riverinf.html>

Green River, Desolation & Gray Canyons, UT; 128 miles; II-III;(Recreation.gov)



Colorado River (Ruby Horsethief), Colorado/Utah

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

An overnight permit is required to camp year round within the river corridor.

How to obtain a permit: Camping permits for camping sites between May 1 and September 30 are issued on a first come, first served basis by the Grand Junction Field Office, Monday 8am- 2:30pm and Tuesday through Friday, 8am - 12pm. You may obtain a permit in person at the office or by phone at (970) 244-3050 or (855) 807-1808. Permits are accepted starting 60 days prior to your launch date. For example, May 5th reservations first become available on March 6th. An online [campsite calendar](#) is available showing open camp sites and is updated at least once a day.

Between October 1 and April 30 permits are self-issued at the Loma boat launch. No fees apply for off season use.

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 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 \$20

6-14 \$50

15-25 \$100

Making changes to a permit: 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: The maximum group size is 25, including dogs. There is a max of 2 dogs per camp.

Contact:

Bureau of Land Management

Grand Junction Field Office

2825 H Road

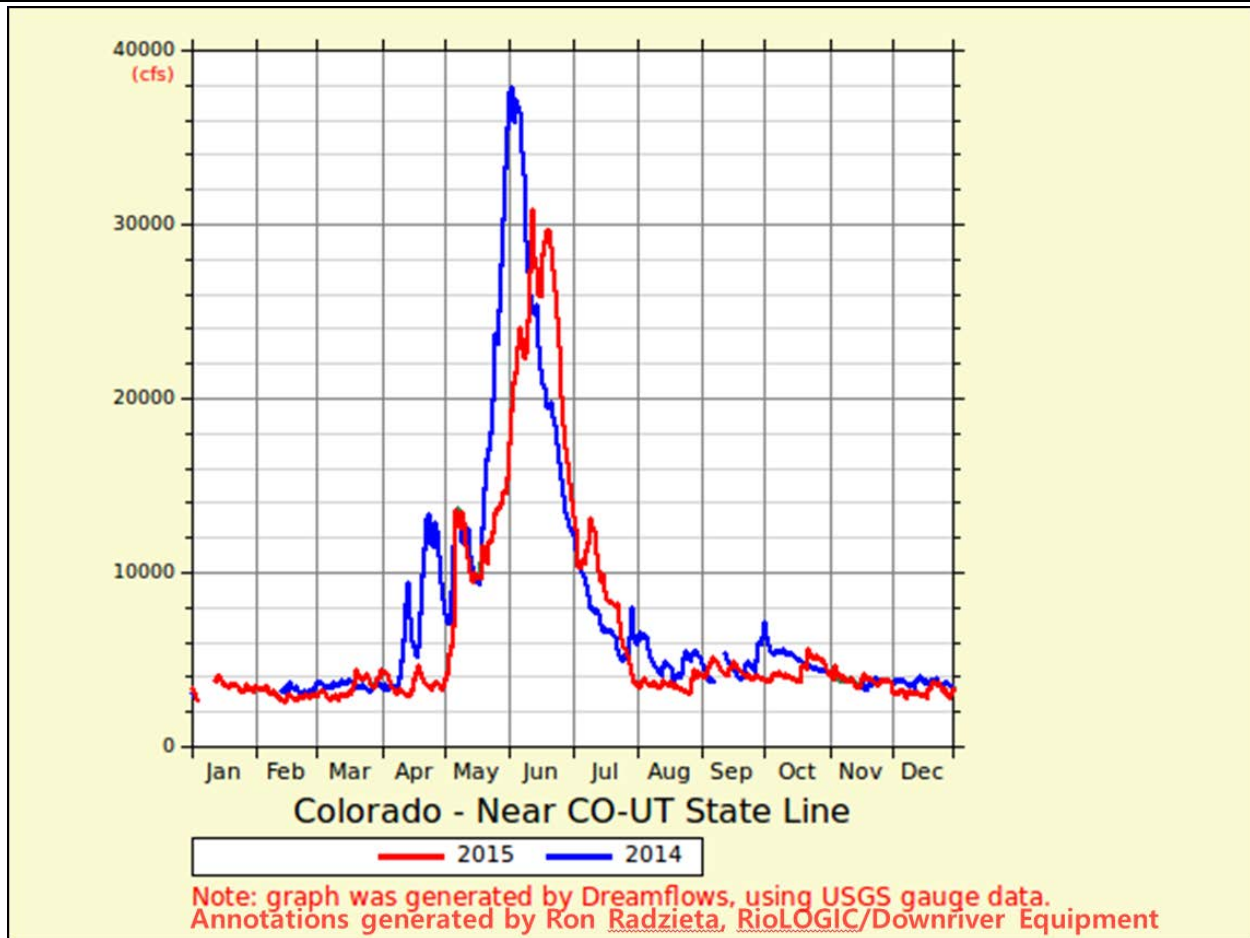
Grand Junction, Colorado 81506

Telephone: (970) 244-3050 and (855) 807-1808

Hours: 8am – 2:30pm, Monday and 8am – 12pm, Tuesday through Friday

Website: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/nca/mcnca/recreation/Boating/permit_information.html and [FAQs](#)

Colorado River, Ruby-Horsethief Canyon, CO; 25 miles; II-;(BLM, Grand Junction)



Colorado River (Westwater)

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

How to obtain a permit: A permit is required year-round to run Westwater Canyon. Permits are issued only through advance reservation on a first-come first- served basis using the telephone: (435) 259-7012. Launches become available starting at 8am, 2 months prior to the launch date. If two months before launch date falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, you must call the next working day. No waiting lists are maintained. An [online calendar](#) is available showing open launch dates.

Fees: \$10.00 per person. Payment can be made when you acquire a launch or is due 30 days prior to launch.

Payments may only be made by the trip leader or alternate trip leader.

No refunds will be issued.

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. River guidebooks, maps, and related materials are available through [Canyonlands Natural History Association](#).

River Flow: As a general rule, the river 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. Check the [current daily flow](#).

Emergency Services: The Grand County Sheriff's Office (435) 259-8115, has search and rescue jurisdiction for Westwater Canyon. If the illness or injury is life-threatening, such as when body movement must be constrained, helicopter evacuation should be considered. In most cases, the injured party is billed for this service. Helicopter evacuation can be initiated by contacting Life Flight - St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Junction, CO (800) 525-4224 or Flight for Life, University of Utah Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT (800) 662-0050. The Utah Division of Parks and Recreation (435) 259-3750 should be notified of major incidents that occur on the river.

Contact:

Bureau of Land Management

Moab River Office

82 East Dogwood Moab, Utah 84532

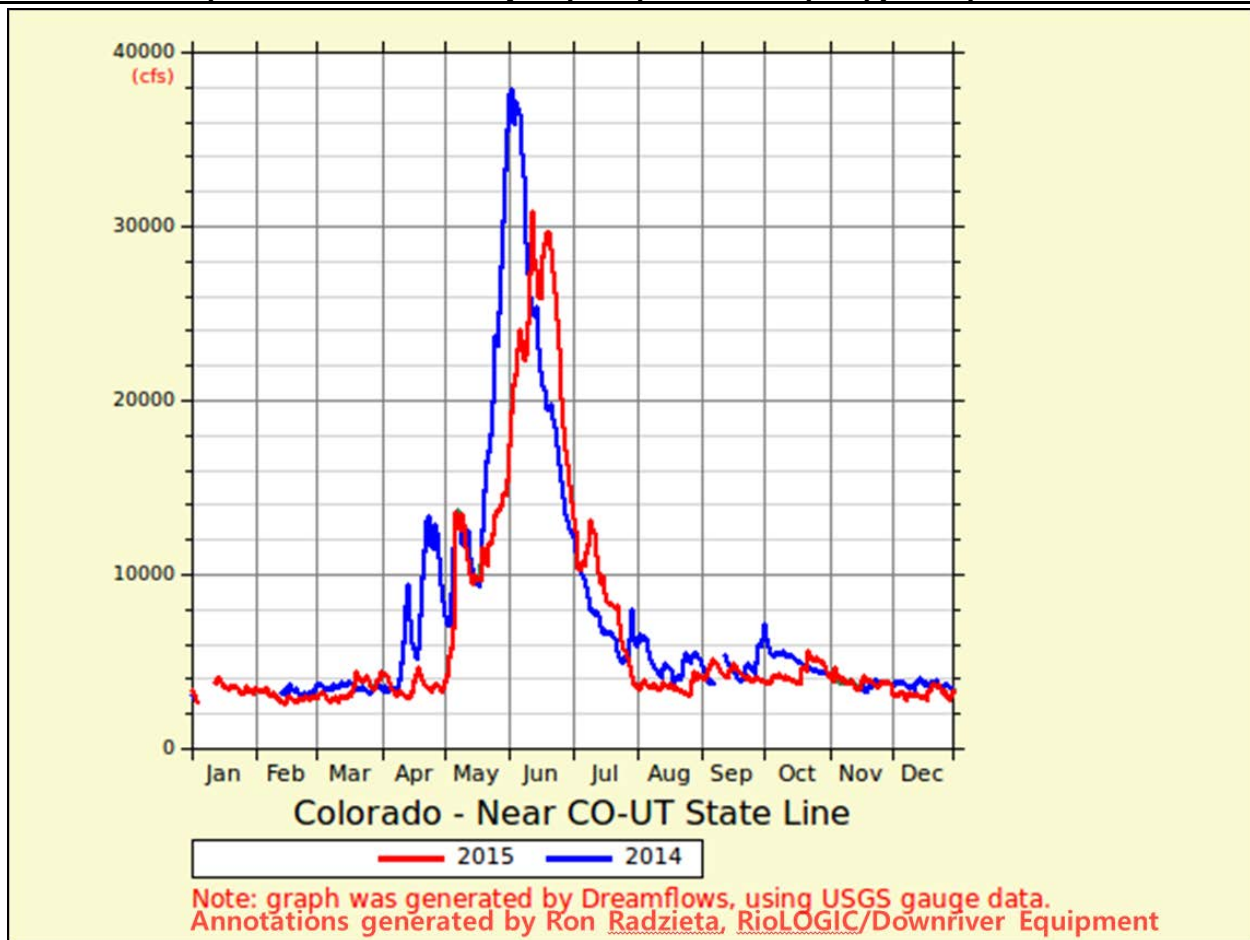
Telephone: (435) 259-7012

Fax: (435) 259-2158

Hours: 8am – 12pm, Monday through Friday

Website: http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/recreation/River_Recreation/westwater_canyon.html

Colorado River, Westwater Canyon, UT; 17 miles; IV;(BLM, Moab Field Office)



Colorado River, Cataract Canyon, Utah

Compiled by **Ron Radzieta, December 2015.**

Application Process: Reservations can be made online at canypermits.nps.gov up to four months in advance and two days prior to the trip start date. River permits may be obtained online, 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. To apply for a river permit, visit our online reservation system at canypermits.nps.gov. Once your reservation is processed, you will receive an email with instructions for making an online payment. Once your payment is received, your permit will be sent by email. You may also print and complete a reservation form and submit it by email, mail, or fax. These reservations will be processed when received. The sites you request may not be available if someone reserves a site online prior to processing of your mailed request.

Considerations: Avoid high flows.

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

Cancellation Requirement: 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.

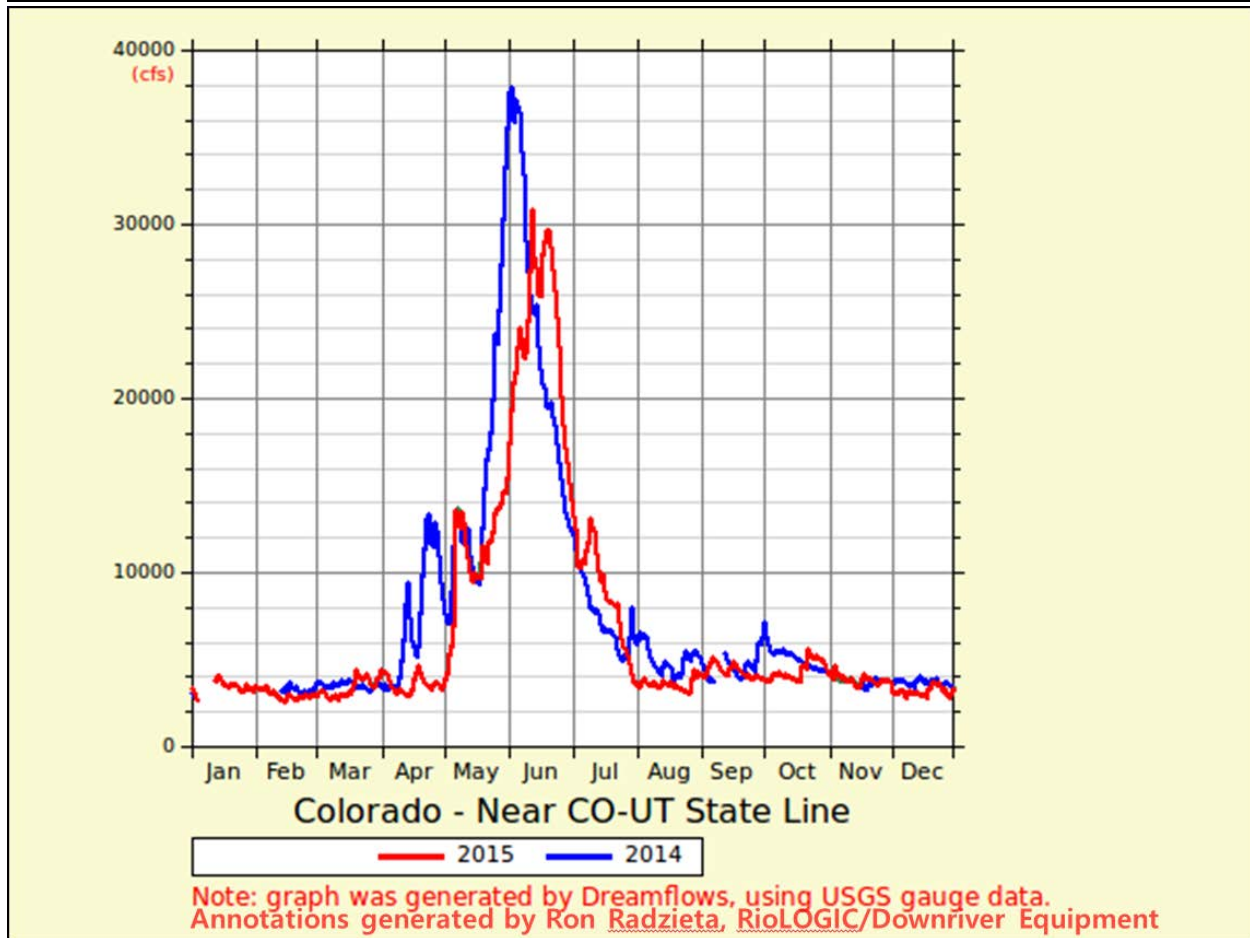
Contact:

Canyonlands National Park
2282 SW Resource Blvd.
Moab, UT 84532

Telephone:

Backcountry Reservation Office: (435) 259-4351
Reservation Office: (435) 259-4285

Colorado River, Cataract Canyon, UT; 96 miles; III+ to V;(Canyonlands NP)



San Juan River, Utah

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

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 online reservations.

ALL advanced reservations and lottery applications have a \$6 non-refundable transaction fee.

Full payment of per person Permit Fees must be made at time of *reserving* a permit.

Trips Launching January 1st – April 14th

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

Trips launching April 15th through July 15th

Lottery: 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.

Advance Reservations: Following the lottery, available launches and cancellations may be reserved in advance at www.recreation.gov, beginning March 16th at 10:00 a.m. (ET).

Trips launching July 16th – December 31st

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

Considerations: 8% May 1st, 4% June 1st, 16% July 1st, 57% July 15th. Success rates are for Sand Island to Clay Hills, rates for shorter trips are higher(Ferguson, Rocky Mtn Canoe Club).

Fees: The following per person per trip fee schedule applies for launches from March 1 – October 31.

Sand Island to Mexican Hat: \$10.00

Mexican Hat to Clay Hills: \$20.00

Sand Island to Clay Hills: \$30.00

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

Cancellations: Permit holders who cancel their reservation or reduce their party size a minimum of 31 days prior to the launch date will receive a refund of their permit fees. No refunds are issued for reservations cancelled or reduced 30 days or less before the launch date under any circumstances.

Changes: Permit holders will be allowed to print their permit 14 days before their launch date. Changes cannot be made to a permit once it's been printed. Permit holders may change group size or take-out date a minimum of 5 days in advance of the launch date at www.recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777.

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

Navajo Nation Permits: The left bank of the river from Montezuma Creek to Trimble Camp is on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Additional permits to camp, hike or visit archaeological sites on river left may be obtained at Monument Valley Park, Four Corners Monument, Navajo Parks & Recreation office in Cameron, AZ, or online: [Navajo Nation Historic Preservation](#)(arc sites), [Navajo Parks & Rec](#)(camp/hike).

Trips taking out at Clay Hills: camping below Government Rapid (~ river mile 64) is allowed at nine designated sites only. These sites must be reserved [online](#) through the BLM Monticello Field Office immediately after booking a permit or accepting an awarded lottery reservation.

Contact:

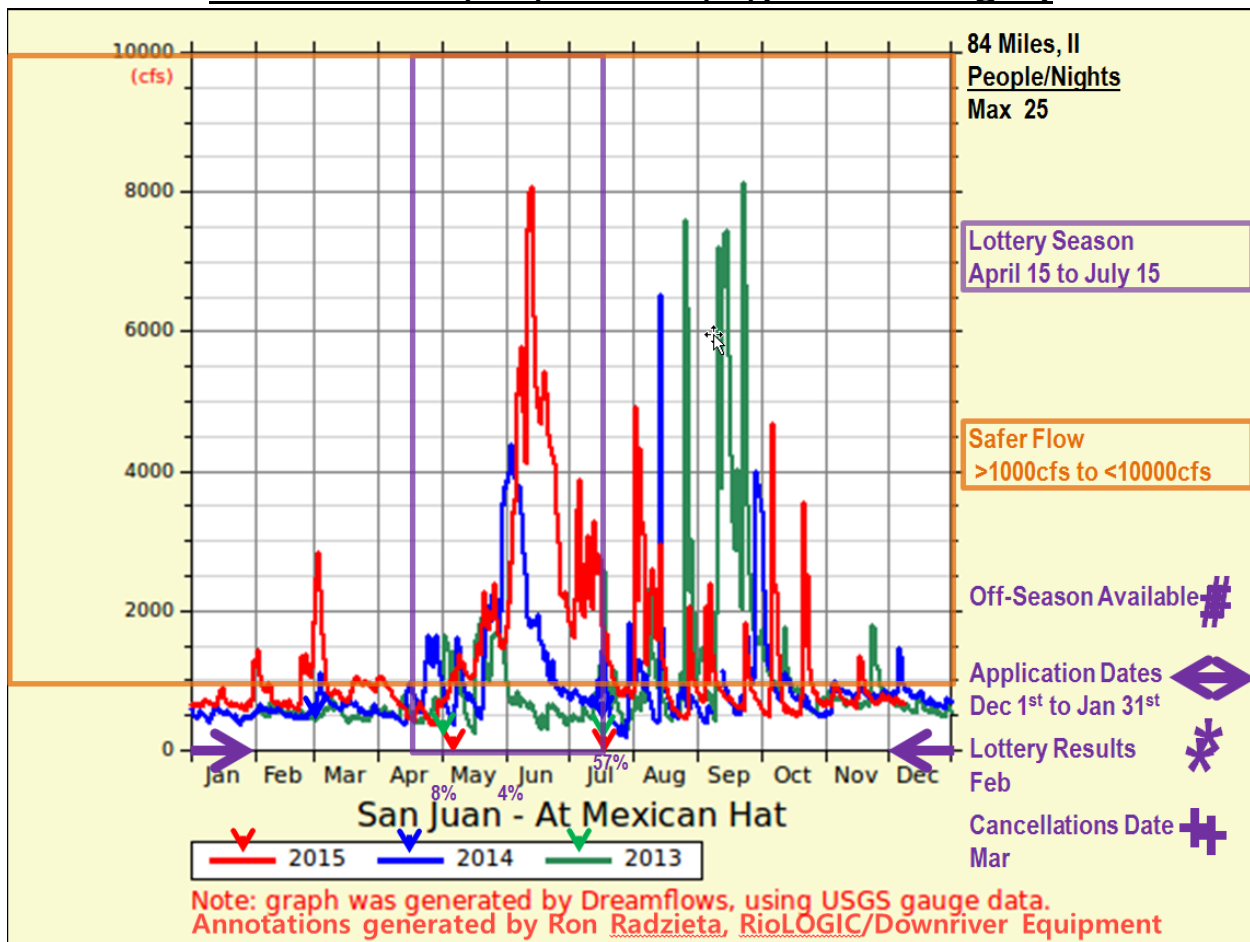
BLM, Monticello Field Office; P.O. Box 7 (365 N. Main St); Monticello, UT 84535

Telephone: (435) 587-1544 **Fax:** (435) 587-1518 **Office hours:** 8am – 12pm, Monday - Thursday

Email: BLM_UT_SanJuan_Permits@blm.gov

Website: http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/monticello/recreation/permits/san_juan_river.html

San Juan River, UT; 84 miles; II;(Recreation.gov)



Grand Canyon, Colorado River, Arizona, NPS, IV

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015).

Colorado River (Grand Canyon)

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.

1. Create a User Profile by visiting the “Weighted Lottery Website” at

<https://npspermits.us/grandcanyon/river/login.cfm>. 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.

2. Create a Lottery Application: When a lottery is open and accepting applications, log back into your profile, create an application and submit it.

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. Final permit fees of \$100 per person are due 90 days before launch.

Cancellations: All Lottery and Permit fees are non-refundable.

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:

<http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/overview-diamond-ck.htm>.

Contact:

National Park Service

Grand Canyon River Permits Office

1824 S. Thompson St, Suite 201

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

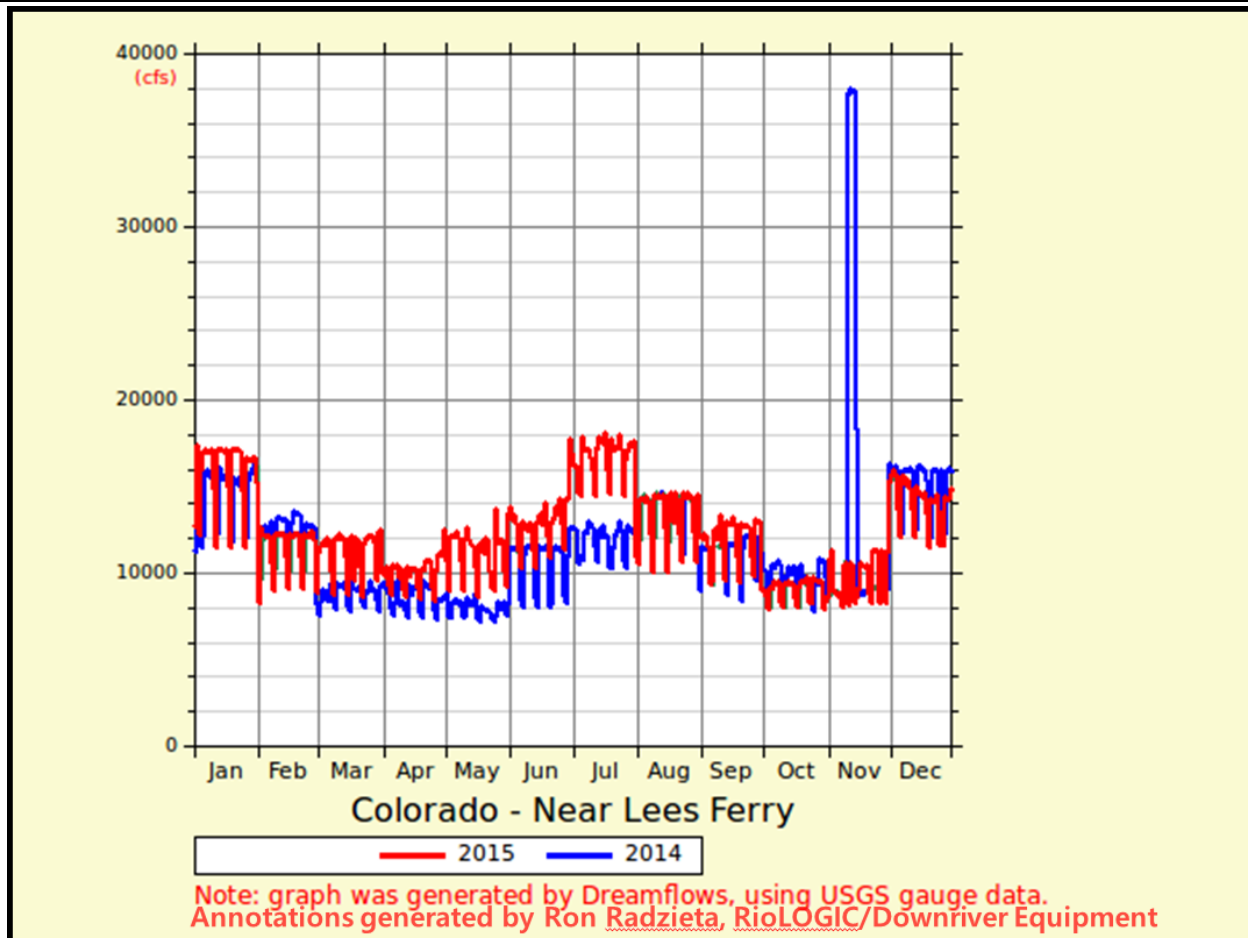
Telephone: (800) 959-9164 or (928) 638-7843

Fax: (928) 638-7844

Email: grca_riv@nps.gov

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/whitewater-rafting.htm>

Colorado River, Grand Canyon, AZ; 225+ miles; IV+;(NPS, GC River Permits Office)



Rio Chama, New Mexico

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Application Process: All launches on the 31 mile wilderness segment of the Rio Chama from May 6, 2016 to September 3, 2016 must have an advance permit. BLM's Taos Field Office administers a lottery to distribute weekend launch dates from May 6, 2016 through September 3, 2016. Applications must be postmarked no later than January 31. To apply for a lottery-assigned launch date, you must be at least 18 years old. Call or mail in a request for a postcard. After filling out the postcard, return it with a check for \$6 made out to "USDI-BLM". Submit one application per individual. Generally, due to the dam release schedule, the flow is too low for a weekday launch(Sunday through Thursday). By March 1st, they will notify all applicants by return postcard of their launch date, if their application was drawn, or if they were unsuccessful. The office accepts telephone reservation requests for weekday launches starting the first Monday in April.

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.

Cancellations: If a trip leader must cancel, he/she can transfer the permit to another member of the group, or can give the launch up so that BLM can reassign it to someone on their waiting list. No waiting list is maintained, but sometimes a last minute caller may acquire a cancelled launch.

Fees: \$6.00 application fee for lottery. All boaters, regardless of season, must fill out a boater registration form at the launch site, pay BLM a \$5.00/person fee, and any fees required by the owners of the launch site (El Vado aka Cooper's Ranch) (505) 588-7354.

Additional Information: Maximum trip size is 16 people. lows are highly variable, based on water availability, irrigation demand and rainfall. Please watch for flow information on the USGS website nm.water.usgs.gov or call (888) 882-6188 for a recorded message. Winter Season (Labor Day – April 30): No advance reservation required, however, minimum flows are around 50cfs. Please self-register at the put-in with the number of people in your group.

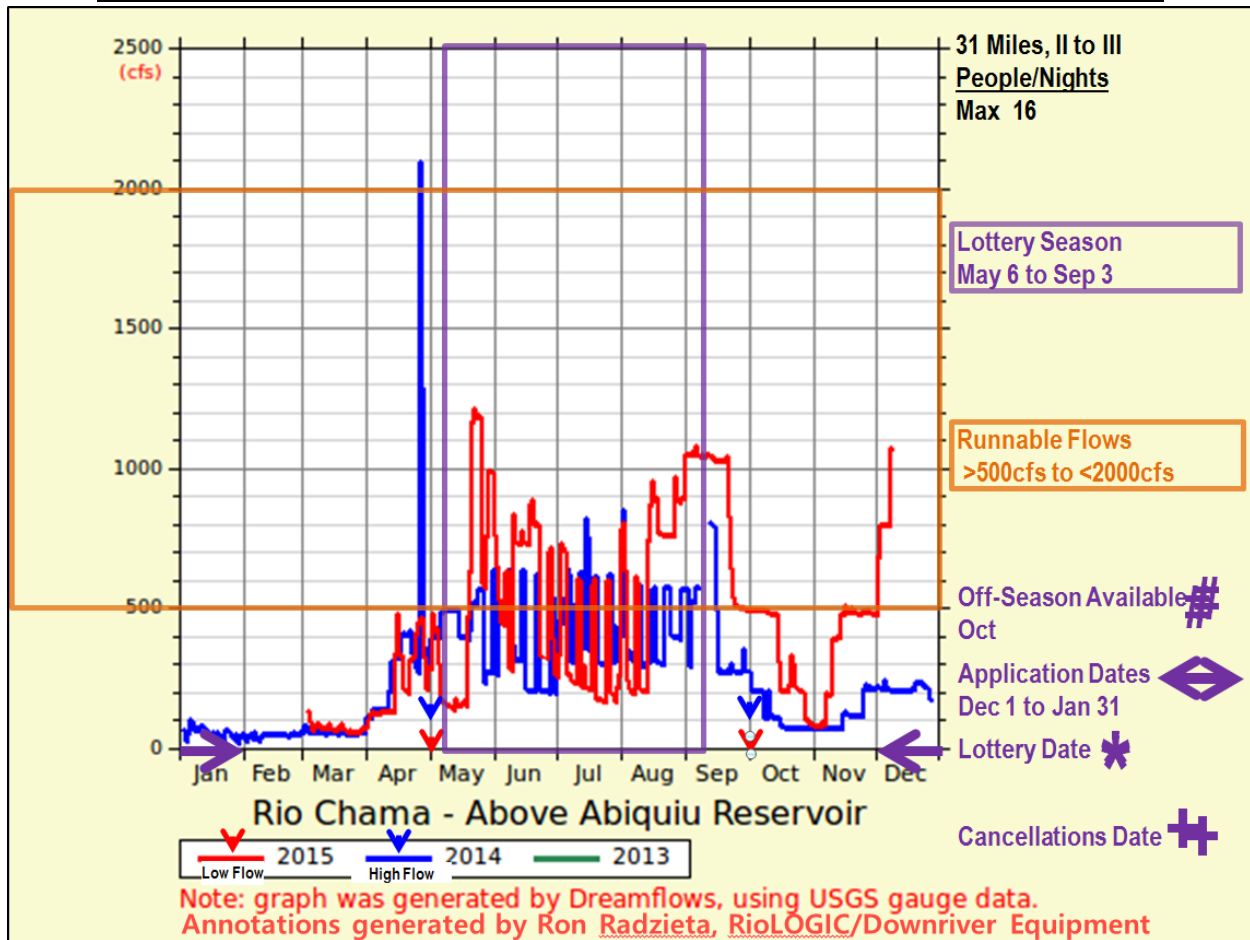
Contact: BLM Taos Field Office; 226 Cruz Alta Road Taos; NM 87571-5983

Telephone: (575) 758-8851

Fax: (575) 758-1620

Website: http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/taos/rio_chama_wsr.html

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



Salt River (Upper), Arizona

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). **Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.**

To float the Upper Salt River you must obtain a permit from the White Mountain Apache Tribe **and** the USDA Forest Service.

White Mountain Apache Tribe

A Daily Rafting Permit is required for each person for each day they are rafting the portion of the Salt River flowing through the Reservation. Recreation permits can be purchased online from the [White Mountain Apache Tribe](#). **These permits are required 365 days a year.** Whitewater boating is strictly prohibited by the Tribe through those sections of the canyon upstream of Apache Falls, 1/4 mile above Salt River Canyon Bridge (Highway 60).

Application Process: none for the Reservation, but see below for application process for Forest Service.

Fees: \$20.00 per person/day. 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.

Contact:

White Mountain Apache Tribe, Outdoor Recreation Division

100 West Fatco Road

P.O. Box 220

White River, AZ 85941

Telephone: (928) 338-4385 **Fax:** (928) 338-1712 **Office hours:** 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday

Website: www.wmatoutdoors.org/

USDA Forest Service: March 1 - May 15 Permitted Season

Application process: November 15 - January **31:** [Permit Application](#) accepted (No applications will be accepted after the close of business on January **31**)

Fees: \$10.00 non-refundable application fee. To secure the permit, all requested information, along with an additional non-refundable fee of \$125 must be sent at least 21 days prior to the reserved launch date.

Cancellations: Starting February 1 when someone cancels, or is forfeited for failing to pay within 3 weeks of their launch date, the date will be posted online: <http://cancellations.saltriverpermits.com>. Anyone who wants the permit for this date can check the box indicating their desire to take it. 48 hours after the date is posted, a random drawing will be held among the interested parties who checked the box. Successful & unsuccessful parties will be notified by email. **Last Minute Permits:** Permits that are unclaimed or unpaid for within 10 days of the permitted launch date will be available on the first come first serve webpage at: <http://lastminute.saltriverpermits.com/>

Additional information: Permits are limited to 15 people per group.

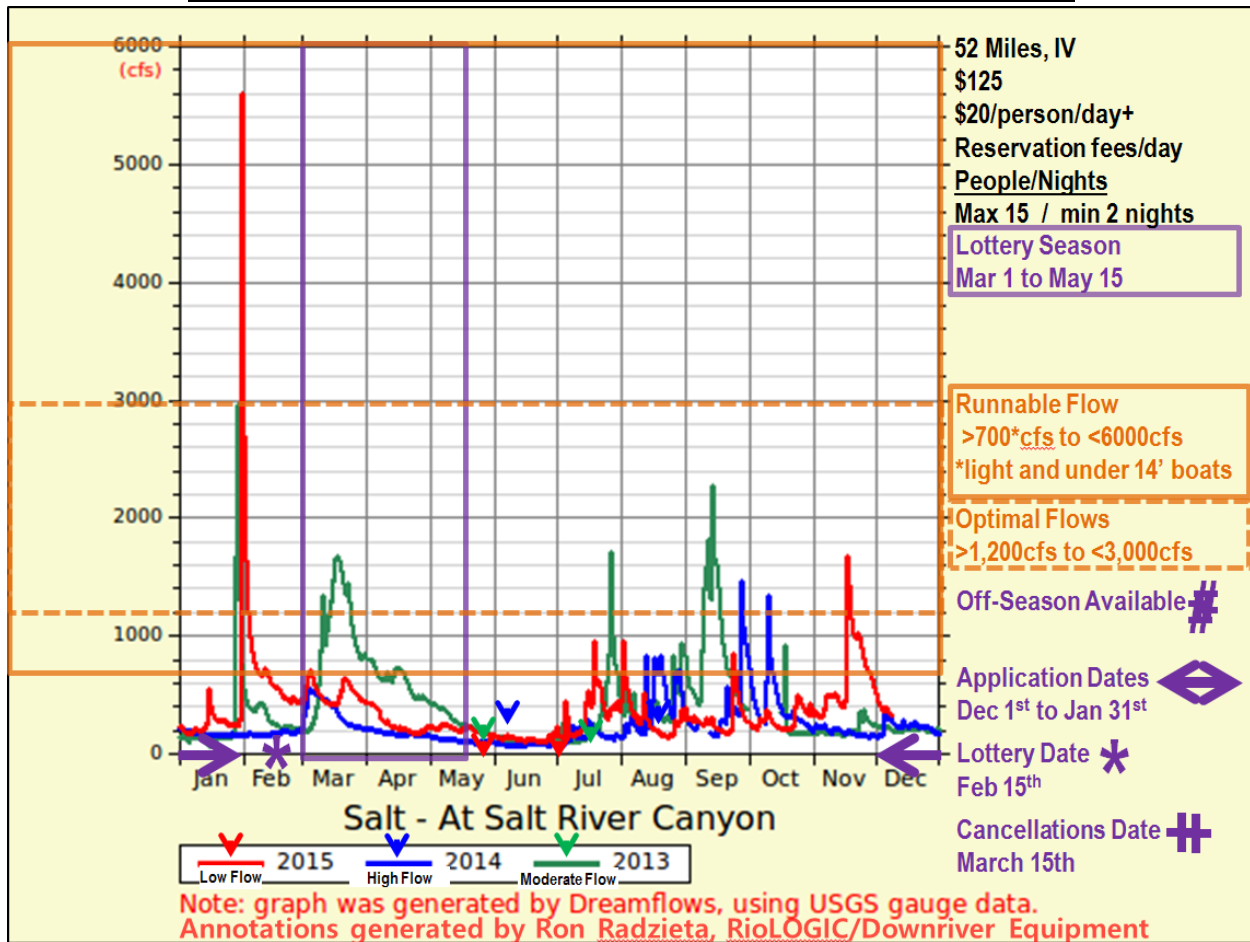
Contact:

River Permit Coordinator; Tonto Nation Forest, 7680 S. Six Shooter Canyon Road; Globe, AZ 85501

Telephone: (928) 402-6236

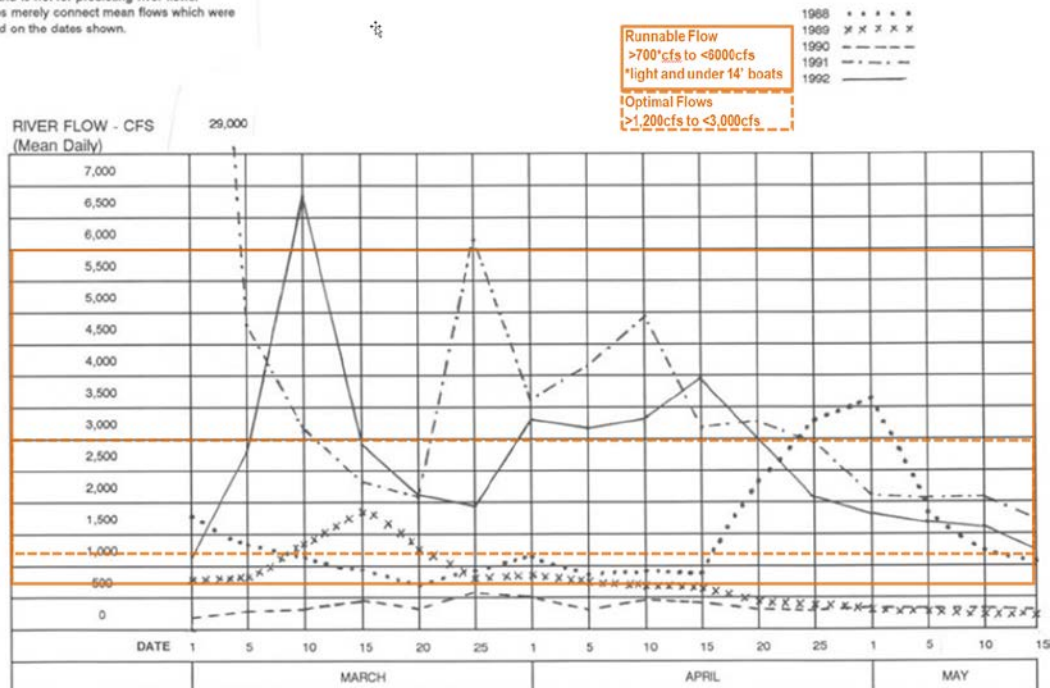
Website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/specialplaces/?cid=fsbdev3_018757

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



NOTE: This hydrograph is a very general guide, and is not for predicting river flows. The lines merely connect mean flows which were recorded on the dates shown.

UPPER SALT RIVER HYDROGRAPH HIGHWAY 288 GAUGE STATION



Rogue River, Oregon

River Management Society(Lisa Byers, January 2015). Updated by Ron Radzieta, December 2015.

Application Process: Apply December 1 - January 31 for launch dates between May 15 - October 15.

You may apply to the lottery in one of the following ways:

1. Mail: Smullin Visitor Center at Rand, 14335 Galice Road, Merlin, OR 97532.
2. Phone: (541) 479-3735, 9am to 3pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays in December and Monday - Friday in January. Closed weekends, December 22 - January 2, and January 19. Please have a lottery application filled out and your credit card information ready.
3. Fax: (541) 479-0535.

Applications can be downloaded online. They must be RECEIVED at the Smullin Visitor Center by January 31. To avoid problems, apply before the last week in January!

Successful applicants will be notified by mail in early March, or you can check online.

Considerations: Success rate in May 55%, June 20%, July 9%, August 10%, September 34%, October 100%(based on 2013 statistics).

Considerations: Success rate in May 55%, June 20%, July 9%, August 10%, September 34%, October 100%(based on 2013 statistics)(Ferguson, Rocky Mtn Canoe Club).

Fees: \$6.00 Lottery application fee. Successful applicants are required to confirm a permit fee of \$10.00 per/person on the trip to the Smullin Visitor Center no later than 3pm 10 days before, but not including, their launch date, that they intend to use their permit, or the permit will be cancelled. All fees are non-refundable.

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 5th, cancellations received at the Smullin Visitor Center at Rand are given out by phone the morning following the cancellation. Check this website for [Float Space Openings](#) throughout the permitted season. Maximum party size is 20 persons.

In the off-season between October 16 and May 14 Wild Rogue non-commercial boaters are requested to stop by the Smullin Visitor Center at Rand or the Grave Creek Boat Ramp to fill out a [self-issuing permit](#), or download one prior to the trip and drop it off at either site. There are no fees or restrictions on number of floaters per day for self-issuing permits.

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 fishing license vendors or on the [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) website. The Oregon non-motorized cost in 2016 is \$5.

Contact:

Smullin Visitor Center; 14335 Galice Road; Merlin, OR 97532

Telephone: (541) 479-3735 **Fax:** (541) 479-0535

Email: BLM_OR_MD_Rogue_River_Mail@blm.gov

Hours: Phone hours are 9am-3pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in December, and Monday-Friday in January. The phone will not be staffed December 23 - January 3 and January 20. May 5 - October 15, the phone is staffed seven days a week from 8am-3pm.

Website: <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/floatspace-lottery.php>

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

