



Bureau of Land Management San Juan River River Use Stipulations For Private, Non-Commercial Use

Trips may be delayed or permits invalidated if conditions in these stipulations are not met. Failure to comply with the stipulations or launching without a permit may result in penalties under Federal or Utah law and regulations. Penalties may include criminal action, civil action, and denial of future permits on the San Juan River.

By acquiring a permit, the permittee agrees to abide by the conditions and stipulations required for this permit. As the trip leader, the permittee is responsible for all matters of compliance with applicable laws, regulations and permit stipulations.

Your safety is your responsibility. Travel on the San Juan River has inherent risks and river runners assume complete responsibility for their own safety.

1. **The permit is not transferable** and must be in the possession of the permittee or alternate group leader on the trip. **The permittee must provide photo ID at permit inspection.**

2a. The permittee must allow rangers to complete permit checks to determine the validity of the permit, ascertain that the group has all required equipment, and orient participants about river etiquette and safety.

2b. If a ranger is not present to process your permit and check your equipment, **you must sign the visitor register** before proceeding to launch. Patrol rangers may contact you downstream. Please keep your permit accessible.

2c. Groups exchanging passengers at Mexican Hat must have all rafts and equipment present at check-in at Sand Island and no rafts may be added at Mexican Hat. All passengers must be included in original permit group size. No more than 25% of the group may be added at Mexican Hat.

3. The permittee must have at the launch:

a. a group of 25 people or fewer and not greater than the number pre-paid for on the permit,

b. a **first aid kit** adequate for the size of the group and sufficient for treating serious injuries,

c. a **repair kit or kits** with adequate materials to repair the types of boats used on the trip,

d. an **air pump or pumps** adequate to inflate boats after repairs,

e. a **washable, leak-proof, reusable toilet system** that allows for the carry-out and disposal of solid human body waste in a responsible and lawful manner. **Toilets are required for all trips, including 1 day trips.** The system must be adequate for the size of the group and length of the trip, and must be **accessible during the daytime.** Use of a plastic or paper bag as a receptacle for disposal of solid human waste is prohibited unless it is part of a specifically engineered bag waste containment system containing enzymes and polymers to treat human solid waste. All solid human waste, including bags, must be **contained in a leak-proof, animal-proof, hard-sided container with a screw-on or ratchet-locking lid.** Leaving solid human waste on Public Land or dumping it into vault toilets at BLM facilities is prohibited.

f. a durable metal **fire pan** at least 12 inches in diameter with at least a 1.5 inch lip around its outer edge and sufficient to contain fire and remains. Fire pans must be carried on all trips (except one day trips April 1 through October 31) even if stoves are being used for cooking. **All fires must be contained in the fire pan.** Fire blankets under fire pans are recommended to facilitate total ash removal.

g. a properly sized **whitewater type I, III, or V life jacket** (approved on the label for paddling, whitewater, kayaking, etc. as required) in good working condition for each member of the party. Type II life jackets are permissible under State Law, however, **BLM strongly advises against the use of type II jackets.** Inflatable life jackets are not allowed.

4. **Each raft, dory, or canoe must have** at the launch:

a. an **extra oar, paddle, or motor capable of maneuvering the vessel,** and

b. a **bail bucket** or bilge pump (does not apply to self-bailing boats, kayaks, and inflatable kayaks).

5. Parties using **low capacity vessels** (kayaks or inflatable kayaks) must have one **spare paddle** for every three vessels.

6. **Each boat 16 feet or longer** must have a type IV **throwable device** or a commercially made rescue rope with at least 40 feet of line, and a **horn or whistle** capable of a 4 to 6 second blast.

7. **The permittee must ensure** that all trip participants:
 - a. carry out all charcoal, fire ash, garbage (dishwater strainers recommended), pet waste (where pets are allowed), and solid human waste out of the river area,
 - b. **13 years of age or older wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water from the time of launch to below Slickhorn Rapid. Children under 13 years of age must wear an approved PFD for the entire length of the river.**
 - c. do not engage in commercial use as defined by 43 CFR 2932 i.e., 1 any person, group, or organization makes or attempts to make a profit, receive money, amortize equipment, or obtain goods or services, as compensation from participants in recreational activities occurring on public lands, led sponsored, or organized by that person, group, or organization. Anyone collects a fee or receives other compensation that is not strictly a sharing of actual expenses, incurred for the purpose of the activity, service or use; There is paid public advertising to seek participants; Participants pay for a duty of care and expectation of safety .2 Profit making organizations and organizations seeking to make a profit are automatically classified as commercial, even if that part of their activity covered by the permit is not profit-making or the business as a whole is not profitable or .3 Use of public lands by scientific, educational, and therapeutic institutions or non-profit organizations is commercial and subject to a permit when it meets any of the threshold criteria in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this definition. The non-profit status of a group or organization does not alone determine that an event or activity by such an organization is noncommercial.
 - d. list any trip sponsor or affiliated organization (i.e. scout group, school, etc.) associated with the trip when acquiring the permit,
 - e. keep side canyon streams and springs free of soap and other contaminants,
 - f. do not remove, damage, or destroy archaeological, historical, or ecological resources, or cause damage to the natural and cultural resources of the public lands,
 - g. make campfires only in fire pans and limit the use of gathered wood for campfires to driftwood found along river banks and beaches.
 - h. do not engage in upstream motorized travel except for emergency purposes, or engage in downstream motorized travel at other than a low speed, wakeless mode, except in emergency situations.
 - i. **launch, travel (stay within visual contact) and camp together as a group. No boats may be sent ahead to secure campsites.**
8. Groups launching separately may not camp together if such action would result in more than 25 persons occupying a campsite.
9. Camping in cultural sites is prohibited.
10. The **Butler Wash Petroglyph Site** (river mile 4.2) below Sand Island is closed to overnight camping. Day use is allowed at this site.
 - 11a. **Camping below Government Rapid camp ~river mile 64 is allowed at nine designated sites only** (see map) and must be reserved prior to your launch. All river users must have an assigned campsite in this area. Camping at any of these sites without a reservation is a violation of permit stipulations, and **may result in a citation.**
 - 11b. Trips may schedule up to two nights (when available) on the section below Government Rapid camp (~ river mile 64) to Clay Hills. Only one night is allowed at any campsite and you may only schedule one of the Slickhorn sites (A – E). No camps may be shared by two or more parties in this section of the river.
12. **Pets are prohibited** on river trips between Sand Island and Clay Hills Crossing, year-round.
13. The **discharge of fireworks or explosives is prohibited** on public lands. During hunting season, firearm use is not allowed within 1/4 mile of shoreline campsites and structures.