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BLM accepting comments on environmental assessment approving new Colorado River commercial permits

KREMMLING, Colo. — The Bureau of Land Management’s Kremmling Field Office is seeking public comment on an environmental assessment of five new commercial special recreation permits or permit modifications along the Colorado River in Grand and Eagle counties.

Under the proposed action, BLM will issue two new permits for float boating and three modifications to existing permits for shuttling.

“Commercial outfitters play a critical role in providing quality recreational opportunities on the Colorado River,” said Stephanie Odell, BLM Kremmling field manager. “Many visitors to this area find the equipment and experience they need from commercial outfitters. And all boaters can take advantage of commercial shuttle services.”

Nearly half of the more than 60,000 visitors who annually float the Colorado River between Pumphouse and State Bridge use the services of commercial outfitters, for instance, generating an economic impact that exceeds \$10 million.

Currently 61 operators hold 71 permits for this area – 40 for float boating, 30 for fishing, and one for a shuttle service.

Under the proposed action, BLM would issue two new permits for commercial float boating to Colorado Wilderness Rides and Guides and to East Grand School District, one permit for equipment rental and shuttling equipment to Arkansas Valley Adventures, one permit for shuttling guests and rental equipment to Gore Range Expeditions, and one permit for shuttling vehicles to Adventure in Whitewater.

The environmental assessment is available for review at <http://on.doi.gov/1AwqYEV>. Comments on the environmental assessment will be most helpful if received by June 29, 2015 and can be sent to svalente@blm.gov or mailed to: Kremmling Field Office, PO Box 68, 2103 E. Park Ave, Kremmling, CO 80459.

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