

Green River

Nefertiti Boat Ramp to Swasey's Boat Ramp

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ESSENTIAL FACTS

Length: 8 Miles

Corridor Acres: Approx. 1,280

Classification: Recreational

Outstandingly Remarkable Values: Scenic, Recreational, Wildlife, Historic, Cultural, Fish, Geologic, and Ecologic

LOCATION

Beginning at Nefertiti Boat Ramp (River Mile 20) and ending at Swasey's Boat Ramp (River Mile 12)

Price Field Office

Green River District

Emery County, Utah

2nd Congressional District

Utah State Office



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General Description

A trip through Desolation and Gray Canyons of the Green River, consecutive canyons within the Tavaputs Plateau, is a premier, wilderness recreation experience. The Upper Green River is an outstanding example of an antecedent river cutting through structural geology that should have been impassable to it. The corridor of the Green River in this stretch also provides the region's best examples of reattachment bars and separation bars formed by the processes of fluvial geomorphology in bedrock canyons.

Much of this river corridor is a National Historic Landmark because of its recognition as the least changed of the river corridors associated with John Wesley Powell and the exploration of the Green and Colorado Rivers. The river provides habitat for four federally listed fish species—Colorado pikeminnow, humpback chub, bonytail chub, and razorback sucker. The entire corridor is regionally significant as lambing habitat for the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and considered important winter range for mule deer and elk. Bison are being introduced to the adjacent Bookcliffs and are expected to visit the river, eventually. The river and its properly functioning riparian area provide a corridor of habitat through an otherwise arid region for many Sensitive and federally listed species

Summary

The upper river segment through Desolation and Gray Canyons is managed according to the Desolation and Gray Canyons River Management Plan (1979), which provides for the allocation of private and commercial boating trips.

Rivers Suitable for WSR Designation on Bureau of Land Management Lands in Utah

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