The County of El Dorado



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To: Vickie Sanders, Parks Manager, El Dorado County

From: Noah Triplett, River Recreation Supervisor, El Dorado County

RE: Modifications from 2015 Annual Report to be considered for inclusion to RMP update

The 2015 River Management Plan (RMP) Annual Report identified a few modifications that should be considered in the current update to the RMP. The Annual Report has not been approved by the Planning Commission as of the date of this memo. The modifications to be considered are listed below;

- 1) User days be allowed to be temporarily loaned or borrowed for one day with 24 hour prior notification to the County and authorization from both outfitters identifying the date and number of user days. A processing fee, set by the Board of Supervisors, will be paid to the County for each user day loaned or borrowed.
- 2) Require that if more than one group from the same outfitter is launching a trip that a five minute period between launches be required from Chili Bar to below Hospital Bar rapid and when launching trips from other put in's and lunch spots. On the river groups will then stay out of sight of each other (lead boat cannot see last boat from other group).
- 3) Require that all rafts participating in a regulated river trip shall remain in reasonably close proximity with one another between Chili Bar and Trouble Maker Rapid and between Fowlers Rock Rapid and Hospital Bar Rapid (class III sections). "Reasonably close proximity" means that all rafts on the regulated trip will be close enough to one another to give assistance, whenever needed, without unnecessary delay.
- Require that rafts on a regulated river trip will not purposely integrate into another trip's group in class III whitewater.
- 5) Add to Class I Violations:
 - a. Violation of first aid kit and rescue kit requirements
 - b. Violation of Outfitter Guide Requirements
- 6) Eliminate the 8% additional daily guest allowance for River Use Permits