

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – MOAB FIELD OFFICE
2024 RIVER USE STIPULATIONS
FOR PRIVATE, NON-COMMERCIAL USE
Dolores River (Gateway, CO to Dewey Bridge, UT)

Trips may be delayed or permits invalidated if conditions in these stipulations are not met. Failure to comply with 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 this river section and/or other BLM-administered river sections.

All persons covered by this permit must comply with the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) guidance concerning COVID-19.

General Stipulations:

1. **The permit is not transferable and must be in the possession of the permittee at all times. The trip leader must sign the permit.**
2. The permittee must ensure that all trip participants:
 - A. carry out all trash and food waste. Dishwater strainers are recommended. Keep side canyon streams and springs free of soap and other contaminants,
 - B. adhere to the Utah Boating Act (Title 73, Chapter 18), which includes the wearing of PFDs at all times while on the Dolores River, and registration of motorboats,
 - C. do not remove, damage, or destroy archaeological, historical, or ecological resources, or cause damage to the natural and cultural resources of the public lands,
 - D. limit wood gathering to driftwood found along riverbanks and beaches,
3. Pets must be kept under control at all times. All pet waste must be carried out of the river area.
4. Do not engage in commercial use as defined by 43 CFR 2932 [i.e.]
 - a.) 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.
 - b.) 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.
 - c.) 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.
5. List any trip sponsor or affiliated organization (i.e., scout group, school, etc.) associated with the trip when acquiring a permit.

Required Equipment:

At the pre-launch check the permittee must have:

1. a maximum group size of **25 people or fewer** and not greater than the number listed on the permit,
2. a **first aid kit** adequate for the size of the group and type(s) of activities, and sufficient for treating serious injuries,
3. a **repair kit** or kits adequate for repairing the types of boats on the trip,
4. an **air pump** or pumps adequate to inflate boats after repairs,
5. a **washable, leak-proof toilet system** equipped with RV dump fittings that allows for the carry-out and disposal of solid human body waste in a lawful manner; the system must be adequate for the size of the group and length of the trip. If a Wag Bag system is used it must be in a hard-sided, clamped or screw top container labeled "Human Waste" – not a dry bag. Leaving solid human body waste on public land or dumping it into vault toilets or trash receptacles is prohibited.

6. all fires must be contained in an elevated **fire pan**. All overnight trips must carry a fire pan that is at least 12 inches in diameter with a 1.5 inch lip around its outer edge. All charcoal and ash must be packed out. Fire blankets under fire pans are highly recommended.
7. **properly-sized whitewater type I, III, or V personal flotation devices (PFDs) in serviceable condition for each member of the group**. A PFD is *non-serviceable* if it is of an improper size, missing legible US Coast Guard approval information, is an improper type for the activity, an after-market alteration has been made, or if the PFD is ripped, torn, or has missing/broken straps, buckles or zippers.
8. an **extra oar, paddle, or motor capable of maneuvering the vessel**, per boat,
9. a **bail bucket** or bilge pump (does not apply to self-bailing boats, kayaks or paddle boards).
10. low-capacity vessels (**kayaks, inflatable kayaks, packrafts, SUP**) must carry **one spare paddle for every three low-capacity vessels**.
11. each boat 16 feet or longer must have a type IV **throwable device** or a **commercially made throw bag** with at least 40 feet of line.