



Attn: Ms Pam Adams, LC-2721, Re: Colorado River Basin Study, Technical Report D - System Reliability Metrics

1 message

Wed, Mar 13, 2013 at 8:32 PM

To: ColoradoRiverBasinStudy@usbr.gov

As an outdoorsman and conservationist and someone who loves the Upper Colorado, I ask you to please take in the feed back of all boaters, fisherman, as well as consider the wildlife.

I've seen the eyes of children and adults alike widen at the beauty of the Upper Colorado river basin as they've seen it for the first time. I am only able to provide this to them if stream flows are sufficient to allow boating.

As a whitewater boater, I am concerned with projected water supply and demand imbalances in the Colorado Basin and ask that flows to support boating are protected.

I support the quantification of recreational flow needs and the inclusion whitewater boating as a resource category in the Colorado River Basin Supply and Demand Study (Study).

Whitewater boating is not only an invaluable resource to its many participants, but is also a critical economic asset to many communities throughout the Basin.

The instream flows required for whitewater boating frequently coincide with natural flow regimes and support the health of aquatic resources, biodiversity and sediment distribution.

The 'acceptable' and 'optimal' river flows that American Whitewater provided to BOR for the whitewater boating sections listed in Table D2-1 of Appendix D2 accurately correspond with the whitewater community's needs and preferences.

Accordingly, the Boating Flow Days metrics should be integrated into future planning efforts and stakeholder processes.'

Thank you for your efforts in working to ensure that whitewater boating needs are considered as Reclamation assesses supply and demand in the Basin over the next 50 years, and for considering my comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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