



Colorado River Basin Study, Technical Report D – System Reliability Metrics

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- 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. One of the reasons I live in Colorado is to spend time on the rivers. I have spent many weeks (probably years) in the Colorado Basin enjoying the fruits that Colorado has to offer. Not only will it affect me but the businesses that I support while I am on my adventures. PLEASE, PLEASE protect rivers with a solution that benefits everyone!
- 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 AW 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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