



DESOLATION/GRAY CANYONS RIVER USE STIPULATIONS FOR PRIVATE, NONCOMMERCIAL USE Managed by the BLM Price Field Office

1. **The permit is not transferable** without prior approval of the issuing office and a **physical copy** must be in the possession of the permittee on the trip. **Permittee must provide photo ID at permit inspection.**
2. Permittee must allow rangers to complete permit checks to determine the validity of the permit, ascertain that the group has all required equipment, and orient participants about river etiquette and safety.
3. At the launch, **a permittee must have:**
 - A. A group of **25 people or fewer** and not greater than the number pre-paid for on the permit.
 - B. A **first aid kit** with adequate materials for the size of the group and sufficient for treating serious injuries.
 - C. A **repair kit(s)** with adequate materials to repair the types of boats used on the trip.
 - D. An **air pump or pumps** adequate to inflate boats after repairs.
 - E. A **toilet system** – A human waste carry-out system must accompany all trips on the river. This system needs to contain washable, reusable, human waste containers. The waste carry-out system must provide for secure containment and an adequate volume of storage relative to group size and trip length. Plastic or metal waste containers must be sturdy enough to withstand strong impact and have a leak-proof lid even when inverted. Bag systems such as “wag bags” are only permitted for self-supported small craft river groups. Bags need to be stored in a hard-sided crush proof container. **Leaving solid human bodily waste on public lands or dumping it into vault toilets or trash receptacles at BLM facilities is prohibited.**
 - F. A durable, **metal fire pan** at least 12-inches wide, with at least a 1.5-inch lip around its outer edge, sufficient to contain a fire and its remains is required. Fire pans remain required during fire bans and must be carried on all trips, even if stoves are to be used for cooking. (Use of fire blankets under fire pans is recommended to facilitate total ash removal. Disposable baking pans are not accepted. Alternative options such as a non-disposable oil pan or cake pan are acceptable.)
 - i. Make campfires only in fire pans and limit the use of gathered wood for campfires to driftwood found along riverbanks, beaches and islands.
 - G. A **Type I, III or V PFD** properly sized for each member of the party. All PFD’s must be in good condition with a legible USCG approved label stating the PFD is designed for whitewater rafting, canoeing, rescue, sailing, paddling and/or kayaking. **General boating, action sports, fishing and ski vests are prohibited.** (A spare PFD is recommended, not required.)
 - i. Passengers 12 years of age and under must wear a PFD at all times while boating on the river. All persons must wear a PFD while boating from Jack Creek Rapid to the takeout, in accordance with the Utah Boating Act (Title 73, Chapter 18).

Trips may be delayed or permits invalidated if adherence to these stipulations are not met. Failure to comply with stipulations or launching without a permit may result in penalties under Federal and/or Utah Law and Regulations.



- H.** At launch, each raft or dory must have:
 - i.** An **extra oar, paddle or motor** capable of maneuvering the vessel.
 - ii.** A bail bucket or bilge pump. (Does not apply to self-bailing boats, kayaks, and inflatable kayaks.)
 - I.** At launch, each low-capacity vessel; kayak, inflatable kayak, canoe, etc. must have:
 - i.** A **spare paddle** for every three craft. (1 to 3 craft require 1 spare paddle, 4 to 6 require 2 spare paddles, 7 to 9 require 3 spare paddles, etc.)
 - J.** Each boat 16-feet or longer must have:
 - i.** A type **IV throwable device**, and a **whistle or horn**. A commercially made rescue rope or throw-bag with at least 40 feet of line is recommended per vessel on all trips.
- 4. The permittee must ensure that all trip participants:**
- A.** Carry out all charcoal, ash, garbage, and solid human waste. (Dishwater strainers are recommended.)
 - B.** Keep side-canyon streams and springs free of soap and other contaminants.
 - C.** Do not remove, damage, or destroy archaeological resources, historical resources, or cause unnecessary or undue damage to the natural and cultural resources of the public lands.
 - D.** Do not camp or build fires within 1/2 mile of Rock Creek Ranch property.
- 5.** Pets as well as emotional support animals are prohibited on the Desolation Gray Canyons section of the Green River year-round.
- 6.** Launch, travel (stay within visual contact), and camp together as a group. No boats may be sent ahead to secure campsites. Groups launching separately may not camp together if such action would result in more than 25 persons occupying a campsite.
- 7.** Do not engage in upstream motorized travel except for emergency purposes or engage in downstream motorized travel at other than a slow, wakeless speed. Use of a motor requires registration of boat. Boats using a motor must always display registration. Out of state boats must be registered to their home state unless they are on Utah waterways more than 60 days which requires Utah registration.
- 8.** Boat tags issued by the river ranger must remain attached to boats for the entire trip.
- 9.** Minimum trip length is three calendar days, and maximum trip length is nine calendar days.
- 10. Do not engage in commercial use** as defined by 43 CFR 2932.5, i.e.
- A.** Making a salary/profit, or increasing financial standing as a result of the permitted trip
 - B.** Charging other participants a fee or charge that is not strictly a sharing of trip costs, or
 - C.** Collecting money or compensation in excess of actual expenses for the trip. (Normally, participants are not in a commercial use situation if they equally share the actual trip costs.)

Desolation and Gray Canyons are some of the most remote and pristine river canyons in the country. These sensitive desert ecosystems have been home to people for thousands of years. Your assistance in following these regulations helps ensure that the outstanding wilderness character and cultural heritage remain for generations to come.