

Rio Chama

Application Deadline: Post marked by January 31st.

Process: BLM administers a lottery to distribute weekend launch dates from May 1st through Labor Day. The office accepts telephone reservations for weekday launches after April 1st.

To apply for a lottery-assigned launch date, you must be at least 18 years old. Call or mail in a request for a postcard. After filling out the postcard, return it with a check. Submit one application per individual. You will increase your chance for success if you put down more than one choice for a lottery-assigned launch. By March 1st, they will notify all applicants by return postcard of their launch date (if their application was drawn), or that they were unsuccessful. If you were unsuccessful in the lottery, please call April 1st or later to put your name on a waiting list.

Fees: \$6.00 application fee, \$5.00/person launch fee, and any fees required by the owners of the launch site (El Vado, aka Cooper's Ranch, (505)588-7354).

Additional Information:

- Flows are highly variable, based on water availability, irrigation demand and rainfall. Please watch for flow information on the USGS website (nm.water.usgs.gov) or call 1(888)882-6188 for a recorded message.
- No advance reservation required for the Winter Season (Labor Day – April 30th). However, minimum flows are around 100cfs. Please self register at the put-in with the number of people in your group.

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