

2016 River Ranger Rendezvous  
August 16, 17,18

Lodore Canyon; Green River,  
Dinosaur National Monument

Sponsors: Dinosaur National Monument  
River Management Society (National and Southwest  
Chapter)

Objective:

The RRR is held each year by various chapters of the River Management Society.

The purpose of the Rendezvous is to bring together individuals that are responsible for the day-to-day management of our nation's rivers, to allow these individuals to share leadership and management ideas, and to develop professional relationships.

Outcomes:

The outcome of this effort is increased knowledge about how to protect and improve the river resource, meet new people in the profession, and have *fun!*

Structure:

There is structure built into the program. However, this structure is tempered by flexibility. For example, there may be a presentation or discussion scheduled for a lunch hour but current events on the river may dictate a change in the program, such as the recent drowning in Lodore Canyon over the June 25<sup>th</sup> week-end.

## Schedule:

The Rendezvous will put-in at the Lodore Canyon Campground, about 45 miles NW of Maybell, Colorado on Highway 40.

It is anticipated that the Put-in will be effected by 11 AM on Day One, August 16. Participants will be responsible for their breakfast on the morning of Day One.

Food and cooking has been arranged with OARS/Don Hatch River Expeditions for Lunch and Dinner on Day One, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Day Two, and Breakfast and Lunch on Day Three. The OARS staff of two will be responsible for food, water, groovers, and providing meals that are great AND meeting the dietary requests of the participants. OARS staff have also been invited to participate in discussions, providing input from the commercial or personal perspective of “river management.”

Put-in: Lodore Canyon Campground (11 AM August 16)

Day One camp: “Triplett”

Day Two camp: “Jones 4”

Take-out: Split Mountain Campground (Early afternoon, August 18)

### **Morning of Day One**

Finish rig boats

Introduction game: Bunny Sterin

Put-in talk: Chris Dodd

Schedule, assignments, medical emergencies, safety

Questions and answers

## **“Float Topics”**

These are topics each boat crew will discuss among themselves as they float during the day and give a brief report at lunch or dinner. Each crew takes two topics from hat:

Unknown waste found on the river

Common set of river regulations among all river management agencies (BLM, USFS, NPS, State )

Guns on the river

Trespass and law enforcement

Humans and animals

Humans and humans

Death in the Field

Invasive plants

Lessons of Leadership

Journal Keeping

Protecting the resource in the short and long run

“ Friends” groups

“Best practices” from your river or another’s/nuts and bolts/good ideas.

## **Lunch Discussion**

Report back on “Float Topics,” as time allows.

## **Camp Topics**

First Day Camp...Triplett

Death in the Field: Cindi Purcell, Ark rangers, Dinosaur rangers

Developing a common set of river regulations among management agencies: BLM, Forest Service, National Park Service, States Parks and Recreation. Steve Young, Linda Jalbert.

Relationships between the field and the office: Mick Krussow

**Second Day :** more discussion of “Float Topics.”

Second Day Lunch: Meet National Park staff: Tamarra

Maumann and Peter at Echo Park; riverine ecology

**Second Day Camp... Jones 4**

Jones Hole Creek hike

Rangers talk

Ammo Can Diaries What is it? Bring your most hammered, decorated, or storied ammo can. Mick Krussow

The Ranger as a Teacher: Greg Trainor

**Third day**

Launch early to get through Rainbow Park before wind

Lunch in Split Mountain canyon

Continue discussion of “Float Topics,” report at lunch

Arrive early afternoon at Split Mountain take-out

