

Dolores River (Gateway, CO to Dewey Bridge)

Application Process:

Permits are required for private, non-commercial use of the Lower Dolores through the BLM Moab Field Office. There is no fee charged and you do not need to submit an application. Simply call (435) 259-7012 (Moab) or (970) 247-4874 (Tres Rios) between 8am and 12pm Monday through Friday (excluding Federal holidays) to obtain a permit. A last-minute reservation request or change to an existing permit (up to the day of your launch) can be easily accommodated if you have access to a fax machine.

The permit is not transferable and must be signed by the trip leader and carried on the river in order to be authorized. By signing, the trip leader agrees to follow the River Use Stipulations that accompany the permit. Please leave your permit in the camp fee tube at the Dewey Bridge campground at the end of your trip.

River Flow:

The main roadblock for running this stretch is a very erratic and short (sometimes non-existent) boating season. Flows generally peak between late April and early May. Suggested minimum flows (approximated) are: 200 cfs for canoes, kayaks, and duckies, 800 cfs for rafts less than 14 feet, and 1000 cfs for rafts larger than 14 feet. Current streamflow conditions are available on the [U.S. Geological Survey website](#). For information on current levels at McPhee Reservoir, please visit the [Dolores Water Conservancy District \(DWCD\)](#) website.

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