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2016 River Ranger Rendezvous

Dinosaur National Monument

Lodore Campground to Split Mountain

Campground: Lodore Canyon

River Management Society and Dinosaur

National Monument: Co-sponsors

This is a three day, two night river trip in Dinosaur National Monument; topics and discussion will take place on the boats and in evening camps. Flexibility will be the watchword. Meals are provided by Don Hatch Expeditions. There will be two cooks who are responsible for food preparation and clean-up logistics. No meat alternatives are planned. Cooks will also be participants.

Shuttles are provided by River Runner Transport

Once registration has closed, details of shuttles, boats and gear will be determined.

The schedule outline appears to be rigid. However, we hope to develop an atmosphere for quality “networking” among participants and open discussion on boats and in camp. Topics are not set in stone. If there are additional suggested topics, these will be accommodated.

August 16,17,18, 2016

Gather at Lodore Campground, evening prior to launch

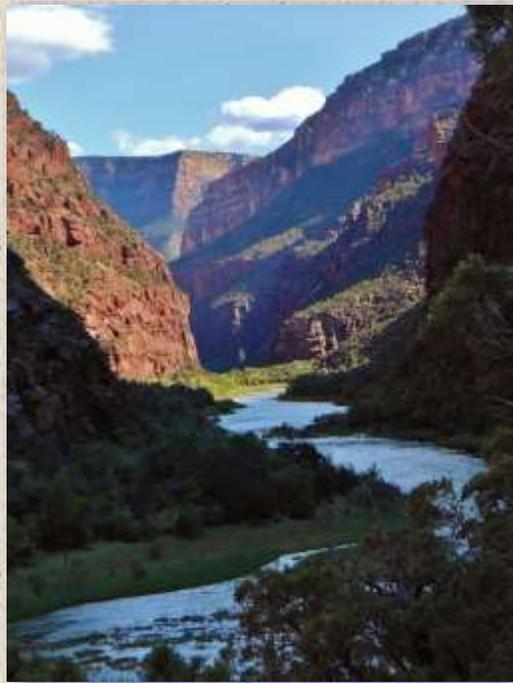
Day 1, Tuesday (August 16)

Launch from Lodore Campground, Dinosaur National Monument

Begin rigging boats...early!

7AM Continental Breakfast

- Gather and Introductions
- Purpose of Rendezvous ;River Management Society Program review;
- Emergency situations; Organization of boats, first aid among participants
- Leadership



Ranger Roundtable:

Discussion of current issues that rangers, technical staffs, guides, land managers are seeing. Informal discussion. Subjects will be discussed further or added to program.

10 AM Launch

Roundtable discussions continue; Suggested topics assigned. Further discussion at lunch and first night's camp

Noon: Lunch

Tamarisk, Invasive plants, restoration, fire.

Day 1 night's camp (Pot Creek or below Hells Half Mile ...)

Interactions: Dogs on the river/in the Parks; humans and bears, humans and humans, guns and ranger safety, trespass and law enforcement, achieving public "ownership."

Water Center at Colorado Mesa University
Certification Program: U of U, UVU, CMU, CU

Day 2, Wednesday, (August 17)

Objective is Jones Hole or Compromise Camp

Topics for the day:

- Man-caused fires: Crime and Punishment
- Recent fires in Ruby Canyon, Desolation Canyon (Case studies discussion)
- Dinosaur, Desolation, and Ruby Canyon Rangers
- Lessons of Leadership

Day 2: Night's Camp

Set up camp/Hike

River rescue

Use of jet skis for rescue work; rescue stories and what we can learn, Z-drags, knots
Do's and Don'ts.

Suggested topics

- Campsite impacts
- Guide qualifications
- Guide records and State requirements
- Commercial SRP vs. Education/research permits
- Informing the public: Various scenarios
- Storytelling and Journals: connecting with the public
- Participation in RMS SW Chapter



Day 3, Thursday (August 18)

Float to Split Mountain Campground

Early start...to reach take-out by mid-afternoon

Topics for the day

- Youth: Ideas to engage
- Outfitter/guide/ ranger relationships
- “Friends groups,” effective? necessary? troublesome?
- Inholdings, conservation easements
- Emerging threats to river resource protections

Noon:

Wilderness First Aid;

Refresher on Initial Patient Assessment

Mid-afternoon; arrive at Split Mountain

