



# United States Department of the Interior



Bureau of Land Management  
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## RECREATIONAL PLACER NOTIFICATION FOR SMALL PLACER OPERATIONS IN THE GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE

The following restriction applies to recreational placer operations (as defined below) for protection of critical habitat of endangered Colorado River fish:

Suction dredging and any other type of mechanized placer operation which pumps material and/or water from the river are not allowed during the period from April 1 through August 31, for the following river segments: Colorado River from Rifle to the Utah state line, and Gunnison River from its confluence with the Uncompahgre River (Delta) to its lower terminus at the Colorado River (Grand Junction).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

OPERATION TYPE: (One or more may be identified)

DREDGE \_\_\_\_\_ Highbanker \_\_\_\_\_ SLUICE \_\_\_\_\_ DRY WASHER \_\_\_\_\_  
TROMMEL/SCREEN \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS:

INTAKE HOSE DIAMETER \_\_\_\_\_ ENGINE SIZE (HP) \_\_\_\_\_  
RATED CAPACITY OF EQUIPMENT (cubic yards/hour) \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED START DATE (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED END DATE (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF OPERATION(S) (Identify all areas you propose to work in and INCLUDE A MAP of the location)

TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE \_\_\_\_\_ Section(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ¼Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

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CLAIM INFORMATION (if applicable)

CLAIM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CMC NUMBER CMC- \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE ACCESS and WORK TO BE CONDUCTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By my signature below, I signify that I agree to utilize the management practices for small placer operations, listed on the back of this form.

OPERATOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BLM AUTHORIZED OFFICER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT BEGIN OPERATIONS UNTIL NOTIFICATION BY AUTHORIZED OFFICER**

If you cannot operate under these conditions, or plan a larger operation, you will need to submit a Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations or a Plan of Operations under BLM regulations 43 CFR 3809.

#### MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR SMALL PLACER OPERATIONS

1. Access shall be restricted to existing roads and trails. If no public lands access exists, ask permission of private landowner before crossing private lands.
2. Dredging must not take place within 100 feet of any bridge support.
3. Dredging must not take place within 200' of a public water supply or fish hatchery intake.
4. Dredging should not take place within 2 feet of any streambank with established vegetation.
5. All water based activities shall be conducted to prevent undercutting of banks. Streambanks above the highwater line must not be undercut.
6. Refueling of motorized equipment must take place outside of the waterway or adjacent wetlands with no fueling conducted closer than 20 feet from such areas. All fuels, batteries, etc. must be stored out of the flood prone area.
7. Vehicles must not operate in the waterway, or in wetlands or marshy areas.
8. Only one site should be dredged at any one time.
9. Material too large to be moved by hand shall remain undisturbed.
10. All excavations shall have materials replaced upon completion of operations. No sites shall be left open in excess of 14 days.
11. The applicant is responsible for obtaining and compliance with all necessary federal, state and/or local requirements.
12. Operations shall not disturb in excess of 2 cubic yards of material per day.
13. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days at any one site. Camping may be limited to areas designated by the authorized officer.
14. No activity under this notification may adversely affect historic properties which are listed on, or determined eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places. All potential properties shall be left intact and immediately reported to the BLM.
15. Anchorage systems (if used) must not span the stream if it will restrict the free passage of small craft, kayaks, canoes, rafts, etc.
16. The work area, including the land surrounding the work site must be kept free of litter at all times and must be thoroughly cleaned prior to departure. All garbage, litter, debris and refuse must be carried off by the operator and disposed of properly.
17. No toxic or hazardous chemicals may be used.
18. No operations may occur on another's unpatented mining claim without permission.

***THIS PERMIT IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR.***

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