



# Zebra and Quagga Mussel-Free Certification

**All watercraft on Blue Mesa Reservoir need to be certified as Zebra and Quagga mussel-free.** This is a self-certification process and is required before launching your watercraft.

In January 2007, quagga mussels were discovered in Lakes Mead, Mohave, and Havasu. This is the first time zebra or quagga mussels have been discovered west of the Rocky Mountains. Mussels were first found in Colorado in January 2008. Zebra and quagga mussels have already invaded much of the Eastern U.S. and pose a serious threat to Blue Mesa Reservoir.



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Quagga and zebra mussels have the potential to:

- Disrupt the food chain and fishing
- Foul facilities like docks and ramps
- Encrust watercraft and clog engines
- Litter beaches with sharp smelly shells

Quagga and zebra mussels can be spread by your watercraft, but they cannot live out of the water for long periods of time. Washing watercraft and equipment and allowing them to fully dry is an effective way to reduce the risk of spreading these aquatic hitchhikers. Mussels and other harmful plants and animals may be hiding under your trim tabs, in your engine, or even on your anchor chain! Quagga and zebra mussels are microscopic in their earliest life stages, making them impossible to detect with a visual inspection.

**You are required to comply with Curecanti National Recreation Area's quagga and zebra mussel prevention program before you may launch your watercraft onto Blue Mesa Reservoir, pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5 (a) (2).**

## START HERE

Has your watercraft been used in Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, any Colorado front range lakes or reservoirs, Pueblo Reservoir, or any states east of Colorado in the last 30 days?



Was your watercraft and trailer thoroughly washed and allowed to completely dry for at least the time indicated in the table (below right) since you last launched? (This includes removing all dirt, plants and grit, as well as draining and flushing live wells and bilge areas.)



## DO NOT LAUNCH

You are required to have your watercraft decontaminated at one of our free approved wash stations, located at Elk Creek, Lake Fork or Stevens Creek. After decontamination you will receive your certificate to place on car/truck dashboard and you may launch your watercraft.

**If you have any questions, contact a park ranger or call (970) 641-2337 extension 205.**



## You are ready to launch!

Please sign certificate (on reverse side) and place on truck/car dashboard while parked at Curecanti NRA.



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Time of Year	Drying Days in Colorado*
April .....	32
May-June .....	13
July-August .....	8
September .....	13
October .....	21
November-March .....	51 (3 if continually freezing)

\*Are you coming from outside of Colorado? Please visit <http://www.100thmeridian.org/emersion.asp> for drying times.

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Curecanti National Recreation Area



**This certificate must be placed on your car/truck dashboard while parked with an empty boat trailer.** Failure to do so may result in a citation. [36 CFR 1.5 (a) (2)]

# MUSSEL-FREE

**I affirm that my watercraft does not threaten Blue Mesa Reservoir with quagga or zebra mussels.**

Please check one:

- Watercraft not used in last 30 days in infested waters
- Watercraft washed and completely dried per required drying time

This certificate is valid as long as I do not launch my watercraft in mussel infested waters. If I do launch in infested waters, I will recertify my watercraft.



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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_