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COLORADO RAFTING VISITORS SURPASS HALF-MILLION MARK, SPEND FREELY IN 2010: As traditional economic indicators such as unemployment and foreclosures continue to send mixed signals regarding Colorado's recovery from the national recession, commercial rafting figures told a bold tale of resurgence in 2010. According to the annual "Commercial River Use in the State of Colorado" report issued by the **Colorado River Outfitters Association** (CROA), commercial rafting companies in the state hosted 507,392 user days during the 2010 season, up 16,500 user days, or 3.4 percent, from 2009.

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