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Colorado River Forecast For Remainder of 2021 Season

July 26, 2021 – Denver, Colorado – Steady summer moisture is keeping Colorado’s rivers open to commercial rafting outfitters, delivering a much needed “return to normal” rafting season this summer.

Based on current conditions, CROA forecasts the following outlook for rivers across the state:

Western Slope (Animas): Outfitters are expecting great family runs through August and into September.

Colorado River: The Upper Colorado near Kremmling is currently benefiting from the steady release of water from the reservoirs and its higher levels will deliver runs through September. The river near Glenwood Springs and through Glenwood Canyon should run through August, pending potential future closures due to mudslides.

Clear Creek: Outfitters on Clear Creek are planning to raft through early August. Rainfall could extend this date.

Poudre: The Poudre River will continue to provide strong runs through Labor Day. **Current closures due to flash floods are 25-30 miles upriver from where outfitters guide trips, and are not impacting commercial rafting.*

Arkansas River: The Arkansas’ Controlled Flow program is anticipated to provide steady water for recreation well into August.

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About CROA The [Colorado River Outfitters Association](#) (CROA) is a trade association representing more than 50 licensed professional whitewater rafting outfitters across the state of Colorado. CROA’s mission is to: (1) promote Colorado as the premier river rafting destination in the United States, (2) support members’ efforts to attract visitors to Colorado and (3) provide a reasoned voice on industry developments and matters of policy affecting commercial boating and Colorado’s tourism economy as a whole.