

# RULES & GUIDANCE

- WORD OF CAUTION**
- Cell phone coverage in the canyon may be spotty or unavailable. Be prepared for no cell service in the canyon.
  - This GeoPDF will locate your position when used with Avenza's PDF Map APP. However, there may be portions of the canyon where a limited view of the sky could result in a poor GPS signal.
  - This map was created using a combination of the Dove Creek and Nucla BLM 100k map series for a base map. Travel routes depicted on these maps may not be current with what exists on the ground nor represent BLM approved routes.

- REQUIRED OF ALL BOATING PARTIES**
- Registration at the on-site registration box before launching.
  - Porta-potty for solid human waste.
  - Fire pan for charcoal and open fires.
  - Strainer for dishwater.
  - Scrim Floor for kitchen area (recommended).
  - Dogs on leash at put-ins and take-outs.
  - Partially burned charcoal and all garbage must be packed out.

- RIVER ETHICS**
- Plan ahead and prepare. Clean your boat and equipment between trips to avoid spreading non-native or invasive species.
  - Travel and camp on durable surfaces. Camping is not limited to designated sites, but focus activity where vegetation is absent in rocks, sand, and gravel.
  - Dispose of waste properly. Pack it in, pack it out! Solid human waste included. In a desert environment, urinate in the river.
  - Leave what you find. Enjoy cultural and natural resources, but leave them undisturbed.
  - Minimize campfire impacts. Use your fire pan and remove your ash.
  - Respect wildlife. Observe wildlife from a distance, and properly store your food and trash.
  - Be considerate of other users. Leave the larger campsites for larger parties and try to camp out of site of others. Be patient, be courteous, and have a safe and enjoyable float. Dolores is a special river and we are all fortunate to be here.

**Dolores River Canyon Wilderness Study Area (WSA)**

- Group size is limited to 16 persons for groups launching from Slick Rock or Gypsum Valley and floating to Bedrock. The river flows for 32 miles through the wilderness study area. The group size limit of 16 has been imposed for both commercial and private groups to help provide the solitude expected by visitors to the WSA.

**Illegal Guides**






- Beware of contracting with an illegal guide for a river trip. You may have no legal claim for injury, damaged property, or loss of payment. Also, your trip may be cancelled if your guide is arrested while providing you services. Knowingly contracting with an illegal guide could result in felony convictions for all involved.








**For more information contact the**

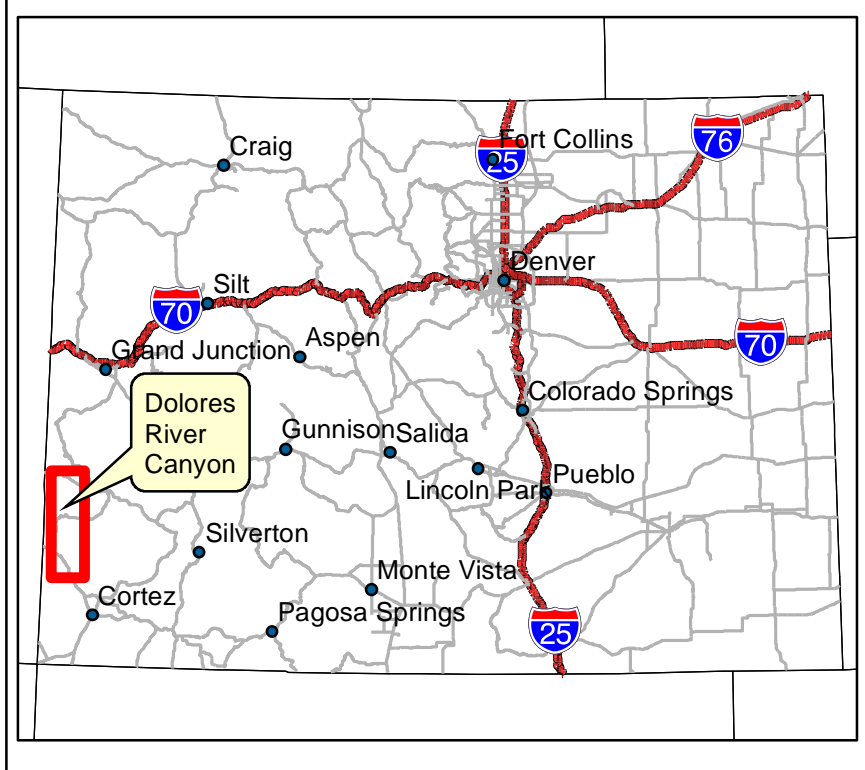
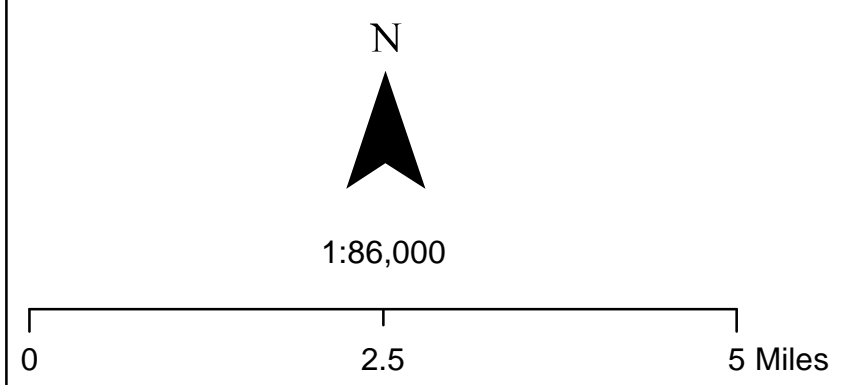
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- EMERGENCIES**
- Montezuma County Sheriff - 970-565-8452
  - Dolores County Sheriff - 970-677-2257
  - San Miguel County Sheriff - 970-728-1911

-  Boat Launch Site
-  River Miles
-  Indicates a Large Campsite
-  Indicates - Camping River Left
-  Indicates - Camping River Right

-  BLM Wilderness Study Area
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Other Federal
-  Private
-  State
-  State, County, City; Areas
-  US Forest Service



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