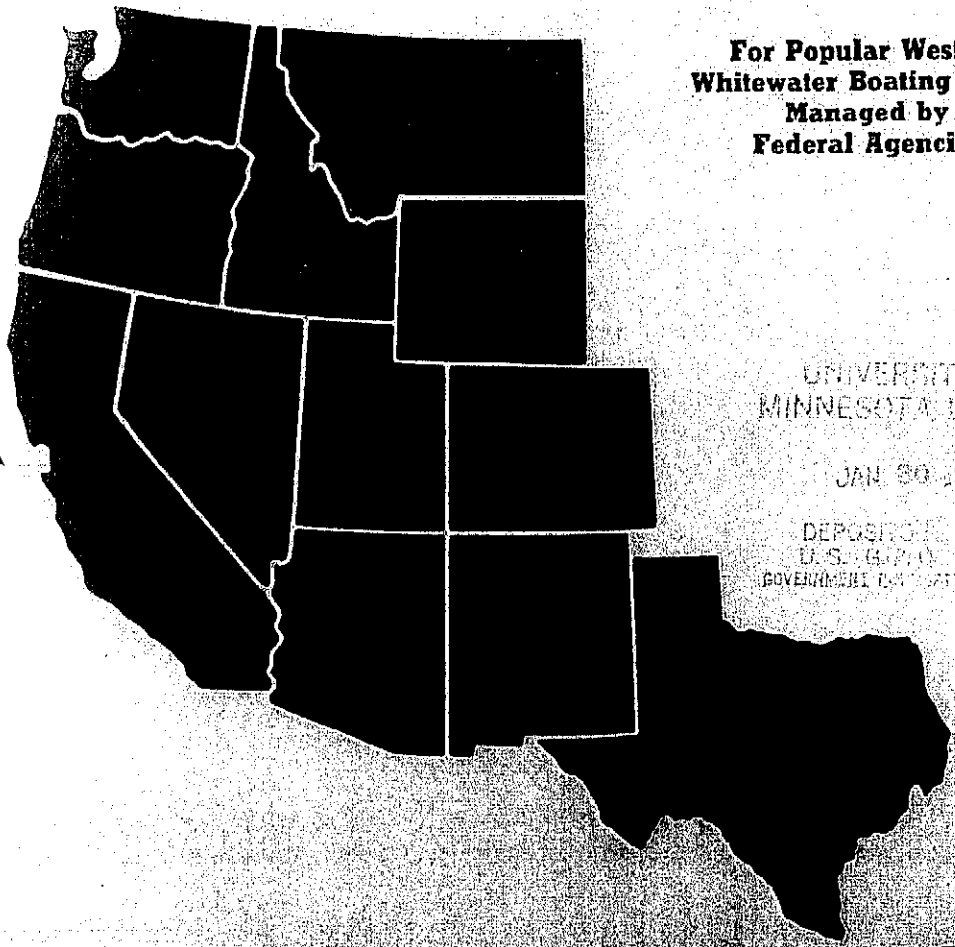


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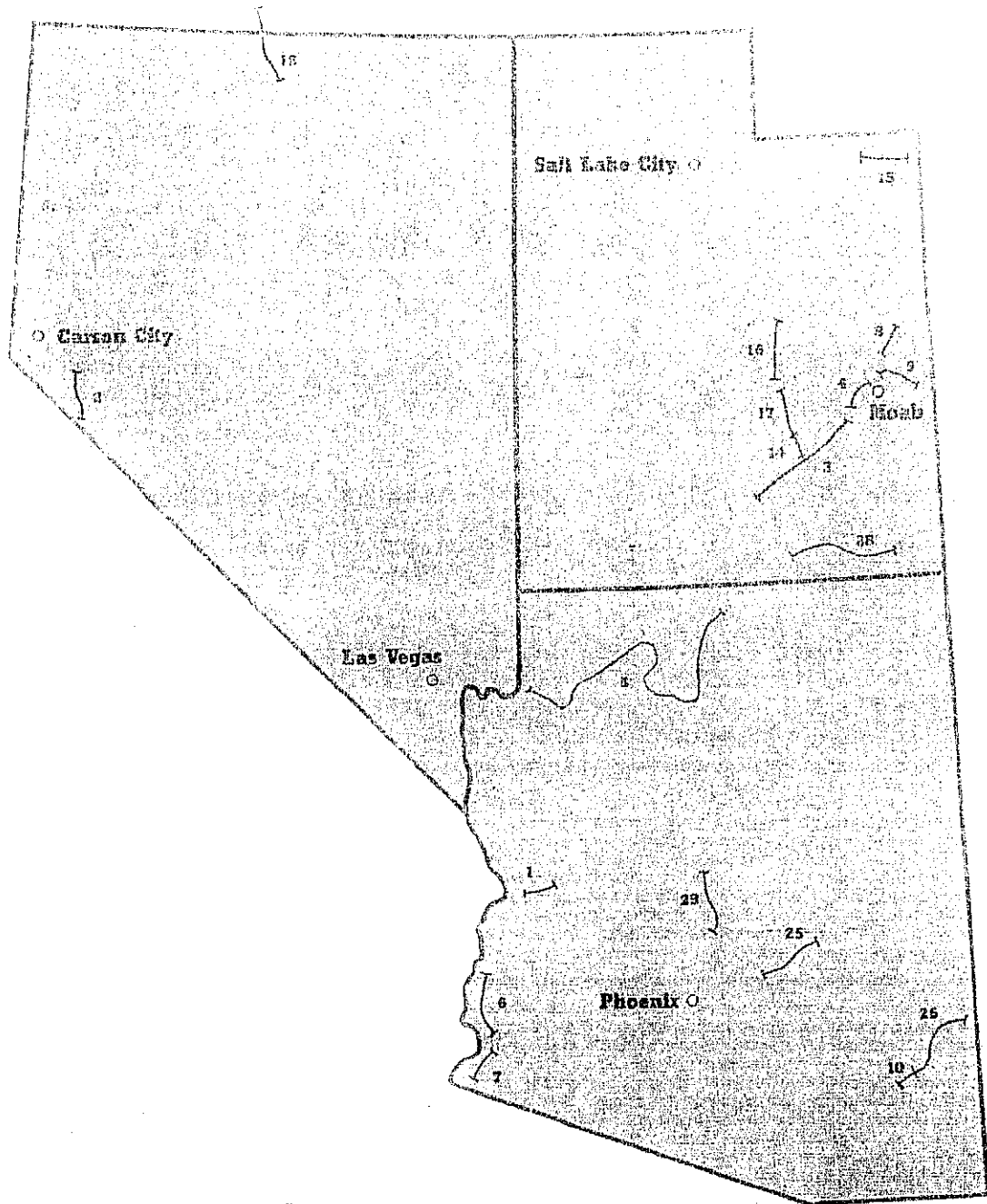
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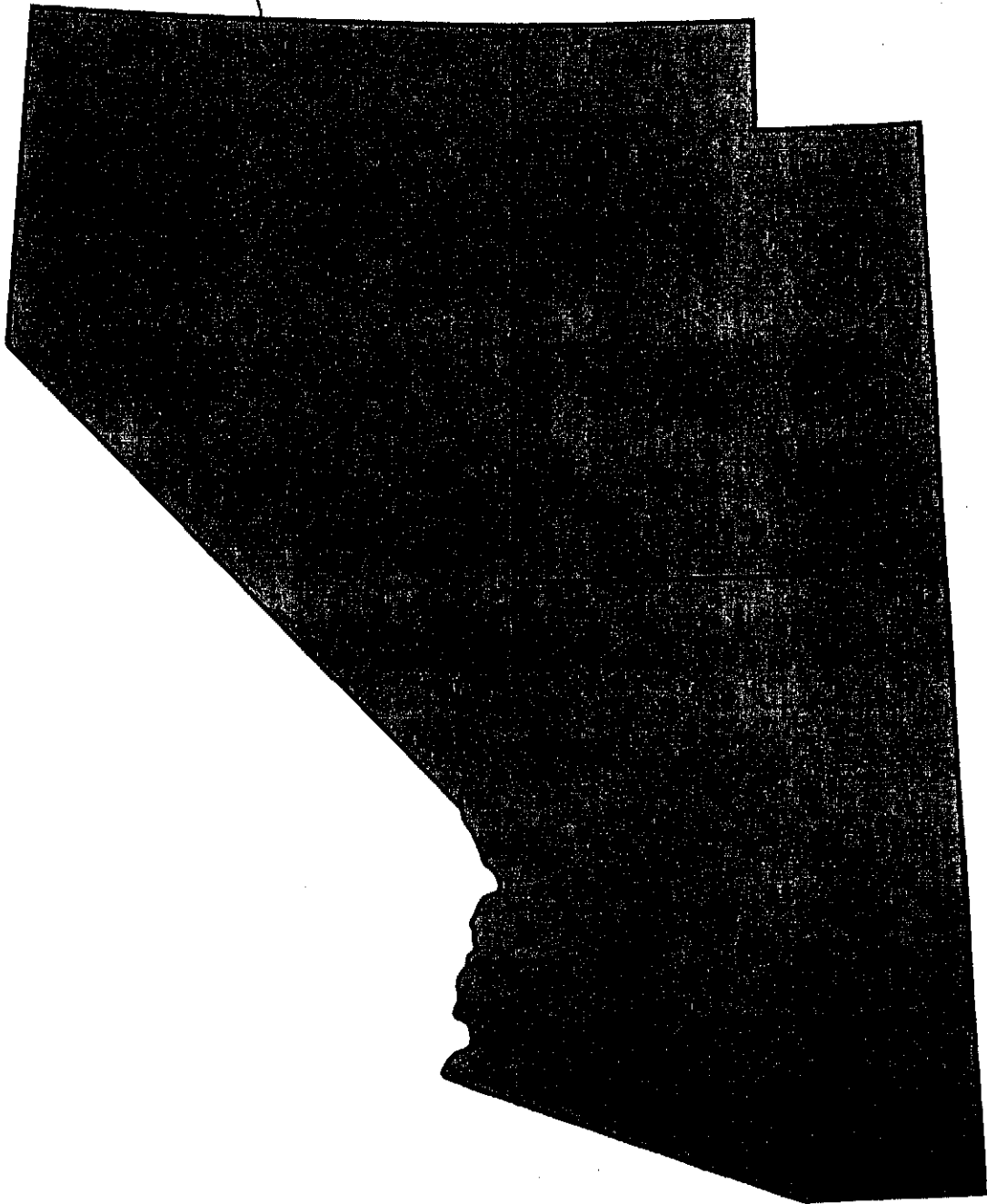
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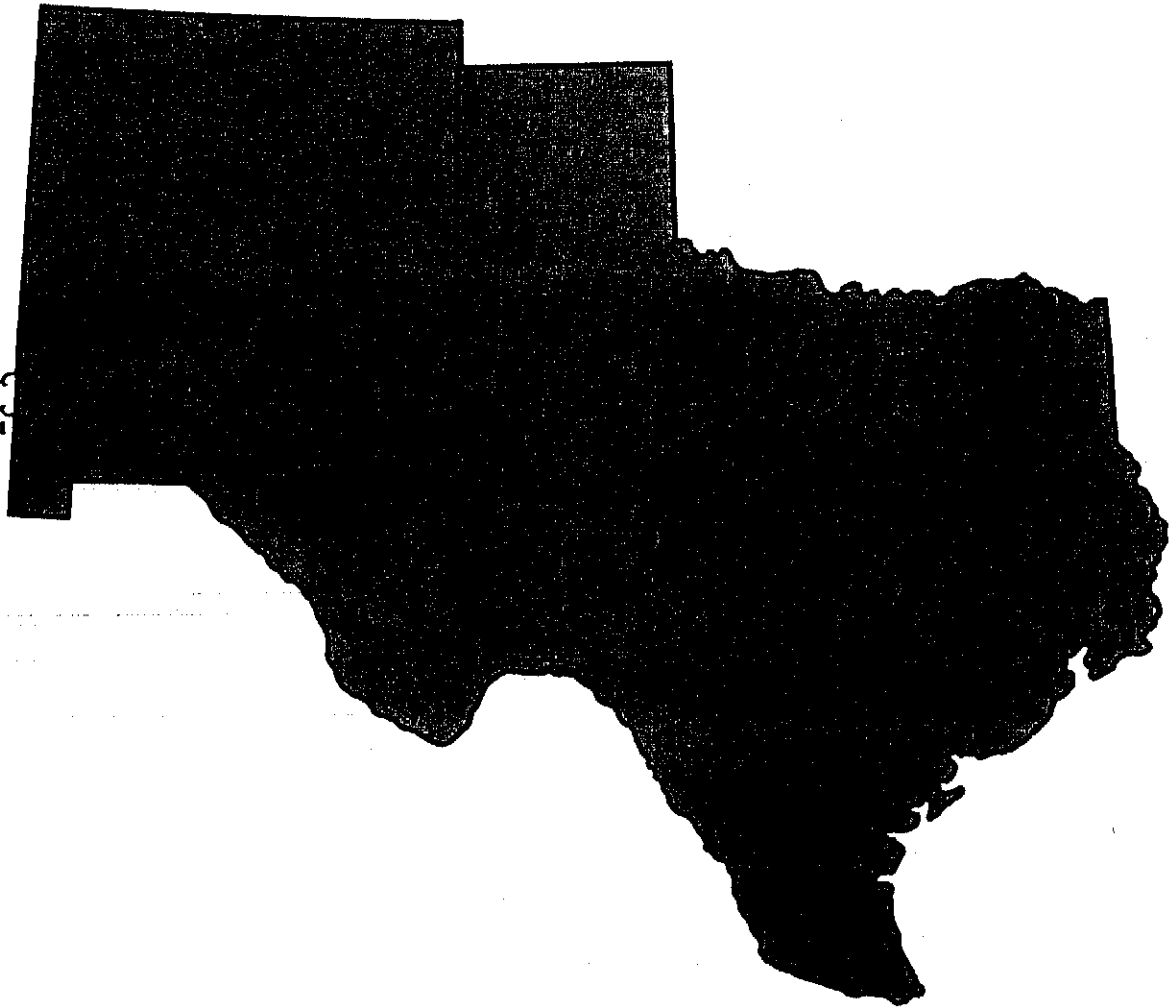
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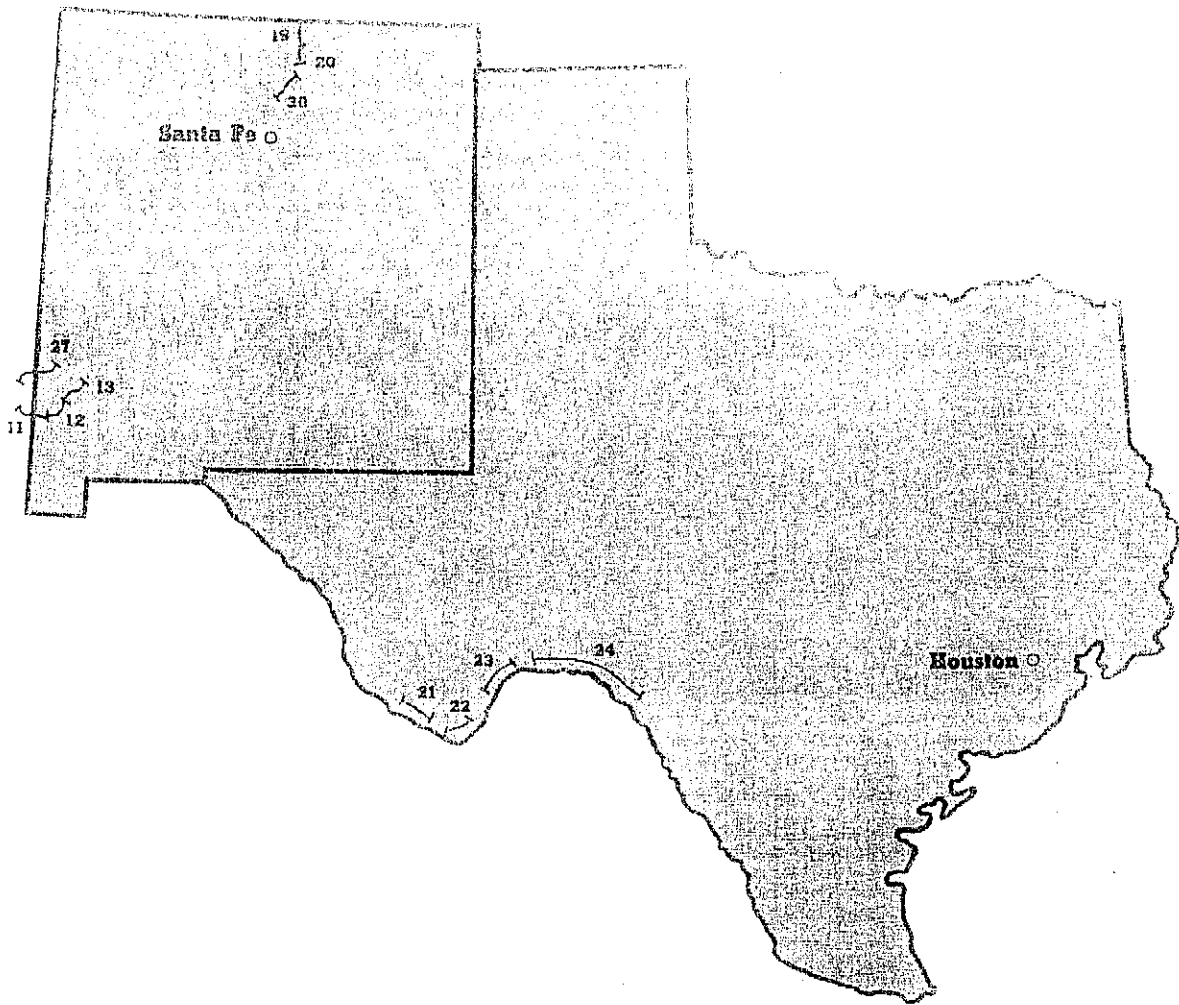
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**ARIZONA - NEVADA - NEW MEXICO - TEXAS - UTAH**

RIVER NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
<b>RIVER NAME</b>	Bill Williams	Carson, East Fork	Colorado, Cataract (NPS)	Colorado, Hite Bottom	Colorado, Grand Canyons (NPS)	Colorado, Blythe/Imperial	Colorado, Lower, Laguna Dam	Colorado, Westwater	Dolores, Gateway to Colo. River	Gila, Arizona	Gila, Lower (BLM)	Gila, Middle	Gila, Upper	Green, Cataract (NPS)	Green, Flaming Gorge	Green, Desolation, Gray	Green, Labyrinth Canyons	Owyhee, South Fork	Rio Grande, Labadie to John Duan	Rio Grande, John Dunn to Taos Jct.	Rio Grande, Santa Elena Canyon	Rio Grande, Mariscal Canyon	Rio Grande, Bequillas Canyon	Rio Grande, Lower Canyon	Salt	San Francisco, Arizona	San Francisco, New Mexico	San Juan, Montezuma to Clay Hills	Verde, Upper	Rio Grande, Flut			
<b>GENERAL</b>																																	
Period Runnable																																	
Spring	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Summer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Fall	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Winter	x				x	x	x			x					x						x	x	x	x		x	x	x					
Difficulty																																	
I-II		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			
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V+																																	
Hazardous High Flows																																	
Limiting Low Flows	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Controlled Flow	x				x	x	x																										
Trip Length - Days	1-2	1-3	3-7	1	3-18	1-5	1-3	1-3	1-3	1	1-2	1-2	3-5	3-7	1-2	3-6	4	1-4	3-4	1	1-2	1-2	1-2	3-10	1-5	1	2-4	1-6	1-6	1			
Access to Launch - Road	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Access to Launch - Air	x	x		x																													
Shuttle Service			x	x	x	x								x	x							x	x	x									
Visible Paralleling Roads					x	x	x		x																								
Visible Paralleling Trails							x																										
Maps Available	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Interpretive Information			x	x	x	x	x	x						x	x	x	x					x	x	x									
Fishing		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Hunting	x				x	x	x	x																									
Hiking Trails			x	x	x	x																											
Swimming		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x																				
Hot Springs		x																															
Special Designation																																	
Wild																																	
Scenic																																	
Recreation																																	
Wilderness																																	
National Park			x		x										x							x	x	x									
National Recreation Area																																	
Other																																	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>																																	
Power Boat - Upstream																																	
Float Boat - Motor			x	x	x			x	x					x	x	x	x																
Float Boat - Non-motor			x	x	x			x	x					x	x	x	x																
Small Craft - Kayak, etc.			x	x	x	x		x	x					x	x	x	x																
Number of Outfitters	12	18	22	21	2			20	19					18	7	28		4	4	12	25	25	25	25	3				11				
<b>NON-COMMERCIAL</b>																																	
Permits Required			x		x			x	x					x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x								
Reservations Required			x		x			x						x	x	x																	
Restrictions on Type Craft			x		x																												
Motors Prohibited																																	
Campsite Assigned								x																									
Portages Required																																	

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## 10. GILA RIVER (Arizona) (Guthrie to Safford)

### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management  
425 E. 4th Street  
Safford, AZ 85546  
Telephone (602) 428-4040

Suitable for rafts, canoes, and kayaks - Unrunnable late spring, summer, and fall -  
Water temperature 41-59°F. - Trip length, 20 miles - Shuttle 50 miles, paved and  
gravel roads - Below Coolidge Dam not recommended for boating.

## 11. GILA RIVER, LOWER

### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management  
Los Cruces District Office  
P.O. Box 1420  
Los Cruces, NM 88004  
Telephone (505) 523-5571

Access limited by private lands - Wilderness Study Area.



## 12. GILA RIVER, MIDDLE

### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

USDA Forest Service  
Silver City Ranger District  
Gila National Forest  
Route 8, Box 124-1  
Silver City, NM 88061  
Telephone (505) 538-2771

Private land closed to use - Pack out trash - Scouting rapids recommended - Quick-  
sand, flash floods - Wire and cable across river - Pump station above Forest  
boundary should be avoided - Shuttle, 46 miles - Car can be left at Red Rock Game  
Management Area (505) 542-9760 - Runnable only during spring runoff - Trip  
length, 20 miles - Small rafts recommended because of narrow channels and can-  
yons - Open canoes not recommended above 7.1 feet at Red Rock Gauge.

### 13. GILA RIVER, UPPER

#### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

USDA Forest Service  
Wilderness Ranger District  
Gila National Forest  
Route 11, Box 100  
Silver City, NM 88061  
Telephone (505) 534-9461

Runnable only during spring runoff - Wilderness permit required - Motors prohibited - Pack out trash - Log jams and flood debris, scout blind corners and rapids - Kayaks, canoes, and rafts suitable - Wire across river - Trip length, 45 miles - Intermediate access available 38 miles down river but not passable during inclement weather - Best flows 350-700 cfs - Call for conditions, some years not runnable.

### 14. GREEN RIVER, CATARACT CANYON

See No. 3, Colorado River, Cataract Canyon, page 45.

### 15. GREEN RIVER (Flaming Gorge to Browns Park)

#### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

USDA Forest Service  
Flaming Gorge Ranger District  
Ashley National Forest  
P.O. Box 157  
Dutch John, UT 84023  
Telephone (801) 885-3315

Bureau of Land Management  
170 S. 500 E.  
Vernal, UT 84078  
Telephone (801) 789-1362

Permits not required - No fires or camping in first seven miles including Little Hole - Open canoes and row boats not recommended on this section - No motors from Flaming Gorge Dam to Taylor Flat Bridge - Fire pans and portable toilets recommended - Pack out trash - Water 53°F. - Water fluctuations 800-4,200 cfs - During spring runoff, cfs could be as high as 13,000 cfs - Red Creek Rapids normally require portage by canoes - Dam to Little Hole, 7.2 miles, shuttle 10 miles - Little Hole to Browns Park, 9 miles, shuttle 40 miles - Raft rentals and shuttle services available - Outfitter-guides services available - Wild and Scenic Study River, proposed Scenic designation - Paralleled by Little Hole National Recreation Trail (Motorized vehicles prohibited).