

Pre-survey Postcard

Dear Colorado River Angler:

The National Park Service has requested that the University of Montana gather information from people who have fished the stretch of the Colorado River from the base of Glen Canyon Dam downstream to just below Lee's Ferry within the past 12 months. Your name was randomly selected from a list of people who recently completed an Arizona Fish and Game Department creel survey. Within the next week or two, you will receive a survey in the mail from the University of Montana. The information collected will be used to understand the relationships between water levels in Glen Canyon and the recreational experiences of anglers.

Only a select number of people are being asked to take part in this study, so your participation is very important. Once you receive the questionnaire, we will ask that you return it as soon as possible in the postage paid envelope that will be provided. The questionnaire should take about 20 minutes to complete. We are asking that you and everyone receiving a survey from us complete and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Duffield, Survey Director
University of Montana

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Survey Packet Cover Letter

Dear Colorado River Angler:

You are receiving this letter because within the last 12 months you completed an on-site creel survey conducted by the Arizona Fish and Game Department. You have been selected to participate in a National Park Service sponsored study to understand the recreational experiences of people who have fished the stretch of the Colorado River from the base of Glen Canyon Dam downstream to just below Lee's Ferry.

The National Park Service requested the University of Montana to conduct this study to determine the social and economic impacts of water levels on recreation uses of the Colorado River, within the 10-mile river stretch from just below Lee's Ferry upstream to the base of Glen Canyon Dam. This area is a nationally-important recreation and conservation resource and is considered to have significant water-related recreational use. The responses to this survey will help the National Park Service understand the possible effects that different management strategies would have on the recreational behaviors and values of anglers along the Colorado River corridor.

Inside this packet you will find a questionnaire and a self-addressed stamped envelope. The questionnaire should take about 20 minutes to complete, and it does not require any special knowledge - we just ask that you consider each question and respond with your own opinion. All information you provide will remain anonymous and will be combined with the answers of others. Only a select number of people are being asked to take part in this study, so your participation is very important. Once you have completed the questionnaire, we are asking that you return it as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 406-721-2265.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Duffield, Survey Director
University of Montana

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Reminder Postcard

Dear Colorado River Angler:

About two weeks ago you received a questionnaire in the mail from the University of Montana inviting you to participate in a survey of people who have recently fished the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam. If you have already completed and returned the questionnaire, please accept our sincere thanks. We are very grateful for your participation because it will help us understand anglers' attitudes about the use and management of the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam.

If you have not completed and returned the survey, we would like to express how important it is that we hear from you soon. You are one of a small number of people selected to give your opinions on this matter. Your response will help us understand how Colorado River management decisions affect fishing in the Grand Canyon.

We are anxious to receive your completed survey. I would like to encourage you to complete the questionnaire and return it today. Your contribution will add to the success of this study and your time is greatly appreciated. If you need another copy of the questionnaire, please feel free to call me at 406-721-2265 and a replacement questionnaire will be mailed to you.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dr. John Duffield, Survey Director
University of Montana

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Final Letter with the Replacement Survey

Dear Colorado River Angler:

About three weeks ago you received a questionnaire from the University of Montana inviting you to participate in a survey of people who have fished the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam within the past 12 months. As of today we have not received your completed questionnaire. I am writing to tell you that there is still time to complete and return the enclosed survey to our research team. If you have mailed it within the past few days, please accept our thanks.

The National Park Service requested the University of Montana to conduct this study to understand the social and economic impacts of water levels on recreation uses of the 10-mile stretch of the Colorado River, from just below Lee's Ferry upstream to the base of Glen Canyon Dam. The information we collect will be considered by the National Park Service to help better understand anglers' attitudes about the use and management of the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam.

We would like to ask that you consider taking the time to respond to this questionnaire today. It should take about 20 minutes to complete, and it does not require any special knowledge - we just ask that you consider each question and respond with your own opinion. Once you are done, please use the enclosed postage paid envelope and return it to Dr. John Duffield at the University of Montana. Your participation is completely voluntary and your responses will be anonymous.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact me at 406-721-2265.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Duffield, Survey Director
University of Montana

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