



Proposed Changes to the River Outfitters Licensure Program

1. Allow multi-year licensing.
2. Re-establish an advisory committee (repealed Statute 33-32-110) to be convened in each year to review, add, modify or remove regulations. This board should consist of two outfitters and one individual to represent the division. A majority of the board must approve all changes.
3. Revise CRS 33-32-109 to create a greater penalty for entities that operate or advertise commercial trips without a license. This is not to be revised to include technical license violations but purposeful violations to circumvent the River Outfitter Licensing Statutes and Regulations.
4. Establish requirements for rangers that include:
 - a. Rangers shall meet the minimum qualifications of a Guide Instructor.
 - b. Rangers shall receive proper orientation regarding customer and outfitter interaction.
 - c. Rangers shall provide at least 72 hours notice prior to an office inspections unless overriding evidence exists that a violation has occurred.
5. Establish that any change in Division personnel that effects the enforcement or oversight of these statutes and regulations shall be reported to all licensed outfitters within ten days of such change.
6. CROA does not support an increase in licensure fees. Outfitters often are paying several entities for running one river ranging from municipalities to private land owners to federal agencies.
7. Additionally, CROA would like to see specific changes to the current rules that focus on public safety like illegal outfitting and guide training requirements rather than minutia like waste bags, rope diameter and patch kits. We will continue to work with the Department to implement these common sense changes.

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