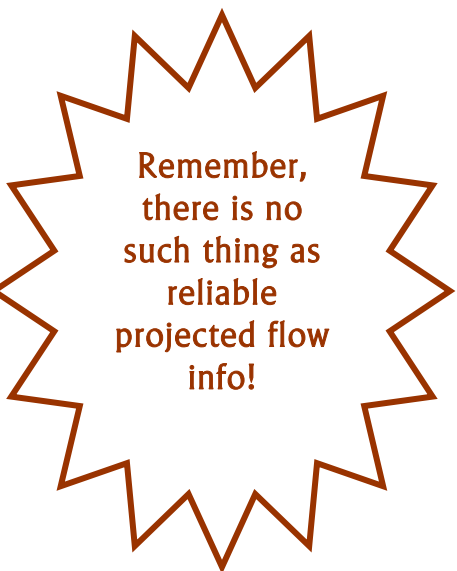


2011 Higher Flow Info



Subject to
Change –
at
anytime!

May 14 – June	constant 23,000 cfs
July & August	constant 24,000 cfs
September & October	constant 15,000 cfs
November	constant 20,000 cfs



Remember,
there is no
such thing as
reliable
projected flow
info!

Some things to keep in mind with the higher flow:

- Steady flow – less issues harboring boats
- Fewer camps – especially in the gorges
- Greater chance puncturing boats when landing due to sharper rocks and vegetation
- Harder to keep boats together – wait until everyone is ready before pulling out otherwise there'll be a great deal of separation.
- Better to stay in a tight group for communication in regards to stops and camp. Everyone needs to know what the plan is.
- Everything happens much quicker with the high flows and pulls-ins are much tougher – be prepared or be prepared to sleep on your boat!
- Camps aren't as user friendly (wear shoes!):
 - Less sand
 - More rocks, cut off vegetation, stickers, and thorns
 - Less easy access to water
 - Water will be colder
- Most rapids are easier –
 - Many hazards - “holes” - diminish as they wash out
 - Some rapids will increase in size and severity, but there is more room to maneuver around the obstacles.

2011 Higher Flow Info Continued

- Boundary between main stream and eddies become much more severe due to the increased speed differential between them. Choice of ferry angle is far more important with higher flows.
- Travel time decreases – flow rate increases from 3–4 to 5–7 mph. More off river time and possible layovers.
- Be aware that you're moving into the neighborhood of snakes, scorpions and ants – more important to set-up your sleeping gear just before you're ready to turn in. Be diligent in checking anything left out overnight for new residents
- Important to have someone do a final patrol of all campsites before departure. It's much easier to leave gear behind in that some campsites will be out of sight due to vegetation or rocks.
- Be kind to your gear – much easier to puncture a waterproof bag, paco pad, etc. on the sharp rocks you'll be camping near.
- Be diligent about properly adjusting and wearing your life jacket – the currents are stronger, the water colder, and it'll probably take longer for your fellow boaters to come to your aid if you end up in the water.
- Be diligent about wearing shoes – if you have to self rescue to shore, you'll be glad to have them if you crawl out on a limestone ledge.
- Always be rigged to flip - some of the rapids are more forgiving, but you can flip or have a tube suck on an eddy line just pulling into shore at these flows.
- Pull in at Diamond Creek – Challenging! You'll want to have your best boat folks at the oars – no eddy at the ramp itself – have your best boatperson go in first and set up a throwbag – or two – no second chance!