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PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE READING THE CALENDARS

Four separate river trip launch calendars are available:

- 1) Lees Ferry launch calendar
- 2) Phantom Ranch exchange calendar
- 3) Whitmore exchange calendar
- 4) Diamond Creek takeout calendar

These calendars list the tentative launch schedules for all commercial, non-commercial, research, and National Park Service work trips. Patrol trips are not included. The calendars are posted to the park website approximately one month in advance. Once posted, the calendars are not updated. Some minor trip changes may occur after the calendars have been posted.

How to read the launch calendars

Each river trip is labeled on the calendar according to its planned schedule. The first abbreviation represents the name of the company or type of trip. The second number represents the maximum number of passengers at any given time (including crew). The final series of numbers and letters reflects the trip's planned schedule. Whitmore and Diamond Creek schedules include prefixes detailing the type of activity as well. Some examples are provided. All trips launch from Lees Ferry.

Abbreviations

Type of Trip/Company Names

PRIV = Private Trip	RSH = Research Trip	GRCA = NPS trip
GCMRC = GCMRC Research Trip	TRAN = Commercial Training Trip	AZRA = Arizona Raft Adventures
ARIZ = Arizona River Runners	CAEX = Canyon Explorations	COLO = Colorado River and Trail Expeditions
CANY = Canyoneers	DIAM = Diamond River Adventures	EXPD = Canyon Expeditions
HATC = Hatch River Expeditions	HIGH = AZRA/Discovery	GRCE = Grand Canyon Expeditions
MOKI = Moki Mac River Expeditions	OARS = O.A.R.S.	OUTD = Outdoors Unlimited
TOUR = Tour West	WEST = Western River Expeditions	WRAD = Wilderness River Adventures

Location

P = Phantom Ranch	W = Whitmore Helipad	D = Diamond Creek
J = Jet boat	L = Lake Mead	> = "Deadhead" (equipment/crew only)

Takeout/Exchange Prefixes

X = Passenger Exchange	P = Passengers Out	T = Takeout (entire trip)	E = Equipment Out
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Examples

PRIV 15 9P 12D 3L	A planned maximum of 15 participants, 9 days to Phantom Creek, 12 more days to Diamond Creek, 3 more days to Lake Mead to take out.
WEST 28 6W 3J >L	28 participants, 6 days to Whitmore Helipad, 3 days to off-load passengers by jet boat, the crew and equipment will continue to Lake Mead.
AZRA 20 10D	20 participants, 10 days to Diamond Creek.

Lees Ferry Launch Calendar

The Lees Ferry Launch Calendar lists all trips by their launch dates. The launch schedule will mirror the launch schedule in Appendix B of the 2006 Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP) with two exceptions. First, additional “administrative trips” may be listed on the calendar. Administrative trips are always “additional” trips and never displace recreational trips. Second, some commercial trip slots may not be utilized – when earlier trips use up a company’s total user-day allocation for a season, additional trips may not be launched by that concessionaire. The number of days that trips can spend on each segment of the river above Diamond Creek are not dictated by the CRMP; only total trip lengths are restricted and vary by the season within which the launch occurs. For detailed information, see the Commercial Operating Requirements and Noncommercial River Trip Regulations.

Phantom Ranch Exchange Calendar

This calendar includes only those commercial trips that have scheduled a passenger exchange at Phantom Ranch and all non-commercial (PRIV) trips whether they are exchanging or not. Non-commercial trips are allowed to modify their exchange schedule up to and including the day of launch, and some noncommercial trips will decide to exchange passengers at Phantom Ranch.

There are few river camps in the stretch of river between Hance Rapids and Phantom Ranch. If you are not planning to exchange passengers, standard river courtesy calls for selection of camps outside this area. Use of the two camps at Cremation Camp, river mile 87, is restricted to those trips who will be exchanging passengers the following day. If your trip is not exchanging passengers in the vicinity of Phantom Ranch, do not plan to use that camp. If you are exchanging passengers and the calendar indicates there may be more than two trips doing so the same day as you, expect that Cremation Camp may be full and camp upstream. Courteous communication with other trips on the water can help reduce congestion in the Phantom Ranch area.

Whitmore Wash Exchange Calendar

Some commercial trips use a helicopter service to fly out or exchange passengers at Whitmore Wash, RM 187. Beginning in 2007, helicopter flights will be restricted to the hours before 10 AM. The Whitmore schedule is included to assist those who wish to minimize their exposure to over flight noise or congestion. The “X” in front of the trip’s abbreviation signifies a passenger exchange; the “P” means that passengers will be flown out and only equipment will continue to the takeout.

Diamond Creek Takeout Calendar

The Diamond Creek calendar includes all trips that indicate that some portion of their equipment and/or passengers will be utilizing the Diamond Creek takeout. Letters in front of the trip abbreviation have the following meanings: “T” means the entire trip is taking out, “P” means the passengers are taking out; “E” means that the equipment and crew only will be taking out.

Due to low water levels and increased numbers of launches, congestion has increased at Diamond Creek. Communication and cooperation among all launch ramp users is essential. The Hualapai Tribe has requested that groups not de-rig at the launch ramp between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. If the schedule indicates that several other trips will be taking out the same day as you, try to expedite your takeout and use as little space on the ramp as possible.

Lees Ferry Launches April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 PRIV 16 10P 11D WEST 18 7W3J>L TRAN 32 7P 8D GCMRC 10 22L	2 PRIV 14 10P 11D PRIV 8 8P 13D 4L GRCA 16 5P 11L	3 PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L ARIZ 20 12D>L AZRA 18 7P10D GRCA 15 9P 10D GCMRC 13 18L
4 PRIV 16 4P 6D PRIV 8 7P 5D 2L OARS 16 6P9W4J>L	5 PRIV 16 7P 14D DIAM 20 12D	6 PRIV 16 6P 9D PRIV 8 13P 8D GRCE 16 16J>L	7 PRIV 14 11P 10D WEST 18 7W3J>L	8 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 8 8P 13D	9 PRIV 12 9P 12D ARIZ 18 8P10W>D COLO 20 4P7L	10 PRIV 4 9P 10D 2L PRIV 8 8P 13D 13L AZRA 10 7P10D GCMRC 9 17L
11 PRIV 16 8P 12D DIAM 20 6P8D HATC 20 12W>L	12 PRIV 8 6P 13D 3L PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L	13 PRIV 13 9P 12D 3L EXPD 16 18D GRCE 20 8J>L	14 PRIV 1 7P 10D 5L PRIV 8 6P 15D 2L AZRA 10 14D	15 PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L OARS 16 7P13J>L WEST 18 7W3J>L	16 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 2 10P 10D 1L MOKI 18 16D WRAD 20 4P5W>D	17 PRIV 16 9P 12D CAEX 14 8P9D GRCE 20 8J>L
18 PRIV 16 9P 9D PRIV 8 8P 13D 2L CANY 20 7J>L OARS 10 6P10W3D GRCA 17 18D	19 PRIV 16 10P 11D COLO 20 5P7L HIGH 18 7P10D	20 PRIV 8 17P 2D 3L PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L MOKI 18 8D OUTD 10 7P9J>L	21 PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L TOUR 10 18D WEST 18 7W3J>L	22 PRIV 8 9P 12D PRIV 13 7P 11D AZRA 18 7P9D GRCE 20 8J>L GRCA 16 6P 7D GRCA 13 18D	23 PRIV 12 9P 8D 2L ARIZ 20 9D>L WRAD 18 6P7W>D	24 PRIV 16 5P 6D 4L PRIV 8 9P 12D 4L CANY 20 7J>L EXPD 10 9P10D
25 PRIV 16 9P 12D 2L HATC 20 12W>L OARS 11 6P10J>L	26 PRIV 16 8P 10D PRIV 8 7P 8D HIGH 23 10D OUTD 10 7P9J>L	27 GRCE 16 16J>L TOUR 10 6W3J>L	28 PRIV 16 6P 12D PRIV 6 9P 12D 0L AZRA 18 6P9D WEST 18 7W3J>L	29 WEST 18 7W3J>L	30 PRIV 5 8P 13D 3L PRIV 6 8P 13D COLO 12 13L HIGH 20 10D	

Phantom Ranch Exchanges April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 PRIV 14 8P 13D PRIV 16 8P 9D PRIV 10 7P 9D PRIV 11 6P 10D PRIV 16 5P 14D 2L	2	3 PRIV 16 8P 10D 1L PRIV 15 7P 13D PRIV 8 6P 13D
4 PRIV 12 10P 11D 2L	5	6 PRIV 16 9P 7D 2L GRCA 16 5P 11L	7 PRIV 16 4P 6D PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L PRIV 16 9P 12D 5L PRIV 14 9P 9D 4L TRAN 32 7P 8D	8	9 PRIV 8 8P 13D 4L AZRA 18 7P10D OARS 16 6P9W4J>L	10 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L PRIV 8 7P 5D 2L
11 PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 6P 9D PRIV 14 10P 11D GRCA 15 9P 10D	12 COLO 20 4P7L	13	14	15 PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 8 8P 13D	16 ARIZ 18 8P10W>D AZRA 10 7P10D DIAM 20 6P8D	17 PRIV 14 11P 10D PRIV 8 6P 13D 3L PRIV 12 9P 12D PRIV 8 8P 13D 13L
18 PRIV 4 9P 10D 2L PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 8 13P 8D	19 PRIV 8 6P 15D 2L WRAD 20 4P5W>D	20 PRIV 1 7P 10D 5L PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L	21 PRIV 13 9P 12D 3L OARS 16 7P13J>L	22 PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L	23 COLO 20 5P7L OARS 10 6P10W3D	24 PRIV 16 9P 12D CAEX 14 8P9D
25 PRIV 16 9P 12D PRIV 8 8P 13D 2L PRIV 2 10P 10D 1L HIGH 18 7P10D	26 PRIV 16 9P 9D OUTD 10 7P9J>L	27 PRIV 16 7P 11D 3L GRCA 16 6P 7D	28 PRIV 16 5P 6D 4L PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 13 7P 11D PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L AZRA 18 7P9D WRAD 18 6P7W>D	29	30 PRIV 8 9P 12D OARS 11 6P10J>L	

Whitmore Exchanges April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	8	9	10
11	12	13 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	14	15	16	17 X OARS 16 6P9W4J>L
18	19	20	21 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	22 P HATC 20 12W>L	23 P WRAD 20 4P5W>D	24
25 P ARIZ 18 8P10W>D	26	27 X WEST 18 7W3J>L	28	29	30	

Diamond Creek Takeouts April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 PRIV 12 7P 11D PRIV 16 7P 11D 2L PRIV 11 9P 12D PRIV 14 8P 11D 2L PRIV 16 8P 11D PRIV 16 6P 9D 1L	2 PRIV 10 7P 11D PRIV 14 9P 12D 5L PRIV 16 6P 11D	3 PRIV 13 7P 9D
4	5 PRIV 16 11P 10D PRIV 9 7P 10D	6 PRIV 16 8P 13D	7 PRIV 16 8P 13D	8 PRIV 13 8P 13D	9 PRIV 16 8P 11D PRIV 16 9P 12D	10 PRIV 16 8P 9D PRIV 16 8P 13D 3L PRIV 16 10P 11D 2L PRIV 10 7P 9D
11 PRIV 12 8P 13D 3L PRIV 11 6P 10D	12 PRIV 13 7P 14D 3L PRIV 16 7P 13D 2L PRIV 6 9P 12D 2L	13 PRIV 16 4P 6D PRIV 16 9P 7D 2L PRIV 16 7P 14D PRIV 16 8P 10D 1L	14 PRIV 14 8P 13D P ARIZ 20 12D>L	15 PRIV 12 10P 11D 2L PRIV 8 7P 5D 2L PRIV 16 5P 14D 2L TRAN 32 7P 8D	16 PRIV 14 9P 9D 4L PRIV 15 7P 13D PRIV 8 6P 13D T DIAM 20 12D	17
18 T AZRA 18 7P10D	19 PRIV 16 9P 12D 5L	20 PRIV 16 8P 13D 2L PRIV 16 6P 9D	21 PRIV 16 10P 11D PRIV 16 8P 11D 2L GRCA 15 9P 10D	22 PRIV 14 10P 11D PRIV 8 8P 13D 4L	23 T DIAM 20 6P8D E WRAD 20 4P5W>D	24
25 PRIV 16 7P 14D T AZRA 10 7P10D E ARIZ 18 8P10W>D	26 PRIV 8 13P 8D	27 PRIV 14 11P 10D T AZRA 10 14D T MOKI 18 8D	28 PRIV 4 9P 10D 2L PRIV 16 8P 13D PRIV 8 8P 13D	29 PRIV 12 9P 12D	30 PRIV 16 8P 12D PRIV 1 7P 10D 5L PRIV 8 6P 13D 3L PRIV 16 9P 10D 1L PRIV 8 8P 13D 13L T EXPD 16 18D	