



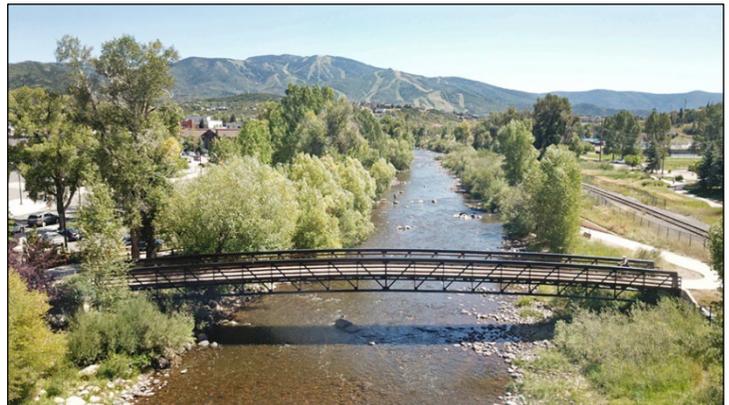
Yampa River Closure Returns Tomorrow, Tuesday, 8/2 *Water Temperatures Exceeds Threshold Criteria for River Health*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 1, 2022-For the second time this summer, water temperatures in the Yampa River have risen again above the allowed threshold and triggered the City of Steamboat Springs to enact commercial and voluntary recreational closures for the Yampa River starting tomorrow, Tuesday, August 2. The closure will remain in effect until rescinded.

“We have been monitoring the conditions throughout the weekend and hoped some of the forecasted rain and cloud cover would help lower water temperatures, but that didn’t pan out,” said Craig Robinson, Parks, Open Space & Trails Manager. “We’ve been in communications with outfitters over the past several days so they are aware and we’re asking for the public’s continued support of the closure.”

Due to high water temperatures (75+) over the past four consecutive days on the Yampa River, the city is implementing closures for all commercial activities on the Yampa River and asking the public to abide by a voluntary closure for all recreational river use.

The weather forecast calls for thunderstorms this evening and Tuesday before decreasing as the main monsoon plume becomes cut off. Temperatures look to remain in the 80°s throughout the week and show minimal signs to cool the water in the river to acceptable levels.



Even as flows hold around 100 cubic feet per second (cfs), it’s a different story for the water temperatures which significantly impact aquatic life. That’s why adhering to the closure is important for the biological health of the river even when flows remain high.

This is the second time the river has closed this summer due to high water temperatures. It previously closed July 19 before reopening on July 25. All commercial outfitting operations are suspended under the closure. River users – tubers, SUPers, swimmers, anglers – are requested to adhere to the voluntary closure and avoid river recreation.

Notices will be posted at popular river access points and request everyone’s cooperation in protecting the Yampa River by staying out of the river until conditions improve. The health and protection of the Yampa River rates high with residents. Thank you for Respecting the Yampa.

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