

Commercial & Voluntary River Closure Enacted

Yampa River Water Temperatures Exceed Threshold Criteria for River Health

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-July 14, 2025-Yampa River water temperatures are on the rise moving above the allowed threshold and triggering the City of Steamboat Springs to enact commercial and voluntary recreational closures for the Yampa River. The closure will remain in effect until rescinded.

“A mandatory closure of the Yampa River isn’t something the city takes lightly,” said Stephanie Munro, Deputy Director - Land Management. “We would like to thank the community, especially our commercial operators, for their cooperation and support during this critical time. Our efforts go directly to the long-term health of our number one natural resource.”

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.



Due to high water temperatures (75+) over the past two 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 starting today, Monday July 14.

Notices are 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. City staff will continue to monitor flows and river temperatures at the [5th Street Bridge](#). The health and protection of the Yampa River rates high with residents. Thank you for Respecting the Yampa.

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