

## Commercial & Voluntary River Closure Return

Yampa River Water Levels Drop Below Threshold Criteria for River Health

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 14, 2025**-Yampa River water levels have dropped below the allowed threshold triggering the City of Steamboat Springs to enact commercial and voluntary recreational closures for the Yampa River for the second time this summer. The closure will remain in effect until rescinded.

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 low water flows (<85) 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.

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. The health and protection of the Yampa River rates high with residents. Thank you for Respecting the Yampa.

City staff will monitor flows and river temperatures at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and work with corresponding agencies and established criteria for when it's safe to reopen the river.

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