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ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA

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Dear Eric,

This is in response to your request for safety information for Wilderness Aware Rafting (WA). There have been no citations written to WA for safety violations on the Arkansas River for as long as AHRA has been keeping records (1989). In addition, according to our State River Outfitter Licensing Office, Wilderness Aware has had no safety citations in the history of the State-licensing program.

Wilderness Aware is a company in good standing in regards to your State of Colorado River Outfitter's License (R.O.L. V-0004) and your Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) Special Use Agreement for Boating (AH-06-559).

AHRA investigates all reported river accidents that occur on the Arkansas River. A commercial accident is defined as any injury occurring on the water during a commercial trip that requires the attention of a physician or results in unconsciousness.

Wilderness Aware has an excellent history of complying with reporting requirements regarding injuries to staff and guests. Compliance with this requirement is difficult to enforce, but there is no indication that any reportable accidents have been omitted. The ratio of injuries per person for Wilderness Aware is at or below the industry average on the Arkansas River.

I hope this is the information you need as far as your safety record is concerned. If you or anyone else requires further information regarding safety information please contact me at 719-539-7289.

Sincerely,

Sean Shepherd
AHRA River Ranger Supervisor

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