



# Grand Canyon River Runners Association

PRESERVING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE COLORADO RIVER

## Grand Canyon River Runners Association Announces Local and Regional Member Chapters

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### **CITIZENS ACROSS AMERICA JOIN CAMPAIGN TO PRESERVE PUBLIC ACCESS TO GRAND CANYON RIVER TRIPS**

A new public interest advocacy organization, the Grand Canyon River Runners Association ("GCRRA") announced today the establishment of several new local and regional member chapters across America and in Europe. GCRRA member chapters now number 23 in 13 states and in 2 foreign countries.

#### **GCRRA Member Chapters**

Philadelphia, PA	San Diego, CA
Salt Lake City, UT	Northeast Ohio
Northern San Francisco, CA	Seattle, WA
Southern San Francisco Bay Area, CA	Central Michigan
Southern Massachusetts	Eugene, OR
Germany	Huston, TX
Princeton, NJ	London, England
San Luis Obispo, CA	Washington, DC
Central Boston, MA	Gainesville, FL
Western Boston, MA	Tucson, AZ
Columbus, OH	Southern Los Angeles, CA
Phoenix, AZ	

"We're extremely pleased with our early success in recruiting membership chapters all over the country," said the new group's president, Dwight Sherwood. "These folks are intent on protecting and defending the public's historic rights of access to widely-acclaimed Grand Canyon river trips."

GCRRA was recently formed by a group of past Grand Canyon river trippers who became increasingly concerned that the voice of the public who depends on professional services to visit the Grand Canyon by river was unorganized and in danger of being drowned out. The group's goals are to respond to those who would reduce or narrow the range of river services traditionally made available in the canyon.

"A trip down the Grand Canyon's mighty Colorado River is one of life's greatest experiences. For decades, people from all over America and from around the world have taken part in these trips" said Pam Whitney, GCRRA vice president. "We oppose new unnecessary or ill-conceived rules that would put a Grand Canyon river experience out of reach for most people."

GCRRA is fully committed to protecting the Grand Canyon's Colorado River in an unimpaired natural condition. In furtherance of this crucial objective, GCRRA donates twenty percent of all membership dues to the Grand Canyon Conservation Fund, a grant-making program that supports a diverse group of non-profit organizations working to protect the Grand Canyon's Colorado River corridor.