Welcome to the River Park at Las Colonias!

As you enjoy this great new facility, please follow these rules:

- Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)/Life Jackets are STRONGLY recommended. There are no lifeguards; you are responsible for your safety and the safety of minors you bring to the park.
- No swimming in the Butterfly Pond (Stand-up paddleboards and kayaks are encouraged).
- Please make sure you are practicing social distancing when at the River Park and gather in groups no greater than 10.
- No smoking, glass or dogs in the River Park (please keep dogs leashed).
- Please stay off the island between the slough and the main channel of the river. The promise to conserve this area and minimize impact was critical to develop the River Park.
- Grand Junction Police will be conducting routine patrols through the area to ensure the safety of those utilizing the park. Parks and rec. staff will be monitoring the park as well.
- Please keep to the paths; much of the park has been reseeded.

Additionally, the following standard park rules also apply:

- This park is open from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM
- All City parks/facilities are smoke free, including tobacco, marijuana and substances delivered through electronic smoking devices
- Glass containers are prohibited
- Possession/consumption of beer and wine is allowed
- Pets must be leashed and waste cleaned up
- Golfing is prohibited
- Preauthorization of commercial sales is required
- 970-254-3866 for reservation/permits/general information or to provide feedback

Thanks for visiting! Have fun and be safe!
The Colorado River is a naturally flowing river with cold water, obstacles, and changing currents and conditions. There are no life guards; you are responsible for yourself and the minors you bring to the Park. By using the GJ River Park at Las Colonias, a person assumes all inherent risks of water sports and activities.

Enhance your enjoyment of the River Park, and safety, by observing the following reminders:

**Personal Responsibility**

- Understand the risks and know the limits of your ability.
- Adults are responsible for the children they bring to the Park. Under adult supervision, help them enjoy the River Park within their abilities.
- Pay attention — not all hazards are easily recognized.

**Proper Equipment**

- Well-fitting Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) are strongly suggested. They are also required by law for Paddleboarders, those using Inner Tubes, and any similar device.
- Helmets and cold water gear are strongly suggested.
- Make sure your equipment is adequate for the river conditions.

**Be a Good Neighbor**

- Share the Park! All users, boaters, anglers, tubers, and rafters should respect each other while enjoying the Park.
- Pets must be picked up after and remain on leashes.

**Know the River**

- Rafts are not allowed in the Slough/Channel/Water Features: YOU WILL GET STUCK.
  - Only tubes, kayaks (hard shell and inflatable) and Stand Up Paddleboards are allowed.
  - Return to River is available only BEFORE the Water Features.
  - After the two Waves, exit River Right.
- Watch out for high water and strong currents.
- Cold water can be debilitating in less than two minutes.
- Brush, fallen trees, bridge pilings, and undercut rocks can pin boats against obstacles.
- The River Park will be closed when flows fall below 810 cubic feet per second (cfs).
- The River Park is within critical habitat for endangered fish as designated by the federal United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW). Using decades of data from the Colorado River Fishery Project, USFW has established that 810 cfs is the minimum flow required for their native fish recovery to be successful.

**Support the Conservation of This Resource**

- Stewardship and commitment to conservation has restored this beautiful natural area.
- Please stay off of the Island between the Slough and the main channel of the River. The promise to conserve this area and minimize impact was critical to develop the River Park.
- Leave No Trace! Enjoy the park in a way that leaves the natural environment protected, with no evidence of human disturbance.
- Please keep the Park clean!

**Thanks for visiting!**

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