

General Permit Closure Criteria for Recreational Dredging Permit

The following criteria were developed by the interagency committee to address those reaches or sections of streams to be closed off to recreational dredging under the state-wide, general Recreational Dredging Application. These criteria will be applied to all streams within the State of Utah in order to determine which reaches or sections of streams are closed for recreational dredging under the recreational dredging permit. Streams closed to recreational dredging may be available for dredging/mining under other existing permitting processes. The closure criteria are as follows:

1. Areas of critical habitat for aquatic and terrestrial Threatened and Endangered species are off-limits year round. Areas of seasonal use by Threatened and Endangered aquatic or terrestrial species are off-limits during their period of use.
2. Areas where candidate or state sensitive aquatic and terrestrial animal species are located are proposed to be off-limits during periods of use by the species. Candidate plant species habitat is off-limits year round until it can be determined that the activity would not cause the plant species to be listed as threatened or endangered.
3. Division of Wildlife Resources Class I waterways are proposed to be off-limits year round. Class II and high value waterways are proposed to be off-limits seasonally. High value waterways are important for spawning or rearing, or are highly productive for fish. Times of closure would correspond to spawning and periods of peak recreational fishing.
4. The United States Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will determine limitation on Recreational Dredging activities in multiple use areas in accordance with their resource management plans.
5. Designated or Nominated Wild and Scenic waterways are off-limits year round.
6. Designated Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, and BLM Designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern are off-limits year round.
7. Designated Municipal Watersheds are off-limits year round (listing to be provided by USFS).
8. National Parks and National Monuments are off-limits year round.
9. Designated Indian Reservation Lands and Indian Trust Lands, including lands in dispute, are off-limits year round.
10. All state owned waterways, state parks and school sections are off-limits year round, unless the operator has obtained a mineral lease.
11. Areas designated as closed to off-road vehicle use as defined in 43 CFR 8340 are off-limits year round.

These criteria would close an area to dredging activities under the general Recreational Dredging permit, and be utilized when evaluating joint permit applications which involve dredging on natural streams under other permit processes.

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2012-2013 Dredging Map

Available streams for
Recreational Dredging
With valid permit

