

(Note: In summer 2008, Grand Canyon River Guides, the Grand Canyon River Runners Association, and the Chicago Whitewater Association signed on to an Amicus Brief, supporting the NPS and the continuation of the Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP). Intervenors on behalf of Grand Canyon National Park are the Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association and the Grand Canyon River Outfitters Association. This brief will be filed during the appeal by River Runners for Wilderness in the 9th Circuit Court. The language for Grand Canyon River Guides' section is below. The entire 21 page Amicus Brief is available upon request).

Grand Canyon River Guides (“GCRG”) is a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1988 to provide over 1,600 river guides and river runners with a collective voice regarding the protection of natural resources in Grand Canyon National Park. As river stewards, it is our mission to protect the Grand Canyon, provide the best possible river experience, set the highest standards for the guiding profession, and celebrate the unique spirit of the river community. GCRG supports a diversity of visitor experiences in Grand Canyon, including the historic use of motorized craft, because we understand the necessity of maximizing the number of river visitors who can enjoy the river experience while minimizing their impact on the resource. Managing for a wilderness-type experience is a critical tenet of river guide ethics and one we believe can be applied successfully through stewardship, monitoring, mitigation measures, and the adaptive management framework of the CRMP.