

**TITLE 630. SCENIC RIVERS COMMISSION  
CHAPTER 10. LICENSING AND USE PERMITS**

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**

For rulemaking hearing and adoption by the  
Scenic Rivers Commission on March 17, 2009

- a. **What is the purpose of the revisions?** The statutory user fee was repealed on January 1, 2009, and the OSRC is revoking its analogous user fee rule because it no longer applies. Second, commercial operators should complete any outstanding obligations to the OSRC before receiving new commercial flotation device licenses. The third change is to simplify and clarify a summer weekend flotation restriction, without making any material change to past practices. For uniformity, the fourth change will assure that the OSRC camping fees are the same as those charged by the State Tourism and Recreation Department, which the OSRC has long intended. Finally, three more public access areas are proposed, at public request, to the four existing areas where the consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
- b. **What classes of people will be affected, and are there any cost impacts?** These revisions will affect people who license flotation devices with the OSRC and patrons of the scenic rivers. Any cost impacts are believed to be minimal. The OSRC has not been made aware of any cost impacts, and welcomes such comments from the regulated community and the floating public.
- c. **What classes of people will benefit?** The new criteria will help to protect the scenic rivers in their natural state, benefiting all Oklahomans. Patrons of three more OSRC public access areas are expected to enjoy a safer, more peaceful stay due to the prohibition on alcohol. State camping fees will be uniform statewide.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact on classes affected and on political subdivisions?** Any costs are expected to be minimal, and worthy of the benefits to visitors to the scenic rivers.
- e. **What are the costs and benefits to OSRC?** These revisions will not affect state revenues.
- f. **Will the revisions impact political subdivisions?** No.
- g. **Will the revisions have an economic effect on small business?** There are no new costs.
- h. **Explain the measures taken to minimize compliance costs, and are there less costly methods to achieve the purpose of the revisions?** There are no new costs.
- i. **What is the effect of the revisions on public health, safety and the environment? If designed to reduce significant risks, explain the nature of risk and its reduction.** By limiting the ban on consumption of alcohol to the seven access areas managed by the OSRC, and otherwise warning boaters against drunk and disorderly conduct before they get on the rivers, then the Commission believes it has acted reasonably and responsibly to protect its patrons and the floating public.
- j. **Will public health, safety and the environment suffer if the revisions are not made?** The public has complained about problems due to alcohol consumption.

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