

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**SCENIC RIVERS RULES 300:40 [NEW]**

1. **DESCRIPTION:** Effective July 1, 2016, the Scenic Rivers Commission created pursuant to Section 1461 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes was terminated and the rights and authorities of the Scenic Rivers Commission were transferred to the Grand River Dam Authority. 82 O.S. § 896.1. Further, Chapters 10 and 15 of Title 630 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code relating to licensing, use permits, and the protection of natural resources were transferred to the Grand River Dam Authority. 82 O.S. § 896.2. Additionally, the Authority is authorized to promulgate rules protecting the natural resources of the scenic rivers, regulating public use areas, establishing use permits for scenic rivers, establishing licensing requirements for commercial float operators and setting fees for the issuance of the licenses. Id. The proposed rules concern licensing of commercial float operations and flotation devices, and the collection of fees to preserve the Illinois River as a Scenic River located within the counties of Adair, Cherokee, and Delaware in Oklahoma. Additionally, rules have been proposed regarding public access areas, camping restrictions, and boater safety to protect the natural resources of the Illinois River.
2. **CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:** Affected persons are members of the public, business entities, the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, and other officers and employees of Grand River Dam Authority.
3. **CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:** Members of the public and business entities, as well as the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, and other officers and employees of Grand River Dam Authority benefit by the direction and consistency the rules provide.
4. **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** There is no anticipated economic impact relating to the proposed rule changes.
5. **COST:** There is no associated cost with this rulemaking action.
6. **IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:** No burden will be placed on any political subdivision.
7. **ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:** The proposed changes do not result in adverse effects for small business.
8. **LESS COSTLY METHODS:** No less costly methods were identified.
9. **SIGNIFICANT RISKS:** None.
10. **DETRIMENTAL EFFECT:** None.
11. This rule impact statement was prepared on December 9, 2021.