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## **New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission's Draft Relinquishment Credit Guidelines Available for Public Comment**

**(ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico)** -- The Interstate Stream Commission is now accepting written public comments on the *Draft Guidelines for Recommendations to the Rio Grande Compact Commissioner for New Mexico on the Allocation of Relinquishment Credit Water*. The draft guidelines are available on the agency's website. Comments will be accepted through October 29, 2010.

The Interstate Stream Commission's web address is [www.ose.state.nm.us](http://www.ose.state.nm.us). The draft guidelines can be accessed from "Hot Topics" on the home page under "Draft Relinquishment Guidelines."

At a Commission meeting in July, staff was directed to create this set of guidelines. The Commission is considering these guidelines as part of its role and responsibility to assist in administration of the Rio Grande Compact. The purpose of these guidelines is to assist the Interstate Stream Commission to formulate and make recommendations to the New Mexico Compact Commissioner for the allocation of Rio Grande Compact Relinquishment Credit, if and when such credit is available.

The Commission's Rio Grande Basin staff presented the draft recommendations to the Commission at their meeting on September 29. Comments received will then be presented to the Commission at its meeting on October 27, with the public comment period closing October 29. At its November or December meeting, a final recommendation will be considered for adoption.

**Comments regarding the guidelines must be submitted in writing by October 29, 2010** to Maureen Haney, 5550 San Antonio Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109. Or you may e-mail them to: [maureen.haney@state.nm.us](mailto:maureen.haney@state.nm.us).

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