

Swiftwater Rescue

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Heuristics

Decision Making Short Cuts and Potential Traps

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Familiarity

Acceptance

Commitment

Expert Halo

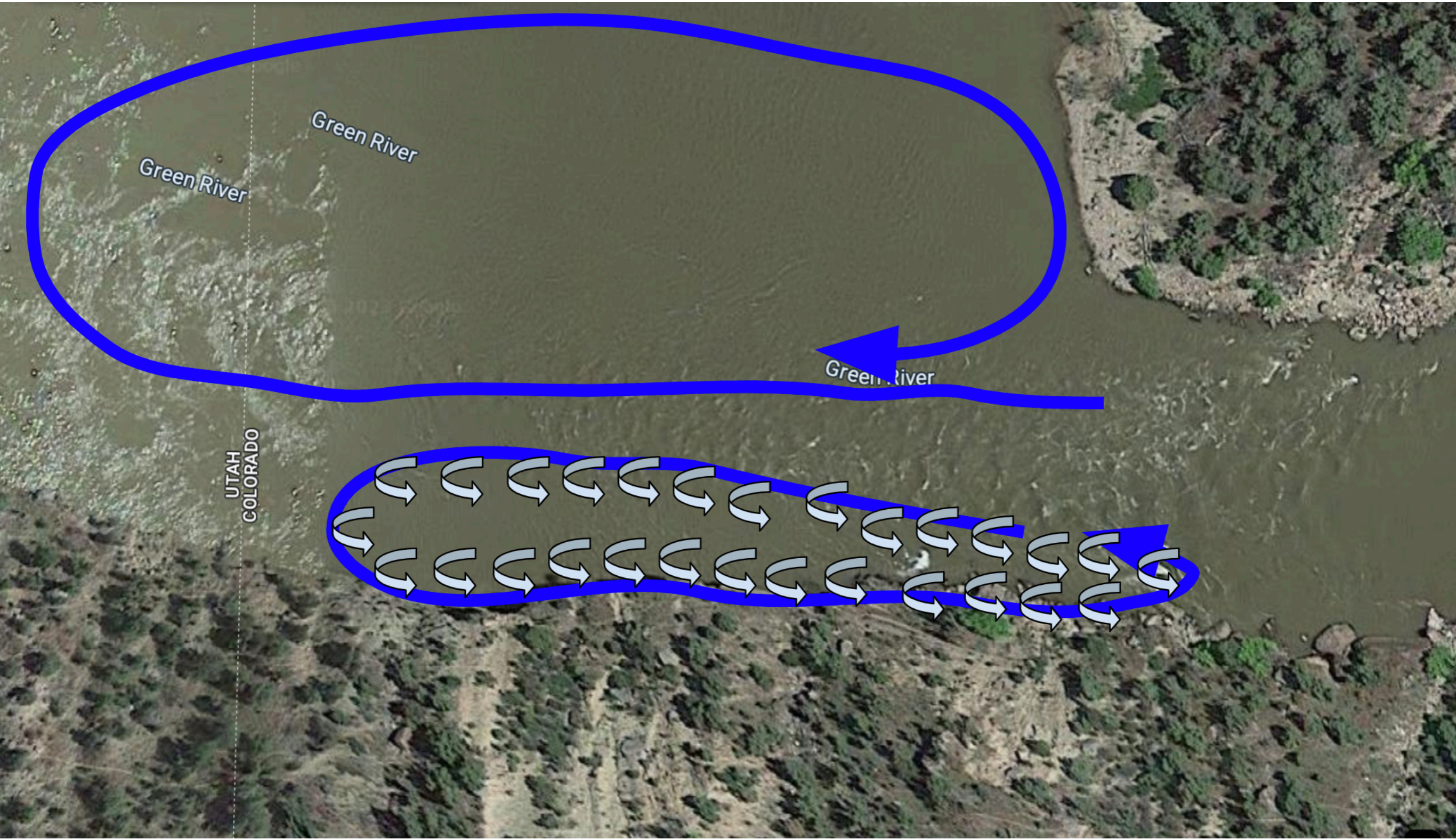
Time Sensitive

Social Proof

Rescue Priorities

A photograph of a river rescue operation. In the foreground, a person wearing a blue raft and a red helmet is navigating turbulent white-water rapids. A thick orange rope is attached to the raft and extends across the river towards the bank. On the rocky bank in the background, several other people in safety gear (helmets, life jackets) are standing, some holding ropes, likely part of a rescue team. The surrounding area is lush with green trees and foliage.

- 1st Priority = Self
- 2nd Priority = Team
- 3rd Priority = Patient
- 4th Priority = Victim
- 5th Priority = Gear



Green River

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UTAH
COLORADO

Stress Continuum



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Episode 61

“Tools for the River Guide”

K.I.S.S. Principle



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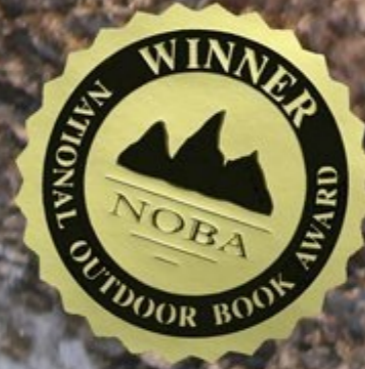
Personal Protective Equipment

- Helmet
- Type V Rescue PFD
- Closed-Toed Shoes
- Thermal Protection
- 2 Rescue Knives
- 3 Locking Carabiners
- Throw Bag
- Probe
- WHISTLE
- RES-Q-ME
- STICK CLIP
- SNAG PLATE
- SAW
- Flip Line
- Micro Trauma Sheers
- 1st Aid





Risk Management is a culture.



NOLS RIVER RESCUE GUIDE

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