

Richfield Utah
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Refer to:
George C Simmon's letter
of February 6, 1956

Dear Mr. Lewis:

George C Simmon's letter of February 6 came in here on the 9th. It is very nice to receive it.

Larabee and Aleson would be very happy to be able to assist you on a special mapping trip down thru Cataract Canyon.

In July 1947, I piloted a One-boat party from Green River, Utah down to the confluence with the Colorado River - to Rapid No 1 in Cataract, thence up to the Hoab bridge on outboard.

In late October, early November 1947, we again launched one boat - a 7-man Neoprene - and made the run to Hite. For safety we portaged and lined the more rugged spots.

In August-September 1951, one of my boatmen and I left Green River, Wyoming in two 10-man Neoprenes, rigged as rowboats, and ran every inch of water down to Hite, Utah, - including, of course, Hells Half Mile and the 55 rapids and riffles in Cataract. A month earlier, in July-August, with a three boat outfit, all 10-man Neoprenes, we ran all the water excepting three rapids of the Marble-Grand section. That gave us 1,663 miles in one season, or rather, continuous on the Green-Colorado from Wyoming to Nevada.

Your proposed Cataract Run can be made safely with one 10-man, - or as many additional as required. We have available ten 10-man Neoprenes, plenty of camp and kitchen duffel, power wagon for all transportation, etc. We never pass sleepingbags from one guest to the next, therefore, each supplies his own, and air mat.

For protection of films, cameras, instruments, and other we loan you the U S Army WSP bags - 9" x 12" x 18", inside. Generally, all equipment is carried in these waterproof bags.

To a certain extent, I could assist in mapping, as I have had experience in chaining, roding, recording, the transit and plane-table.

As of this time, the best available time for me would be from about April 15 to May 15, - and all of October. If you suggest an approximate time, or number of day, number of members in your party, weight of instrument equipment and persons, we can better arrive at a day by day cost, and/or contract price if desired.

George Simmons.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY ALESON