

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

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**

For rulemaking hearing and adoption by the  
Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission  
On November 17, 2015

- a. **What is the purpose of the revisions?** The new rules are intended restrict alcohol in order to reduce the amount of drunk and disorderly behavior on the scenic rivers and in the public access areas, which has been requested by the public and found by the Commission to be a public nuisance. There are also some minor revisions which are intended to accomplish this while facing another budget reduction and without increasing fees.
- b. **What classes of people will be affected, and are there any cost impacts?** The public will benefit from safer facilities, and the commercial flotation device operations will have to adjust their procedures and signage a little. The OSRC will have to find alternate funding to staff the river and access areas to enforce the alcohol restriction.
- c. **What classes of people will benefit?** The public who float the Scenic Rivers and use the public access areas owned or controlled by the OSRC.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact on classes affected and on political subdivisions?** These rules will not affect political subdivisions economically, although it is hoped that they will provide law enforcement assistance. The costs to commercial flotation device operations are projected to be slight, although difficult to measure.
- e. **What are the costs and benefits to OSRC?** These rules will not affect state revenues. The OSRC will benefit slightly by passing some of the litter clean-up duties at the public access areas to those commercial flotation operations that use them.
- f. **Will the revisions impact political subdivisions?** No.
- g. **Will the revisions have an economic effect on small business?** See paragraph d.
- h. **Explain the measures taken to minimize compliance costs, and are there less costly methods to achieve the purpose of the revisions?** These rules have placed as small a burden on the commercial flotation device operations as practical.
- 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.** Many of the drowning incidents on the Scenic Rivers, and much inconvenience and frustration to the floating public is caused by drunk and disorderly behavior. Although the reduction of such behavior is not quantifiable, the elimination of hard liquor is expected to be a significant improvement.
- j. **Will public health, safety and the environment suffer if the revisions are not made?** All will suffer, including the Scenic Rivers which are impacted by the indirect effects of public intoxication.