COLORADO RIVER

The Colorado River (Hagavđe), also known as Ha'yiđađa, *The Backbone,* encompasses parts of seven U.S. and two Mexican states. Starting in the central Rocky Mountains in the U.S., the river flows generally southwest across the Colorado Plateau and through the Grand Canyon before reaching Lake Mead on the Arizona–Nevada border. The Colorado River is a vital source of water for agricultural and urban areas in much of the southwestern desert lands of North America. The river and its tributaries are sacred to Hualapai yet they are controlled by an extensive system of dams, reservoirs, and aqueducts, which in most years divert its entire flow to furnish irrigation and municipal water supply for almost 40 million people both inside and outside the watershed.

The Hualapai Cultural Department will have 20 participants heading down the Colorado River (July 7-18, 2016) as a part of the 25th Annual Cultural Monitoring River Trip. They will be monitoring ethnobotany and cultural areas which are significant to the Hualapai people. The participants will be learning and assisting staff on monitoring the effects of the Glen Canyon Dam, such as changes to fish, plants, water, bugs, and traditional cultural places. The river trip is annually sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation as a part of the Colorado River Management Process. With the help of Travis Hamilton recording the sounds of the Colorado River, the participants will also be video-taping and listening to *Soundscapes* of the environment around them while on the river.

If you would like to see a short video from HDCR River Trip 2010, click on this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5r7qmplhfM

2016 RIVER TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Bennett Wakayuta –Hualapai Cultural Technician
Carrie Cannon –Hualapai Cultural Ethnobotanist
Lyndee Hornell –Hualapai Cultural Technician
Jessica Orozo – Botanist
Alicia Cesspooch –Hualapai Participant
Travis Holt Hamilton – Producer
Rocky Imus – Hualapai Participant, Elder, Veteran
Larry Cardy – Hualapai Participant
Eleana Bravo-Hualapai Participant
Alex Cabello –Hualapai Participant, Natural Resources
Seraphine Mekuche –Hualapai Participant, Elder
Leroy Talayumptewa – Hualapai Participant
Aubree Talayumptewa –Hualapai Participant,Youth
Leon Beecher – Hualapai Participant
Courtney Powskey-Hualapai Participant
Bert Nicholas –Hualapai Participant
Josh Gordon – Hualapai Participant
Daniel Powskey –Hualapai Participant
Durasta Crook – Hualapai Participant
Keshia Crozier – Hualapai Participant

Colorado River Hualapai Terms

Colorado River - Hagavđe
Bird– jibay
Fish– ichi:
Canyon– jikmi:
Ant– jimyul
Diamond Creek– Gwada
Cave-uya:
Hawk– sinyida
Flashlight– o'u:li
Trail-nyonya'
Rocks– wi'

If you would like to be a part of the next *Hualapai Cultural Monitoring River Trip* in 2017, look out for a notice to submit your letter of interest to the Hualapai Cultural Department (928-769-2223).