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Holiday Expeditions receives the Safety Award from Canyonlands National Park

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Every fall Outfitters, who operate river, bike and backcountry expeditions in Canyonlands National park converge on Moab, Utah for their annual Concessionaires meeting. At this years meeting held October 30, 2003, Dee & Sue Holladay, Owners and Tim Gaylord, Director of Operations were presented the "Safety Award" from Canyonlands National Park Supervisory Park Ranger Steve Swanke.

Swanke, who has been very involved in backcountry search and rescue in the park for the past decade knows well the hazardous conditions that exist within Canyonlands National Park. In making this award Swanke commented "In the past decade your guides have not been directly involved in a personal injury or property damage. This is a significant accomplishment considering the conditions your company routinely operates in."

Alford Banta, Superintendent of the Southeast Utah Group for the National Park Service stated in a letter to Dee & Sue Holladay, "River features are a constant challenge to navigation. Your knowledge of this environment and skill of your boat operators is unequalled. The emphasis on safety by your management attributes to your outstanding safety record. Keep up the good work and congratulations on a job well done!"

Holiday has been whitewater rafting down the Colorado River through Cataract Canyon for the past 36 years, and leading groups along the White Rim trail on mountain bikes for the past 12 years. A family owed company, Holiday Expeditions takes every measure to ensure our guests safety. It is both rewarding and fulfilling to be recognized for this significant accomplishment.

Kudos to our guides and Operational Management!

