1. THE 4 W’S OF YOUR PLAN

Follow these guidelines to create a proper float plan.

**WHO:**
Your name and everyone else who will be with you

**WHERE:**
Your planned put-in, take-out, and paddling route

**WHEN:**
Your estimated launch and return time, and when to notify authorities if you don’t check in

**WHAT TO DO:**
A plan for what to do if you don’t return or check in as scheduled

2. MAKE IT A ROUTINE

Keep a basic float plan on your computer or phone and make a habit of filling it out and sending it to a reliable person every time you paddle.

3. SHARE YOUR PLAN

Tell a trusted friend or family member where and when you plan to paddle, so that someone dependable will send help if you get into trouble.