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### For Immediate Release - Carbondale Fire Rescues Rafters from the Roaring Fork River

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Carbondale, Colo. – On June 12, 2017, Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District was paged to the Roaring Fork River near Aspen Glen, for a report of nine rafters stuck in the river.

Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District, along with Basalt Fire, Garfield County Search & Rescue and the Garfield County Sheriff's Department, spent over three hours rescuing seven adults and two children whose raft became trapped under logs in the middle of the Roaring Fork River. The rafters became stranded on a small island.

Rescuers used a tethered rescue boat to move the trapped rafters to another island, then assisted them with a shallow water crossing. All of the rafters were wearing life preservers and there were no injuries.

“The river is beautiful and inviting, but please remember that it is relentless. Safety in and near the river is critical for everyone enjoying all that the rivers have to offer,” said Deputy Chief Rob Goodwin.

Carbondale Fire would like to remind the public that the snowpack is melting quickly and the rivers are moving fast. Carbondale Fire has specially trained swift water rescue personnel to perform rescues such as this.

For more information regarding this incident, please contact Carbondale Fire Deputy Chief Rob Goodwin at 970-963-2491 or [rgoodwin@carbondalefire.org](mailto:rgoodwin@carbondalefire.org)

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*ATTACHMENTS: Two photos of the river rescue  
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