

# Level 4: Whitewater Packrafting

## Instructor and Instructor Trainer Certification Roll Out Plan

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**To:** Spring 2023 SEIC Meeting – SEIC Board

**Re:** Roll out plan for the new Level 4 Whitewater Packrafting – Skills course, skills assessment, and instructor criteria

### **Level 4: Whitewater Packrafting Roll out Plan:**

To efficiently and realistically roll out the new Level 4: Whitewater Packrafting course curriculum and instructor criteria, the ACA Packrafting Committee has outlined the following steps to allow currently certified ACA Level 3: River Packrafting Instructors and Instructor Trainers to upgrade:

#### **Currently Certified Level 3: River Packrafting Instructors:**

Currently Certified Level 3: River Packrafting Instructors who wish to be upgraded must complete a two-day upgrade from a currently certified ACA Level 4: Whitewater Packrafting IT or ITE. This upgrade may be conducted in the traditional Instructor Certification Exam (ICE) format, or through the mentorship process described in the SEIC Policy Manual, chapter 2.3.a.i.

#### **Currently Certified Level 3: River Packrafting Instructor Trainers:**

1. Current Provisional Level 3: River Packrafting Instructor Trainers who regularly paddle on class III whitewater may apply to the SEI Department and the Packrafting Standards Committee for an upgraded provisional appointment to Level 4: Whitewater Packrafting Instructor Trainer. The application, at a minimum, shall include an IT application form, a resume, and a trip log showing a minimum of 20 days of working/traveling on class III whitewater within the last 4 years.
2. Current Provisional Level 3: River Packrafting Instructor Trainers who are current commercial guides and guide on class III whitewater must submit to the ACA SEI Department an IT application form, a trip log, and confirmation of employment as a guide during the last year.
3. Current Provisional Level 3: River Packrafting Instructor Trainers who wish to be upgraded but cannot provide the above documentation must complete a two-day upgrade from a currently certified ACA Level 4: Whitewater Packrafting Instructor Trainer or Instructor Trainer Educator in addition to submitting an IT application form. This upgrade may be conducted via the traditional ICW/ICE co-teach format, or through the mentorship process described in the SEIC Policy Manual, chapter 2.3.a.i.