Sunsets seen from the bottom of the Grand Canyon can be spectacular and dramatic, especially after a low pressure system has passed through. Settling down at our campsite after our fifth day of rafting the Colorado River, this August sky appeared on fire. The peak colors in sunsets like these typically last only moments, so photographers must be ready when the opportunities arise.
We saw many big horn sheep on the 14-day rafting trip down the Colorado River in August of 2005. This mature bull showed no signs of fear but plenty of interest as we passed by him at twilight. The protection afforded by the national park designation is probably responsible for this big horn sheep feeling safe in the presence of humans like me who pass by on the river. That fearlessness allowed us to come face-to-face, taking only pictures and leaving only memories.
In the shadow of John Wesley Powell and the others that have come before them, a group of paddlers survey downriver looking for the best entrance point to attack the turbulent rapids that are the mighty Colorado River. The 14-day, 225-mile trip from Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek provides rafters and kayakers with some of the world’s most exciting rapids to navigate.

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