



Post Earthquake Report – Nepal – 2015

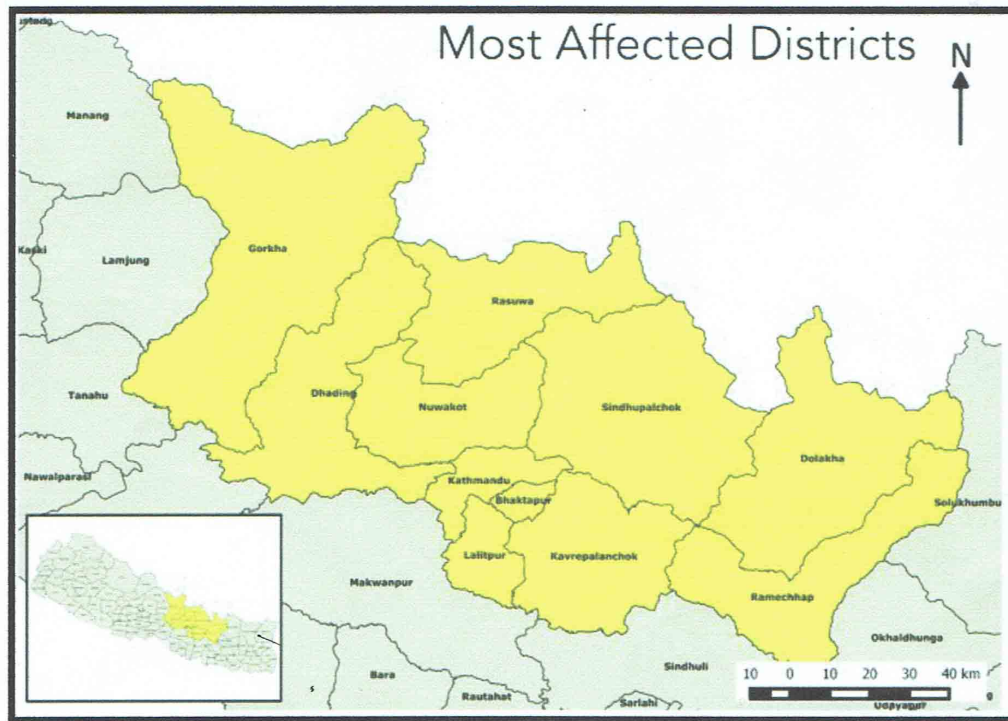
Assessment of Commercial Rafting Rivers

Overview

On April 25th, 2015 a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal. The epicenter was in Gorkha district, west of Kathmandu. Hundreds of aftershocks affected the region.

Another major 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck on May 12th. This time the epicenter was bordering Dolakha and Sindhupalchowk, to the east of Kathmandu. Again hundreds of aftershocks continued to affect the region for several weeks.

Over 9000 people were killed in these quakes with more than 23000 people seriously injured. Long term relief and recovery efforts will be ongoing as Nepal's rural communities most affected continue to rebuild. Tourism will be an integral part of this recovery.



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Affect on Rafting Industry

NARA has taken several months to carefully assess all of the Rivers officially open for commercial Rafting in Nepal. Several members of NARA and HRGAN have scouted and successfully operated commercial trips during the months of October & November 2015.

River	District(s)
Upper Seti River	Kaski
Lower Seti River	Kaski / Tanahun
Trisuli River	Rasuwa / Nuwakot / Dhading / Gorkha / Chitwan / Tanahun
Marshyangdi River	Manang / Gorkha / Lamjung / Tanahun
Kaligandaki River	Mustang / Kaski / Baglung / Parbat / Gulmi / Syanga / Tanahun
Bhote Koshi	Sindhupalchowk / Kavrepalchowk
Balephi	Sindhupalchowk / Kavrepalchowk
Sun Koshi	Sindhupalchowk / Kavrepalchowk / Sindhuli / Okhaldunga / Ramechhap / Khotang / Dolakha / Dhankota / Sunsari
Tamur	Taplejung / Dhankuta / Panchthar / Terathung / Sunsari
Karnali	Bajura / Jumla / Humla / Kalikot / Acham / Dailekh / Kallali / Doti / Surkhet / Bardia

Districts shown in red are considered the "most affected areas"*

As of December 1st, 2015 it is our great pleasure to conclude that all of the Rivers listed above are open and considered safe for commercial Rafting and Kayaking in Nepal.

Though several of the Rivers mentioned above lie inside the most earthquake affected districts, the Rivers themselves remain open for recreational use. There have been minor changes to water flow and rapids on some Rivers which is typical after seasonal affects of monsoon, but no severe changes or unacceptable hazards have been found.

Full River specific assessments are included in the following pages.

Contributing NARA members –

Paddle Nepal, GRG Adventure Kayaking, Ultimate Rivers, Rafting Star, Equator Expeditions, Holiday Adventure Nepal, Nepal Rafting Center, Pure Land Expeditions.

Disclaimer –

NARA (Nepal Association of Rafting Agencies) cannot guarantee the "safety" of a River. Rafting and kayaking activities are adventurous pursuits which involve risks. Weather conditions can swiftly change and natural disasters are always possible. Whitewater rapids have varying degrees of hazards and risks. Participants should be aware of the adventure level of any trip they join and take a reasonable level of responsibility for their own safety and accept any potential risks involved. Participants should choose reputed NARA member Rafting operators who are legally registered and operating with safe emergency protocols. Participants should hold adequate travel insurance and consider registering with their country's embassy in Nepal.



River Specific Assessments

Findings Abbreviations

- N A = No Affects
- C R = Completely Recovered
- W P = Work in Progress
- A C = Acceptable Changes

Upper Seti River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to River	N A	The Upper Seti River is located in the “minor affected zone”. The earthquakes were felt and minor structural damage resulted, but road conditions are completely unaffected. Fairly major changes to river have been observed, but are completely acceptable and welcomed.
Bamboo Bridge Egress	N A	
River	A C	
Dam Egress	N A	
Road Access from River	N A	

Lower Seti River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to River	N A	The Lower Seti River is located in the “minor affected zone”. The earthquakes were felt and minor structural damage resulted, but road and river conditions are completely unchanged.
Damauli Egress	N A	
River	N A	
Campsites	N A	
Ghaighat Egress	N A	
Road Access from River	N A	

Trisuli River

Specifics	Findings	Notes
Road Access to / from River	C R	The Trisuli River is located inside the “major affected area”. Towns and villages bordering this river were heavily affected.
Baireni Egress	N A	
Bhenighat Egress	N A	
Charaudi Egress	N A	The main road from Kathmandu to Chitwan and Pokhara runs along the Trisuli River and sustained minor damage in some areas which was quickly repaired.
Majhimtar Egress	N A	
Fishling Egress	N A	
Kuringhat Egress	N A	
Mugling Egress	N A	
Pach Kilo Egress	N A	Very minor changes to river have been observed typical of post monsoon shift.
Ghaighat Egress	N A	
River	A C	

Marshyangdi River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to / from River	C R	The Marshyangdi River is located in the "minor affected zone" right on the fringe of the "major affected area". The earthquakes were seriously felt and quite major structural damage resulted.
Bhule Bhule Egress	N A	
Dam Egress	N A	
Paudi Egress / Campsite	N A	
Bimalnagar Egress	NA	
River	A C	The main road sustained minor damage which was repaired fairly quickly.
		Very minor changes to river have been observed typical of post monsoon shift.

Kaligandaki River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to River	C R	The Kaligandaki River is located in the "minor affected zone". The earthquakes were felt and minor structural damage resulted, but road and river conditions were mostly unaffected and have now resumed back to normal.
Maldunga Egress	N A	
River	N A	
Campsites	N A	
Mirmi Egress	N A	
Road Access from River	C R	A major landslide caused a total blockage of the Kaligandaki on the 24 th May; however, the dam broke gently and the river settled quickly back to normal.

Upper Bhote Koshi River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to River	W P	The Bhote Koshi is inside the "most affected area". Upper section is still affected by landside in 2014. Though shorter than usual, it is operational and largely unaffected by the earthquakes. Some portages may be required.
95 Kilometer Egress	A C	
River	A C	
Barehrabise Egress	A C	
Road Access from River	W P	
		Road access a work in progress, but acceptable.

Lower Bhote Koshi River / Upper Sun Koshi River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to River	W P	The Bhote Koshi (also known as the Upper Sun Koshi) is inside the "most affected area". Lower section is virtually unaffected with very minor changes typical to post monsoon shift.
Khadichaur Egress	A C	
River	A C	
Sukhute Beach Egress	A C	
Road Access from River	W P	Road access a work in progress, but acceptable.

Balephi River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to River	W P	The Belephi is inside the "most affected area". Road to the Belephi has always been rough, and it is slightly worse now but still passable. A lot of damage to the surrounding areas is still visible. The actual river still flows the same but most houses around are completely damaged.
Jalbire Egress	A C	
River	A C	
Balephi Egress	A C	
Road Access from River	W P	

Sun Koshi River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to River	N A	The Sun Koshi is partially inside the "most affected area".
Dolalghat Egress	N A	
River	N A	
Campsites	N A	No changes have been observed on the river. The road to the put in is only damaged AFTER the put in point. All houses along the river are unaffected by earthquake.
Chatara Egress	N A	
Road Access from River	N A	

Tamur River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to River	N A	The Tamur is outside "most affected area"; however, there are some minor changes.
Road Access to Trek	N A	
Trek	N A	
Doban Egress	A C	First campsite at Doban half washed away due to landslide, but still enough space for camp.
River	A C	
Campsites	A C	First couple rapids changed and now slightly easier in high water. Lower water TBA. All changes are totally acceptable.
Chatara Egress	N A	
Road Access from River	N A	

Karnali River

Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to River	N A	The Karnali is well outside the "most affected area".
Egress	N A	
River	N A	
Campsites	N A	Absolutely no changes have been observed.
Egress	N A	
Road Access from River	N A	

Bheri River


Specifics	Findings	Summary
Road Access to/from River	N A	The Bheri River is well outside the “most affected area”. Absolutely no changes have been observed.
Egress	N A	
River	N A	
Campsites	N A	
Egress	N A	

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