

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that, beginning Aug. 1, 2018, through Aug. 1, 2021, no evaluation or permit will be required for the channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment, reservoir construction, or dredging operations for drainage purposes in the Comite River.

Existing law further provides that from Aug. 1, 2018, through Aug. 1, 2021, use of a motor vehicle or other wheeled or tracked vehicle on the Comite River is prohibited, except for permitted uses and direct crossings by immediately adjacent landowners, lessees, or other persons who have written permission from the landowner to access adjoining tracts of land for noncommercial activities in a manner that does not directly and significantly degrade the ecological integrity of the stream. Specifies that written permission must be in the person's possession and include the landowner's contact information.

New law retains existing law and extends the exemption from Aug. 1, 2021, to Aug. 1, 2026.

Existing law requires clearing and snagging, and dredging operations for drainage purposes, in Bayou Manchac to be permitted by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries in accordance with the requirements and procedures provided for in existing law.

New law provides an exception to the existing law permitting requirements for those operations beginning May 1, 2021, and extending through Aug. 1, 2026.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 56:1855(M)(2) and (P)(1)(intro. para.))