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Comments: Here's what I'm concerned about from personal experience. I clean up about a mile on the Colorado River in downtown Grand Junction just west of the highway 50 bridge that crosses the Colorado River. People who have no place to go camp on two islands in the middle of the Colorado right where the Gunnison river meets the Colorado. They also cross the railroad bridge which is at the confluence of those two rivers. They are given clothing, bedding, and food. Some have tents and some just sleep on the ground. They leave their dirty clothes, bedding and food containers and scraps where they camp. The amount of garbage and trash is significant on those two islands and along the Gunnison River across the Railroad Bridge. I have emailed parks and recreation, the sheriff's department, and environmental groups about the problems that I see in this area, none have responded. I have personally removed at least a ton of trash over the four years I have been cleaning up. The larger island just west of the railroad bridge has large piles of trash, tarps, and discarded items. If we get a good snow pack and the river rises this spring much of that detritus will be swept down stream. This is my input.