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IN REPLY REFER TO:
May 23, 2014

Dear Interested Party:

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public input regarding the proposed rehabilitation of Lakeshore Drive in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Glen Canyon). The project area is within the Wahweap developed area located just north of the Glen Canyon Dam near Page, Arizona. Other than a small portion in Kane County, Utah, the project is located in Coconino County, Arizona.

The NPS, in partnership with the Federal Highways Administration, proposes to rehabilitate, restore, and resurface approximately 5 miles of Lakeshore Drive, 2 miles of Wahweap Boulevard, and 0.3 miles of Wahweap Marina Drive. The project would include replacement of damaged concrete and asphalt curb, installation of concrete curb in new locations to address roadway drainage issues, drainage structure improvements, pullout improvements, removal of existing guardrail, installation of new guardrail, and other safety improvements.

During the six months of road rehabilitation tentatively planned for the winter and spring of 2015/2016, the NPS proposes to close the South entrance and Lakeshore Drive. During this time, access to the Wahweap Marina area would be through the North entrance. Low utility lines on Hwy 89 will be placed underground to allow large trailered houseboats from Page to use the North entrance. Some of the Wahweap area roads along this route will be temporarily converted to a one-way loop to accommodate the passage of large vehicles and vessels (see attached map).

An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to provide a decision-making framework that 1) analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives to meet project objectives, 2) evaluates potential issues and impacts to park resources and values, and 3) identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of adverse impacts. The project will also comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and all other applicable laws and regulations.

The National Park Service encourages public participation throughout NEPA process. The public has two opportunities to formally comment on the project: once during this initial 30-day project scoping period (May 27 – June, 25, 2014), and then following the EA release during a 30-day public review period. A public meeting will be held in the park headquarters building at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area on June 10 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/glca-wahweaproads>.

All comments, questions, and suggestions related to the project are welcome. During the public scoping period the following types of comments are particularly helpful:

- information about the project area that the NPS should consider during the analysis,
- Information about how you use the project area and how the project might affect that use,
- Other projects or activities that might affect or be affected by the project, and
- Other ideas or alternative ways of meeting the project objectives.

Please provide all comments by June 25, 2014. We will consider these comments during preparation of the EA. If you have any questions please contact Teri Tucker, Chief of Planning & Compliance via email at teri_tucker@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

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