

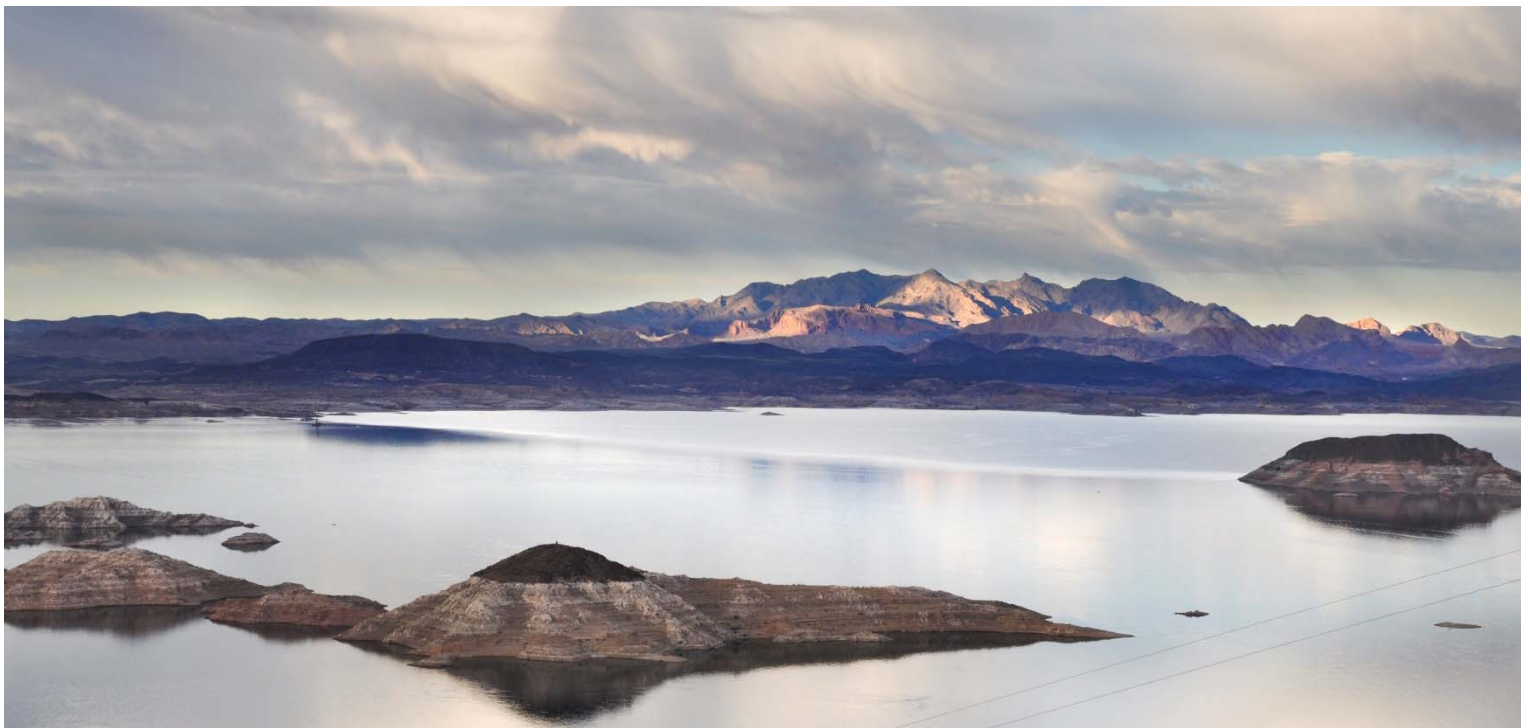


## LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA General Management Plan Amendment Low Water Plan / Environmental Assessment

**Project Purpose:** The purpose of this General Management Plan (GMP) Amendment, Low Water Plan / Environmental Assessment is to provide a long-term strategy for addressing operational needs to maintain lake access and to provide safe and diverse recreational opportunities at lake elevations below 1,050 feet.

### Project Objectives:

- **Provide visitor and staff safety.** Provide clear, safe, and efficient visitor circulation on land and in the lake.
- **Provide quality recreational experiences.** Provide diverse, recreational experiences with quality customer service on land and water for multiple groups and abilities.
- **Provide facilities and services for visitors.** Determine which facilities or services can be sustained at different elevations.
- **Protect the natural, scenic, and cultural resources of the areas.** One of the key elements in maintaining a quality recreational setting is protecting the resources that make that recreational visit enjoyable.



**Proposed Action:** A proposed action is the initial NPS proposal to address a purpose and need. A proposed action is one option for addressing purpose and need. When preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, you will develop alternatives to the proposed action that constitute different ways to address purpose and need.

**Project Proposed Action:** Provide existing facilities and services at/in proximity to existing areas to the maximum extent physically and financially feasible as lake levels change. Maintain current marina capacity spread across those locations. Option for visitor access may be maintained, even if some facilities and services change.

**Other Possible Alternatives:**

- Maintain a full array of facilities and services in areas that are most buffered by changing lake levels, while reducing the amount of (full-scale) facilities and services on the lake at the most challenging locations. Some new areas and types of services could be explored.
- No Action – Continue to respond to changing lake levels and associated facility needs on a case-by-case basis.

**Planning Process:** The National Park Service is preparing this General Management Plan Amendment, Low Water Plan / Environmental Assessment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), which requires federal agencies to analyze impacts to the environment for any major federal action. Milestones in the NEPA process and an anticipated time line are as follows:

Internal Scoping	June 2017
<b>Public Scoping</b>	<b>October 2017</b>
Develop and Refine Preliminary Alternatives	January – Spring 2018
Regional Approval of Preferred Alternative	Late Spring 2018
Document Preparation and Review	Summer 2018
Public Review of Document	Fall 2018
Decision Document (Finding of No Significant Impact [FONSI])	January 2019

Through this GMP amendment, Lake Mead National Recreation Area will be able to plan for anticipated lower lake levels and manage facilities and operations to maintain a quality visitor experience and protect the park unit's fundamental resources and values.

**How You Can Be Involved:** The National Park Service welcomes your input. During this meeting you can help us by sharing your thoughts on the proposed and possible alternative actions.

Submit comments electronically (preferred) at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/LAKE>

Submit written comments at park headquarters or by mail to the following central address for this project:

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Boulder City, NV 89005