



Chapter Six: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

PUBLIC AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The *Draft Wilderness Plan/Environmental Assessment* for eight wilderness areas in Lake Mead National Recreation Area and BLM lands represents thoughts of the NPS and BLM staff, Native American groups, and the public. Consultation and coordination among the agencies occurred throughout the planning process. The public was provided an opportunity to be involved in scoping the project, identifying issues and concerns for the plan.

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND NEWSLETTERS

One newsletter was distributed and one set of public meetings was held on this plan prior to its publication. A newsletter, issued in 2006, described the planning effort and requested the public to identify issues and concerns the plan should address. Scoping meetings were held at Henderson and Laughlin Nevada in October 2006. At these meetings, representatives of both the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management participated.

CONSULTATION WITH AGENCIES, OFFICIALS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

Section 7 Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, requires in section 7 (a) (2) that each federal agency, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, ensure that any action the agency authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. This section of the act sets out the consultation process, which is further implemented by regulation (50 CFR 93 402).

In August 2008, the planning team initiated informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service related to the desert tortoise— the only federally listed species known to occur in the wilderness areas. The Fish and Wildlife Service concurred with the NPS' finding in September 2008 (see appendix D).

Native Americans

The National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management recognize that indigenous peoples have traditional and contemporary interests and ongoing rights in lands now under NPS/BLM management, as well as concerns and contributions to make for the future for this wilderness management plan. Related to tribal sovereignty, the need for government-to-government Native American consultations stems from the historic power of Congress to make treaties with Native American tribes as sovereign nations. Consultations with Native American are required by various federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies. For example, such consultations are needed to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969), as amended, also call for Native American consultations.

Formal consultation with tribes associated with Lake Mead National Recreation Area was initiated in 2008. A formal request to consult was sent to the Kaibab Paiute Tribe, the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, the Moapa Paiute Tribe, the Shivwits Band of Paiute, the Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah, the Pahrump Paiute Tribe, the Chemehuevi Tribe, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Ft. Mojave Tribe, the Ft. Yuma Quechan Tribe, the Gila River Indian Community, the Havasupai Tribe, the Hopi Tribe, the Hualapai Tribe, the Salt River

Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, the Ak-Chin Indian Community, and the Zuni Tribe.

Representatives from the Chemehuevi Tribe, the Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe, the Hualapai Tribe, and the Southern Paiute Pahrump Paiute Tribe attended meetings with NPS staff on September 11 and 12, 2008. The tribes' issues and concerns regarding the management of the wilderness areas were discussed at the meetings. A result of the meetings included the arrangement of a field trip to include interested tribal members and elders.

Section 106 Consultation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office

Agencies that have direct or indirect jurisdiction over historic properties are required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 USC 270, et seq.), to take into account the effect of any undertaking on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Lake Mead National Recreation Area superintendent William K. Dickinson informed and invited the Nevada state historic preservation officer (SHPO) as follows. By way of a letter dated August 13, 2008, to start meeting the

requirements of 36 CFR 800, the superintendent informed SHPO Ronald M. James about the undertaking to write a *Wilderness Plan/Environmental Assessment* for eight wilderness areas in Lake Mead National Recreation Area on adjacent BLM lands, and invited him and his staff to participate in the planning process and to comment on the draft plan as it progressed. SHPO comments and advice were welcome at any time on planning for possible decisions regarding protection and preservation of Lake Mead National Recreation Area's listed or eligible historic properties in the eight wilderness areas.

FUTURE CULTURAL RESOURCE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Under the terms of stipulation VI.E of the 1995 *Programmatic Agreement Among the National Park Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers*, the National Park Service has consulted with the Nevada state historic preservation officer to identify which actions qualify as programmatic exclusions under IV.A and B, and which other undertakings will require further review and comment under 36 CFR 800.4-6.

Table 14: Future Cultural Resource Compliance Required for Implementation of Specific Actions

| Action | Compliance Requirement |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routinely monitoring and stabilizing archeological sites. • Monitoring historic structures to protect, preserve, maintain, and research them. | These items are programmatically excluded from future Section 106 review and SHPO consultation in accordance with the 1995 Programmatic Agreement among the National park Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground disturbing activities for visitor facilities. • If eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, discovery of archeological sites that cannot be avoided via survey of new routes or formalization of existing routes. | Future Section 106 review and SHPO and tribal consultation would likely be necessary and required before construction at the project implementation planning or design stages. |

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FEDERAL AGENCIES

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Director- Phoenix Area Office
Eastern Nevada Agency
Bureau of Land Management
Arizona State Office
Arizona Strip Office
Kingman Resource Center
Lake Havasu Field Office
Las Vegas District Office
National Training Center
Nevada State Office
Phoenix Field Office
Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
Safford Field Office
Tucson Field Office
Yuma Field Office
Bureau of Reclamation
Lower Colorado Dams Project Office
Lower Colorado Region
Environmental Protection Agency
Las Vegas EMS Laboratory
Region IX
Federal Highway Administration
National Park Service
Grand Canyon National Park
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument
Death Valley National Park
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Los Angeles District – Los Angeles Office
Los Angeles District – Phoenix Office
Sacramento Office
St. George Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Flagstaff Office
Las Vegas Office
Desert National Wildlife Range
Reno Field Station

U.S. Forest Service
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Honorable Shelley Berkley, US Representative
Honorable John Ensign, US Senator
Honorable Dean Heller, US Representative
Honorable Dina Titus, US Representative
Honorable Harry Reid, US Senator

STATE OFFICIALS

Honorable Jim Gibbons, Governor of Nevada

STATE AGENCIES

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Nevada State Historic Preservation Office
State of Nevada, Department of Administration- State Clearinghouse
State of Nevada, Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
State of Nevada, Department of Transportation- Las Vegas
State of Nevada, Department of Transportation- Carson City
State of Nevada, Department of Wildlife
State of Nevada, Division of Forestry
State of Nevada, Division of Parks
State of Nevada, Land Use Planning Advisory Committee
State of Nevada Natural Heritage Program
Valley of Fire State Park

AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Ak-Chin Indian Community
Chemehuevi Tribe
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Ft. Mojave Tribe
Ft. Yuma Quechan Tribe
Gila River Indian Community
Havasupai Tribe
Hopi Tribe
Hualapai Tribe
Kaibab Paiute Tribe
Las Vegas Paiute Tribe
Moapa Paiute Tribe
Pahrump Paiute Tribe
Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Shivwits Band of Paiute
Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe
Zuni Tribe

LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

City of Boulder City
 Office of the City Manager
 Office of the Mayor
City of Bullhead City, Office of the Mayor
City of Henderson
 City Manager's Office
 Department of Public Works
 Office of the Mayor
 Planning Department
City of Las Vegas
 City Council Chambers
 Community Planning & Development
 Department of Public Works
 Office of the Mayor
 Parks & Leisure Activities
City of North Las Vegas
 City Council Offices
 City Manager's Office
 Community Planning & Zoning
 Office of Economic Development
 Office of the Mayor
Clark County
 Community & Economic Development
 Comprehensive Planning

Conservation District
Office of the County Manager
County Commissioners
Community Association of Meadview
Mohave County, Kingman
Regional Transportation Commission
Commission on Tourism- Southern Nevada

ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES

Arizona Wilderness Coalition
Arizona Wildlife Federation
Boulder City Chamber of Commerce
Callville Bay Resort
Citizen Alert
Clean Water Coalition
Cottonwood Cove Resort
Defenders of Wildlife
Desert Bighorn Council
Desert Research Institute
Desert Tortoise Council
East LV Citizen's Advisory Council
Echo Bay Resort
Environmental Defense Fund
Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Grand Canyon Trust
Lake Mead Ferry Service
Lake Mead RV Village
Lake Mohave Resort
Las Vegas Boat Harbor
Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
Las Vegas Jeep Club
Maricopa Audubon Society
Meadview Civic Association
Mesquite Chamber of Commerce
Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce
Mule Deer Foundation
Nevada Wildlife Federation
Nevada Wilderness Project
Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council
Partners in Conservation
Partners in Parks
Red Rock Audubon Society
Sierra Club
 Las Vegas
 Southern Nevada Field Office
Southern Nevada Environmental Forum
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
Temple Bar Marina

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The Nature Conservancy- Great Basin Field Office
The Nature Conservancy- Southern Nevada Project
The Wilderness Society
CA/NV Office
Wilderness Watch
Southern Nevada Water Authority

LIBRARIES

Boulder City Library
Clark County Community College, North Las Vegas
Clark County Library, Las Vegas
Green Valley Library, Henderson
James I. Gibson Library, Henderson
Laughlin Library
Las Vegas Public Library
Meadview Community Library
Mesquite Library
Moapa Valley Library, Overton
Mohave County Library, Kingman
Mohave County Library, Lake Havasu City
Sahara West Library, Las Vegas
Searchlight Library

Sunrise Public Library, Las Vegas
University of Arizona Library, Tucson
University of Nevada- Las Vegas
Washington County Library, St. George

MEDIA

Television Stations

KLAS
KTNV
KVVU
KVBC

News Radio Station

KDWN

Newspapers

Las Vegas Review Journal
Las Vegas Sun
Boulder City News
The Arizona Daily Sun

INDIVIDUALS

The list of individuals is available from Lake Mead National Recreation Area headquarters.