



## November 17, 2004 - RAMP AND AREA UPDATES

### **CURRENT WATER LEVELS ALLOW ONE TO “*REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY*” OF LAKE POWELL AND GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.**

#### ***COME REDISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF:***

- ✦ **Lake Powell** – currently over 400’ deep at the base of Glen Canyon Dam. Plenty of water to enjoy boating and other water recreational activities.
- ✦ Hiking and exploring areas that haven’t been seen in over 30 years.
- ✦ Winter camping on Lake Powell provides excellent night sky opportunities.
- ✦ Traveling the lake by personal watercraft, kayak, or canoes to discover treasures around every bend.
- ✦ Teaching your children to protect Lake Powell’s water quality and other precious natural resources.
- ✦ Fishing with your children and grandchildren. Visit [www.wayneswords.com](http://www.wayneswords.com) for the best fishing spots.

#### ***PROPOSED HIGH FLOW TEST RELEASES FROM GLEN CANYON DAM:***

**The Bureau of Reclamation has proposed high flow test releases from Glen Canyon Dam effective November 20<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>. If these flows are approved through the NEPA process, they are expected to drop the level of Lake Powell approximately 3’ during that period. The NPS anticipates boat launch facilities will be accessible at Wahweap, Bullfrog, Antelope Point, and Halls Crossing Marinas during these high releases. Where possible, boaters should look for beaches with a 3’ drop if beaching vessels during this time or be prepared to move your vessel and adjust anchors daily as needed.**

- For information on the proposed flows and lake levels visit the Bureau of Reclamation’s web site at [www.usbr.gov/uc/](http://www.usbr.gov/uc/).

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- For information on park concessioners and current services available:
  - Antelope Point Holdings 1-800-255-5561 or [www.azmarinas.com](http://www.azmarinas.com)
  - ARAMARK 1-800-528-6154 or [www.visitlakepowell.com](http://www.visitlakepowell.com)
- **Protect Lake Powell’s water quality!** When camping on Lake Powell, in areas more than 200 yards from a constructed toilet facility, a method of containing solid human waste is required.
- **Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Be prepared** - the walk from the courtesy docks to the viewing point is approximately 1½ miles - wear proper footwear and take water.
- **Floating restrooms:** All floating restroom facilities are operational with the Rincon facility back in service at its location. The facility that had been at Farley Canyon has been relocated to Good Hope Bay. Floating pumpouts will be winterized shortly after the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Boaters must provide your own fittings for pumpout hoses at all pumpout facilities lakewide.
- **Park Facilities Open Year-round**
  - Vault toilets at all locations lakewide
  - Restrooms at top of Stateline, Wahweap, Bullfrog, and Halls Crossing public launch ramps
  - Restrooms at Dangling Rope and Rainbow Bridge
  - Pumpouts at Wahweap main ramp, Bullfrog, and Halls Crossing
  - See public launch ramp information below
- **Park Facilities Closed for the Winter**
  - Effective October 5<sup>th</sup> - Restrooms at Coves & Swim Beach at Wahweap, pumpout facility at Stateline
  - Effective October 21<sup>st</sup> - Beach micro flush toilets at Lone Rock and Antelope Point
  - Effective November 11<sup>th</sup> - All entrance station fee booths
  - Effective November 13<sup>th</sup> - Lone Rock restroom
  - Effective November 15<sup>th</sup> - All micro flush toilets uplake
- **Marina Facilities:** Continued lowering lake levels are requiring relocation and/or movement of some marina facilities. ***We ask for your patience and cooperation during these times.***
  - Fuel docks are operational at Antelope Point, Wahweap, Dangling Rope and Bullfrog Marinas

**Public Launching Facilities** – Public launching capabilities are available at Wahweap, Bullfrog, and Halls Crossing. See specific information below.

*What is that “black goo” floating in the water near the launch ramps?* This material, used in the 1960’s for launch ramp surfaces, is oil from cold mix asphalt. The NPS recommends using an environmentally friendly product, such as Simple Green, to remove the film that adheres to vessel surfaces. As lake levels permit, the NPS will remove and/or stabilize this material with concrete.

#### Wahweap/Stateline

- **Wahweap Main Ramp is open** with launching at own risk. Temporary ramp extensions comprised of sheets of boiler tubing welded together have been installed on both sides and one lane in the center of the Wahweap ramp. These extensions provide a more stable surface for launching vessels and NPS recommends launching all large vessels at these locations. Some portions of the ramp still remain asphalt/gravel, so **be prepared** for uneven surfaces and pot holes.
- **Stateline Ramp is closed.** Parking is allowed along both sides of the ramp and provides access to nearby beaches with a short walk. A courtesy dock is in place on the point on the left side of the ramp.
- **Stateline-A Ramp** - A small boat **only** launch facility (boats ≤24’) **is open** just south of the existing Stateline Ramp. Access is via the Stateline launch ramp. One section of the boiler tubing sheets has been installed on this ramp. **Three-axle trailers are prohibited from launching at this area.**
- A dirt parking area is available. All vehicles/trailers must be parked within the confined parking area. Parking alongside the roadway is not allowed. Once this parking area is full, all trailers and tow vehicles must be parked at Stateline ramp or parking area.

#### Lone Rock Beach

- Lone Rock is open for vehicle accessible camping and day use.
- All pet waste must be contained and disposed of in the same manner as human waste.

#### Antelope Point

- The **Antelope Point Public Launch Ramp is closed.** The area remains open for day use and parking is allowed along both sides of the ramp.
- Water access for launching of kayaks and canoes is allowed.
- Antelope Point Marina **has** launching capabilities and fuel - contact Antelope Point Holdings.
- **CAUTION** – Construction activity and truck traffic is on-going in the area.

#### Bullfrog

- **Bullfrog Main Ramp – is open** - the primitive dirt launch site near the main ramp is being used for launching vessels at own risk. A section of the boiler tubing sheets has been installed on the left side of the ramp and is delineated with two small buoys. The slope of this launch site is shallow and vessels may need to be backed into the water for some distance prior to off-loading from the trailer.
- **The National Park Service recommends launching all large vessels at Halls Crossing.**
- The Bullfrog pumpout is operational and is located near the boat rental operations.
- The Lake Powell Ferry launch site is now located on the right side of the main ramp at Bullfrog.

#### Halls Crossing

- **Halls Crossing Ramp is open** and has a concrete surface.
- The marina facility has been relocated to the main channel. The marina store and fuel dock are closed for the season – fuel is available at Bullfrog Marina.
- Pumpout facilities are operational near the public launch ramp.
- With current lake levels, the Lake Powell Ferry will continue to launch from the public boat ramp. **For safety reasons** you may experience short delays in launching at the Halls Crossing Ramp during times the ferry is docking.

## Hite

- With the current lake levels, **there are no marina facilities or public launch ramp at Hite**. A dirt takeout area for river rafters has been developed on the west side of the river. This is a primitive road and requires 4-wheel drive to access the river. This is not a boat launching area.
- All water-based marina facilities have been relocated to marina areas downstream.
- Pay at pump fuel is available. All other concession facilities are closed for the season.
- Hite has a NPS ranger station and primitive camping area – however, this camping area is not accessible to the water.

## **Areas Inaccessible Under Current Water Levels:**

- **Castle Rock Cut** - All travel from Wahweap uplake must follow the main channel.
- Vehicle access to the lake is not possible at **Crosby Canyon**.
- **Defiance House and Three Roof Ruins** are inaccessible by water.
- In the **uplake areas**, vehicle access to the lake is not possible at **Dirty Devil, Farley, White Canyon, and North & South Bullfrog** primitive camping areas. However, visitors to the Bullfrog area who would like to have a vehicle-accessible camping experience may use the **Stanton Creek** primitive camping area – **see note above on requirements for human waste containment**. The developed campground at Bullfrog Marina is also open for campers.

## **Channel Markings at Current Water Levels:**

- **Boaters – Be Aware:** Due to narrowness of channel from Anchovy Point to Antelope Point Marina site be prepared for rough water.
- Boaters are now required to follow the main channel to the north and west of Padre Butte - the channel is marked. The marked channel has been realigned beginning at buoy 16 through 20C. To reduce congestion in the narrowing channel by Day Mark 19, the channel is now marked to the south toward Labyrinth Canyon.
- **Wakeless Zones: - Boat with Caution – PLEASE ADHERE TO FLAT WAKE RULES**
  - For those boaters traveling uplake from Wahweap be patient, with new wakeless zones, it will take longer. Allow for extra time to reach your destination. **Slow down – Be safe!**
    - At the intersection of Wahweap Bay (Anchovy Point) near the dam and the main channel.
    - Within the breakwater and wakeless buoys around the Antelope Point public launch ramp.
    - At the Antelope Point Marina site.

## **SAFETY TIPS - Recreate sensibly and return home safely!**

- **Cliff jumping** and diving are the #1 cause of fatalities on Lake Powell – even jumping/diving from low levels can cause death or serious injuries. The NPS **does not** recommend either cliff jumping or diving.
- **Carbon monoxide (CO)** is a “silent killer.” Know where your vessel exhausts and keep everyone out of harms way. Have working CO detectors on your vessel and pay heed if they go off. **BE SAFE** – turn off generators prior to retiring for the evening.
- **Teak surfing** is extremely dangerous and can be deadly to those who participate. **Stay alive – don’t teak surf.**
- **Children don’t float!** Please watch your children around water and require them to wear a personal flotation device anytime they are in or near the water. Don’t let your child be a statistic!

For up-to-date information on Glen Canyon NRA, please visit our web site at [www.nps.gov/glca](http://www.nps.gov/glca).