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Glen Canyon News Release

Glen Canyon to Quarantine Vessels Found with Live Zebra Mussels

Page, Ariz. – Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA) announced today that all vessels found with live, adult zebra mussels will be quarantined until a certified biologist deems them safe to be launched. In addition, random inspections of all boats will be implemented immediately. These inspections will verify the self-certification requirements of boats from known infested waters.

These additional measures were deemed necessary by park officials to prevent zebra or quagga mussels from becoming established in Lake Powell. Currently, Lake Powell and the upper Colorado River are believed to be free of zebra and quagga mussels. However, invasive mussels still pose a major threat to Lake Powell if they are introduced. At present, rangers are reporting very good compliance with the self-certification and decontamination process; violators face a mandatory court appearance and \$5000 fine.

Glen Canyon NRA is currently coordinating efforts with a variety of partners to prevent zebra mussels in Lake Powell including Aramark/Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas, Antelope Point Holdings, and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The park will be holding a Zebra Mussel Prevention Coordination meeting next week with a greatly expanded group of partners including representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the states of Arizona and Utah, the City of Page, Page-Lake Powell Tourism Bureau, Navajo Generating Station, Glen Canyon Natural History Association, Lake Powell Yacht Club, and Friends of Lake Powell. The coordination meetings are designed to address short term logistical coordination efforts between partners and to develop more effective long term strategies for keeping mussels out of Lake Powell.

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