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## Glen Canyon News Release

### Public Comment Sought on Environmental Assessment for Hidden Slough Revegetation Project

Page, Ariz. – The National Park Service announced today that an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Hidden Slough Revegetation Project is now available for public comment. This project involves tamarisk removal and revegetation activities on a pilot site located 6.5 miles upstream from Lees Ferry on the Colorado River. This notice is an opportunity for the public to identify any issues or concerns they may have regarding this project.

In 2006, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA) conducted public scoping for an EA for the Colorado River Riparian Revegetation Plan (CRRRP), a 20- year master plan for tamarisk removal and native vegetation restoration along the Colorado River between Glen Canyon Dam and Lees Ferry. During that time, NPS staff determined that there was insufficient data to conduct impact analysis for the entire project corridor; the focus of the EA was then narrowed to address just the pilot site at Hidden Slough.

Data including information on vegetation success and bird diversity/density will be collected for the next three years. This data, along with lessons learned about conducting tamarisk removal and revegetation activities at a remote site along the river, will help staff identify impacts and plan for the remaining sites identified in the CRRRP.

The EA evaluates two alternatives: a No- Action Alternative and a Proposed Action Alternative. The No- Action Alternative addresses current and future conditions at the Hidden Slough project site. The Proposed Action Alternative addresses impacts from the removal of tamarisk and planting of native species.

The EA is available for viewing and comments may be submitted online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>. A limited number of hard copies of the EA are available at the park headquarters building in Page, AZ. In addition to the website listed above, comments may also be sent via mail to Hidden Slough EA, Glen Canyon NRA, P.O. Box 1507, Page, AZ 86040 or by fax to (928) 608- 6259.

Please be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information such as your name, address, and phone number, may be made available to the public at any time.

All comments must be received by October 4, 2008.

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