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Glen Canyon News Release

Public Scoping Begins for Glen Canyon Rim Trail

Page, Ariz. – Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is beginning an environmental assessment to consider a proposal to construct a recreational trail along the southeast rim of Glen Canyon, a spectacular 1,200- foot deep canyon of the Colorado River, just below the Glen Canyon Dam. The National Park Service and the city of Page are partnering in the planning and development of the trail, as it would be located on lands owned by both entities.

The proposed trail, tentatively called the Glen Canyon Rim Trail, would be approximately 7.5 miles in length and would link the Horseshoe Bend trail with the city of Page's existing Rim Trail. The environmental assessment will examine opening the trail to non motorized users, including hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders.

The environmental assessment will analyze the potential impacts this project could have on the area's natural and cultural resources and the quality of visitors' experiences. Public scoping is the first step in the planning process and allows the public to provide suggestions to the National Park Service about issues and alternatives that could be considered in the environmental assessment. Once an environmental assessment is drafted, the public will have another opportunity to provide comments on the proposal.

The National Park Service will host an open house to gather input and answer questions about the proposed trail. The open house will be on April 23, from 4 to 6 PM at National Park Service headquarters at 691 Scenic View Drive in Page.

Additional details about the project, including a scoping brochure and map, are available online at: parkplanning.nps.gov/glca. Interested individuals are encouraged to provide their comments about the project to the National Park Service online at parkplanning.nps.gov/glca or by mailing them to: Rim Trail EA, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1507, Page, AZ 86040. All comments must be received by April 30, 2008.

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