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Dear Interested Party:

The National Park Service is seeking input on alternatives to the current use of the Ok-A- Beh swim beach. Due to the close proximity to the boat launch ramp and courtesy dock, the current location of the swim beach poses a serious, potential safety risk to swimmers. The park is concerned that use of this swim beach may not provide adequate protection for human life and property and is proposing the following alternatives for consideration:

1. Installation of a pool; depending on location it may be, in-ground, above ground, or floating.
2. Relocate the swim beach to a new location.

You are invited to provide your comments and become part of this planning effort by any one of two methods. The preferred method to submit public comments is to access the park's planning web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/bica> . Second, you may mail your comments to Superintendent Jerry Case, Bighorn Canyon NRA, P.O. Box 7458, Fort Smith, MT 59035-7458.

Whether you comment on the web site or thru the mail, if you include your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The National Park Service encourages public participation throughout the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process during which the public has two opportunities to formally comment on the project; once during initial project scoping and again following release of the Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect. We are currently in the scoping phase of this project, and invite you to submit your written comments online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/bica>

Additionally, we may hold public meetings to solicit comments during the public scoping period. Dates, times and locations will be announced on the agency's planning web site and in the local papers.

If you are not able to submit comments electronically through this website, then you may also submit written comments to me at the address on the letterhead. Please provide all comments by February 13, 2009. These comments will be considered during preparation of the Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Jerry Case
Superintendent, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

