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Teen Dies in Personal Watercraft Accident at Lake Powell

Page, AZ – A 15- year old boy is dead after being involved in a personal watercraft accident on Lake Powell Sunday evening.

The boy, from Reno, Nevada, was visiting Glen Canyon National Recreation Area with friends. He was riding a personal watercraft near Warm Creek Bay, just north of Antelope Island, on the Utah side of Lake Powell. At approximately 6:00 PM, he collided with another member of his group.

The victim's party called the National Park Service using their marine band radio. Park rangers and a helicopter from Classic Lifeguard Helicopters in Page immediately responded. The boy was flown to Page Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The rider of the personal watercraft that struck the teenager was taken to Page Hospital for evaluation but was uninjured.

The victim's name is being withheld, as he is a minor. This is the first fatal accident this year at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

Personal watercraft are often referred to by trade names such as Jet Ski or WaveRunner. Federal and state boating regulations apply on Lake Powell. They are enforced by a variety of agencies, including the National Park Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, Arizona and Utah state parks agencies, and the Utah Department of Natural Resources.

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