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## Glen Canyon News Release

### Be Safe on Lake Powell this Summer!

Page, Ariz. – Memorial Day marks the start of the busy summer season at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and the National Park Service is reminding visitors to keep safety in mind while visiting the park.

“Ensuring the safety of our visitors is the top priority of the National Park Service,” said Glen Canyon National Recreation Area superintendent Kitty Roberts. “With a little bit of caution and care, visitors can have a wonderful, safe vacation on Lake Powell.”

Last year, there were five fatal accidents on Lake Powell, all of which may have been prevented. Three of these involved drownings where the victim was not wearing a life jacket. Excessive boat speed was a contributing factor in one of these cases. A PWC collision involving a 15- year - old boy who was unsupervised tragically resulted in his death. A lightning strike claimed the life of another man while riding his PWC during a thunderstorm.

Important tips for a safe visit to Glen Canyon and Lake Powell include:

- Wear a life jacket. Many drownings have been prevented because of a simple life jacket. Children 12 and under are required to always wear a life jacket while a boat is underway.
- Watch your kids. In the blink of an eye, children can wander off, leading to tragedy.
- Watch out for summer thunderstorms. If you are on Lake Powell when thunderstorms are in the area, get somewhere safe onshore. Flash floods happen almost weekly during monsoon season. Choose your campsite so you are not in a flash flood area.
- Always designate a driver whether you are in a vehicle or on the boat. New National Park Service regulations make boating under the influence just like driving under the influence. People who have been drinking also shouldn't be swimming.
- Remember the dangers of carbon monoxide. Don't swim or linger anywhere near your boat's exhaust.
- Cliff jumping is deadly and is strictly prohibited at Glen Canyon.
- Consider starting each day with a safety minute: talk with your companions about what you'll be doing and discuss the potential safety hazards. Plan ahead what to do if there is an emergency.

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