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## Grand Canyon Calendar Announcement

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### National Park Service to hold open house meetings on South Rim Visitor Transportation Plan Environmental Assessment for Grand Canyon National Park

**WHAT:** The National Park Service (NPS) will host two public meetings, one in Tusayan, Ariz. and one in Flagstaff, Ariz., to provide information on Grand Canyon National Park's South Rim Visitor Transportation Plan Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect (EA) that was made available for public review and comment on February 15, 2007. The NPS, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Kaibab Forest (USFS), is proposing the South Rim Visitor Transportation Plan to address the most pressing traffic, parking, and visitor access issues in Grand Canyon Village through 2020. Participants are encouraged to come at any time during the meetings to visit informational stations and speak with NPS and USFS representatives in an informal setting.

**WHO:** The NPS as the lead agency and the USFS, as a cooperating agency are inviting the public, agencies, and other interested parties to obtain information and provide comments on the EA.

**WHEN/WHERE:** All meetings will be in an open house format, and there will be no formal presentation. Participants are invited to stop by at any time during the three hour open house period. Meeting times and locations are as follows:

**Wednesday, March 12, 2008**

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Grand Canyon Squire Inn – Best Western

Anasazi Room

Hwy 64

Tusayan, AZ 86023

928-638-4071

**Thursday, March 13, 2008**

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Coconino National Forest

Supervisor's Office

Conference Room

1824 S. Thompson

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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**WHY:**

The NPS and USFS are required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), which calls for federal agencies to consider environmental issues as part of their decision making process. NEPA encourages federal agencies to involve interested parties. The EA will be on public review for 30 days and comments will be accepted through March 19, 2008. The document is available electronically on the web, and can be downloaded from the park's website <http://www.nps.gov/grca/trans.htm> or reviewed online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca>. Comments can be submitted at this same web address (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca>) or at one of the open houses.

Written comments can also be mailed to: Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park, Attn: Office of Planning and Compliance, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023. Please note that names and addresses of people who comment become part of the public record.

*Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, 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.*

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