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## Grand Canyon News Release

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### **National Park Service to host information meeting on Colorado River Management Plan monitoring program**

(Grand Canyon, Ariz.) The National Park Service (NPS) will host a public information meeting to discuss Grand Canyon's Visitor Experience Monitoring Plan a component of the recently completed Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP). The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2007 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Radisson Woodlands Hotel, 1175 West Route 66, Flagstaff, Arizona.

In 2006, the NPS completed the revised CRMP, a visitor use management plan that specifies actions to conserve park resources and visitor experience while enhancing recreational opportunities on the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. The CRMP also includes implementation of monitoring programs to determine the effects of the new use levels and seasonal use patterns on park resources and visitor experience. In cooperation with social scientists from Oregon State University, the NPS in developing a monitoring program to determine how this new plan affects visitor experience. As described in the 2006 CRMP, the number of groups encountered while traveling on the river and at popular attraction sites is an important measure of a quality experience. The purpose of the meeting is to explain what effects will be measured, as well as how they will be measured; and to answer questions and receive feedback before the plan is finalized.

Information regarding the meeting and background materials will be available on the park's website, <http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/crmp07rmm.htm> This information includes a summary of the draft monitoring plan, and copies of the CRMP and Final Environmental Impact Statement. Notes from the meeting, and information on how to provide feedback will also be available on the website.

For additional information on the meeting, contact Linda Jalbert, Wilderness/Recreation Planner at 928-638-7909 or by email at [Linda\\_Jalbert@nps.gov](mailto:Linda_Jalbert@nps.gov)

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