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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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April 5, 2023

To: Mike Gauthier (Acting Superintendent, Lake Mead National Recreation Area)

From: Chris Nycz (Cultural Resource Manager, Lake Mead National Recreation Area)

Re: Proposed Lake Mead National Recreation Area Echo Bay Launch Ramp Relocation Construction under the Low Water Plan Programmatic Agreement (CRP 23-016)

The Lake Mead National Recreation Area proposed Echo Bay Launch Ramp Relocation project was made available for public comment from March 17, 2023, to March 31, 2023. The purpose of this public comment period was to identify additional historic properties or impacts on historic properties to satisfy requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. A document was posted online for public review containing a summary of proposed actions and included a project location map. The document received a total of 96 correspondences from unaffiliated individuals during the 15-day comment period, including one form letter with 8 submissions. A majority of the submitted comments came from Nevada and California, with additional comments coming from Utah, Texas, Florida, and Idaho. The specific geographical breakdown is as follows:

NV: 66.7%

CA: 19.8%

UT: 10.4%

TX: 1.0 %

FL: 1.0%

ID: 1.0%

Overall, commenters were in support of relocating the launch ramp at Echo Bay, and some commenters explicitly expressed support for Alternative A. Commenters did not mention any cultural resource concerns with the relocation of the launch ramp. The only comment that referenced cultural resources simply reiterated the NPS directive to preserve natural and cultural resources but did not mention any cultural resources specific to Lake Mead NRA. Commenters were not concerned with the proposed location for the launch ramp relocation. No alternative sites were suggested, and some commenters stated that "[the] site chosen looks excellent". Additionally, commenters stated that the launch ramp relocation would support both recreation and safety on Lake Mead.

