



# Public Involvement Process

## Public Scoping

Public scoping is an opportunity for the public to provide ideas about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Alternatives that should be considered, in other words, the “scope” of the plan. In defining the scope of the Backcountry Management Plan, park planners want to capture what you consider an ideal backcountry experience and what you would like Grand Canyon’s backcountry and wilderness resources to look like 20 years from now. We want to know what you value about Grand Canyon’s proposed wilderness and non-wilderness backcountry areas (including Tuweep and the Cross-Canyon Corridor), and any issues or concerns you have regarding how these resources are used and managed. Your comments are important to us.

### 2011 Open House Dates and Locations

- May 25 Grand Canyon Village, South Rim
- May 26 Kanab, Utah
- June 1 Flagstaff, Arizona



*What should Grand Canyon’s backcountry and wilderness look like in the future?*

## Planning Schedule



## What is NEPA?

The primary goal of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is to achieve harmony between human beings and the natural environment. NEPA requires Federal agencies fully consider environmental costs and benefits of proposed actions before any decision is made to undertake those actions.

- NEPA**
- establishes policy
  - sets goals
  - provides the means for carrying out policy

## NEPA Requirements

NEPA does not advocate environmental preservation at all costs, but seeks to balance environmental concerns with social, economic, and other requirements. NEPA emphasizes the Federal government’s leading role in preserving and enhancing the environment. NEPA requires agencies carefully study and report impacts of proposals with potential to affect the environment before decisions are made; for the Backcountry Management Plan this will be done in an Environmental Impact Statement. NEPA also requires agencies be diligent in involving any interested or affected members of the public.

## How to Submit Comments

- ✓ On the Internet at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov/grca](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/grca)
- ✓ At an Open House
- ✓ Mail to Superintendent, Attn: Office of Planning and Compliance, Grand Canyon National Park, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Public comments will be accepted during the scoping period, April 27 through June 27, 2011

*Please include name, email and mailing addresses, with all comments.*

For more information, visit

- [www.parkplanning.nps.gov/grca](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/grca)
- [www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/planning.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/planning.htm)