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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Interested Party:

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public input regarding the development of two plans, a *Quagga/Zebra Mussel Management Plan* (QZMP) to address necessary changes to the invasive mussel prevention program at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Glen Canyon) now that adult and larval quagga mussels are present in Lake Powell and a *Rainbow Bridge Trail Improvement Plan* (RABR Trail) to inform rehabilitation and improvement of the existing pedestrian access trail at Rainbow Bridge National Monument. These plans are being developed in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and other applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The public will have two opportunities to formally comment on these projects; once during initial project scoping and again following public release of the plans. We are currently in the scoping phase and invite you to submit written comments online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website from February 3 to March 7, 2014.

The *Quagga/Zebra Mussel Management Plan* (QZMP) is needed to determine what tools are appropriate to support the ongoing management of invasive mussels in Glen Canyon. The QZMP will evaluate different techniques for preventing the spread of invasive mussels within Lake Powell, a range of potential control and containment approaches, and will evaluate how to provide a sustainable funding source to support invasive mussel management at Glen Canyon. For more information or to provide comments visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/qzmp>.

The *Rainbow Bridge Trail Improvement Plan* (RABR Trail) is needed to address damage to a section of the trail leading from Lake Powell to Rainbow Bridge that occurred during a flood event in 2013. Improvements to the trail design are also needed to address future high-volume flash flooding and to maintain tribal, visitor, and employee safety while using the trail. The plan will also consider options to connect the trail to the Navajo Mountain trail on the opposite side of Rainbow Bridge. For more information or to provide comments visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/rabr-trail>.

We will use input received during the scoping period to help develop these plans and the associated environmental assessments (EAs). Once the EAs are prepared they will be posted on the park website for public review and comment.

All comments, questions, and suggestions related to the project are welcome. During the public scoping period the following types of comments are particularly helpful:

- Specific information about the plan area that should be considered during the analysis,
- Information about how you use Glen Canyon and Rainbow Bridge and how actions considered in these plans might affect that use,
- Other projects that might affect or be affected by these efforts, and
- Other ideas or alternative ways of meeting the plan objectives.

Please provide all comments by March 7, 2014. We will consider these comments during preparation of the EAs. Thank you in advance for your comments and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any

questions please contact Teri Tucker, Chief of Planning & Compliance at (928) 608-6207 or via email at teri_tucker@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Todd W. Brindle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "B".

Todd W. Brindle
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