

Lakeshore Drive Road Rehabilitation EA







Why is this project needed now?

The National Park Service, working with the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to rehabilitate, restore, and resurface approximately five miles of Lakeshore Drive, two miles of Wahweap Boulevard, and 0.3 miles of Wahweap Marina Drive in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

The project would include replacement of damaged concrete and asphalt curb, installation of concrete curb in new locations to address roadway drainage issues, improvement of drainage structures and existing ditches, improvement of pullouts, removal of existing guardrail, installation of new guardrail, and other improvements.

How will the project affect access to Lake Powell?

The project will ensure that Lakeshore Drive is rehabilitated and maintain to allow continued long-term vehicular access to Lake Powell in the Wahweap area. During the six months of road rehabilitation tentatively planned for the winter and spring of 2015/2016, the NPS proposes to close the South Entrance and Lakeshore Drive. During this time access to the Wahweap Marina area would be through the North Entrance. Low powerlines will be placed underground to allow large trailered houseboats to use this route.

The segment of Wahweap Boulevard from Stateline Drive to the four-way intersection with Lakeshore Drive would be one-way east "coming in" to the marina. The section of Stateline Drive from its northeast junction with Lakeshore Drive southward to its junction with Wahweap Boulevard would be one-way south "coming out" of the marina area. Lakeshore Drive between its junction with Stateline Drive and Wahweap Boulevard would be two-way to allow visitors along this stretch to continue to access the marina without driving a long loop.

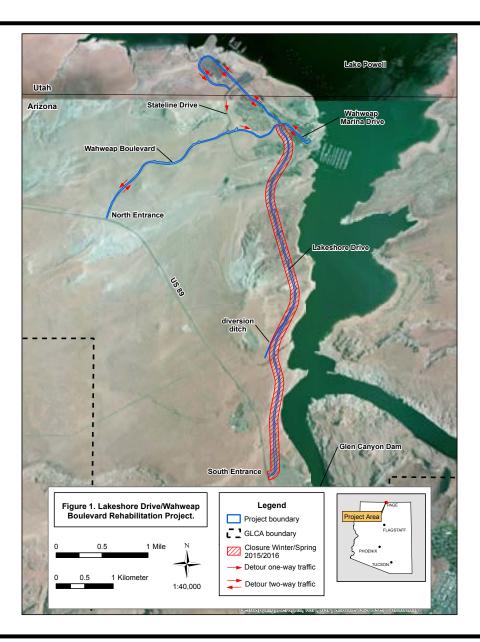
How will a decision be made?



An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to provide a decision-making framework that:

- 1) analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives to meet project objectives,
- 2) evaluates potential issues and impacts to park resources and values, and
- 3) identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of adverse impacts.

The project will also comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and all other applicable laws and regulations.



How can I get involved?

The NPS encourages public participation throughout the planning process. There are two opportunities to formally comment on the project; once during initial project scoping and again following public release of the EA.

The EA will consider the potential impacts to visitor use and access, cultural resources, natural resources, and park operations.

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

- Information about the project area that the NPS should consider during the analysis,
- Information about how you use the project area and how the project might might affect your use,
- Other projects or activities that might affect or be affected by the project, and
- Other ideas or alternative ways of meeting the project objectives.

All comments must be submitted in writing and will be accepted in the following ways:

By mail: Superintendent

Attn: Lakeshore Drive EA

P.O. Box 1507 Page, AZ 86040

By website:

http://parkplanning.nps.gov/glca-wahweaproads

By fax: 928-608-6204

In person: Monday – Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Glen Canyon Headquarters 691 Scenic View Drive

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Please provide all comments by June 25, 2014.