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Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Proposes Fee Increase

Page, Arizona – Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is proposing an increase to entrance, camping, and boat use fees in accordance with direction from the National Park Service authorizing all park units to conduct stakeholder outreach through civic engagement to gauge support for possible fee changes. Recreation fees were first collected in 1998 and the last increase occurred in 2006. If approved, the changes would begin in May 2015 to align with the new National Park standard entrance-fee schedule.

The Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act permits the collection of recreation fees. Under this law 80% of fees collected return to the park to support projects that directly benefit visitors. Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument are strong economic engines for the surrounding area. In 2012 visitors spent \$190 million in communities near the park returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service.

Over the years, costs to maintain infrastructure and facilities that support the visitor experience have increased. The additional revenue from the proposed fee increase would be used to enhance visitor services, including courtesy docks, boat pump-out facilities, aids to navigation, and lake access. Visitors would also benefit from new hiking trails and rehabilitation of existing hiking trails, campground rehabilitation, new and rehabilitated backcountry campsites, graffiti and trash removal, a new water treatment plant at Lees Ferry, enhanced protection of cultural and natural resources, and additional interpretive media and ranger programs. Additional revenue would also be used to fund very expensive projects that maintain lake access during fluctuating water levels, such as ramp extensions and the Castle Rock cut.

The proposed new fee rates listed below would be phased-in annually over three years beginning in May of 2015. This new rate structure would bring Glen Canyon in line with other large park units in the region.

<u>Entrance and Boat Use Fees</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>May 2015</u>	<u>March 2016</u>	<u>March 2017</u>
Private Vehicle Entrance	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30
Motorcycle Entrance	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25
Individual Entrance	\$ 7	\$10	\$12	\$15
Annual Glen Canyon Pass	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60
Weekly Boat Permit	\$16	\$20	\$25	\$30
Annual Boat Permit	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60

<u>Camping Fees</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>May 2015</u>	<u>March 2016</u>	<u>March 2017</u>
Lees Ferry campground	\$12	\$16	\$18	\$20
Lone Rock Beach (per vehicle)	\$10	\$12	\$14	\$16
Primitive Camping (<i>all other sites</i>)	\$ 6 per person	\$ 8 per vehicle	\$10 per vehicle	\$12 per vehicle

The Interagency Senior and Annual Pass prices would remain the same, as would commercial tour fees. Interagency Access and Military Passes remain available at no charge. All motorized vessels would be charged a full fee and discounts for additional motorized water craft on one trailer would be eliminated. Senior and Access pass holders would continue to receive a 50% discount on camping and boat use fees. Persons under 16 years of age are not charged an entrance fee.

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“We are committed to keeping Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument affordable, however, we also want to provide visitors with the best possible experience”, said Superintendent Todd Brindle, “80% of the additional fee revenue would stay at the park and help provide a margin of excellence to the visitor experience through enhanced and improved facilities, infrastructure, and programs.”

The public is encouraged to submit comments in writing between December 19, 2014 and January 31, 2015. Written comments will be accepted in the following ways:

E-mail: GLCA_Carl_Hayden@nps.gov
Website: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/glca_fee_increase
Mail: Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
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The public is encouraged to attend an open house to learn more about the proposed fee changes on January 14, 2015 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Headquarters, 691 Scenic View Road in Page, AZ.

For further questions and information please contact Fee Manager Jim O’Sickey at 928-608-6200.

All comments received in writing by January 31, 2015 will be compiled for consideration before a final decision is made.

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