



Public Input Sought for Park-wide Concession Contract Planning



Why is public comment being sought for future commercial service contracts?

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Park), a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), administers a concessions program to provide visitor services within the park. Currently, there are concession contracts which provide water based services, lodging, restaurant/food, and tour services at Glen Canyon. Over the past few years, visitation trends and demand for land-based recreational opportunities have increased.

With two of the larger contracts held within Glen Canyon needing to be renewed, this presents an opportunity to restructure contracts in such a way as to address increased visitation, changing visitor use, and to increase efficiency in managing contracts. Glen Canyon is reaching out to the public to solicit ideas for consideration in the concessions contract prospectus development process.

What kind of input is being sought?

While not legally mandated, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is seeking input from the public in an effort to consider alternatives to the current concession contract structure. Some alternatives that could be considered include using Commercial Use Authorizations or leases in place of a concession contract to provide certain services.

Comments submitted by the public that would be particularly useful would include topics such as:

- Changes to the required and authorized services provided (reducing, changing, or increasing services to customers)
- Separating or combining contracts by geographical location
- Reducing or increasing operation contract locations
- Separating or combining contracts by service type (i.e. hotel services, marina services, and campground services)
- Economic considerations
- Local business opportunity considerations
- Other considerations

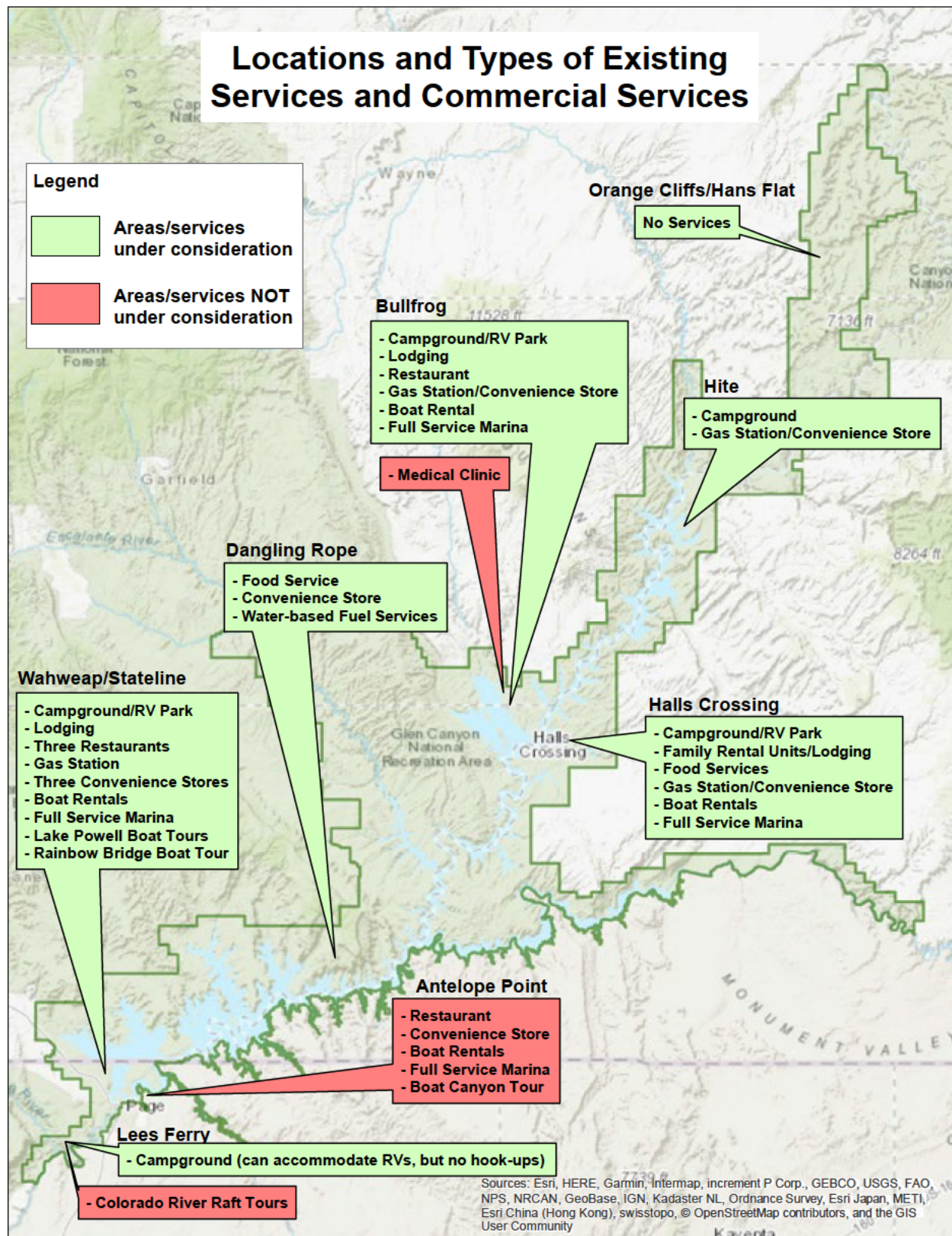
How will public comments be used?

This public comment opportunity is not part of a formal environmental planning and compliance process and is not legally mandated. However, the Park feels that the public can provide valuable insight, perspective, and ideas to assist in developing manageable contracts that provide needed visitor services that will meet Park management objectives.

Substantiative comments and input will not be responded to by the Park, but will be considered in the development of potential contract options and will help inform the contract development process. In situations where proposals include significant changes to an area or types of services provided and result in additional development, further public comment opportunities will be provided as part of the formal environmental review process.



Locations and Types of Existing Services and Commercial Services



How to provide comment and next steps

The NPS encourages the public to provide input through the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website using the following link:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/glca-FutureContracts>

All comments, questions, and suggestions related to this effort are welcome. Please provide all comments by close of business on **Friday, April 27, 2018**.

What's Next:

If you would like to be added to an e-mail list for updates and notifications related to future concessions and commercial services contract related public announcements, please indicate that in your comment at the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website and provide an e-mail address at which you would like to receive these notifications.