



COTTONWOOD COVE AND KATHERINE LANDING



DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLANS / ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Friends,

The National Park Service is preparing development concept plans (DCPs) and accompanying environmental impact statement for the Cottonwood Cove and Katherine Landing developed areas on Lake Mohave. The purpose of the DCPs is to revisit the implementation strategies identified in the 1986 General Management Plan and 2003 Lake Management Plan for the national recreation area. We invite you to become involved in this planning effort.

Please review this short newsletter to gain information about the project. To share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns with us, we encourage you to comment electronically via the National Park Service website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lame>. This web site will also include regular updates on the planning schedule, public meeting announcements, copies of newsletters, and planning documents. You are also welcome to mail comments directly to the park at:

Lake Mead National Recreation Area
Attn: DCP-EIS
601 Nevada Way
Boulder City, NV 89005

Please include your mailing address if you wish to receive future documents. Your comments would be most helpful to us if we receive them no later than November 15, 2008.

We will continue to keep you informed about the planning process with newsletters like this one, public meetings, and through the Internet. Thank you for your interest in Lake Mead National Recreation Area. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

William K. Dickinson
Superintendent
Lake Mead National Recreation Area

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SCOPING



Congestion at Katherine Landing area

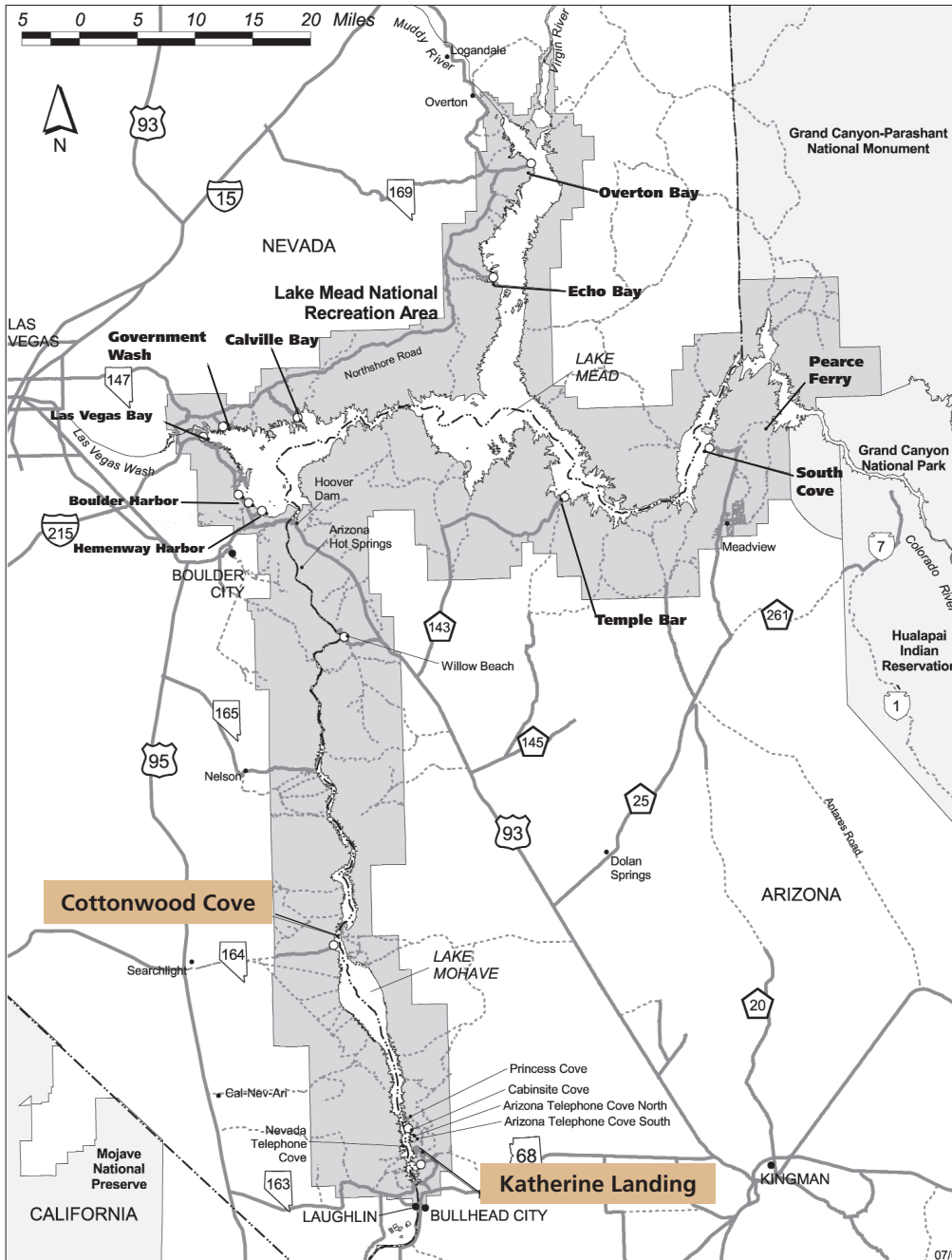
The national recreation area encompasses Lake Mead formed by Hoover Dam and Lake Mohave created by Davis Dam. Cottonwood Cove and Katherine Landing are two of the three major developed areas on Lake Mohave. Cottonwood Cove is located on the Nevada shore of the lake, approximately 22 miles north of Davis Dam. Katherine Landing is located near the southern end of the lake in Arizona, approximately 1.5 miles north of the Davis Dam. Both developments accommodate a wide variety of recreational activities and provide public launch facilities and commercial marina services as well as other public use and support facilities.

One of the first steps in the planning process is the scoping phase, in which the planning team gathers preliminary ideas about what the DCPs should address. The planning team has identified the following issues. We would like to hear your thoughts about these issues and any other issues and opportunities that you think should be considered.

- Congestion and conflicts between users is a major issue to be resolved, with many people and numerous facilities and activities competing for space within the limited land based areas of both developments. The areas require a more focused analysis of development needs, including a parking and cir-

ulation analysis, to identify possible facility improvement, relocation, and expansion.

- Both developments contain “Mission 66-era” cultural resources that are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Mission 66 program was a 10 - year post World War II effort by the National Park Service to rehabilitate and modernize park infrastructure. This initiative began in 1956 and was timed to conclude with the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the National Park Service in 1966. Many of these facilities, now over a half-century old, are not consistent with contemporary design standards and/or no longer effectively serve visitor needs. Planning must evaluate strategies to balance the need for preserving cultural resources with the need to provide functional facilities for the visitor.
- With the growth of communities outside of the park near both development areas, there is a need to evaluate the following three questions: Which facilities or services are still necessary and appropriate at these sites for public use and enjoyment of the park? Can identified needs be met outside park boundaries? What is the economic feasibility of concession facilities determined to be needed within the park? The facilities and services currently offered include lodging, marinas, houseboat and small boat rentals, dry boat storage, campsites, trailer village services, and retail including food service, shower, laundry, gasoline, and related supplies.
- Flood mitigation is of paramount importance to public safety and protection of property in floodplains at both developed areas. The design for structural flood protection has been updated and needs to be integrated into implementation planning.



The planning team will share information and seek public input at key points during the planning process. A variety of methods will be used to encourage public feedback.

Throughout the planning process, planning team members will meet with interested individuals, groups, agencies, and organizations. The purpose of these informal discussions is twofold: to engage participants in gathering and generating ideas, and to provide information about the plan's progress.

As a follow-up to informal meetings, public meetings will take place in selected locations. These meetings will provide an opportunity for the National Park Service to inform the public of the plan's progress and to seek public input at key points through the planning process. Announcements regarding the dates and places for these workshops will be widely advertised through local media and on the planning web site. Newsletters such as this one will be distributed periodically throughout the planning process.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

We welcome your comments and suggestions and hope to see you at one of the meetings listed below. All meetings will be conducted in an open house format, so you may arrive at any time.

<p>Monday, October 27, 2008, 4:00 to 7:00 PM</p> <p>Mohave Community College, Room 210 3400 Highway 95 Bullhead City, Arizona 86442</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 4:00 to 7:00 PM</p> <p>Searchlight Community Center 200 Michael Wendell Way Searchlight, Nevada 89046</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 29, 2008, 4:00 to 7:00 PM</p> <p>Boulder City Library 701 Adams Boulevard Boulder City, Nevada 89005</p>
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SCHEDULE

	Planning Activity	Public Involvement Opportunities
1	Set the stage for planning: Determine issues and concerns <i>*We are currently in this step</i>	Attend public scoping meetings. Read the newsletter and send us comments.
2	Develop preliminary alternatives: Identify a range of reasonable alternatives for Cottonwood Cove and Katherine Landing, assess their effects, analyze public reactions, and select a preferred alternative	Provide written comments on the initial alternatives. Attend public meetings and provide comments.
3	Prepare and publish Draft Development Concept Plans / Environmental Impact Statement: Prepare a draft describing the planning, alternatives, and impacts; distribute to the public	Provide written comments on the draft document. Attend public meetings and provide comments.
4	Revise and publish Final Development Concept Plans / Environmental Impact Statement: Analyze comments, prepare responses to comments, revise draft document, distribute to the public	
5	Implement the approved plan: Prepare and issue Record of Decision and implement the plan as funding allows	Stay involved throughout the implementation of the approved plan. Check park web site for updates.