

# Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

National Park Service  
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## How to Make a Public Comment



### Introduction

Each person has an important perspective on the management of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument and can make a unique contribution to the planning process that will help the National Park Service produce better planning documents.

The type of comment that is most useful in evaluating a plan or project depends on how far along it is in the planning process. Glen Canyon project teams solicit comments during what is referred to as *scoping*, as well as upon release of a draft document. The public is also encouraged to send in general comments for consideration by park staff at any time.

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### Public Scoping

The primary goal of scoping for a project is to determine the range of issues and alternatives to be addressed. At the time of scoping, the park provides a description of the project proposal, including a statement of the purpose of and need for the project and a list of project goals.

The public is asked to submit comments, concerns, and suggestions relating to these goals.

The most useful types of scoping comments consider the following:

- Alternative approaches and ideas for

accomplishing project goals

- The range of environmental and socioeconomic issues that need to be considered
- Other potential projects that might affect or be affected by this project
- Information that needs to be considered (such as related research) and why
- Information on how you use the park and how a project might affect that use

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## Comments on Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements

Ideally, comments on an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement assess the adequacy of the document in disclosing and evaluating a project's effects on the environment.

These comments are most useful if they are as specific as possible and do the following:

- Discuss a particular plan element or alternative
- Identify incomplete or incorrect information
- Offer reasons why a particular alternative or

plan element would or would not work

- Offer a reasonable, new plan element or completely new alternative that could help accomplish the stated goals
- Point out discrepancies between legal mandates and proposals
- Highlight deficiencies in the analysis of environmental consequences
- Provide information on how you use the park and how particular proposals in the planning document would affect that use

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## General Comments

Even outside of a formal planning process, park staff would like to hear your thoughts and ideas relating to planning and management issues at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument.

All comments received will be read and directed to the appropriate person in the park.

The most useful comments include:

- Your concerns about conditions or activities in

the park and possible solutions

- How the National Park Service is accomplishing its mission at Glen Canyon
- The clarity of proposed project descriptions, their purpose and need
- The overall quality of your visit to Glen Canyon or Rainbow Bridge.

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## How to Stay Involved

Public participation is critical to management and planning in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Here are some ways to stay involved:

- Review draft plans, final plans, press releases, and plan updates on the park's web sites at:  
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/glca> and  
[www.nps.gov/glca](http://www.nps.gov/glca).
- Add your name to the park's planning mailing list (to address/fax/email below) to receive planning-related notices.
- Request copies of planning documents.
- Visit the park and talk with park staff.
- Submit written comments.

All comments must be submitted in writing and

will be accepted in the following ways:

By mail: Superintendent

Attn: [Name of plan or project]

P.O. Box 1507

Page, AZ 86040

By website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/glca>

By fax: 928-608-6204

In person: Glen Canyon Headquarters

691 Scenic View Drive

Page, AZ 86040

Monday – Friday between

7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.