



Update on CRMP Implementation: GCRG Training Seminar, 2007

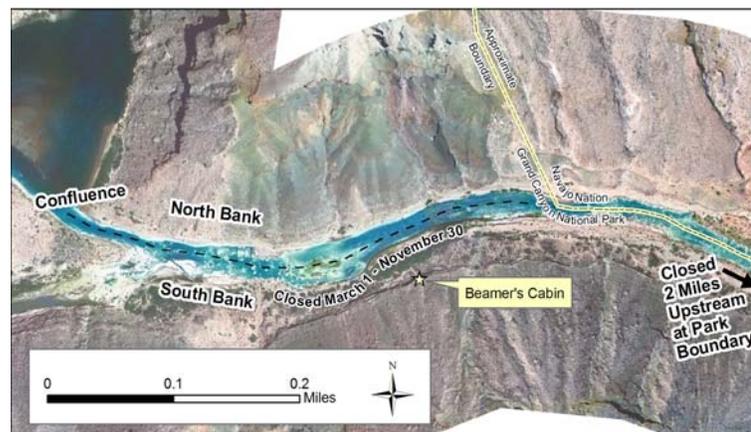
The Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP) completed in March 2006, sets management direction for recreational use and resource protection of the Colorado River in Grand Canyon National Park. The new plan describes management actions for Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek and for the Lower Gorge from Diamond Creek to Lake Mead. A summary document posted on the park's website describes the key components of the CRMP including:

Recreational Use and Seasonal Distribution

- Non-motorized use only from September 16 - March 31
- Daily launch schedules even throughout the week:
Summer = 5 or 6 launches; Spring = 2-4; Fall = 2-3; Winter = 1
- Whitmore exchanges April 1 - September 15 only; complete by 10am daily
- Commercial group size including guides: 32 in summer, 24 in shoulders
- Noncommercial group size: standard 16 person and small 8 person
- Noncommercial Permits System: Lottery replaces Waiting List

Resource Protection and Conservation

- Tapeats Creek and Kanab Creek: Day-use only (no camping)
- LCR restrictions to protect Humpback Chub habitat (no boat parking in LCR year round; no wading, etc on south bank March - November)



- **Resource Monitoring and Mitigation Program:** To ensure that CRMP resource conservation objectives are met, the NPS will implement a long-term monitoring program to determine how recreational use affects resource conditions. In addition, the NPS will implement a resource conservation program that involves conducting cyclic maintenance and repair of trails, obliteration of social trails and camping impacts in fragile areas and other treatments to preserve the integrity of the natural and cultural resources. The NPS will also implement a Visitor Experience Monitoring Plan that looks at how the new of use levels and use patterns affect visitor's experience and wilderness character.

For more information and updates: Checkout www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/crmp.htm
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