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Dear Project Manager:

Please do not close boating access to Lake Mead & Lake Powell. For over 60 yrs families have used these lakes. We currently have 2 boats at the Las Vegas Boat Harbor. Visitors come for boating, scuba diving, water skiing, kayaking, fishing, camping, biking, picnicking, tours & hiking. They come from all over the world to visit Lake Mead. Public use of the lakes will not change the lakes water levels. Closing boating access to the lakes will have devastating economic effects on so many business, property values & families livelihoods around all the marinas, Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas & Page AZ. Those cities livelihoods are directly tied to the visitors & boaters who visit Lake Mead & Lake Powell. We need to keep that economy strong for everyone in those areas. We need to keep Lake Mead & Lake Powell open because National Recreation Areas are for the Public on Public Lands that we the people should have access to. Lake Mead National Recreation Area is the 5th most visited park in the nation. No way would the park system ever consider closing access to the other well known but less visited parks.

#5 Lake Mead National Recreation Area: 7.6 million

#6 George Washington Memorial Parkway: 6.8 million

#8 Lincoln Memorial: 5.8 million

#10 Zion National Park: 5 million

#12 Yellowstone National Park: 4.9 million

#13 Grand Canyon National Park: 4.5 million

#14 Rocky Mountain National Park: 4.4 million

#18 Grand Teton National Park: 3.9 million

#21 Yosemite National Park: 3.3 million

These statistics are from the NPS (National Park Service)

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/most-famous-national-parks-set-visitation-records-in-2021.htm>

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Sincerely,

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