

Hoover Dam tour fees to increase

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Bureau of Reclamation fees for adults taking the Hoover Dam tour will increase from \$2 to \$3 per person on Jan. 1. Hoover Dam Project Manager Blaine D. Hamann announced recently.

On Jan. 1, senior citizens with Golden Age Passports will be charged \$1.50, while children under 12 will be admitted without charge. Organized school groups will also be granted free admission, regardless of student ages.

Hamann said the increase is necessary to offset additional operating costs incurred by Reclamation while shuttling visitors from outlying parking areas through construction sites to the dam. Construction is now under

way on the new Hoover Dam Visitor Center and nearby Parking Structure.

When these two facilities are opened to the public in spring of 1995, it is quite likely we are going to see another increase to keep pace with additional operating costs. The amount of increase in 1995 has not been determined, Hamann added.

In January 1993, Hoover Dam tour fees were increased from \$1 to \$2, the first increase in 15 years. Hoover Dam is the most frequently visited dam in the United States today, and annually hosts up to three quarter million paid tours.