

AMWG August 9, 2004

## Cultural Talking Points

### 1. Section 106 treatment plans

A. The cooperative agreement for NNAD to develop a treatment plan for Glen Canyon reach is in place, awaiting approval from the Navajo Nation. Because there is no agreed-upon APE, NNAD will investigate every known site in the river corridor. NNAD will re-evaluate each site for eligibility and describe current condition. BOR and NPS will jointly determine effect in consultation with SHPO. BOR and NPS will determine cause and responsibility for adverse effects. NNAD will then develop treatment plans for all eligible and adversely affected sites. BOR will develop a government estimate of the cost of implementing those treatment plans. If that estimate exceeds the current value of the cooperative agreement, additional funds may be necessary. NNAD will then execute the treatment plans for sites BOR and NPS agree that dam operations are the cause of deterioration. NPS will make funding available to NNAD under a separate agreement to implement treatment plans for sites adversely affected by causes other than dam operations. We undoubtedly will learn valuable lessons from this project that will serve us well in conducting the larger Grand Canyon treatment plan.

B. AMWG recommended a monitoring budget for Grand Canyon of \$206K for FY05 and a Grand Canyon treatment budget of \$250K. The latter was probably premature but BOR will attempt to obligate funding for treatment via an RFP during FY05. BOR will prepare a scope of work for GC monitoring activities, focused on accurate mapping of known sites. BOR will conduct market research to determine if NPS will conduct the work or if it should be accomplished via competitive bid. At some point during FY05, we will know how many sites have been accurately mapped and how many remain to be mapped. That information will be used to generate an RFP for the treatment plan development. The RFP will be written similarly to the NNAD scope of work, to include mapping of remaining sites, determinations of eligibility, and assessment of site condition. BOR and NPS will, in consultation with the SHPO, determine adverse effects and responsibility. The successful contractor will then prepare treatment plans as appropriate. Again, the remainder of the \$250K may or may not be adequate to carry out the treatment plan and this will be determined through the preparation of a government estimate by the BOR. I must note that an agreed-upon definition of the APE is critical to the successful completion of the Grand Canyon treatment plan.

### 2. Glen Canyon PA Signatories.

A. WAPA, CREDA and the BIA have again requested to become signatories to the Glen Canyon PA. A letter will be sent this week to all current signatories requesting comment. If any signatories oppose the inclusion of any of these three organizations, the dispute resolution procedures specified in the PA will be followed.

### 3. Tribal Funding

### 4. Geomorphology Symposium