RESEARCH AND ACCESS PERMIT FACILITATION FOR GRAND CANYON MONITORING AND RESEARCH CENTER PROGRAMS IN GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK AND GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Interagency Agreements from 1998-2005 between GRCA and GCMRC
Research Permits Coordinator:

- Point of communication between investigators and park officials:
  - natural and cultural resource managers
  - river and backcountry offices
  - aviation coordinator
  - wilderness coordinator
  - housing office
  - fee management

- Ensures completion of peer and administrative reviews (including NEPA and wilderness use)
# PERMITS OFFICE WORKLOAD

Annual Average 2002-2004

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**APPLICATION SUBMITTED**

PERMIT OFFICE
1st level of review

Modify and Resubmit

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM
(subject matter experts)
2nd level of review

Modify and Resubmit
Recommend Approval
Recommend Denial
Recommend Review by Management

RESEARCH PERMIT PROCESS

SCIENCE CENTER DIRECTOR
3rd level of review

Modify and Resubmit
Recommend Review by Management
Authority Delegated by Superintendent
Issue Permit
Deny Perm

PROJECT REVIEW BOARD
and Parkwide IDT
4th level of review

Modify and Resubmit
Recommend Approval
Recommend Denial

SUPERINTENDENT
5th level of review

Modify and Resubmit
Issue Permit
Deny Permit

Review criteria: CFR, NEPA, NHPA, ESA, Wilderness Act, NPS Policy, etc.
ACCESS PERMITS

RIVER AND BACKCOUNTRY PERMITS

- River and Backcountry Permits Office (Approval)
- River Rangers (Check-In, Tracking)

FLIGHT PERMITS

- Aviation Coordinator (Flight Request, Flight Coordination)
- Science Center Director (Recommendation)
- Superintendent (Approval)

WILDERNESS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

- Wilderness Coordinator (MRA)
- Science Center Director (Recommendation)
- Superintendent (Approval)
# Grand Canyon

## ADMINISTRATIVE RIVER TRIPS
### ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR 2000-2003

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ADMINISTRATIVE RIVER TRIPS
(MONTHLY AVERAGE 2000-2003)

LAUNCHES/DAY

GCMRC  GRCA

MONTH
JAN  FEB  MAR  APR  MAY  JUN  JUL  AUG  SEP  OCT  NOV  DEC
COMMERCIAL OPERATORS AND GCMRC
NUMBER OF RIVER TRIPS PER YEAR

NO. TRIPS/YEAR

RIVER COMPANY

GCMRC
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, P.L. 101-512

- NPS “...may recover all costs of providing necessary services associated with special use permits...”
- Income from permittees is limited to the recovery of costs (including any applicable overhead) associated with extra services necessary to support the permittee

UNITED STATES CODE TITLE 16 3(a)

- NPS has the authority to “...recover all costs of providing necessary services associated with special use permits...”