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## Intermountain Region News Release

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### **COLORADO RIVER DISCOVERY SELECTED TO PROVIDE GUIDED RIVER TRIPS AT GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

Colorado River Discovery, LLC, was selected to provide guided river trips on the Colorado River in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area beginning November 1, 2006. The selection was announced today by Michael D. Snyder, National Park Service Intermountain Regional Director.

Raft trips begin at the Glen Canyon Dam near Page, Arizona, and follow 15 miles of flat water on the Colorado River thru Glen Canyon to Lees Ferry. Concession services currently operated by ARAMARK - Wilderness River Adventures will continue without interruption until November 1, 2006, when the new contract takes effect.

Colorado River Discovery's proposal was selected under the provisions of the 1998 Concessions Management Improvement Act. That act made a number of changes in how concession contracts are awarded and was meant to enhance competition for NPS concession contracts.

The NPS solicited offers for this business opportunity at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in August 2005. Three offers were received before the deadline in October 2005. An interdisciplinary team of NPS employees analyzed the proposals based on criteria specified in the 1998 concessions law. Guidelines used to evaluate the proposals can be found at <http://concessions.nps.gov/policy.cfm>.

The National Park Service will incorporate the elements of Colorado River Discovery's proposal into the concession contract, which will be formally awarded in a few weeks.

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