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## Great Basin National Park News Release

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### **Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review for Proposed Fish Barrier in Great Basin National Park**

Great Basin National Park Superintendent Tod Williams announced today that the *Fish Barrier Environmental Assessment (EA)* is now available for public review. This EA will be open to review for 30 days, from March 20 through April 20, 2013.

Great Basin National Park is proposing to construct a fish barrier on the lower portion of Snake Creek, near the park boundary. The proposed fish barrier is intended to prevent the upstream invasion of non-native fishes and aquatic invasive species into Snake Creek within the park, including portions occupied by a species of management concern, Bonneville cutthroat trout (*Onchorynchus clarki utah*, BCT). This action would help the park meet the Nevada Conservation Agreement and Conservation Strategy goals for BCT populations.

The EA, prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), examines two alternatives: 1) Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, would not allow the Snake Creek Fish Barrier project to be undertaken and would continue the status quo of having an assumed fish barrier 9.0 km (5.6 mi) upstream from the park boundary; and 2) Alternative B, the Proposed Action, which would allow for the construction of a fish barrier on Snake Creek near the park boundary.

Copies of the EA are available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/fishbarrier>. You may also request a CD copy through the park's Planning Office by calling 775-234-7540. Hard copies are available for review at the Lehman Caves Visitor Center, the White Pine County Library, and EskDale Center.

Comments may be submitted through the park planning website or by mailing them to Attn: Planning, 100 Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV, 89311. Please submit comments no later than April 20, 2013.

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