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Venue Change for Lake Havasu City Meeting

Havasu NWR Draft Boating Recreation Compatibility Determination

Lake Havasu City, Arizona – To meet the request of the Mayor of Lake Havasu City, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a change in venues for the public meeting taking place in Lake Havasu City on May 2, 2016. The public meetings offer additional opportunities for members of the public to provide comments on the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge's recently released draft recreational boating compatibility determination (CD). The new location is listed below:

May 2, 2016 from 6pm to 8pm

Relics and Rods Hall
Lake Havasu City Community/Aquatics Center
100 Park Avenue
Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403

Additional meetings to be held on May 3 at the following location and times:

May 3, 2016 from 1pm to 3pm

Avi Resort and Casino
10000 Aha Macav Parkway
Laughlin, Nevada 89029

May 3, 2016 from 6pm to 8pm

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The draft boating recreation CD contains several proposed changes including restricting speeds to 30hp and no-wake within the 4,000-acre Topock marsh. Additional proposed changes include adding a two-mile (estimated to be about 520 acres) extension to the 17-mile existing regulations. These existing regulations include prohibiting personal watercraft in all backwaters; limiting watercraft speed in all backwaters as designated by signs and buoys and restricting water-skiing, tubing, wake boarding, or other recreational towed devices

- No new restrictions (including no-wake) are proposed for the 17-miles from the south regulatory buoy line to the north regulatory buoy line at Interstate 40.
- No new restrictions are proposed on the California side of the River in the area of the southern two-mile expansion.
- No new areas are proposed to be closed or cut off to through passage.

A complete copy of the draft boating recreation CD and other information can be found at:
www.fws.gov/refuge/havasu

A public comment period on the draft boating recreation CD was opened on April 12, 2016 for 30 days. To ensure comments are captured accurately, written comments are encouraged.

Please send written comments to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Havasu National Wildlife Refuge
Attn: **Draft Recreational Boating CD**
317 Mesquite Avenue
Needles, CA 92363

Written comments may also be emailed to: Havasu_Boating_Comments@fws.gov

All comments will be considered public records. Anonymous comments will not be considered. The Service will take all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. However, individual respondents may request that their names and addresses are withheld from the public record. The Service will honor such requests to the extent allowed by law. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address, you must state that request prominently at the beginning of your comment. Please note that due to public disclosure requirements, the Service, if requested, may have to make the names and addresses of those who submit written comments public.

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