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## GLEN CANYON – NEWS RELEASE

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### GRAFFITI REMOVAL AND INTERVENTION TEAM (GRIT) COMPLETES 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR ON LAKE POWELL

PAGE, AZ The Graffiti Removal and Intervention Team (GRIT) program, initiated in 2003 to utilize volunteers to remove non-historic graffiti from the sandstone walls of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, will complete its second successful season this September.



*GRIT Volunteers at Work*

The GRIT program booked 11 trips this season starting with the first trip on June 8, 2004. Departure locations for the trips included seven from the downlake area of Lake Powell at Wahweap and 4 from the uplake area at Bullfrog. All of the canyons in and around Padre Bay have been scouted for graffiti. Areas found with graffiti are being mapped with a GPS. Graffiti has been found lakewide with a large mound found in Padre Bay about ¾ miles from the lake.

As of July 27, 2004, 27 volunteers had worked 780 hours and removed a total of 9,740 square feet of graffiti from the downlake area and parts of the Escalante Arm of Lake Powell. Additional areas have been cleaned uplake. During this time, volunteers also contacted over 100 visitors handing out information on the program and educating them about the graffiti problem within Glen Canyon.

The houseboat used for this activity was donated to the National Park Service last year by two families who were long-time boaters and Lake Powell enthusiasts. In honor of the donors, who were John Wayne fans, the boat was christened “True GRIT.” On your next trip to Lake Powell, look for the houseboat on the lake. Additional partners in this effort are the park concessioners Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas and Antelope Point Holdings.

For information on how to be a GRIT volunteer, please contact Lisa Dittman at 928-608-6350 or visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/glca](http://www.nps.gov/glca) for volunteer opportunities.

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