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Glen Canyon News Release

REVISED National Fossil Day Events at Glen Canyon NRA October 9

Page, AZ –Nationally the National Park Service and the American Geological Institute are partnering to host the first National Fossil Day on October 13, 2010 during Earth Science Week. Locally, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area will celebrate National Fossil Day with public programs on October 9, 2010. National Fossil Day is a celebration organized to promote public awareness and stewardship of fossils, as well as to foster a greater appreciation of their scientific and educational value.

The special tour to Vermillion Cliffs National Monument (BLM) on Saturday, October 9 has been cancelled.

Visitors are invited to join rangers at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center on Saturday, October 9 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. There will several hands-on kid and adult dinosaur and fossil activities that will help you learn more about fossils. You will be able to make your own fossil, attend a short talk with a “paleoranger” and earn a Jr. Paleontologist badge, even become a track detective and figure out who made which track and who ate who. The park paleontologist will also present short programs. A new display of local fossils including a plesiosaur jaw, dinosaur tracks and ice-age mammal remains will also be unveiled.

Fossils preserved in the rocks of Glen Canyon NRA are evidence of the life and changes that occurred during the Mesozoic Era. The National Park Service preserves and protects these resources for future generations. Dinosaur tracks can be viewed at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center and the Wahweap District Ranger Office.

Please call 928-628-6404 or visit www.nps.gov/glca for more information about Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. For additional information on the fossils at Glen Canyon NRA, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/glca/naturescience/mesozoicfossils.htm>.

For information on the Junior Paleontologist Program and additional educational resources related to National Fossil Day, please visit <http://nature.nps.gov/geology/nationalfossilday/>.

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