

1962: Navajo Times, “Glen Canyon Area-Lake Powell Will Be One Of Nation's Tops for Tourists”

The Navajo Times is a newspaper based in Window Rock, AZ. Larry Cooper was the Assistant Director of Resources for the Navajo Tribe in 1962.

“The Navajo Tribe has tourist and recreational possibilities of five to twelve million tourist days per year when the Glen Canyon Dam is completed and the rising waters create Lake Powell, according to Larry Cooper. He said, ‘By 1966, the annual tourist traffic to Lake Powell is likely to be at 50 million tourist days. The Tribe can expect to get from 10 to 20 percent of these tourists on the reservation’s portion of the shoreline. It is important that the Tribe start planning now to take full advantage of this opportunity.’

“Many historic points and much of the present beauty of the canyon will be covered by water when Lake Powell is filled. Offsetting this unquestionable loss will be the creation of the most scenic lake in the country, giving easy water access to many previously-unexplored canyons and to the granddaddy of all the natural arches, ‘Rainbow Bridge.’ There will be the loss of a river and canyon, but the creation of a lovely lake 186 miles long with 1,800 miles of shoreline. It will have such spectacular settings that Lake Powell is expected to become the nation’s most scenic recreational playground.”

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