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Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr., Jerry Moyes, NPS celebrate grand opening of Antelope Point Marina

LeCHEE, Ariz. – After more than 30 years and enduring numerous setbacks along the way, the \$80 million Antelope Point Marina celebrated its official Grand Opening last week to great acclaim and exceeded expectations.

On hand to cut the ribbon with a huge pair of scissors on Thursday was Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., Navajo Nation First Lady Vikki Shirley, developer Jerry Moyes, and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Superintendent Kitty Roberts.

“This has been a dream,” President Shirley said. “The dream started way back, as I remember, even when I was young. Growing up I heard about it. It’s finally come to fruition. But this is only one of our successes because I understand there are other plans.”

The President expressed his appreciation to Mr. Moyes, CEO of Swift Transportation, whose Antelope Point Holdings, LLC, has invested more than \$34 million in the marina project so far. He also thanked past and current Navajo Nation leaders for the vision to bring the marina into being.

“It takes coming together to be successful,” President Shirley said. “There are people coming from across the big waters wanting to see Navajoland, wanting to see this part of the land of the United States.”

The marina is designed to complement the environment, honor the heritage of the Navajo Nation, serve the luxury houseboat market and provide public access to Lake Powell. The marina village features a full-service restaurant, a 5,000-foot retail store, courtesy boat slips, and an ice cream and coffee bar called “Grandma Betty’s” after Mr. Moyes’ mother. Its store and restaurant face east, and a skylight in the entryway was designed to represent the hole in the roof of a hogan.



Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr., cuts the ribbon to commemorate the official Grand Opening of the Antelope Point Marina with Antelope Point Holdings’ Jerry Moyes and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Superintendent Kitty Roberts on Thursday, June 7.

The marina is drought-proof because it floats on the water and does not need to be manipulated as the lake level rises and falls. Antelope Point is located on the main channel of Lake Powell, with water depth of more than 400 feet.

President Shirley said he wishes the marina and its investors great success because that will mean success to the Navajo Nation and its people, too.



Antelope Point Marina's floating store and restaurant

"Today marks a very special day because it signifies and ordains one of our successes in this life in this part of the country here at Page, Arizona, at Antelope Point Marina," he said. "When we are successful, we all benefit. We all complement each other that way."

Success is all but guaranteed, with the long-awaited Antelope Point Marina filling a need by easing overcrowding at the Wahweap Marina and State Line Launch Ramp on the western side of Lake Powell across the Glen Canyon Dam Bridge from Page.

Mr. Moyes said he was pleased that 140 of the 225 marina employees are Navajos. He used the occasion of the Grand Opening to announce a scholarship program for employees in conjunction with Coconino County Community College.

"We're trying to make it a good job for Navajo employees," he said.

Glen Canyon NRA Superintendent Kitty Roberts complimented the 27,000 square-foot floating marina village and restaurant, saying its designers succeeded in the vision of having it blend in with the background of red sandstone rock all around it.

She said that the air conditioning, refrigeration system and ice cream machine uses the cold water from 75 feet

down in Lake Powell for cooling, and that all the rental boats use the cleanest and quietest engines available.

"The Navajo Nation should be very proud of the achievements here," she said. "We are all made stronger when we join together to make something good, and I think Antelope Point reflects this."

The most elegant aspect of the marina is *Ja'di'tooh*, or Antelope River, Lake Powell's only on-the-water restaurant.

It features cuisine specialties from sandwiches and overstuffed wraps, Navajo tacos, crisp salads, and an impressive selection of wood fired pizzas.

Rachel Tsosie and Shalynn Tsosie, juniors at Page High School, have summer jobs working at Grandma Betty's at the Antelope Point Marina. They say it's fun.



Executive Chef Josh is a graduate of the Art Institute of Colorado and a hands-on student of Executive Chef Ryan Hoth of la Apogee at Steamboat Springs, Colo. There is seating for 225.

Because of the current water level of Lake Powell, all boaters have to travel through the channel past the marina to go up-lake. That means that if they dock or launch at Antelope Point, they will save themselves 24 miles of travel from the public launch at Wahweap.

Among the services for people who dock their boats at the marina are the free, 24-hour golf-cart shuttle service,



President Shirley and First Lady Vikki Shirley greet Jerry Moyes, the developer of the Antelope Point Marina, on Grand Opening Day last Thursday.

12-foot-wide walkways and 24-foot-wide "well" (water between fingers), dual 50-amp power supply service available, free wireless, high speed internet service, 24-hour security, private parking, covered fuel dock, boat-towing assistance for disabled water-craft, chase-boat services for on-the-water repair service and valet launch service.

The new marina broke ground in May 2003. The first phase of a four-phase construction plan opened May 2004.

The Marina Village platform weighs five million pounds, used 33,333 cubic feet of concrete, and 247,000 pounds of reinforcing steel.

Serving delicious samples of vegetable dishes and beef tenderloin called "sliders" at Ja'di'tooh, or Antelope River, the elegant and only on-the-water restaurant at Lake Powell, is Missy Fowler, Dave Witty and Jack Kirby.



Some 122,000 cubic feet of Styrofoam is used to keep the structure afloat.

According to marina designers, K/G Architects of Scottsdale, and International Marine Floatation Systems of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, the complex forms the largest, floating platform of its type in the world.

It has slips for rentable luxury houseboats, 90 slips of varying sizes for private boat rentals, a covered fuel dock with marina pump-out services, full utility hook-ups at all docks and free wireless high-speed Internet connections. When completed, the marina will accommodate 300 fully equipped slips, the largest which will be 26' x 75.'

The luxury rental houseboats, custom-designed and built by Forever Houseboats, are available along with rentable small boats, kayaks, water toys and personal watercraft.

Among Navajo Nation officials attending were Economic Development Committee Chairman Lawrence Platero, Acting Tourism Director Thomas Boyd and his staff, and Coconino County Supervisor Louise Yellowman.

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