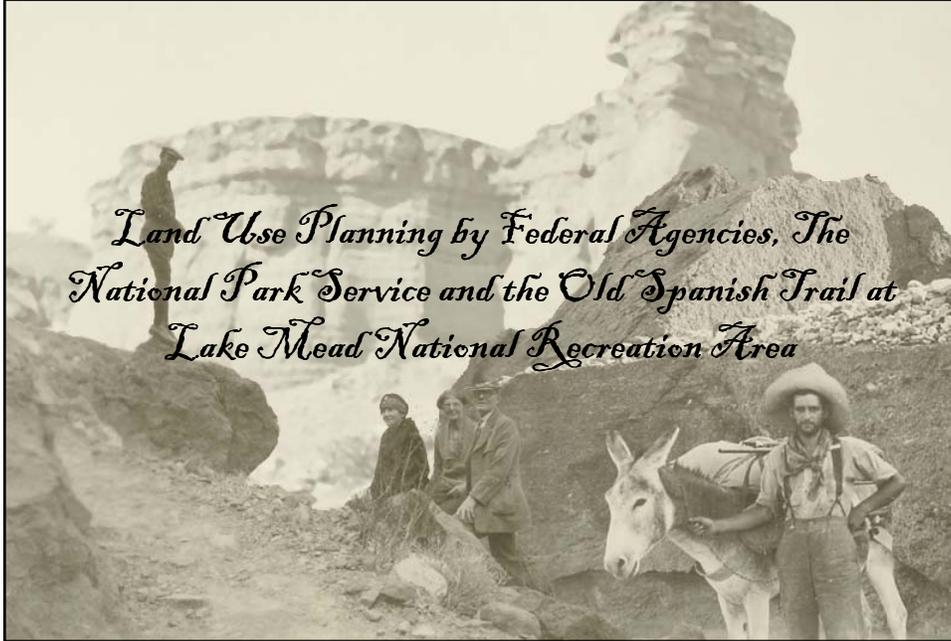
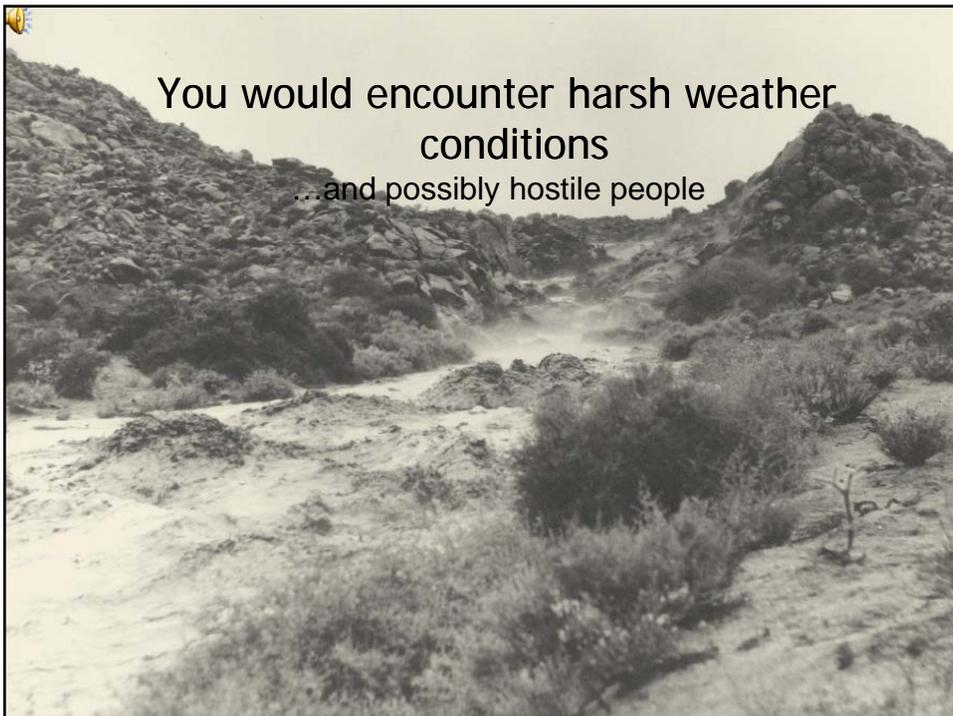


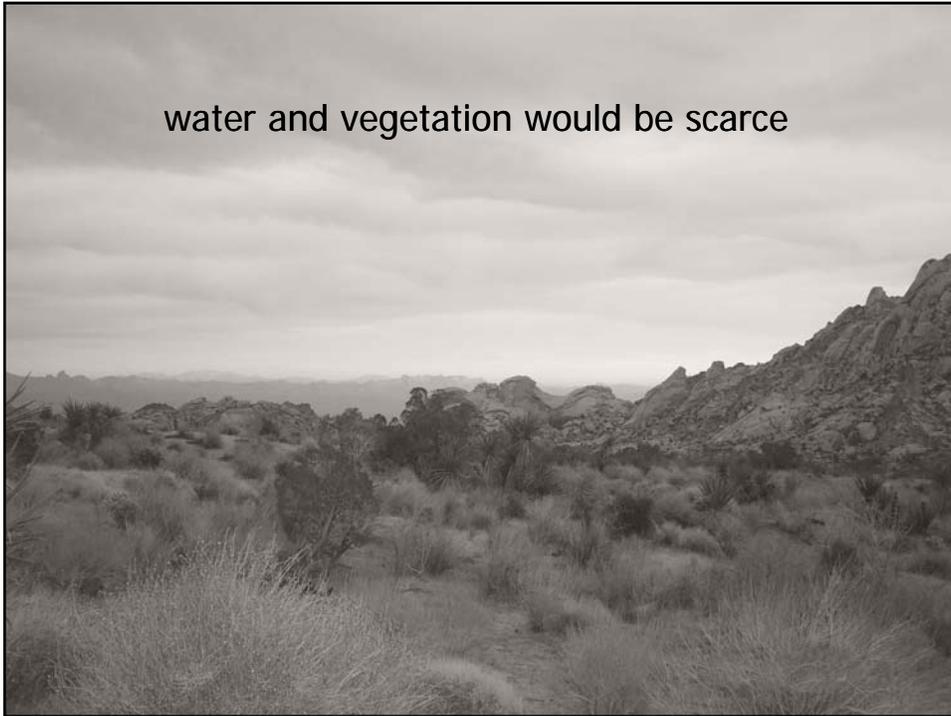


*Land Use Planning by Federal Agencies, The
National Park Service and the Old Spanish Trail at
Lake Mead National Recreation Area*





water and vegetation would be scarce



Today Traveling, Preserving, and Interpreting the
Old Spanish Trail Faces New Challenges



The Old Spanish Trail is not a single trail, but a corridor of trails from Santa Fe to Los Angeles



In 2002 it was designated a National Historic Trail



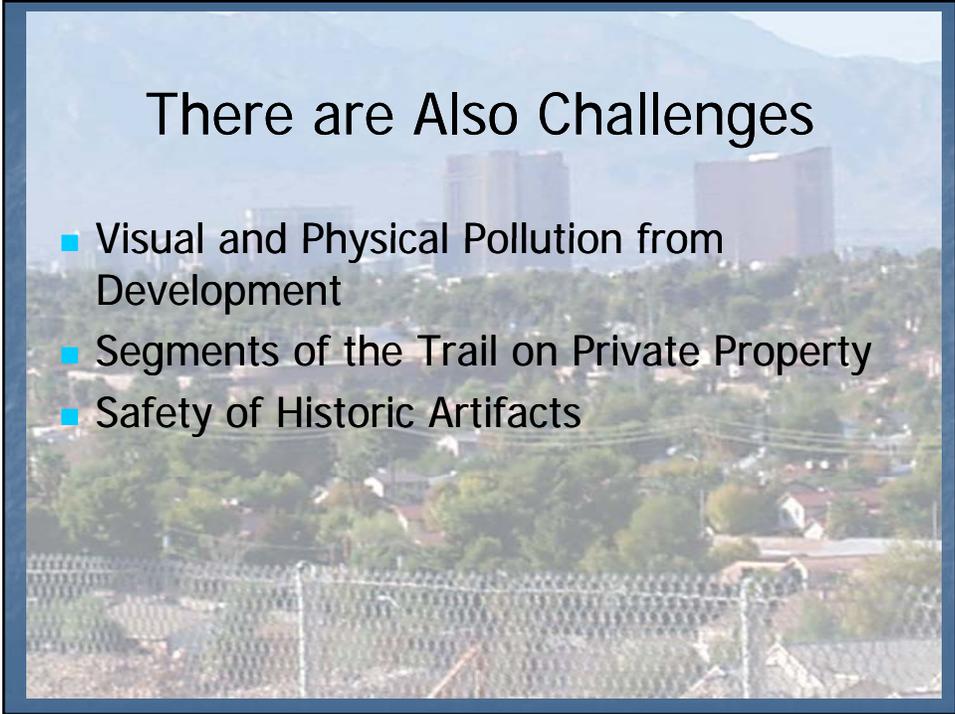
The Management Plan Being Developed with the Trails Office Recognizes There are Certain High Potential Segments of the Trail for Recreation and Interpretation



These Include

- Hiking Areas
- Driving Areas
- Visually Appealing Areas
- Historic Artifact Areas





There are Also Challenges

- Visual and Physical Pollution from Development
- Segments of the Trail on Private Property
- Safety of Historic Artifacts

The Park has a General Management Plan that must be Updated to include the Trail

- Lake Mead's General Management was completed in 1986
- There is no date set at the present time to update the General Management Plan

The Trail also should be
incorporated into the Park's
Comprehensive Interpretive Plan

Let's Look at some Challenges and Issues

Interpretive Challenges Include

- Thematic Interpretation
- Politically Correct Interpretation
- Lack of Control

Overton, Lake Mead NRA The Trail Underwater



Callville Bay



Las Vegas Wash where the Trail
has been changed into a wetland



Lake Las Vegas and the Wash



Isolated Areas



View from Whitney Mesa Henderson and Urban Development



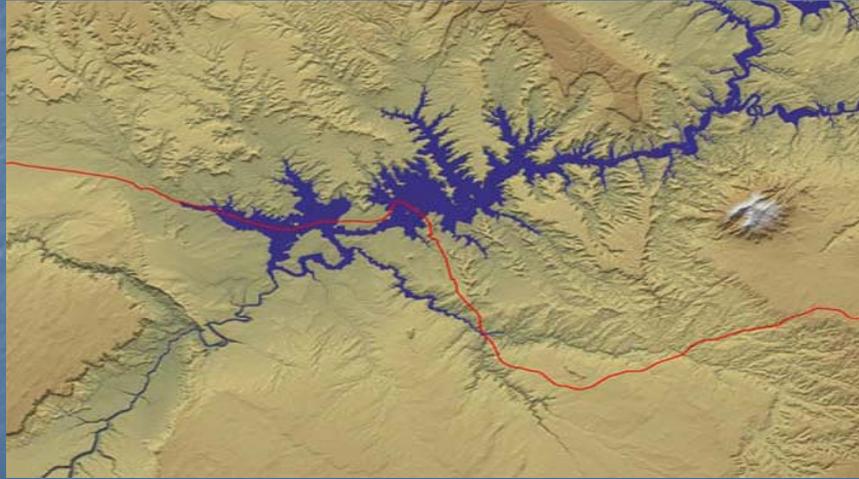
There are differing views on the routes followed



Early Peoples Used the Trail, and these areas require protection



Crossing of the Fathers, Glen Canyon NRA



Crossing of the Fathers Inscription



There were the mountain men





Government agencies, special interest groups, and local communities are all taking an interest in the trail.

A landscape photograph showing a desert canyon with a large reservoir in the foreground. In the background, there are rugged, brown mountains. In the middle ground, there are several ancient stone structures, possibly ruins of a civilization, situated on a rocky outcrop overlooking the water.

The Park and Partners should work together to Preserve and Interpret the Trail



National Park Service Website

Old Spanish

National Historic Trail
Arizona, California, Colorado,
Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah



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- QUICKLINKS: [Directions](#) [Operating Hours & Seasons](#) [Fees & Reservations](#) [Challenge Cost](#) [Share Passport Program](#) [America the Beautiful Passes](#) [Centennial Initiative 2016](#)
- ¡Hola! Bienvenidos al Old Spanish National Historic Trail Take a journey across the Southwest on the Old Spanish National Historic Trail between Santa Fe and Los Angeles for history, culture, and scenic beauty.

The Park has a Passport Stamp for the Old Spanish Trail



Literature on the Old Spanish Trail is sold in the Park Visitor Center



A wayside exhibit has been placed just outside the park boundary



A new wayside exhibit is being developed for use inside the park

- Wayside: "The park's North Shore Road parallels a portion of the Old Spanish Trail used by Mexicans and Americans traveling between Santa Fe and Los Angeles. In the early 1800's Mexican trader Antonio Armijo linked together indigenous foot paths, early exploration routes, and animal trails when his 60 member caravan made the first successful roundtrip in 1829-30. The route was used primarily by merchants transport Mexican woolen goods to California to trade for horses and mules. After the United States took control of the Southwest in 1848, the trail's use declined sharply as other routes were developed.

Other Ideas for Interpretation are being explored

- Smart buoys for the underwater portions
- Pod casts, video, and other electronic media formats
- Outreach programs
- Additional Literature
- The Old Spanish Trail Suite
- Cooperative ventures with partners

The future of the Old Spanish
Trail looks bright as we
face the Future Together.

