

# BARTLETT RESERVOIR TEST QUARRY

## VERDE RESERVOIRS SEDIMENT MITIGATION PROJECT (VRSMP)

- A coalition of 23 non-federal organizations made up of municipal, tribal and agricultural entities is partnering with the Bureau of Reclamation to evaluate options that would improve management of water supplies provided by the Verde River.
- The Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Project (VRSMP) will evaluate potential solutions including the expansion of Bartlett Dam to help improve the sustainability and resiliency of central Arizona's water supplies.
- For further information about this project, please visit [www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/programs/VRSMP.html](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/programs/VRSMP.html) or contact [vrsmp@usbr.gov](mailto:vrsmp@usbr.gov).

## TEST QUARRY DETAILS

- A test quarry study will be conducted near Bartlett Dam as part of the VRSMP that involves removing rock from a focused area.
- The purpose of the test quarry study is to evaluate the feasibility of the on-site rock to be used as construction material. This study will be managed by Kiewit construction company.
- The study will include targeted detonations at the test quarry on the south shore of Bartlett Reservoir near the dam. The rocks will be loaded onto a barge and transported to the Jojoba Boat Ramp, where they will be offloaded and taken off-site for further study.

## TEST QUARRY IMPACTS

- During the test quarry, the following areas will be impacted:
  - Jojoba Boat Ramp
  - Jojoba Boat Ramp Parking Area
  - Service Road 393
- Boat access to Bartlett Reservoir during Jojoba Boat Ramp closures will be available at the Yellow Cliffs Day Use and Motorized Boat Launch site.
- For additional information on Forest Service and Boat Ramp closures, visit the Tonto National Forest closure webpage at [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notice](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notice).
- The project will **not** interfere with water delivery to the more than 2.5 million Valley residents who receive water from SRP. Additionally, it will not interfere with the majority of recreational activities at Bartlett Dam.

## TEST QUARRY TIMELINE

- The project started in late August 2024 and is expected to end in late January 2025.
- A weeklong full closure of the Jojoba Boat Ramp will occur at the beginning and end of the project and will be communicated on the Tonto National Forest closure webpage.
- The Jojoba Boat Ramp will be closed for up to several hours at a time between Oct. 14, 2024, and Jan. 13, 2025.
- A portion of the Jojoba Boat Ramp Parking Area will be closed from Sept. 27, 2024, to late January 2025.
- Closure of Service Road 393 is scheduled to occur between Oct. 15, 2024, and Jan. 9, 2025.