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# **Appendix I**

## **Public Outreach, Coordination and Consultation Efforts**

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This appendix provides documentation of the public outreach, coordination, and consultation efforts undertaken by Reclamation with regard to the preparation of this Draft EIS and the proposed federal action. Reclamation discussed the development of the proposed federal action with various agencies and organizations at (1) agency/organization regular meetings, (2) public conferences and events sponsored by the agency/organizations, and (3) meetings sponsored by Reclamation. The entities included the Basin States' water resource departments, water agencies within these states, contractors and associations for federal hydropower, and non-governmental organizations. Reclamation also consulted with Indian tribes and Mexico. The coordination activities with each agency, entity or group are summarized in Chapter 6.

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## 1 I.1 Public Outreach, Coordination and Consultation Efforts

Table I-1  
Consultation and Coordination Regarding the EIS

Agency or Organization Invited to or Requesting Meetings	Meeting Dates
<b>Federal Agencies</b>	
National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration	Various planning meetings
Bureau of Indian Affairs – Cooperating Agency	Various plan formulation and evaluation meetings
Fish and Wildlife Service– Cooperating Agency	Various plan formulation and evaluation meetings
National Park Service - Cooperating Agency	Various plan formulation and evaluation meetings
U.S. Department of State	Various planning meetings
U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission – Cooperating Agency	Various plan formulation and evaluation meetings;
Western Area Power Administration– Cooperating Agency	Various plan formulation and evaluation meetings
<b>State And Local Water And Power Agencies</b>	
Arizona Department of Water Resources	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 6/16/06, 8/22/06, 10/31/06
California Department of Water Resources	3/27/06, 4/13/06
Coachella Valley Water District	3/27/06, 4/13/06
Colorado Department of Natural Resources	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 6/16/06, 8/22/06, 10/31/06
Colorado River Board of California	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 6/16/06, 8/22/06, 10/31/06
Colorado River Commission of Nevada	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 6/16/06, 8/22/06, 10/31/06
Colorado River Energy Distributors Association	4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 6/16/06, 10/31/06
Colorado Water Conservation Board	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 8/22/06
Imperial Irrigation District	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 6/16/06
Las Vegas Valley Water District	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 6/16/06, 8/22/06, 10/31/06
Metropolitan Water District, California	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 4/18/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 6/16/06, 8/22/06, 10/31/06
Nevada Department of Justice	6/16/06
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 8/22/06
Office of the State Engineer, Wyoming	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 8/22/06, 10/31/06
Palo Verde Irrigation District	3/27/06, 4/13/06
San Diego County Water Authority	3/27/06, 4/13/06
Southern Nevada Water Authority	4/13/06, 6/16/06
Upper Colorado River Commission	3/27/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/16/06
Utah Attorney General's Office	4/13/06
Utah Division of Water Resources	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 6/16/06, 8/22/06
Wyoming Water Association	6/7/06
<b>Non-Governmental Environmental Organizations</b>	
Defenders of Wildlife	5/8/06, 4/28/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06
Environmental Defense	5/8/06, 4/28/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06

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Consultation and Coordination Regarding the EIS**

Agency or Organization Invited to or Requesting Meetings	Meeting Dates
Living Rivers	5/8/06, 4/28/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06
National Wildlife Federation	5/8/06, 4/28/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06
Nature Conservancy in Arizona	5/8/06, 4/28/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/18/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06
Pacific Institute	5/8/06, 4/28/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06
Sierra Club	5/8/06, 4/28/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06
Sonoran Institute	11/19/06
Utah Water & Sierra Club Southwest Water Committee	10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06
<b>United Mexican States Agencies</b>	
National Water Commission	2/8/06, 6/23/06, 9/25-29/06
International Boundary and Water Commission, Mexican Section	2/8/06, 6/23/06, 9/25-29/06
Secretariat of Foreign Relations	2/8/06, 6/23/06

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**Table I-2  
Conferences and Events Regarding the Draft EIS**

Date	Event Name	Organizer	Purpose
March 25-26, 2006	Guides Training Seminar (GTS)	Grand Canyon River Guides (GCRG)	To give a presentation on Glen Canyon Dam operations and Colorado River Basin hydrology
May 3-5, 2006	APWA Spring Conference	Michele Ruemler	Provide a forum for the development and exchange of ideas, information and technology which enhances the delivery of public services
May 24-25, 2006	Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group Meeting	Linda Whetton	To inform, discuss and take possible action
June 20-21, 2006	Arizona Water Conference	CLE	Colorado River Issues
July 4-7, 2006	India Workshop	Balaji Rajagopalan	To share research experiences and expertise in laying a foundation for a sustained collaboration with India on a topic of water resources management
March 2005	RiverWare User Group Meeting		
June 2005	NRLC Conference		
July 22, 2005	Arizona Colorado River Shortage Sharing Stakeholder Workshop	Arizona Department of Water Resources	To discuss Shortage Implementation in Arizona, to develop recommendations to the Director regarding Colorado River Shortage implementation criteria
October 2005	Colorado River Symposium		
October 2005	CLE		
October 31, 2005	NRC		
January 23, 2006	Water Expo 2006	Pamela Justice	To address the issue of conservation with an emphasis on Colorado River shortage sharing
March 1, 2006	Water Education Foundation Tour		Highlight key points: 1922 Colorado River Compact, US water deliveries to Mexico, Reclamation's water quantity and quality requirements, shortage criteria negotiations, Quantification Settlement Agreement

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Conferences and Events Regarding the Draft EIS

Date	Event Name	Organizer	Purpose
March 20, 2006	Imperial Briefing		
April 5, 2006	Colorado River Fish and Wildlife Council Annual Meeting	Rod Stone	Present a brief plot on Lake Mead elevation, lower basin status on snowpack, shortage project, Management Strategies EIS, Lower Colorado operations and conditions
April 6, 2006	Federal Interagency Hydrologic Modeling Conference	The JFIC Committee	
April 7, 2006	Southwestern Water Conservation District 24th Annual Water Seminar		
May 3-5, 2006	2006 Arizona Water and Pollution Control Association Annual Conference	AWPCA	Present the state of the Colorado River System
June 16, 2006	2007 AOP Consult Meeting		Present draft project alternatives
June 26, 2006	IID Board Meeting	IID	Water Department Workshop
July 3-4, 2006	Environmentally Sustainable Water Resources Management Methodologies	Institute of Science and Technology Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University	Talk about river basin management, reservoir operations and stakeholder participation in water management
August 10, 2006	Counsel of State Governments West Colorado River Basin Forum Keynote		
September 12, 2006	East Valley Water Forum Quarterly Meeting	East Valley Water Forum	Update on the Colorado River, the management plan, and the drought planning efforts
September 18, 2006	Imperial Dam Advisory Board Meeting	Imperial Dam Advisory Board	Board Meeting
December 5-7, 2006	Tribal Lands Climate Conference	the Cocopah Indian Tribe & the National Wildlife Federation	To collect first-hand, on-the-ground accounts about the natural resources that have sustained changes due to carbon emissions and climate change related events

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## 1 I.2 December 23, 2005 Letter to CAP Tribes



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## United States Department of the Interior

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**DEC 23 2005**



Honorable Raphael Bear  
President, Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation  
P.O. Box 17779  
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

Subject: Request to Initiate Consultation on the Development of Lower Colorado River Basin  
(Lower Basin) Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies

Dear President Bear:

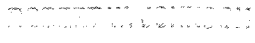
The Secretary of the Department of the Interior has recently directed the Bureau of Reclamation to develop Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions. Reclamation, in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations, has begun to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the proposed guidelines and strategies. A notice was published in the Federal Register on September 30, 2005, that announced the start of the scoping process and the intent to prepare an EIS (70 Federal Register 57322).

On behalf of the Department, we would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation, in concert with the initiation of our NEPA process for this proposed action, to identify and consider potential impacts to any tribal trust resources as a result of the proposed action.

Mr. Rick Gold, Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region, and I respectfully request an opportunity to consult with you on these planned actions and discuss your interest and involvement in the NEPA process for this proposed action. To that end, we have arranged a meeting at Two Arizona Center, 400 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room A & B in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 27, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Our staff will call your office during the next few weeks regarding this request. You may call Ms. Nan Yoder at 702-293-8495 or contact her by email at [nyoder@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:nyoder@lc.usbr.gov) to discuss the consultation process or to confirm your availability for the meeting.

Sincerely,

  
Robert W. Johnson  
Regional Director

Identical Letter Sent To:

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Honorable Robert Valencia  
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Tucson, AZ 85746

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President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
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Honorable Kathleen Wesley-Kitcheyan  
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Chairwoman, Tohono O'odham Nation  
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Sells, AZ 85634-0837

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Honorable Charles Wood  
Chairman, Chemehuevi Indian Tribe  
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Havasu Lake, CA 92363-1976

Subject: Request to Initiate Consultation on the Development of Lower Colorado River Basin  
(Lower Basin) Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies

Dear Chairman:

The Secretary of the Department of the Interior has recently directed the Bureau of Reclamation to develop Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions. Reclamation, in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations, has begun to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the proposed guidelines and strategies. A notice was published in the Federal Register on September 30, 2005, that announced the start of the scoping process and the intent to prepare an EIS (70 Federal Register 57322).

On behalf of the Department, we would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, in concert with the initiation of our NEPA process for this proposed action, to identify and consider potential impacts to any tribal trust resources as a result of the proposed action.

Mr. Rick Gold, Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region, and I respectfully request an opportunity to consult with you on these planned actions and discuss your interest and involvement in the NEPA process for this proposed action. To that end, we have arranged a meeting at McCarran Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada, Rooms 4 and 5, on January 19, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Our staff will call your office during the next few weeks regarding this request. You may call Ms. Nan Yoder at 702-293-8495 or contact her by email at [nyoder@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:nyoder@lc.usbr.gov) to discuss the consultation process or to confirm your availability for the meeting.

Sincerely,

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Regional Director

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1 **I.4 March 16, 2006 Letter to CAP Tribes**



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CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Honorable Delia Carlyle  
Chairwoman, Ak-Chin Indian Community  
42507 West Peters and Nall Road  
Maricopa, AZ 85239-3940

Subject: Proposed Shortage Guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and  
Coordinated Strategies for the Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, Government-  
to-Government Consultation

Dear Chairwoman:

As you are aware, the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation are proposing to develop shortage guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and coordinated strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead. A copy of the September 30, 2005 Federal Register notice initiating this process is enclosed. As part of this effort, Reclamation has already begun to engage your tribe in government-to-government consultations because of your participation in the Central Arizona Project water rights settlement.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Executive Order 13007, regarding sacred sites, Reclamation is further seeking your assistance in identifying and evaluating historic properties, especially those of traditional religious or cultural importance, and what potential effects, if any, this proposed action might have on these properties.

A representative from Reclamation will be calling your office within two weeks to facilitate a government-to-government consultation regarding properties under NHPA and sacred site guidelines, or you may call Mr. John Jamrog, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region at 702-293-8675.

Sincerely,

William J. Liebhauser, Acting Director  
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Enclosure

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**Washington County**

Prairie Grove Battlefield (Boundary Increase II), N of US 62, E of Prairie Grove, Prairie Grove, 05001167

**COLORADO****Montrose County**

North Rim Road, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Crawford, 05001181

**GEORGIA****Bartow County**

ATCO—Goodyear Mill and Mill Village Historic District, Roughly bounded by Sugar Valley Rd., Cassville rd. and Pettit Creek, Wingfoot Trail and Litchfield St., Cartersville, 05001172

**MAINE****Androscoggin County**

Keystone Mineral Springs, Keystone Rd., Poland, 05001175

**Cumberland County**

Battery Steele, Florida Ave., Peaks Island, Portland, 05001176

Lakeside Grange #63, Main St., jct. of Main St. and Lincoln St., Harrison, 05001173

**Hancock County**

Garland Farm, 1029 ME 3, Bar Harbor, 05001174

**MINNESOTA****Cook County**

Grand Portage National Monument, Off US 61 within the area of the Grand Portage Indian Reservation, Grand Portage, 05001180

**MISSOURI****Madison County**

St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Depot, Allen St., 150 ft. N. of jct. of Allen and Kelly Sts., Fredericktown, 05001178

**MONTANA****Park County**

Hepburn, John, Place, 626 E. River Rd., Emigrant, 05001177

**New Mexico****Santa Fe County**

Kelly, Daniel T., House, (Buildings Designed by John Gaw Meem MPS) 531 E. Palace Ave., Santa Fe, 05001182

**OREGON****Multnomah County**

Harrison Court Apartments, 1834 SW. 5th Ave., Portland, 05001179

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Reclamation**

**Colorado River Reservoir Operations: Development of Lower Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice to solicit comments and hold public scoping meetings on the development of Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to conduct public scoping meetings and prepare an EIS for the development of Lower Colorado River Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has directed Reclamation to develop additional Colorado River management strategies to address operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

The proposed action is to develop these guidelines and strategies. Through the NEPA process initiated by this **Federal Register** notice, Reclamation is considering development of: (1) Specific guidelines that will identify those circumstances under which the Department of the Interior (Department) would reduce annual water deliveries from Lake Mead to the Lower Basin States below the 7.5 million acre-feet

(maf) Lower Basin apportionment and the manner in which those deliveries would be reduced, and (2) coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS have not been developed at this time and will be developed through the NEPA process, including through the upcoming EIS scoping meetings.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Four public meetings will be held to solicit comments on the scope of specific shortage guidelines and other coordinated management strategies and the issues and alternatives that should be analyzed. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the public meetings to be held at the following locations:

- Tuesday, November 1, 2005—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Hilton Salt Lake City Center, Topaz Room, 255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

- Wednesday, November 2, 2005—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Adam's Mark Hotel, Tower Court D, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado.

- Thursday, November 3, 2005—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Arizona Department of Water Resources, Third Floor, Conference Rooms A&B, 500 North Third Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

- Tuesday, November 8, 2005—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Henderson Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, 200 South Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

Written comments on the proposed development of these strategies may be sent by close of business on *Wednesday, November 30, 2005*, to: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, Attention: BCOO-1000, PO Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470, faxogram at (702) 293-8156, or e-mail at [strategies@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:strategies@lc.usbr.gov); and/or Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Attention: UC-402, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84318-1147, faxogram at (801) 524-3858, or e-mail at [strategies@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:strategies@uc.usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Dated: September 22, 2005.

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CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Charles Wood  
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Subject: Proposed Shortage Guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and  
Coordinated Strategies for the Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, Government-  
to-Government Consultations

Dear Chairman:

As you are aware, the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation are proposing to develop shortage guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and coordinated strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead. A copy of the September 30, 2005 Federal Register notice initiating this process is enclosed. As part of this effort, Reclamation has already begun to engage in government-to-government consultations with the Ten Tribes Partnership, of which your tribe is a member.

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Sincerely,

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**Washington County**

Prairie Grove Battlefield (Boundary Increase II), N of US 62, E of Prairie Grove, Prairie Grove, 05001167

**COLORADO****Montrose County**

North Rim Road, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Crawford, 05001181

**GEORGIA****Bartow County**

ATCO—Goodyear Mill and Mill Village Historic District, Roughly bounded by Sugar Valley Rd., Cassville rd. and Pettit Creek, Wingfoot Trail and Litchfield St., Cartersville, 05001172

**MAINE****Androscoggin County**

Keystone Mineral Springs, Keystone Rd., Poland, 05001175

**Cumberland County**

Battery Steele, Florida Ave., Peaks Island, Portland, 05001176

Lakeside Grange #63, Main St., jct. of Main St. and Lincoln St., Harrison, 05001173

**Hancock County**

Carland Farm, 1029 ME 3, Bar Harbor, 05001174

**MINNESOTA****Cook County**

Grand Portage National Monument, Off US 61 within the area of the Grand Portage Indian Reservation, Grand Portage, 05001180

**MISSOURI****Madison County**

St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Depot, Allen St., 150 ft. No of jct. of Allen and Kelly Sts., Fredericktown, 05001178

**MONTANA****Park County**

Hepburn, John, Place, 626 E. River Rd., Emigrant, 05001177

**New Mexico****Santa Fe County**

Kelly, Daniel T., House, (Buildings Designed by John Gaw Meem MPS) 531 E. Palace Ave., Santa Fe, 05001182

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Reclamation**

**Colorado River Reservoir Operations: Development of Lower Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice to solicit comments and hold public scoping meetings on the development of Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to conduct public scoping meetings and prepare an EIS for the development of Lower Colorado River Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has directed Reclamation to develop additional Colorado River management strategies to address operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

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(maf) Lower Basin apportionment and the manner in which those deliveries would be reduced, and (2) coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

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## 1 I.6 March 16, 2006 Letter to Other Tribes



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Sincerely,

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ATCO—Goodyear Mill and Mill Village Historic District, Roughly bounded by Sugar Valley Rd., Cassville rd. and Pettit Creek, Wingfoot Trail and Litchfield St., Cartersville, 05001172

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Keystone Mineral Springs, Keystone Rd., Poland, 05001175

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Garland Farm, 1029 ME 3, Bar Harbor, 05001174

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Grand Portage National Monument, Off US 61 within the area of the Grand Portage Indian Reservation, Grand Portage, 05001180

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**Colorado River Reservoir Operations: Development of Lower Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice to solicit comments and hold public scoping meetings on the development of Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to conduct public scoping meetings and prepare an EIS for the development of Lower Colorado River Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has directed Reclamation to develop additional Colorado River management strategies to address operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

The proposed action is to develop these guidelines and strategies. Through the NEPA process initiated by this **Federal Register** notice, Reclamation is considering development of: (1) Specific guidelines that will identify those circumstances under which the Department of the Interior (Department) would reduce annual water deliveries from Lake Mead to the Lower Basin States below the 7.5 million acre-feet

(maf) Lower Basin apportionment and the manner in which those deliveries would be reduced, and (2) coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS have not been developed at this time and will be developed through the NEPA process, including through the upcoming EIS scoping meetings.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Four public meetings will be held to solicit comments on the scope of specific shortage guidelines and other coordinated management strategies and the issues and alternatives that should be analyzed. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the public meetings to be held at the following locations:

- Tuesday, November 1, 2005—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Hilton Salt Lake City Center, Topaz Room, 255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Wednesday, November 2, 2005—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Adam's Mark Hotel, Tower Court D, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado.
- Thursday, November 3, 2005—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Arizona Department of Water Resources, Third Floor, Conference Rooms A&B, 500 North Third Street, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Tuesday, November 8, 2005—6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Henderson Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, 200 South Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

Written comments on the proposed development of these strategies may be sent by close of business on *Wednesday, November 30, 2005*, to: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, Attention: BCOO-1000, PO Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470, faxogram at (702) 293-8156, or e-mail at [strategies@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:strategies@lc.usbr.gov); and/or Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Attention: UC-402, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84318-1147, faxogram at (801) 524-3858, or e-mail at [strategies@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:strategies@uc.usbr.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In recent years the Colorado River Basin experienced the worst five-year drought

in recorded history. Drought in the Basin has impacted system storage, while demands for Colorado River water supplies have continued to increase. In the future, low reservoir conditions may not be limited to drought periods as additional development of Colorado River water occurs. The Colorado River is of strategic importance in the southwestern United States for water supply, hydropower production, recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and other benefits. In addition, the Republic of Mexico has an allocation to the waters of the Colorado River pursuant to a 1944 treaty with the United States.

In 2001, the Department adopted Interim Surplus Guidelines (66 FR 7772) that are used by the Secretary in making annual determinations regarding "Normal" and "Surplus" conditions for the operation of Lake Mead. Since adoption, these Guidelines have, among other operational and management benefits, allowed the Department and entities in Arizona, California, and Nevada that rely on the Colorado River greater predictability in identifying when Colorado River water in excess of 7.5 maf will be available for use within these three States. In contrast, at this time the Department does not have detailed guidelines in place for annual determinations of releases from Lake Mead of less than 7.5 maf to water users in the three Lower Division States of Arizona, California, and Nevada (often referred to as a "shortage" condition on the lower Colorado River). Therefore, water users who rely on the Colorado River in these States are not currently able to identify particular reservoir conditions under which the Secretary would release less than 7.5 maf for use on an annual basis. Nor are these water users able to identify the amount of any potential future annual reductions in water deliveries.

Over the past year, the seven Colorado River Basin States have been proactively discussing strategies to address the recent period of system-wide drought in the Colorado River Basin. In addition, Reclamation has conducted detailed briefings for stakeholders in the Colorado River Basin and other interested entities regarding future scenarios for Colorado River operations.

Currently, each year, the Secretary establishes an Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for the Colorado River Reservoirs. The AOP describes how Reclamation will manage the reservoirs over a 12-month period, consistent with the Criteria for Coordinated Long-Range Operation of Colorado River Reservoirs Pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968 (Long-Range Operating Criteria), the

Decree entered by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Arizona v. California* litigation, and other provisions of applicable Federal law. Reclamation consults annually with the Colorado River Basin States, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in the development of the AOP. Further, as part of the AOP process, the Secretary makes annual determinations under the Long-Range Operating Criteria regarding the availability of Colorado River water for deliveries to the Lower Division States. To meet the consultation requirements of Federal law, Reclamation also consults with the Colorado River Basin States, Indian tribes, and other interested parties during the five-year periodic reviews of the Long-Range Operating Criteria.

During the mid-year review of the 2005 AOP conducted this past spring, the Department received conflicting recommendations from the Colorado River Basin States regarding operations of Glen Canyon Dam for the remainder of the 2005 water year. In a May 2, 2005, letter to the Governors of the Colorado River Basin States, issued to complete the 2005 AOP mid-year review, the Secretary directed Reclamation to develop additional strategies to improve coordinated management of the reservoirs in the Colorado River system. Pursuant to that direction, Reclamation conducted a public consultation workshop on May 26, 2005, in Henderson, Nevada; issued a Federal Register notice soliciting public comments on June 15, 2005; and conducted public meetings on July 26 and July 28, 2005, in Henderson, Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah, respectively. Reclamation received a broad range of public comments and suggestions from these discussions, not all of which can be addressed in this proposed process. In addition, some suggestions may be part of ongoing or future efforts.

In order to assure the continued productive management and use of the Colorado River into the future, Reclamation is now soliciting public comments on the development of Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions. Reclamation will utilize a public process pursuant to NEPA. By this notice, Reclamation provides notice of its intent to prepare an EIS on this action, and provides notice of its upcoming EIS scoping meetings. Reclamation invites all interested members of the general public, including the seven Colorado River Basin States, Indian tribes, water and

power contractors, environmental organizations, representatives of academic and scientific communities, representatives of the recreation industry, and other organizations and agencies to present oral and written comments concerning the format and scope of specific shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies, and the issues and alternatives to be considered during the development of these proposed guidelines and strategies. Reclamation anticipates publishing a "scoping report" after completion of the public scoping meetings identified in this Federal Register notice.

All comments received will be considered as Reclamation develops formal alternatives under NEPA. Similar to the surplus guidelines referenced above, it is likely that these shortage guidelines will be interim in nature. It is the Department's intent that these guidelines and coordinated management strategies will provide guidance to the Secretary's AOP decisions, and provide more predictability to water users and the public throughout the Colorado River Basin, particularly those in the Lower Division States. The Department does not intend to evaluate the decommissioning of Glen Canyon Dam.

#### Public Disclosure

Written comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be made available for public review. Individual respondents may request that their home address be withheld from public disclosure, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which respondents' identity may also be withheld from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. All submissions from organizations, business, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Dated: September 22, 2005.

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Dear Chairman:

As part of continuing government-to-government consultations for the development of Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated reservoir operations strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, under low reservoir conditions, the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation request to meet with consulting tribes to present the draft alternatives currently being considered for analysis under the planned EIS.

During the meeting we will provide the tribal representatives with an update of progress on the project, a brief discussion of the recently published Scoping Summary Report, and a detailed presentation of the draft alternatives being considered for analysis, including preliminary results of modeling predictions of reservoir conditions as a result of each alternative being considered. A court reporter will be on hand to record the discussions at the meeting, including any input or suggestions you may have regarding the draft alternatives. The Definitions for Draft Alternatives and Elements/Options Matrix, and Draft Alternatives and Elements/Options Considered in Each Alternative, are enclosed for your review leading up to the meeting.

Although several tribal representatives have expressed interest in the potential impacts these alternatives may have on their reserved water rights, contracts, or operations, the analysis of those impacts has not yet been initiated. Therefore we will not be able to fully articulate these impacts with any certainty at this time. Our intention is to inform and engage tribal governments about the assumptions and proposals being considered for analysis at important stages of the EIS process. These impacts will be addressed through the EIS process in the future.

To accommodate the traveling distances of the majority of the consulting tribes, we are recommending a meeting in Phoenix, Arizona on one of the following days: May 22; May 23; or May 30, 2006. Please contact Mr. John Jamrog, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region, by phone at 702-293-8675, or via e-mail at [jjamrog@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:jjamrog@lc.usbr.gov), to

confirm which dates are best for you. A representative from Reclamation will also be calling your office within the week to confirm your availability and participation and to inform you of the exact location of the meeting facility in Phoenix.

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## Definitions for Draft Alternatives and Elements/Options Matrix

*(Working Draft: April 13, 2006 version)*

- **Absolute protection of a specified reservoir elevation**
  - The reservoir release is reduced by the amount needed to keep the reservoir above the specified elevation (i.e., inflow = outflow)
  - Example: Absolute protection of elevation 3490' at Powell would reduce Powell's release below 8.23 MAF as Powell nears elevation 3490' and would result in additional water stored in Powell and less water in Mead
  - Example: Absolute protection of elevation 1000' in Mead would reduce Mead's release as Mead nears elevation 1000' and would result in shortages at whatever magnitude necessary
- **No protection of reservoir elevations**
  - The reservoir continues to make specified releases until there is no water above the dead pool; then inflow = outflow
- **Reservoir balancing**
  - Lake Powell's release is computed to keep it and Lake Mead at equal storage (or at the same percent full)
- **Modification of Lake Powell's annual release based on elevation**
  - The annual release changes each year depending upon where Lake Powell's elevation is at the beginning of the year (or can also be based on where the elevation is forecasted to be at the end of the year)
- **Proactive Shortage**
  - Shortages are applied at higher levels in the reservoir in order to reduce the chance of going below a lower, specified elevation
  - Results in more frequent shortages of smaller magnitudes than an absolute protection strategy
  - **Probabilistic protection** - shortages are taken at higher levels to approximate a specified chance

**Draft Alternatives and Elements/Options Considered in Each Alternative**  
*Working Draft: April 13, 2006 version*

A		B	C	D
Shortage Guidelines (to reduce deliveries/releases from Lake Mead)		Coordinated Reservoir Operations (Lake Mead & Lake Powell)	Lake Mead Storage and Delivery of Conserved and Non-system Water	Interim Surplus Guidelines for deliveries/releases from Lake Mead
Alt. 1 No Action Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two level shortage strategy - probabilistic protection of elevation 1050' at Lake Mead (80P1050) and absolute protection of elevation 1000' at Lake Mead.</li> <li>Stepped shortages up to 600 KAF.</li> <li>Initiate efforts to develop additional guidelines for shortages if Lake Mead falls below elevation 1025'. (Note: includes consultation with Basin States).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF unless storage equalization releases are required.</li> <li>Absolute protection of elevation 3490' at Lake Powell.</li> <li>Under low reservoir storage conditions, either reduce Lake Powell release or balance contents depending on projected Lake Mead and Lake Powell elevations.</li> <li>No absolute protection of 3490' at Lake Powell.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No water management/accounting mechanism for storage and delivery of water conserved through extraordinary water conservation and/or water augmentation programs.</li> <li>Storage/delivery water management/accounting program at Lake Mead for water conserved through extraordinary water conservation and/or water augmentation.</li> <li>Maximum created storage credit of 62.5 KAF per year.</li> <li>Maximum total additional Lake Mead storage through extraordinary conservation and/or augmentation of 2.1 MAF.</li> <li>Maximum delivery from Lake Mead of water developed by extraordinary conservation and/or augmentation of 1.0 MAF per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No modification or extension of the Interim Surplus Guidelines which end in 2016.</li> <li>Beginning in 2017, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.</li> <li>Modification of Interim Surplus Guidelines to eliminate Partial Domestic Surplus condition.</li> <li>The modified guidelines are implemented from 2008 through 2025.</li> <li>Beginning in 2026, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.</li> </ul>
Alt. 2 Basin States Prohibitory Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absolute protection of SNWA intake (elevation 1000') at Lake Mead.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF unless storage equalization releases are required.</li> <li>Absolute protection of elevation 3490' at Lake Powell.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation of different volumes of water tied to varying Lake Mead water levels prior to shortage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No modification or extension of the Interim Surplus Guidelines which end in 2016.</li> <li>Beginning in 2017, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.</li> </ul>
Alt. 3 Conservation Release Shortage Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No protection of critical elevations.</li> <li>Releases fall annual entitlement amounts until drawn down to top of dead pool; then outflow = inflow.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF unless storage equalization releases are required.</li> <li>8.23 MAF until drawn down to top of dead pool; then outflow = inflow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No water management/accounting mechanism for storage and delivery of water conserved through extraordinary water conservation and/or water augmentation programs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No modification or extension of the Interim Surplus Guidelines which end in 2016.</li> <li>Beginning in 2017, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.</li> </ul>
Alt. 4 No Protection Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absolute protection of minimum power pool elevation (1080') at Lake Mead.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF unless storage equalization releases are required.</li> <li>Absolute protection of minimum power pool elevation (3490') at Lake Powell.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No water management/accounting mechanism for storage and delivery of water conserved through extraordinary water conservation and/or water augmentation programs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No modification or extension of the Interim Surplus Guidelines which end in 2016.</li> <li>Beginning in 2017, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.</li> </ul>
Alt. 5 Power Protection Alternative				

**Common assumptions to WLF Alternatives:**  
 1. First year of modeling under above identified alternatives is 2008 and extends to 2060 (53 years) (Note: water elevation for January 1, 2008 will be projected using the May 2006 24-Month Study).  
 2. Future hydrologic sequences will be based on the 99-year natural flow record (1966-2004).  
 3. All alternatives revert to No Action modeling assumptions beginning in 2026.  
 4. Analyses of all alternatives will assume implementation of shortages to Mexico pursuant to Article 10 of 1944 Water Treaty with Mexico when Lower Basin shortages is declared.

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Subject: Response to Request for Consultation Meeting Regarding Shortage Guidelines EIS

Dear Chairman:

On April 6, 2006, Ms. Nancy Coulam, of the Bureau of Reclamation's Upper Colorado Region, spoke with you on the phone regarding government-to-government consultation between Reclamation and the Hualapai Tribe. This discussion was concerning Reclamation's proposal to develop Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated reservoir operations strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, under low reservoir conditions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is currently being prepared by Reclamation to analyze this proposal.

During that conversation, you expressed that the Hualapai Tribe had concerns about Lakes Powell and Mead, preserving a specific in-stream flow in the Colorado River, and protection of cultural resources if changes in the river level result in exposure or inundation of sites. You also stated an interest in having a face-to-face meeting to discuss the proposed action, as well as the concerns of the tribe. You should have already received a letter inviting you to a tribal consultation meeting scheduled for the end of this month regarding the alternatives being considered for analysis in the EIS. The meeting is planned to be in Phoenix, Arizona and will be hosted by Reclamation for all consulting tribes. In addition to that invitation, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you personally, along with any staff or tribal members you wish to include, at our mutual convenience.

Please contact Mr. John Jamrog, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region at (702) 293-8675 or me to arrange a meeting with appropriate Reclamation management.

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Dear Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated August 28, 2006, regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lower Colorado Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Since receipt of your letter, we have also been contacted by Mr. H. Scott Althouse, of Williams and Works P.A., who is representing the Hualapai Tribe. We have been working with him to establish a mutually acceptable date for a government-to-government consultation meeting. We will continue to work with you and Mr. Althouse to accomplish this goal. Given the current schedule for the EIS, we suggest scheduling our meeting as soon as possible.

We appreciate your assistance and willingness to consult with us regarding this important undertaking. Although we will continue to work with Mr. Althouse by phone, please feel free to contact Mr. John Jamrog, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region in Boulder City, NV, at (702) 293-8675, directly, at any time.

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Subject: Government-to-Government Consultation on the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead

Dear Tribal Representatives:

As part of continuing government-to-government consultations on the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation request to meet with tribal representatives to discuss key aspects of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS).

We invite you to meet from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on February 22, 2007, in Mezzanine Room #3, McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada. During the meeting, we will provide tribal representatives with an update of progress on the project and present information on key aspects of the Draft EIS that will be published on February 28, 2007. A court reporter will be present to record the discussions during the meeting. An agenda and power point presentation will be provided for you at the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, the following conference line is provided for your convenience: 1-866-830-3963 (code: 5142989).

Please contact Amber Cunningham at 702-293-8472 if you have any questions.

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