

Appendix I

Public Outreach, Coordination, and Consultation Efforts

This appendix provides documentation of the public outreach, coordination, and consultation efforts undertaken by Reclamation with regard to the proposed federal action and the preparation of this EIS. Reclamation discussed the development of the proposed federal action with various agencies and organizations at agency/organization regular meetings; public conferences and events sponsored by the agency/organizations; and at meetings sponsored by Reclamation. The entities included the Basin States' water resource departments, water agencies within these states, contractors and associations for federal hydroelectric power, 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, Volume I of this EIS.

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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
Federal Agencies	
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
United States Department of State	Various planning meetings
United States 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
State And Local Water And Power Agencies	
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, 2/21/07, 3/6/07, 7/30/07
California Department of Water Resources	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 7/30/07
Coachella Valley Water District	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 7/30/07
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, 7/30/07
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, 2/21/07, 3/6/07, 7/30/07
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, 2/21/07, 3/6/07, 7/30/07
Colorado River Energy Distributors Association	4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/7/06, 6/16/06, 10/31/06, 2/21/07
Colorado Water Conservation Board	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 8/22/06, 3/6/07, 7/30/07
Imperial Irrigation District	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 6/16/06, 2/21/07, 7/30/07
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, 2/21/07, 3/6/07, 7/30/07
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, 2/21/07, 7/30/07
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, 7/30/07
Palo Verde Irrigation District	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 7/30/07
San Diego County Water Authority	3/27/06, 4/13/06, 7/30/07
Southern Nevada Water Authority	4/13/06, 6/16/06, 2/21/07, 3/6/07, 7/30/07
Upper Colorado River Commission	3/27/06, 4/24/06, 5/15/06, 6/16/06, 2/21/07, 7/30/07
Utah Attorney General's Office	4/13/06, 7/30/07
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, 2/21/07, 7/30/07
Wyoming Water Association	6/7/06

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Agency or Organization Invited to or Requesting Meetings	Meeting Dates
Non-Governmental Environmental Organizations	
Defenders of Wildlife	4/28/06, 5/8/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06, 2/23/07, 4/20/07, 6/15/07, 8/9/07
Environmental Defense	4/28/06, 5/8/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06, 2/23/07, 4/20/07, 6/15/07, 8/9/07, 8/24/07
Living Rivers	4/28/06, 5/8/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06, 2/23/07
National Wildlife Federation	4/28/06, 5/8/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06, 2/23/07, 6/15/07
The Nature Conservancy	4/28/06, 5/8/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/18/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06, 2/23/07, 4/20/07, 6/15/07, 8/9/07, 8/24/07
Pacific Institute	4/28/06, 5/8/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06, 2/23/07, 4/20/07, 6/15/07, 8/9/07, 8/24/07
Sierra Club	4/28/06, 5/8/06, 6/9/06, 6/14/06, 6/16/06, 2/23/07, 4/20/07, 6/15/07
Sonoran Institute	11/19/06, 2/23/07, 6/15/07, 8/9/07, 8/24/07
Utah Water & Sierra Club Southwest Water Committee	10/19/06, 11/16/06, 11/19/06
United Mexican States Agencies	
National Water Commission	2/8/06, 6/23/06, 9/25-29/06, 2/13/07, 3/14/07, 10/17/07
International Boundary and Water Commission, Mexican Section	2/8/06, 6/23/06, 9/25-29/06, 2/13/07, 3/6/07, 3/14/07, 10/17/07
Secretariat of Foreign Relations	2/8/06, 6/23/06, 2/13/07, 10/17/07

Table I-2
Conferences and Events Regarding the EIS

Date	Event Name	Organizer	Purpose
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	Western Water Law	Western Law Institute, CLE International	
October 31, 2005	National Research Council	Scoping Meeting on Colorado River	
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, United States water deliveries to Mexico, Reclamation's water quantity and quality requirements, shortage criteria negotiations, Quantification Settlement Agreement
March 7-8, 2006	2006 RiverWare™ User Group Meeting	Center for Advanced Decision Support for Water and Environmental Systems (CADSWES)	Technical Support to the Basin States Regarding Drought Conditions on the Colorado River
March 20, 2006	Imperial Briefing		
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
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 River 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
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 16, 2006	2007 AOP Consult Meeting		Present draft project alternatives
June 20-21, 2006	Arizona Water Conference	CLE	Colorado River Issues
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

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Date	Event Name	Organizer	Purpose
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
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 and 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
February 22-23, 2007	Water Challenges – Opportunities for Action: 24 th Annual Executive Briefing	Water Education Foundation	To give the busy water professional the information needed to make decisions affected by water policy in 2007
March 13, 2007	Danger on the Delta: Is Southern California Betting its Future on an Unstable Water System?	The Aquarium of the Pacific's Marine Conservation Research Institute (MCRI)	To explore the implications of a major earthquake in the Delta region on Southern California's water supply and what Southern California can do to mitigate the impacts
April 10, 2007	East Valley Water Forum	Bureau of Reclamation	Colorado River Operations: Current Conditions; Proposed Operational Guidelines
April 10, 2007	Lake Mead Water Quality Forum	Southern Nevada Water Authority	Virtual Tour of SNWA's River Mountains Laboratory
April 10-11, 2007	Colorado River Fish and Wildlife Council Annual Meeting	Colorado Fish and Wildlife Council	Overview of operations – Lake Powell, Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and Lake Havasu; current and future conditions at Lake Mead; need of additional operational guidelines
April 11, 2007	Regular Meeting of the Colorado River Board	The Colorado River Board	Overview of protection of existing rights; Draft EIS
April 24, 2007	Reclamation Phoenix Area Office Congressional Briefing	Bureau of Reclamation	Briefing session for Congressional Staff Members serving Arizona and southwest New Mexico to present information on Reclamation's activities in water delivery and release issues throughout Arizona and southwest New Mexico, and along the Colorado River
April 26, 2007	Page Community Forum	Bureau of Reclamation	Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations
April 26-27, 2007	The Colorado River: Conflicts, Concerns, and Challenges	The Colorado River Commission of Nevada	Colorado River current conditions and proposed operational guidelines
May 10-11, 2007	Law of the Colorado River	Water Law Institute, CLE International	Understanding key developments and issues
September 17-18, 2007	Western Water Law	Water Law Institute, CLE International	Overview of the major current issues in western water law

I.2 December 23, 2005 Letter to CAP Tribes



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United States Department of the Interior

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Boulder City, NV 89006-1470

DEC 23 2005



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

Dear President Bear:

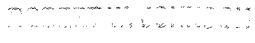
The Secretary of the Department of the Interior has recently directed the Bureau of Reclamation to develop Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions. Reclamation, in accordance with National Environmental Policy 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 5th Street, 12th 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 to discuss the consultation process or to confirm your availability for the meeting.

Sincerely,


Robert W. Johnson
Regional Director

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I.3 December 23, 2005 Letter to Ten Tribes



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Boulder City, NV 89006-1470



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DEC 23 2005

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 to discuss the consultation process or to confirm your availability for the meeting.

Sincerely,

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I.4 March 16, 2006 Letter to CAP Tribes

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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Lower Colorado Regional Office
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CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

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Enclosure

cc: See next page.

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or faxed comments should be submitted by October 17, 2005.

John W. Roberts,
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ARKANSAS**Faulkner County**

Lee, Carl and Esther, House, (Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr. MPS) 17493 US 65S, Damascus, 05001170

Tyler—Southernland House, (Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr. MPS) 36 Southernland, Conway, 05001168

Ward, Earl and Mildred, House, (Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr. MPS) 1157 Mitchell St., Conway, 05001169

Webb, Joe and Nina, House, (Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens, Sr. MPS) 2945 Prince, Conway, 05001171

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. 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

OREGON**Multnomah County**

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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.

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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:

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A representative from Reclamation will be calling your office within two weeks to facilitate a government-to-government consultation regarding properties under the 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,

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Enclosure

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John W. Roberts,
Acting Chief, National Register/National Historic Landmarks Program.

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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.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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COLORADO

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

GEORGIA

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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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Battery Steele, Florida Ave., Peaks Island, Portland, 05001176
Lakeside Grange #63, Main St., jct. of Main St. and Lincoln St., Harrison, 05001173

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MINNESOTA

Cook County

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

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

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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; 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terrance J. Fulp, PhD., at (702) 293-8500 or e-mail at strategies@lc.usbr.gov; and/or Randall Peterson at (801) 524-3633 or e-mail at strategies@uc.usbr.gov. If special assistance is required regarding accommodations for attendance at any of the public meetings, please call Nan Yoder at (702) 293-8495, faxogram at (702) 293-8156, or e-mail at nyoder@lc.usbr.gov no less than 5 working days prior to the applicable meeting(s).

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.

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Guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and Coordinated Strategies for
the Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, Under Low Reservoir Conditions,
Government-to-Government Consultations

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, 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

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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"> Two level shortage strategy - probabilistic protection of elevation 1050' at Lake Mead (80P1050) and absolute protection of elevation 1000' at Lake Mead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF unless storage equalization releases are required. Absolute protection of elevation 3490' at Lake Powell. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No water management/accounting mechanism for storage and delivery of water conserved through extraordinary water conservation and/or water augmentation programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modification or extension of the Interim Surplus Guidelines which end in 2016. Beginning in 2017, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.
Alt. 2 Basin States Prohibitory Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stepped shortages up to 600 KAF. Initiate efforts to develop additional guidelines for shortages if Lake Mead falls below elevation 1025'. (Note: includes consultation with Basin States). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under low reservoir storage conditions, either reduce Lake Powell release or balance contents depending on projected Lake Mead and Lake Powell elevations. No absolute protection of 3490' at Lake Powell. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage/delivery water management/accounting program at Lake Mead for water conserved through extraordinary water conservation and/or augmentation. Maximum created storage credit of 62.5 KAF per year. Maximum total additional Lake Mead storage through extraordinary conservation and/or augmentation of 2.1 MAF. Maximum delivery from Lake Mead of water developed by extraordinary conservation and/or augmentation of 1.0 MAF per year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modification of Interim Surplus Guidelines to eliminate Partial Domestic Surplus condition. The modified guidelines are implemented from 2008 through 2025. Beginning in 2026, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.
Alt. 3 Conservation Release Shortage Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absolute protection of SNWA intake (elevation 1000') at Lake Mead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF unless storage equalization releases are required. Absolute protection of elevation 3490' at Lake Powell. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of different volumes of water tied to varying Lake Mead water levels prior to shortage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modification or extension of the Interim Surplus Guidelines which end in 2016. Beginning in 2017, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.
Alt. 4 No Protection Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No protection of critical elevations. Releases fall annual entitlement amounts until drawn down to top of dead pool; then outflow = inflow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF unless storage equalization releases are required. 8.23 MAF until drawn down to top of dead pool; then outflow = inflow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No water management/accounting mechanism for storage and delivery of water conserved through extraordinary water conservation and/or water augmentation programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modification or extension of the Interim Surplus Guidelines which end in 2016. Beginning in 2017, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.
Alt. 5 Power Protection Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Absolute protection of minimum power pool elevation (1080') at Lake Mead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF unless storage equalization releases are required. Absolute protection of minimum power pool elevation (3490') at Lake Powell. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No water management/accounting mechanism for storage and delivery of water conserved through extraordinary water conservation and/or water augmentation programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No modification or extension of the Interim Surplus Guidelines which end in 2016. Beginning in 2017, surplus declarations revert to the 70R strategy.
<p>Common assumptions to WLF Alternatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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). Future hydrologic sequences will be based on the 99-year natural flow record (1966-2004). All alternatives revert to No Action modeling assumptions beginning in 2026. All alternatives revert to No Action modeling assumptions when Lower Basin shortages are declared. 				

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I.8 May 12, 2006 Letter to Tribes



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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.

Sincerely,

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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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Dear Tribal Representative:

As part of our 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 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 4, 2007, in the 12th Floor Conference Room at Two Arizona Center, 400 North 5th Street, Phoenix, Arizona. During the meeting we will provide tribal representatives with an update of progress on the project and information on key aspects of the Draft EIS that is currently available for public comment. A court reporter will be present to record the discussions during the meeting. An agenda, handouts, and presentation will be provided for you at the meeting.

A fact sheet about the project is enclosed for your consideration. It provides information on (1) obtaining copies of the Draft EIS, (2) submitting comments on the Draft EIS during the public comment period (March 1, through April 30, 2007), and (3) the announcement of three April 2007 public hearing dates on the Draft EIS.

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

Sincerely,

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FACT SHEET #4

FEBRUARY 2007

Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead

Draft EIS Available for Review and Comment

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) acting on behalf of the Secretary of Interior is announcing availability of the Draft environmental impact statement (Draft EIS) on the proposed adoption of specific Colorado River interim guidelines for Lower Basin shortages and operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, particularly under drought and low reservoir conditions. The Draft EIS presents four possible action alternatives for implementation, plus a "No Action Alternative." The action alternatives reflect input received from Reclamation staff, the cooperating agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties.

The Draft EIS is available for viewing and copying at Reclamation's project website at: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html>. Printed versions are available at various public facilities (see list on reverse). Parties interested in receiving a compact disc or hard copy can send a written request to the address below. Please use the same address to submit any comments on the Draft EIS. Comments must be submitted no later than April 30, 2007.

Direct Draft EIS comments or inquiries to:

*Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region,
Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: BCOO-1000,
P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-
1470; faxogram at (702) 293-8156; or e-mail at
strategies@lc.usbr.gov.*

Public Hearing Dates and Locations

Reclamation has scheduled three hearings to receive public comments on the Draft EIS. Comments will be considered in the selection of the preferred alternative and will be addressed in the Final EIS.

Meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

Henderson Convention Center
Sierra Room
200 South Water Street
Henderson, Nevada

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Phoenix Airport Marriott
Buckhorn Room
1101 North 44th Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Thursday, April 5, 2007

Hilton Salt Lake City Center
Canyon Room A & B
255 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

To request special assistance, please contact Nan Yoder at (702) 293-8495 or e-mail at strategies@lc.usbr.gov.

The public review period for the Draft EIS commenced on February 28, 2007 and will extend until April 30, 2007.

Project Need and Purpose

During the period from 2000-2006, the Colorado River has experienced the worst drought in approximately one hundred years of record keeping. During this period, storage in Colorado River reservoirs has dropped from nearly full to less than 60 percent of capacity at the end of 2006. Currently, the Department of the Interior (Department) does not have specific operational guidelines in place to address the operation of Lake Mead and Lake Powell during drought and low reservoir conditions. Accordingly, the Department proposes the adoption of specific interim guidelines for Lower Basin shortages and coordinated operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

The purpose of the proposed federal action is to: 1) improve Reclamation's management of the Colorado River by considering the tradeoffs between the frequency and magnitude of reductions of water deliveries, and considering the effects on water storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead, water supply, power production, recreation, and other environmental resources; 2) provide mainstream U.S. users of Colorado River water, particularly those in the Lower Division states, a greater degree of predictability with respect to the amount of annual water deliveries in future years, particularly under drought and low reservoir conditions; and, 3) provide additional mechanisms for the storage and delivery of water supplies in Lake Mead.

For Further Project Information

Please contact Terrance J. Fulp, Ph.D., at (702) 293-8500 or e-mail at strategies@lc.usbr.gov; and/or Randall Peterson at (801) 524-3633. You can also visit the project web site at: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html.

Hard copies of the Draft EIS are available at the following locations:

Department of the Interior

Natural Resources Library
1849 C St NW, Washington, D.C.

Yuma County Library

185 South Main St, Yuma, AZ

Palo Verde Valley Library

125 West Chanslor Wy, Blythe, CA

Mohave County Library

1170 Hancock Rd, Bullhead City, AZ

Laughlin Library

2840 So Needles Highway, Laughlin, NV

Las Vegas Clark County Library

833 Las Vegas Blvd N, Las Vegas, NV

James I. Gibson Library

280 Water St, Henderson, NV

Bureau of Reclamation offices:

Lower Colorado Regional Office

400 Railroad Ave, Boulder City, NV

Upper Colorado Regional Office

125 South State St, Rm 7220
Salt Lake City, UT

Phoenix Area Office

6150 West Thunderbird Rd, Glendale, AZ

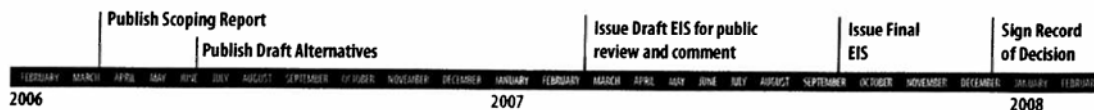
Yuma Area Office

7301 Calle Agua Salada, Yuma, AZ

Denver Federal Center Library

6th Avenue and Kipling, Building 67,
Rm 167, Denver, CO

Project Schedule



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Interested Parties (See Enclosed List)

Subject: Government-to-Government Consultation on the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Tribal Representative:

As part of our continuing government-to-government consultations, the Bureau of Reclamation's Upper and Lower Colorado Regions request to meet with tribal representatives on Friday, September 14, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Roosevelt Conference Room at the Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4001.

During the meeting Reclamation will provide tribal representatives with an update on the progress of the project, including the identification of the preferred alternative and changes made in the Shortage Allocation Model for the final EIS. A court reporter will be present to record the discussions during the meeting. An agenda, handouts, and presentation will be provided for you at the meeting.

Additional project information is available on Reclamation's website at:
<http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html>.

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