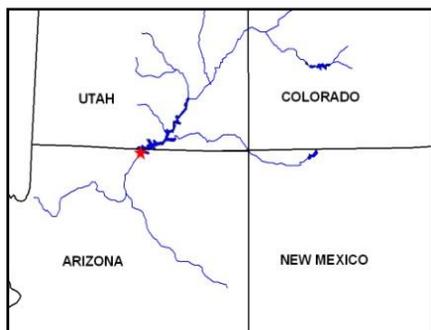


Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program

Project Summary: The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (GCDAMP) was established following the 1996 Record of Decision on the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam Final Environmental Impact Statement to comply with consultation requirements of the Grand Canyon Protection Act (GCPA) of 1992. It provides an organization and process to ensure the use of scientific information in decision making for Glen Canyon Dam operations and protection of downstream resources consistent with the GCPA. A major initiative of the program is developing a set of desired future conditions for important resources within the Glen Canyon National Recreational Area and Grand Canyon National Park that will provide opportunities to balance competing demands on dam operations. This and other GCDAMP activities and programs are consistent with the America's Great Outdoors Initiative since their intent is to restore and protect riparian, aquatic, historic and cultural resources on the Colorado River within highly valued public lands. The GCDAMP represents a long-term commitment by the Secretary of the Interior to ensure appropriate management, restoration and protection of valuable resources.

Strategic Value: Grand Canyon National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area are among the most treasured of "America's Treasured Landscapes." Protection and restoration of resources affected by the operation of Glen Canyon Dam not only ensures the continued fulfillment of Reclamation's mission, it also provides a public and transparent opportunity to assure that highly valued natural and cultural resources are preserved and protected for the enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations.

Benefits: Successful execution of GCDAMP programs and activities will result in healthier riverine and riparian environments, improved recreational resources and opportunities, and protection or recovery of endangered species while ensuring that water storage and delivery commitments to the Lower Colorado Basin states are fulfilled and clean hydropower is provided to the region.



Project location map



Grand Canyon below Glen Canyon Dam



Endangered humpback chub