



# UPPER COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION

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Wayne Pullan, Regional Director  
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*Sent via email to [WPullan@usbr.gov](mailto:WPullan@usbr.gov)*

Re: Completion of 2023 Drought Response Operations Agreement Plan

Dear Mr. Pullan:

The Upper Division States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming (collectively, the “Upper Division States”) and the Upper Colorado River Commission (“UCRC”) received your letter signed March 12, 2024, confirming the full recovery of previous Drought Response Operations Agreement (“DROA”) releases at Flaming Gorge and the Aspinall Unit pursuant to the 2023 DROA Plan. The Upper Division States and the UCRC appreciate the Bureau of Reclamation’s continual collaboration and partnership in implementing this effort.

The Upper Division States and the UCRC stand ready to continue working with Reclamation consistent with DROA. If hydrologic conditions necessitate a 2024 DROA plan, the Upper Division States and the UCRC will proceed in accordance with DROA and the resolution the UCRC adopted on September 21, 2023, which clarified the principles the Upper Division States and the UCRC will use in developing and approving future DROA plans that involve releases from the upstream Initial Units.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Cullom  
Executive Director

Cc: Commissioner Anne Castle, Federal Chair  
Commissioner Becky Mitchell, Vice Chair, Colorado  
Commissioner Estevan Lopez, New Mexico  
Commissioner Gene Shawcroft, Utah  
Commissioner Brandon Gebhart, Wyoming