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Dear Project Manager:

Please listen to the voice of the people. We have shown up by the hundreds and thousands to let you know how important this is to us. We know you are our representatives and you can help us and that is why we are asking for your help to make sure that they do not shut lake me down to motorized boats. It is too important to us, our families, our livelihood, and generations of families to come that want to build magical memories on Lake Mead, taking their families out, boating and exploring, as we have done for generations before. Do not let this destroy the city of Boulder, because it will, if you take away motorized boat access to lake. We have spent so much of our Hard earned dollars to be at this lake & have it be our family's vacation spot just like countless other families have done.

Please do not send more water down the river to California. This water needs to stay in Lake Mead. We are asking humbly and fervently that you leave the water here in our lake and quit allocating it to California and Arizona but leave it in our lake. Lake Mead is a national recreation area and it is meant to be recreated for families in the Las Vegas, Boulder, city, and surrounding areas and people all over the country who come here to recreate and go on boats in this lake.

We have taken drastic measures to save water in Las Vegas and surrounding areas with our desert landscaping water, conservation and many many other measures. Nevada has done everything in its power to save water and conserve. Now we ask that you do the same and conserve it and leave it in our lake not send it down for flooding of crops and electricity and water for other states, but leave it here for Nevada.

We are already starting to see unthinkable impacts to recreation because of the lack of viable guidelines for addressing shortages in Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Regarding Lake Mead the National Park Service is considering the closure of each major marina on Lake Mead, I do not support any of the proposals identified in Concept 3 of the NPS plan that would remove all infrastructure and facilities. Concept 3 completely ignores the current and future needs of the public and should not be considered. However, NPS says this alternative in the planning process is necessary in the case that BOR adopts a plan for managing lake levels that doesn't do what is necessary to keep both lakes at higher levels. I strongly support any concept proposed by NPS that makes the necessary adaptations to keep as many facilities open to serve as many members of the public as possible.

I hope BOR and NPS will include analysis of the economic importance of recreation in addition to feedback on power generation and water deliveries. Because there are so many variables affecting the lake's elevation such as precipitation, snowpack, runoff, release volumes, and other reservoir elevations the Bureau needs to consider changing the "target" elevation. In the long run, I think 3588 feet is a better target elevation for Lake Powell and an elevation between 1050 and 1075 is a better elevation for Lake Mead to meet the demand for recreation on the lake in a way that also protects the power generation and water right interests.

Sincerely,

Courtney Craig

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