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I agree that this SEIS needs to be undertaken to properly consider all issues associated with this ROD.

I am concerned that preservation of the dam and above dead pool levels of Lake Powell will adversely affect all that is laid out in the Long Term Ecological Monitoring Plan. Millions of dollars were spent on the research for and writing of this plan. It's not perfect, but it does a lot for downstream flora and fauna. I believe these inhabitants take precedence over energy production, water availability for humans, AND recreational use on Lake Powell.

In light of the low runoff conditions and predictions for the CO River basin in the coming years and the rewriting of the CO River compact, I hope management of the downstream River Corridor is your highest priority. Once we kill the native inhabitants on there, there's no coming back. The Grand Canyon holds huge economic benefits and I hope you'll think about how local economies depend on its relatively pristine character for their livelihood.

We've GOT to start utilizing drought contingency plans and restrictions on downstream residential, commercial, and agricultural uses if we expect to ready the masses for cuts that will hopefully arrive with the rewrite of the Compact. We HAVE to normalize the preciousness of this resource as projections show this will only get harder.

Be BOLD. Cut BIG. Write WELL. Use the science.

Thank you,

April J
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