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Dear Project Manager:

Lake Mead Recreation Area has and is a wonderful part of many, many peoples lives, therefore, it needs to be saved, plus managed well, so the water for irrigation as well as for the boating areas will be preserved for the future.

Both providing water to grow food, and for the recreational areas need to managed well and saved. Lake Mead was wisely set up in the past for recreation with launches in Echo Bay, Calville, etc. These launches need to saved and kept usable. With good planning the recreation and the irrigation usages can be saved. (Planning to retain a little more water in Lake Mead each month/year will provide for the future. That is why past generations wisely built dams.)

We have enjoyed the boating and fishing for 21 winters on Lake Mead. We and all people need these water areas saved for recreation and helping the economy of Overton and other towns. With wise water usage and saving a little more water each year in the lakes the water level will increase, even slowly, and that will provide water for the future.

A 'far out idea,' but possible with today's equipment and engineering is to build a pipeline to transfer the flood waters from the Mississippi River. That would help two large areas of the United States and provide good jobs for many people, too.

Please do everything possible to provide water for helping with the Lake Mead Recreational Aera and our local communities.

Sincerely,
Lar Derie

PS: We recreating on public lands and waters. We also recognize the importance of the reservoirs and dams in the Colorado River Basin for providing a reliable source of water and energy. I am writing to provide feedback for the Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead as well as the National Park Service's proposed concepts for addressing low water levels on Lake Mead. I recognize that this message is being sent to both agencies, because even though each agency is conducting a separate planning process, the two plans are interrelated.

I believe the Bureau of Reclamation needs to take action due to declining water levels in reservoirs. I encourage the Bureau of Reclamation and National Park Service to consider the recreation interests of Lake Mead and Lake Powell.

Sincerely,

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