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Managing Water in the West

2019 Colorado River Annual Operating Plan

Colorado River Management Work Group
Second Consultation
July 25, 2018

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation

2019 Colorado River AOP
Second Consultation Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions – *Malcolm Wilson / Steve Hvinden*
- Upper Basin Hydrology and Operations – *Heather Patno*
- Lower Basin Hydrology and Operations – *Rich Eastland*
- 2019 AOP Review Process – *Malcolm Wilson / Steve Hvinden*
- Review of Draft 2019 AOP – *CRMWG*
- Wrap-up and Next Steps
- Reminder of Future Meeting Dates

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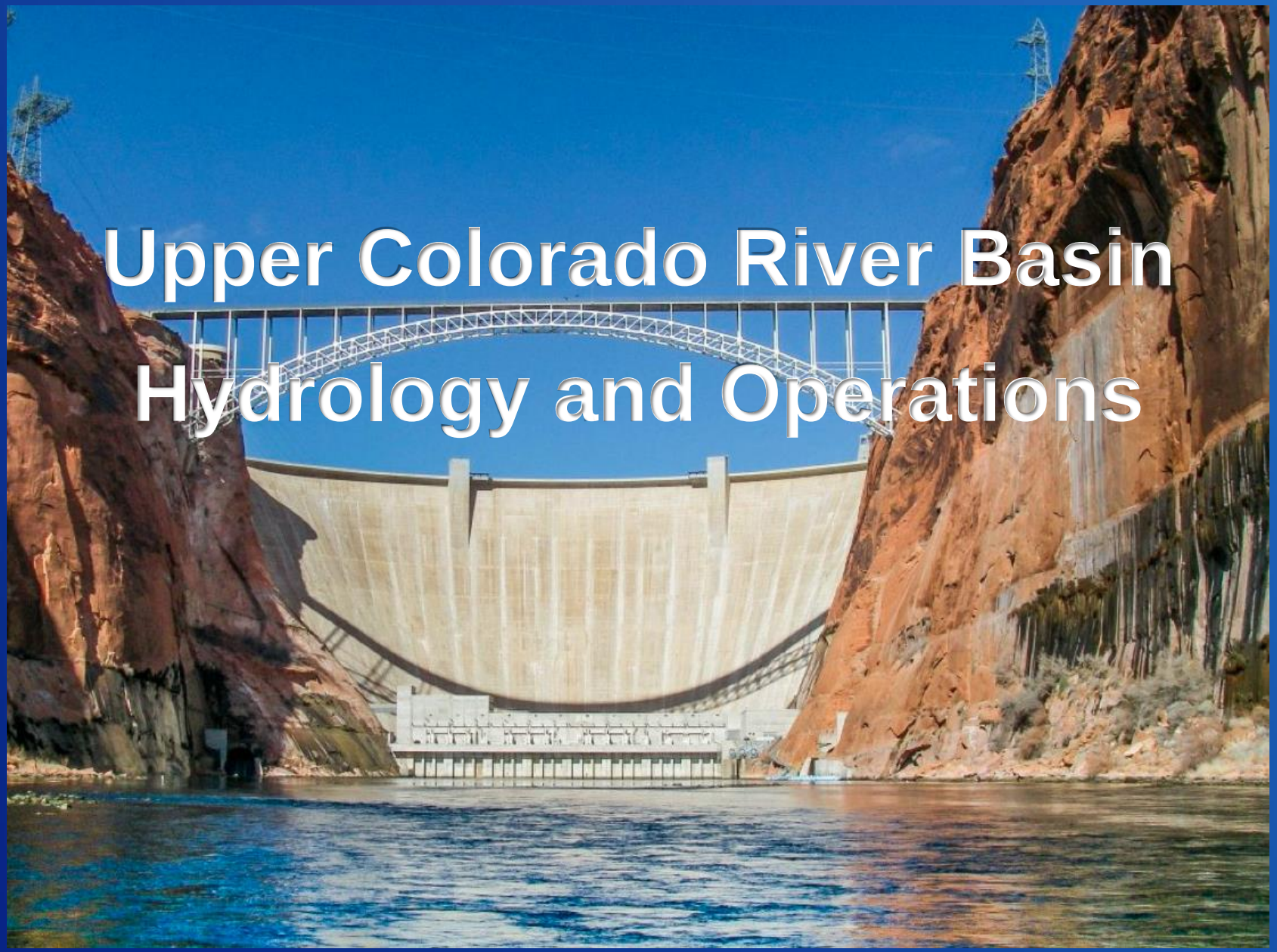

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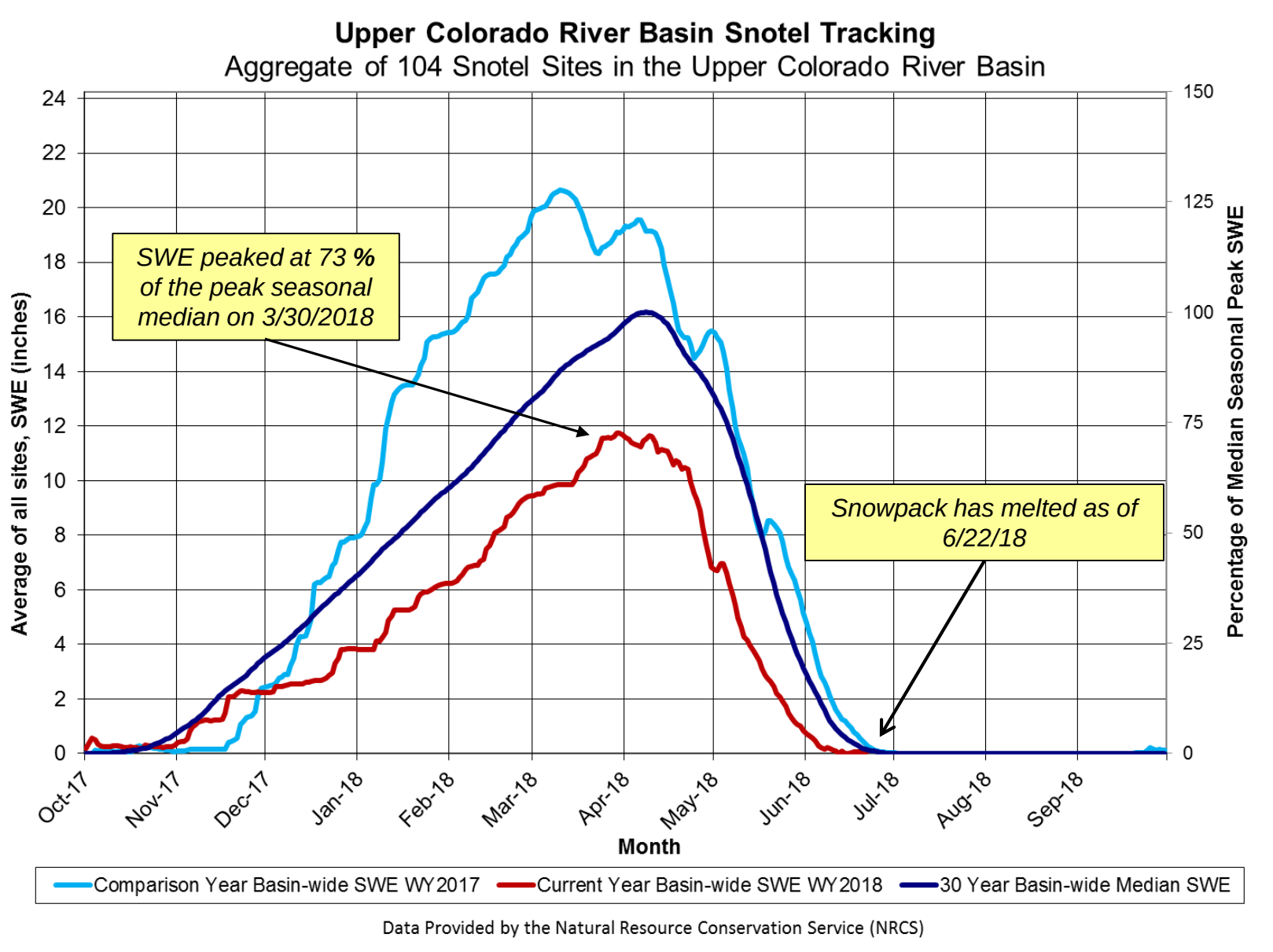
Snow Conditions



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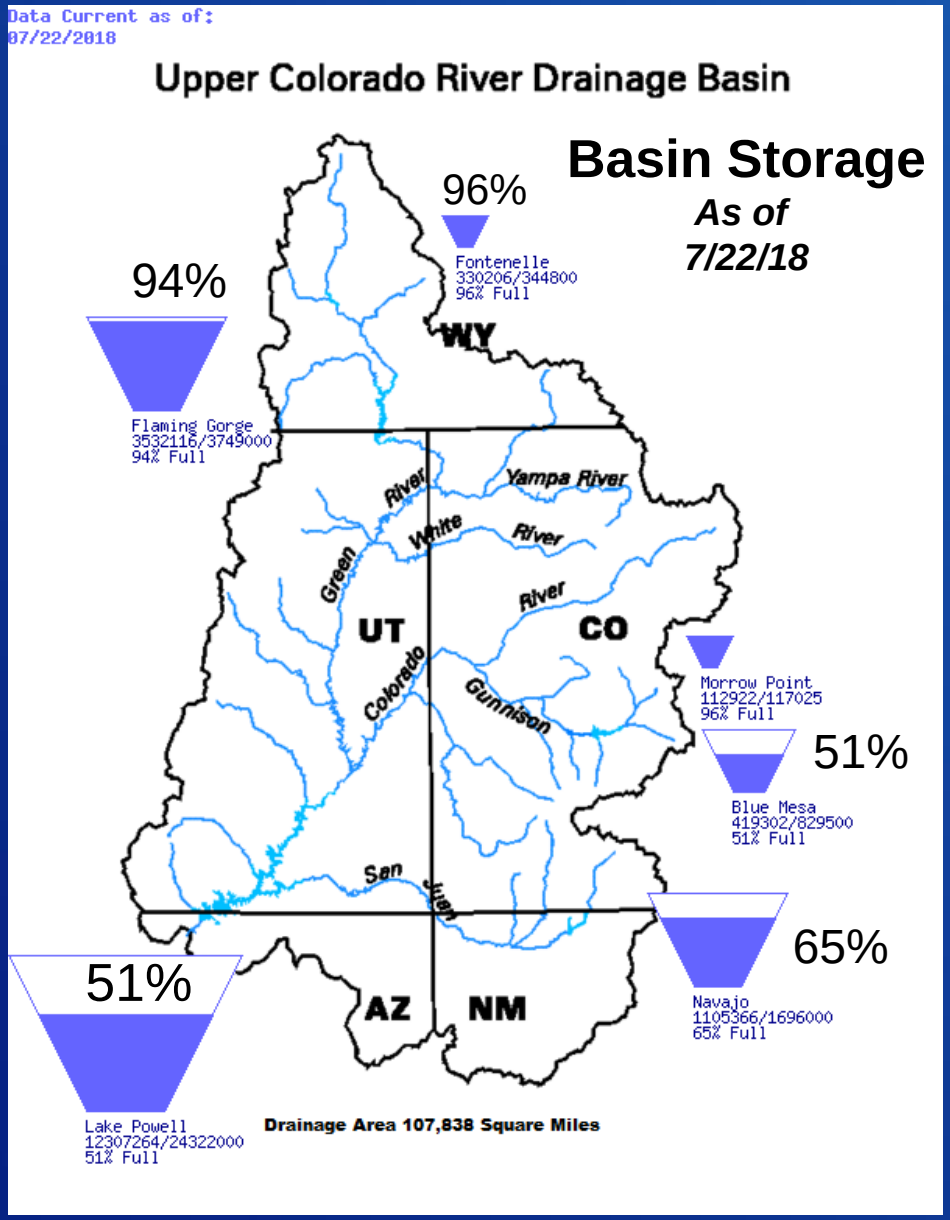
Upper Basin Storage



https://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/basin/index.html

2018 April to July Inflow Forecast

Issued July 2, 2018

Reservoir	A-J Forecast (KAF)	Percent of Average[1]
Fontenelle	995	137%
Flaming Gorge	1,120	114%
Blue Mesa	245	36%
Navajo	168	23%
Powell	2,675	37%

[1] Percent of average based on period 1981-2010

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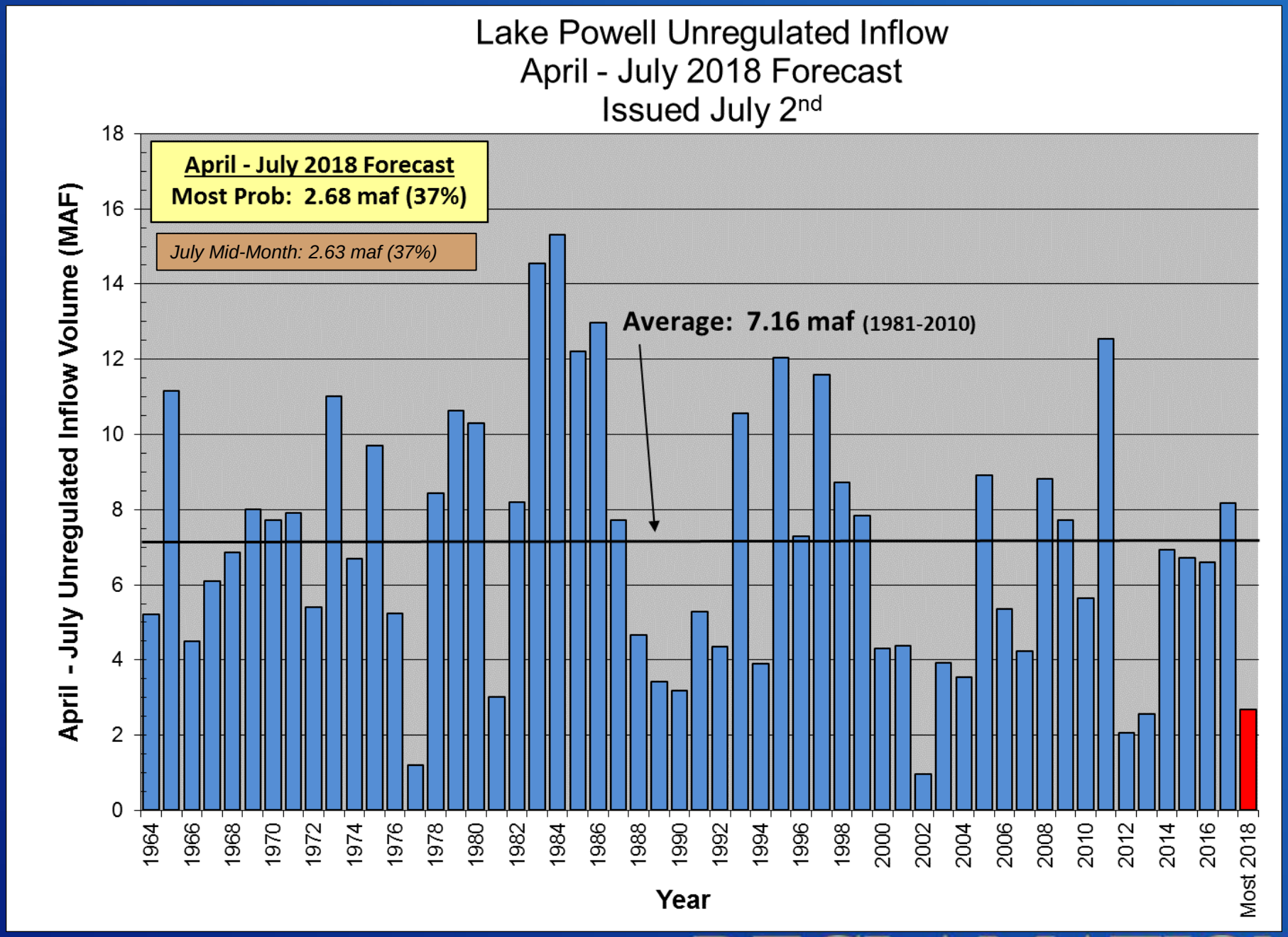

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Projected Operations
Water Years 2018 and 2019

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Lake Powell & Lake Mead Operational Table

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3,627.34 ft **Jan 1, 2018 Projection**		
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3,525		5.9
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1,105		11.9
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1,025	**Shortage Condition** Deliver 7.0[6] maf Further measures may be undertaken[7]	5.8
1,000		4.3
895		0

Diagram not to scale

[1] Acronym for million acre-feet

[2] This elevation is shown as approximate as it is determined each year by considering several factors including Lake Powell and Lake Mead storage, projected Upper Basin and Lower Basin demands, and an assumed inflow.

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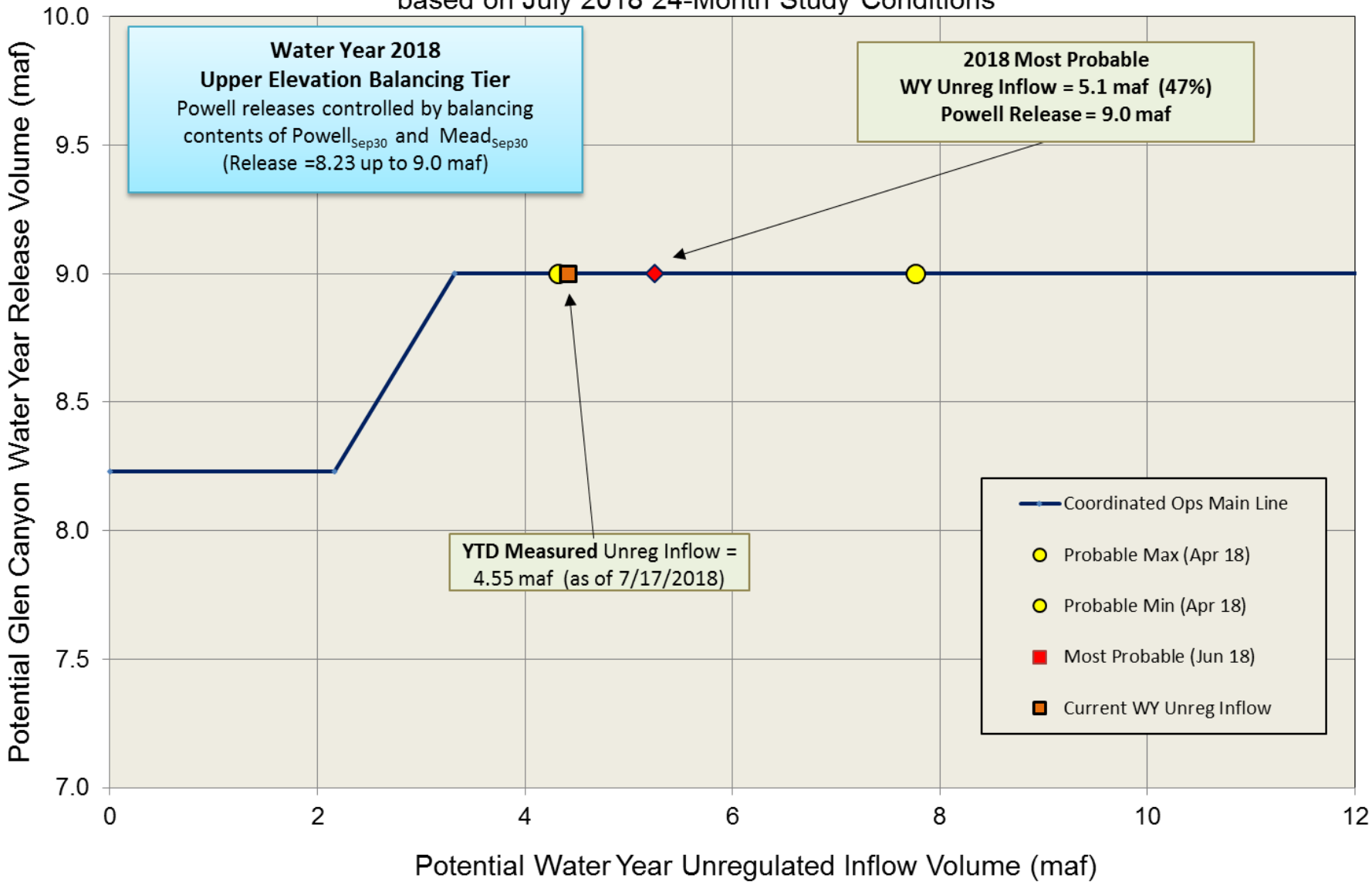
Potential Lake Powell Release Scenarios

Water Year 2018 Release Volume as a Function of Unregulated Inflow Volume
based on July 2018 24-Month Study Conditions



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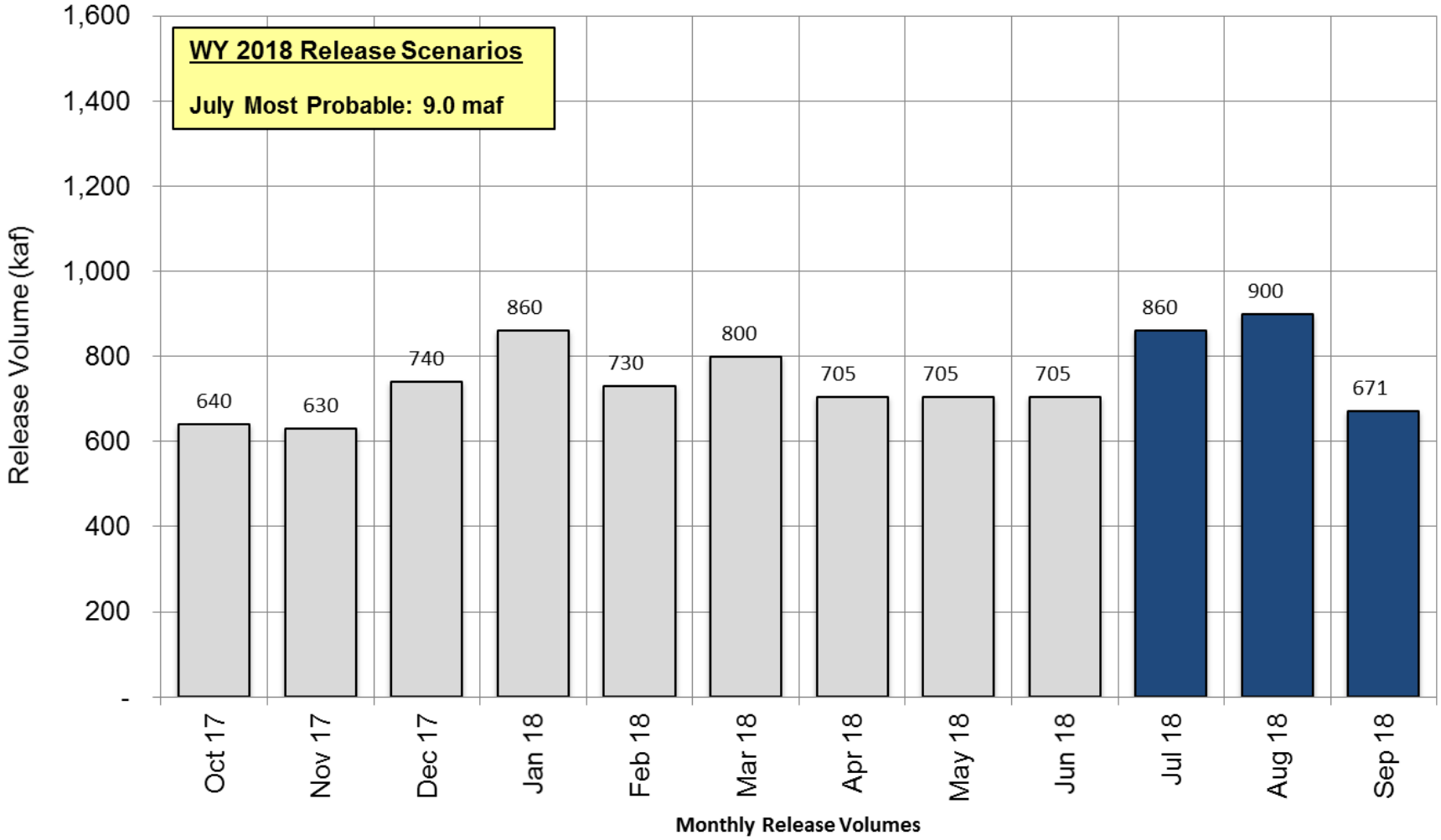
Projected Lake Powell Monthly Release Volume Distribution

Release Scenarios for Water Year 2018

Updated July 2018



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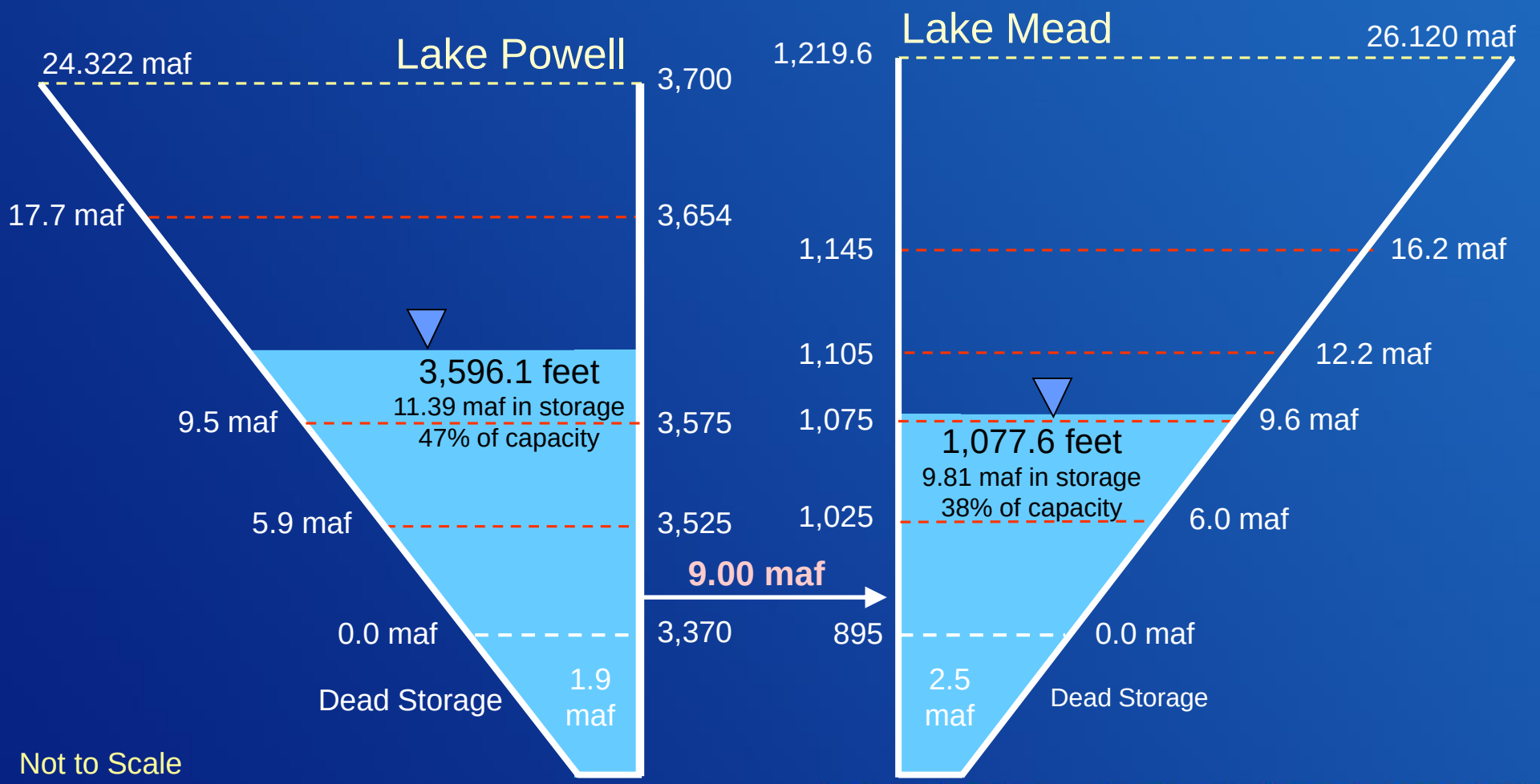
End of Water Year 2018 Projections

July 2018 24-Month Study Most Probable Inflow Scenario[1]

Projected Unregulated Inflow into Powell[1] = 5.11 maf (47% of average)



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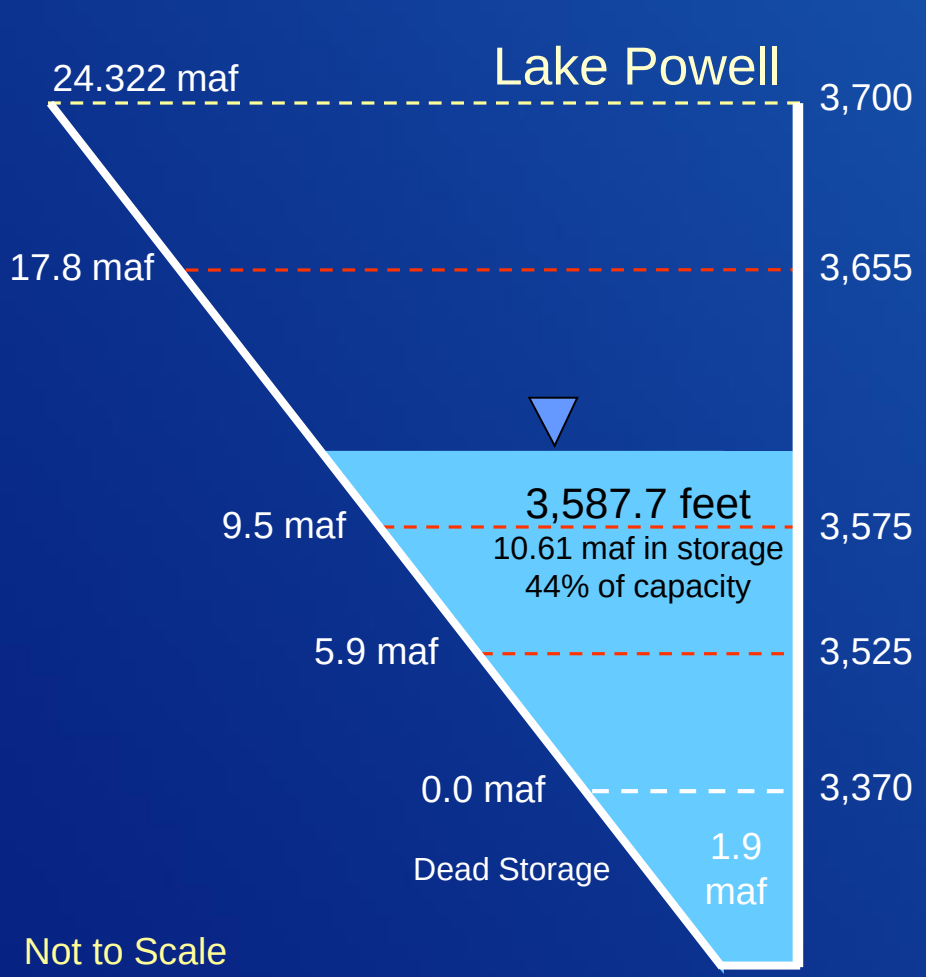

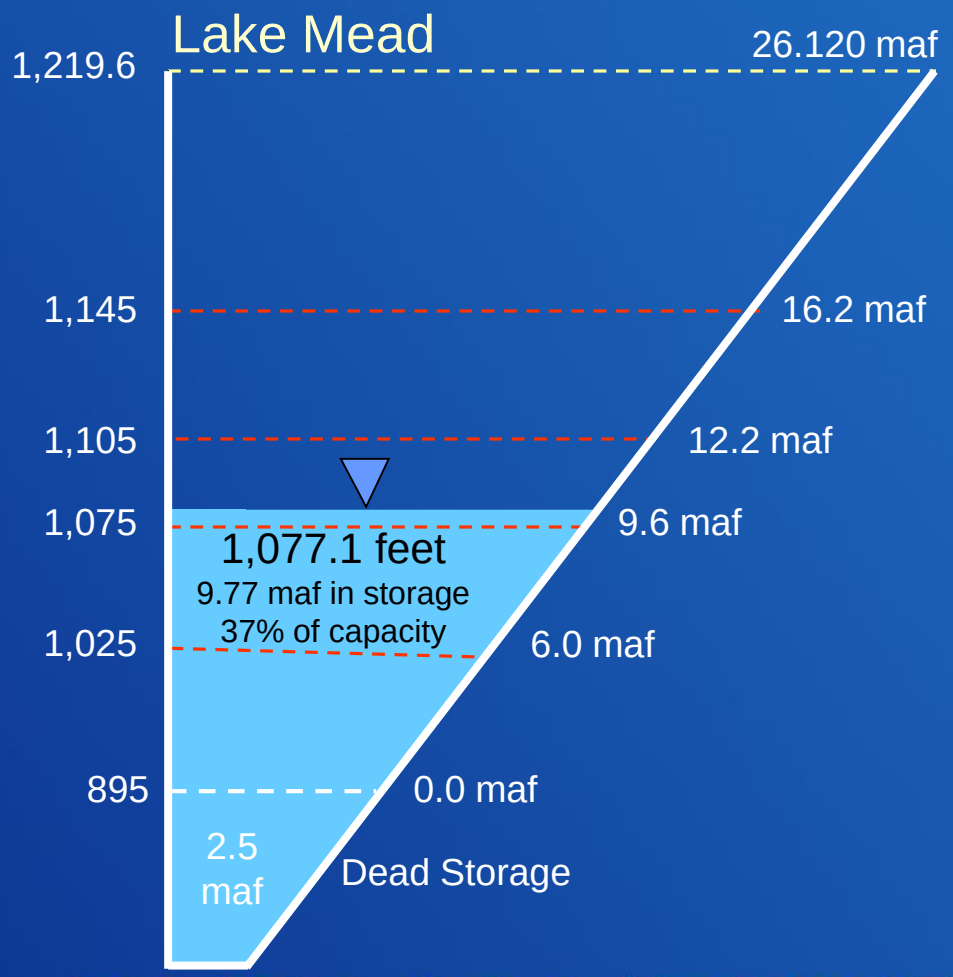

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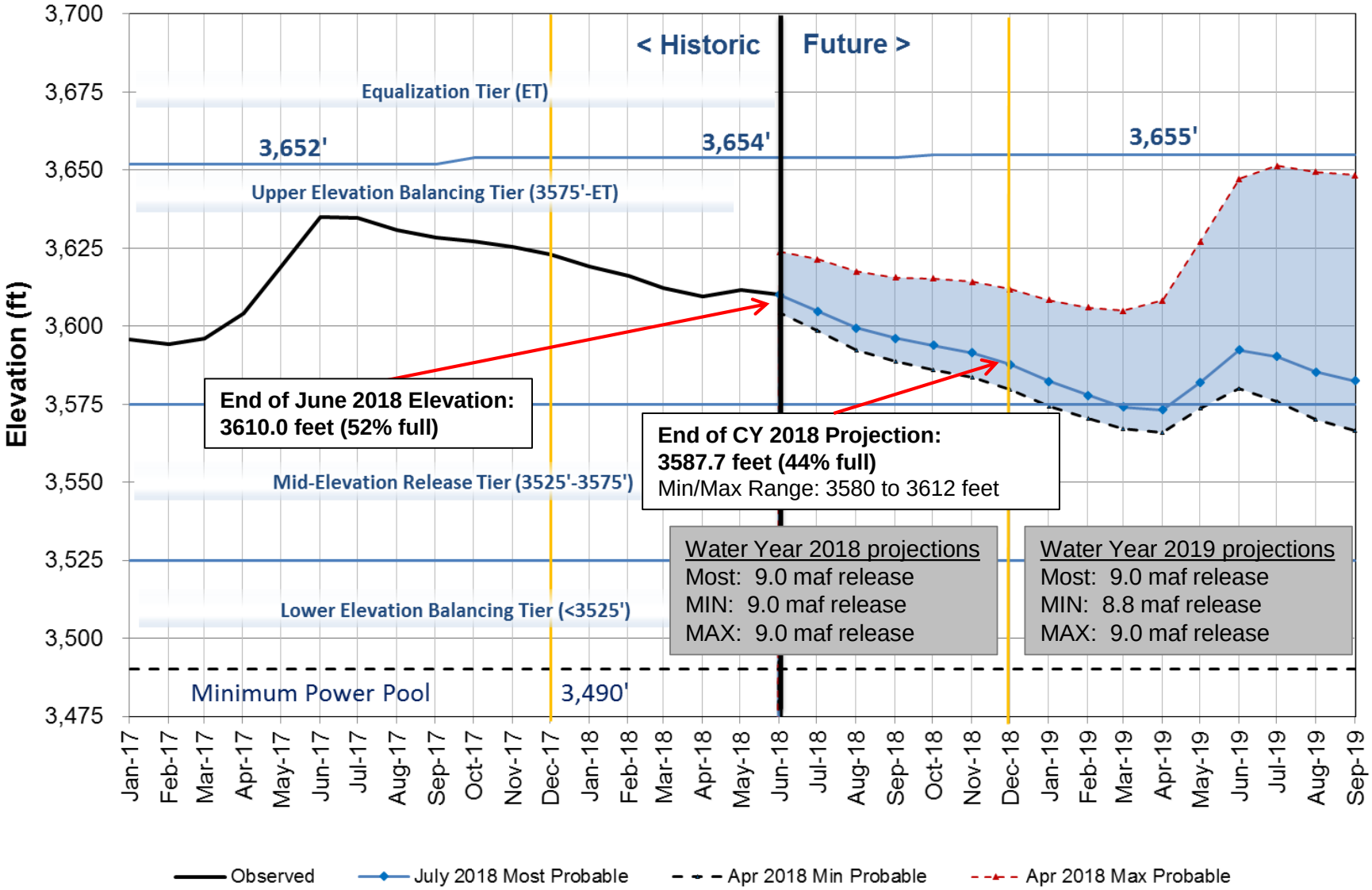
Historic and Projected based on July and April 2018 Modeling



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Lake Powell 2019 Operating Tier Scenarios

Based on April and July 2018 24-Month Study Modeling

Inflow Scenario	**Operating Tier Release Volume**
Minimum Probable	Upper Elevation Balancing 8.8 maf
Most Probable	Upper Elevation Balancing 9.0 maf
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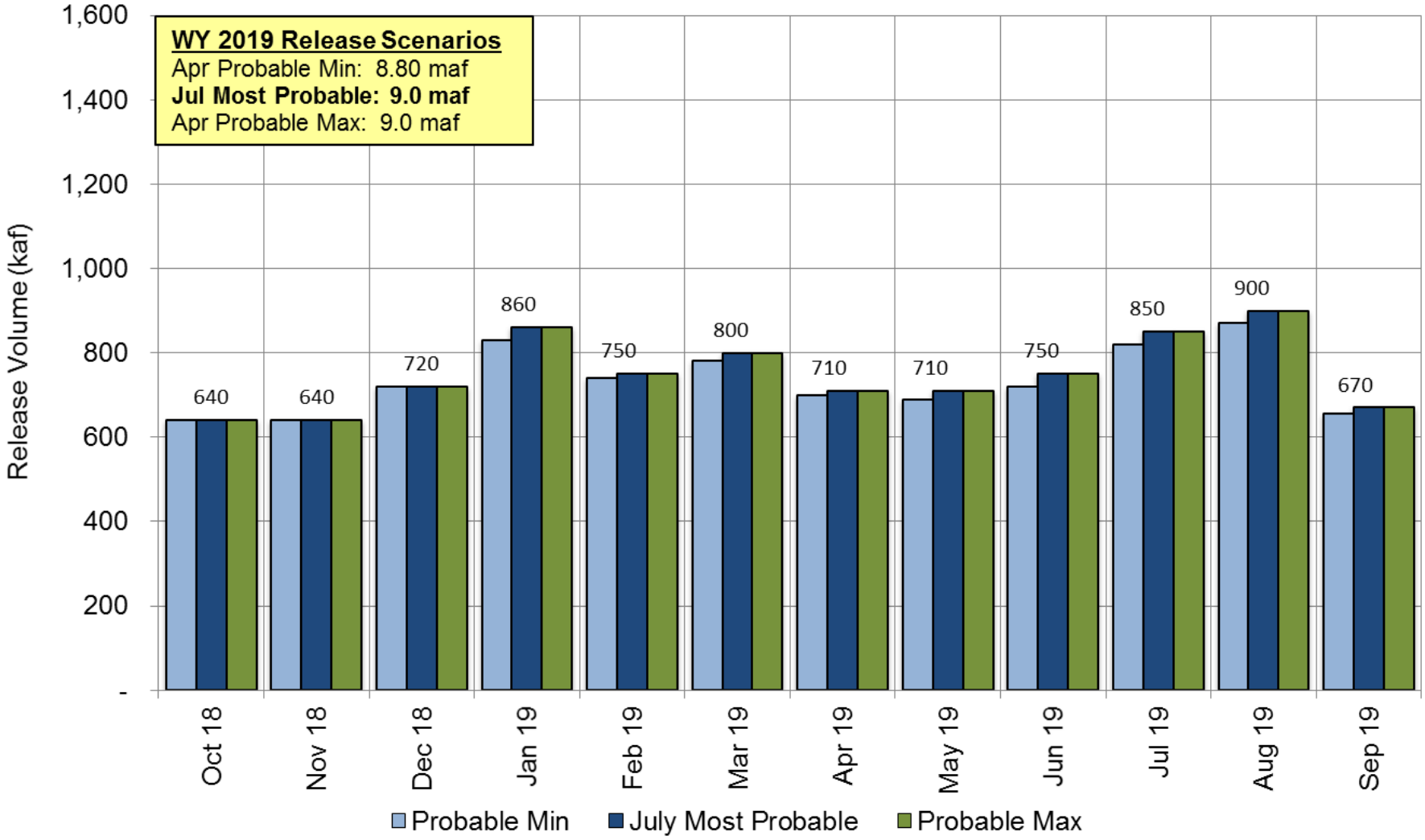

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Glen Canyon Power Plant Planned Unit Outage Schedule for Water Year 2019

Unit Number	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	
1													
2													
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
Units Available	6	8	6	6	6	4/6	6	7	8	8	8	6	
Capacity (cfs)	**20,400**	**27,500**	**20,100**	**20,100**	**20,100**	**12,700**	**20,100**	**24,100**	**27,500**	**27.500**	**27,150**	**20,100**	
Capacity (kaf/month)	1,320	1,640	1,260	1,230	1,110	1,200	1,260	1,560	1,640	1,690	1,690	1,240	
Max (kaf) [1]	640	640	720	860	750	800	710	710	750	850	900	670	9.0
Most (kaf) [2]	640	640	720	860	750	800	710	710	750	850	900	670	9.0
Min (kaf) [1]	640	640	720	820	730	760	690	680	710	810	860	644	8.7

1 Projected release, based on Apr 2018 Min and Max Probable Inflow Projections and 24-Month Study model runs

2 Projected release, based on July 2018 Most Probable Inflow Projections and 24-Month Study model runs

(updated 7-10-2018)

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Colorado River Basin Storage
(as of July 22, 2018)

Current Storage	Percent Full	MAF	Elevation (Feet)
Lake Powell	51%	12.31	3,605.8
Lake Mead	38%	9.80	1,077.4
Total System Storage*	50%	29.91	NA

***Total system storage was 57% or 33.80 maf this time last year**

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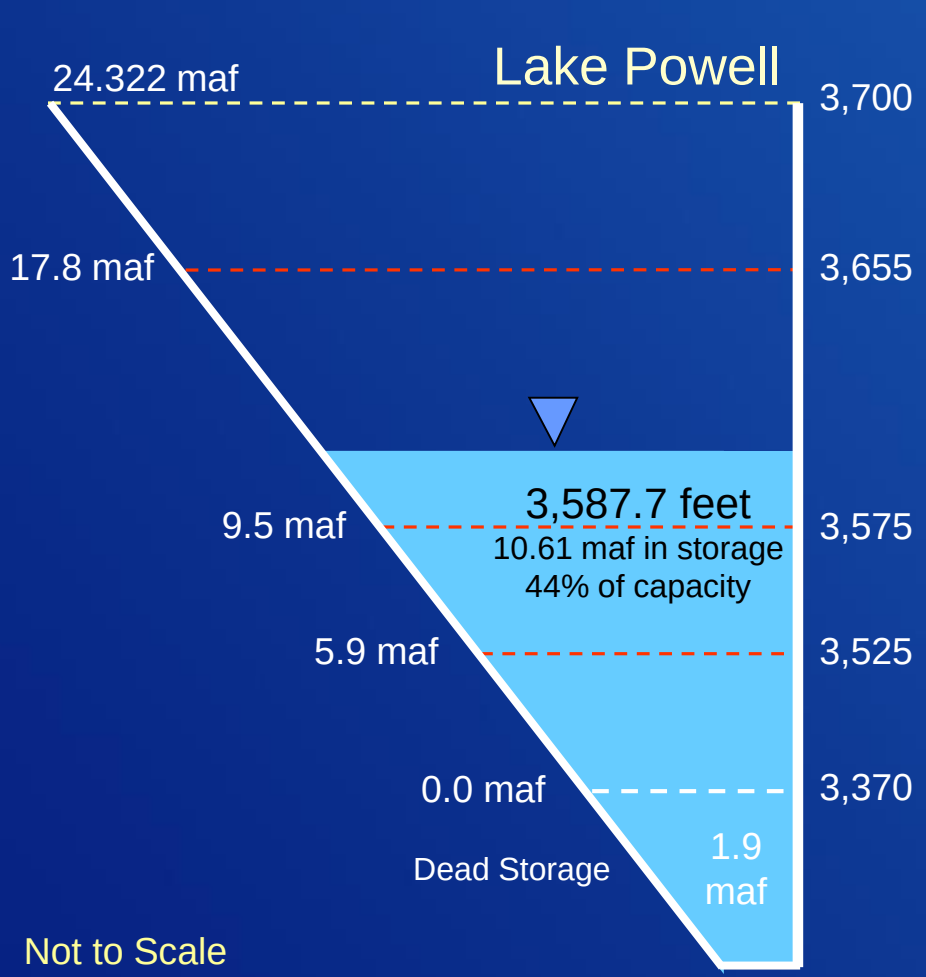

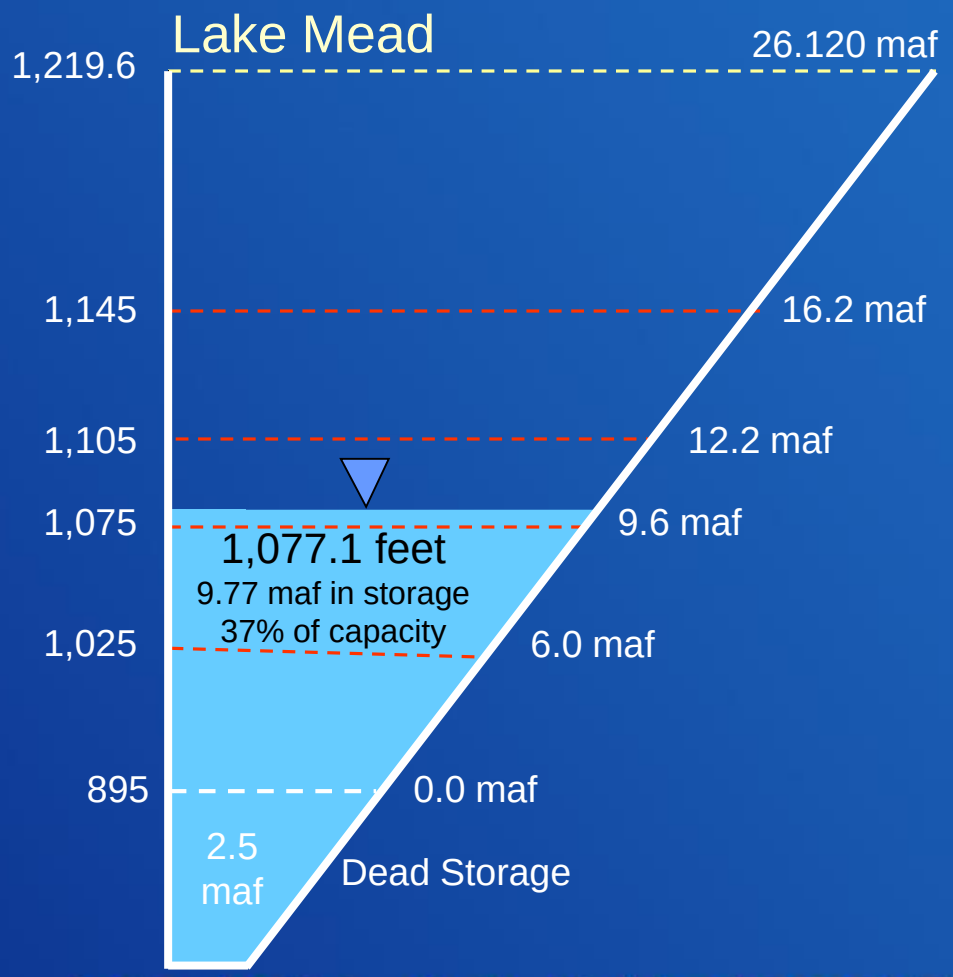

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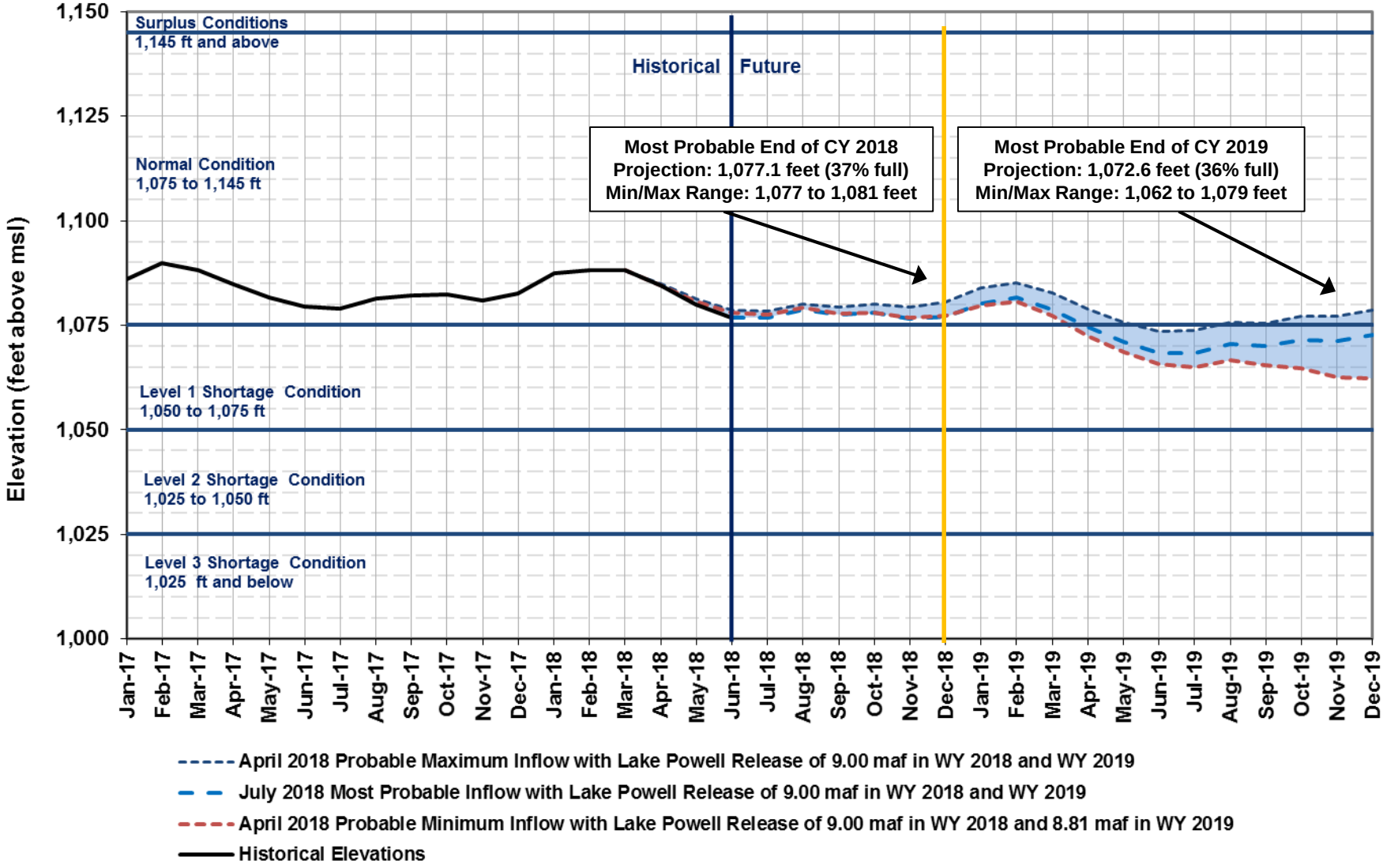

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Lower Basin Side Inflows – WY/CY 2018[1,2]

Intervening Flow from Glen Canyon to Hoover Dam

	Month in WY/CY 2018	5-Year Average Intervening Flow (KAF)	Observed Intervening Flow (KAF)	Observed Intervening Flow (% of Average)	Difference From 5-Year Average (KAF)
HISTORICAL	October 2017	69	44	64%	-25
	November 2017	61	40	65%	-21
	December 2017	50	43	87%	-7
	January 2018	78	78	100%	0
	February 2018	93	60	65%	-33
	March 2018	56	70	124%	13
	April 2018	48	43	90%	-5
	May 2018	31	23	73%	-9
	June 2018	12	28	243%	17
PROJECTED	July 2018	81			
	August 2018	112			
	September 2018	105			
	October 2018	69			
	November 2018	61			
	December 2018	50			
WY 2018 Totals		796	727	91%	-69
CY 2018 Totals		796	780	98%	-16

[1] Values were computed with the LC's gain-loss model for the most recent 24-month study.

[2] Percents of average are based on the 5-year mean from 2013-2017.

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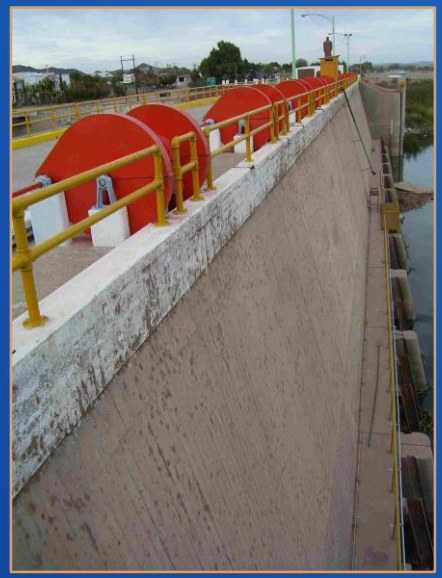
YAO Operations Update

- Brock Reservoir and Senator Wash 2018 YTD accumulated storage[1]
  - –Brock 81,154 AF
  - –Senator Wash 44,344 AF

- Excess Flows to Mexico

  2018 YTD total[2] 849 AF



[1] Provisional year-to-date total through July 19, 2018

[2] Provisional year-to-date total through July 22, 2018

YAO Operations Update

- Pumped drainage return flows from the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District
  - Flow at station 0+00 on the Main Outlet Drain from January through May 2018 was 41,865 AF at 2,611 ppm
- Provisional drainage flows to the Colorado River
  - From the South Gila Drainage Wells January through June 2018 was 22,993 AF at 1,718 ppm
  - From the Yuma Mesa Conduit January through June 2018 was 8,996 AF at 1,779 ppm

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