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Dear Regional Directors;

My understanding is that the Bureau of Reclamation is accepting public comments on the reoperation of the nation's two largest reservoirs, Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

We oppose the one reservoir to capture and manage the bulk of Colorado River flows.

1. There is a need for the dam at Glen Canyon

Lake Powell is needed now more than ever. Some "environmental groups" make unsubstantiated claims that it is unlikely that Lake Powell will fill again. This statement is simply untrue, where is the science, Lake Powell does not have to fill to its brim to be a substantial asset to the country.

Another statement made by "environmental groups" is that Lake Mead on its own could accommodate the water in both Lake Mead

and Lake Powell. Again, this is simply **untrue**. Lake Powell holds a tremendous amount of water that cannot be held by Lake Mead, this is a ludicrous and untrue statement

2. Lake Powell is a reasonable and efficient storage **device**.

At the present time and for the foreseeable future the Dam at Glen Canyon is the most efficient store device for water in the west

"Environmental groups" claim that there is more efficient storage available, such as the use of under ground aquifers. There is no scientific documentation of this and no cost benefit analysis of this opinion. Again the "environmental **groups**" have made untrue and unfounded statements that defy logic. It is interesting that "environmental groups" acknowledge that Lake Powell holds at least **810,000** acre-feet of water annually-enough water for 1.6 million households of four people each. The impact of Lake Powell on the country far exceeds this representation by "**environmental groups**."

3. Grand Canyon is doing just fine, thank you.

Between Lake Powell and Lake Mead lies one of the **world's** most famous and geologically and ecologically unique river canyons, Grand Canyon National Park. The operation of these reservoirs has not **negatively impacted** the Grand Canyon.

Again where is the scientific evidence to support the statements of the proponents of the single reservoir plan.

4. Sediment is it really a problem. j

"Environmental **groups**" claim that sediment is a major unresolved problem threatening the long-term operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, The fact is that sediment is not a major factor in the long term operation of **Lake** Powell or Lake Mead. It will be in the range of approximately 600 years before Lake Powell will be filled with sediment. Given **that** time frame, and **technology**, how can any plan be implemented

Although **there** are **always** differences among scientists, it is clear

that reputable scientists and **engineers** do not now warn that major problems could occur sooner.

#### 5. The Colorado River Compact

While everyone has different interests in the Colorado River and everyone might like a different agreement than The Colorado River Compact of 1922, which largely governs the discharge of flows from Lake Powell to Lake Mead, it works and has **worked** for many years.

#### 6. Recreational Uses:

Lake Powell presently is visited by up to 3 million visitors annually. The use Lake Powell for much needed water recreation It serves recreational **users** from west of the Mississippi to the Pacific Ocean and receives many visitors from rest of the country as well as foreign guests. It is truly one of the "wonders of the world" and would be sorely missed if drained.

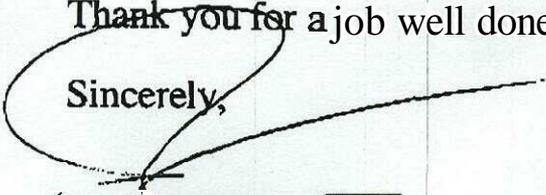
#### 7. Power production:

Glen Canyon Dam is a significant source of clean, reliable and efficient energy. The single dam concept **would** reduce power production from **Glen** Canyon Dam to **zero**. This is a waste of a significant natural **resource**.

One of the **significant aspects** of Lake Powell is (hat it is doing just **fine**, in fact great It is providing water during the times of **drought**, it is producing efficient and clean power and providing recreation to millions of citizens and visitors.

Thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely,

  
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