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Regional Director
Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region
Attention: UC-402
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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to give my input on the management of low water reservoirs on the Colorado River.

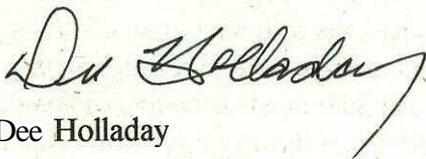
As the demand for water continues to grow and the possible supply of water decreasing, we will be faced with more low water reservoirs in the future. The good news is there will be less loss to evaporation. With this in mind, perhaps we should keep only one reservoir near full and use Lake Powell to deliver historic type flows through the Grand Canyon to mimic natural flows (similar to Flaming Gorge) along with a moderate silt load using some of the sediment of the San Juan River. The target would be to keep a one year supply of water in Lake Powell rather than a wasteful two year supply. Recreation on Lake Powell would continue as it is today only with less sediment coming in, boating on Lake Powell would last longer.

Demand for more water needs to be controlled and conservation needs to happen immediately. The compact of 1922 needs a reality check and should be re-written.

It has been suggested that underground storage is feasible. This should be studied as a viable alternative to store water on the years that Lake Powell could be filled. Lake Powell should not be filled above the 3600' level (it's already near-full with silt in the upper reaches). Whatever the gain would be wiped out by the evaporation factor.

I attended the public meeting in SLC and I thought the Living Waters group made a lot of sense. I was a little puzzled to read in the Tribune the next morning that the Bureau was trashing their input. I hope the media made a mistake.

Sincerely,


Dee Holladay