



# HAVASUPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Terrance Fulp, PhD  
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Dear Regional Director Fulp,

The Havasupai People live, and have always lived, along the Colorado River. Our homeland includes a broad area on the Coconino Plateau associated with the springs on our reservation and that are at places now on Forest Service and Park Service lands. Our reservation includes the springs that create the flow of Havasu Creek that contributes about 50,000 acre-feet of water annually to the Colorado River, plus additional volumes of flood flow.

We are most affected by the management and operations of water releases from Lake Powell to Lake Mead. We cooperated in the development of the Long Term Experimental Management Program for the River Corridor and have at times participated in the Adaptive Management Work Group. We have not participated in the particular programs associated with the 2007 Interim Guidelines because we do not take deliveries of water from the Colorado River, we contribute water to the River.

The River Corridor has many sites of cultural importance and burial sites to the Havasupai. The confluence of Havasu Creek and the Colorado River is in the part of Grand Canyon National Park that is the statutorily recognized Havasupai Traditional Use Area (P.L. 93-620). The confluence is also a natural breeding area for the endangered humpback chub. We want our sites protected as Reclamation develops operational guidelines for water releases between Lakes Powell and Mead.

The joint tribal response to the 7D Review discusses the lack of tribal participation in the development of the 2007 Interim Guidelines. We did not participate at that time but will be participating in the discussions about management of the River for the future.

We thank you for notifying us of this 7D Review and look forward to working with Reclamation as these discussions progress. Please keep the Havasupai Tribe ([htchair@havasupai-nsn.gov](mailto:htchair@havasupai-nsn.gov)) and our legal advisors for water matters, Margaret Vick and John Bezdek, informed.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Kissoon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Evangeline Kissoon, Chairwoman

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