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Mr. Fulp,

I am writing to express my support of the "Conservation Before Shortage" Alternative for the draft EIS of the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

I feel that this alternative would meet the purpose and need of the project without limiting the recreational opportunities of these lakes and without being economically detrimental. While I understand new legislation would have to be passed to provide funding to implement this project, I feel that the Basin States would be willing to support such an action.

I do however, feel that such an action should be considered for the long term viability of operations and not merely used as "interim guidelines". With the increasing growth in Basin states, it is important that the Bureau of Reclamation plan for not only the near future but for the long term productivity of the Colorado River.

Thank you,

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