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Dear Bureau of Reclamation:

I'm writing to comment on the Draft EIS Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages.

In Chapter 4, page 4-265, lines 35-37 the range for reduced consumptive use of 4.2 to 6.9 af per acre is attributed to Colby et. al. 2006 but there is no entry for Colby in the References Cited,

page Ref-4.

In Colby B., K. Pittenger and L. Jones. "Voluntary Irrigation Forbearance to Mitigate Drought Impacts: Economic

Considerations" water application rates range from 3.5 to 5.8 af/acre. These rates comes from "Estimated Quantity of

Water Applied and Method of Distribution by Selected Crops Harvested:

2003 and

1998." 2003 Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey Census of Agriculture,

2002 Census

of Agriculture,

http://www.nass.usda.gov/census/census02/fris/tables/fris03_28.pdf.

In brief, the range of consumptive use reduction in the dEIS seems high compared to the application rates found in the

irrigation survey.

Best regards,

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