This appendix provides documentation of the public outreach, coordination, and consultation efforts undertaken by Reclamation with regard to the proposed federal action and the preparation of this EIS. Reclamation discussed the development of the proposed federal action with various agencies and organizations at agency/organization regular meetings; public conferences and events sponsored by the agency/organizations; and at meetings sponsored by Reclamation. The entities included the Basin States’ water resource departments, water agencies within these states, contractors and associations for federal hydroelectric power, and non-governmental organizations. Reclamation also consulted with Indian tribes and Mexico. The coordination activities with each agency, entity or group are summarized in Chapter 6, Volume I of this EIS.
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<td>Arizona Department of Water Resources</td>
<td>To discuss Shortage Implementation in Arizona, to develop recommendations to the Director regarding Colorado River Shortage implementation criteria</td>
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<td>January 23, 2006</td>
<td>Water Expo 2006</td>
<td>Pamela Justice</td>
<td>To address the issue of conservation with an emphasis on Colorado River shortage sharing</td>
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<td>March 1, 2006</td>
<td>Water Education Foundation Tour</td>
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<td>Highlight key points: 1922 Colorado River Compact, United States water deliveries to Mexico, Reclamation's water quantity and quality requirements, shortage criteria negotiations, Quantification Settlement Agreement</td>
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<td>March 7-8, 2006</td>
<td>2006 RiverWare™ User Group Meeting</td>
<td>Center for Advanced Decision Support for Water and Environmental Systems (CADSWES)</td>
<td>Technical Support to the Basin States Regarding Drought Conditions on the Colorado River</td>
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<td>Guides Training Seminar (GTS)</td>
<td>Grand Canyon River Guides (GCRG)</td>
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<td>Colorado River Fish and Wildlife Council Annual Meeting</td>
<td>Rod Stone</td>
<td>Present a brief plot on Lake Mead elevation, Lower Basin status on snowpack, shortage project, Management Strategies EIS, lower Colorado River operations and conditions</td>
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<td>Present the state of the Colorado River system</td>
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<td>Michele Ruemler</td>
<td>Provide a forum for the development and exchange of ideas, information and technology which enhances the delivery of public services</td>
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<td>Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group Meeting</td>
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<td>Environmentally Sustainable Water Resources Management Methodologies</td>
<td>Institute of Science and Technology Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University</td>
<td>Talk about river basin management, reservoir operations and stakeholder participation in water management</td>
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<td>Update on the Colorado River, the management plan, and the drought planning efforts</td>
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<td>Water Challenges – Opportunities for Action: 24th Annual Executive Briefing</td>
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<td>Danger on the Delta: Is Southern California Betting its Future on an Unstable Water System?</td>
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<td>To explore the implications of a major earthquake in the Delta region on Southern California’s water supply and what Southern California can do to mitigate the impacts</td>
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<td>Colorado River Operations; Current Conditions; Proposed Operational Guidelines</td>
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<td>Colorado River Fish and Wildlife Council Annual Meeting</td>
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<td>April 26-27, 2007</td>
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<td>Law of the Colorado River</td>
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<td>September 17-18, 2007</td>
<td>Western Water Law</td>
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<td>Overview of the major current issues in western water law</td>
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United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Lower Colorado Regional Office
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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DEC 23 2005

Honorable Raphael Bear
President, Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation
P.O. Box 17779
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

Subject: Request to Initiate Consultation on the Development of Lower Colorado River Basin (Lower Basin) Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies

Dear President Bear:

The Secretary of the Department of the Interior has recently directed the Bureau of Reclamation to develop Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions. Reclamation, in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations, has begun to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the proposed guidelines and strategies. A notice was published in the Federal Register on September 30, 2005, that announced the start of the scoping process and the intent to prepare an EIS (70 Federal Register 57322).

On behalf of the Department, we would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation, in concert with the initiation of our NEPA process for this proposed action, to identify and consider potential impacts to any tribal trust resources as a result of the proposed action.

Mr. Rick Gold, Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region, and I respectfully request an opportunity to consult with you on these planned actions and discuss your interest and involvement in the NEPA process for this proposed action. To that end, we have arranged a meeting at Two Arizona Center, 400 North 5th Street, 12th Floor Conference Room A & B in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 27, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Our staff will call your office during the next few weeks regarding this request. You may call Ms. Nan Yoder at 702-293-8495 or contact her by email at nyoder@USBR.GOV to discuss the consultation process or to confirm your availability for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Johnson
Regional Director

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I.3 December 23, 2005 Letter to Ten Tribes

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Honorable Charles Wood
Chairman, Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
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DEC 23 2005

Subject: Request to Initiate Consultation on the Development of Lower Colorado River Basin
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Dear Chairman:

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and the intent to prepare an EIS (70 Federal Register 57322).

On behalf of the Department, we would like to initiate government-to-government consultation with the
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, in concert with the initiation of our NEPA process for this proposed action, to
identify and consider potential impacts to any tribal trust resources as a result of the proposed action.

Mr. Rick Gold, Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region, and I respectfully request an opportunity to
counsel with you on these planned actions and discuss your interest and involvement in the NEPA process
for this proposed action. To that end, we have arranged a meeting at McCarran Airport, Las Vegas,
Nevada, Rooms 4 and 5, on January 19, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Our staff will call your office during the next few weeks regarding this request. You may call
Ms. Nan Yoder at 702-293-3495 or contact her by email at nyoder@lce.usbr.gov to discuss the
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Sincerely,

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Chairperson, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
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Needles, CA 92363

Honorable Mike Jackson, Sr.
President, Quechuan Indian Tribe
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Yuma, AZ 85366

Honorable Clement Frost
Chairman, Southern Ute Indian Tribe
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Ignacio, CO 81137

Honorable Levi Pesata
President, Jicarilla Apache Nation
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Subject: Proposed Shortage Guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and Coordinated Strategies for the Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, Government-to-Government Consultation

Dear Chairwoman:

As you are aware, the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation are proposing to develop shortage guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and coordinated strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead. A copy of the September 30, 2005 Federal Register notice initiating this process is enclosed. As part of this effort, Reclamation has already begun to engage your tribe in government-to-government consultations because of your participation in the Central Arizona Project water rights settlement.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Executive Order 13007, regarding sacred sites, Reclamation is further seeking your assistance in identifying and evaluating historic properties, especially those of traditional religious or cultural importance, and what potential effects, if any, this proposed action might have on these properties.

A representative from Reclamation will be calling your office within two weeks to facilitate a government-to-government consultation regarding properties under NHPA and sacred site guidelines, or you may call Mr. John Jamrog, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region at 702-293-8675.

Sincerely,

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Colorado River Reservoir Operations:
Development of Lower Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice to solicit comments and hold public scoping meetings on the development of Lower Colorado River Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to conduct public scoping meetings and prepare an EIS for the development of Lower Colorado River Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under Low Reservoir Conditions. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has directed Reclamation to develop additional Colorado River management strategies to address operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

The proposed action is to develop these guidelines and strategies. Through the NEPA process initiated by this Federal Register notice, Reclamation is considering development of: (1) Specific guidelines that will identify those circumstances under which the Department of the Interior (Department) would reduce annual water deliveries from Lake Mead to the Lower Basin States below the 7.5 million acre-feet (maf) Lower Basin apportionment and the manner in which those deliveries would be reduced, and (2) coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS have not been developed at this time and will be developed through the NEPA process, including through the upcoming EIS scoping meetings.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Four public meetings will be held to solicit comments on the scope of specific shortage guidelines and other coordinated management strategies and issues and alternatives that should be analyzed. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the public meetings to be held at the following locations:

• Tuesday, November 1, 2005–6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Hilton Salt Lake City Center, Topaz Room, 325 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

• Wednesday, November 2, 2005–6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Adam’s Mark Hotel, Tower Court D, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado.

• Thursday, November 3, 2005–6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Arizona Department of Water Resources, Third Floor, Conference Rooms A&B, 200 South Third Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

• Tuesday, November 8, 2005–6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Henderson Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, 200 South Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

Written comments on the proposed development of these strategies may be sent by close of business on Wednesday, November 30, 2005, to: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, Attention: BC00-1000, PO Box 81470, Boulder City, Nevada 89005–1470, faxogram at (702) 293–8156, or e-mail at strategies@usbr.gov and/or Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Attention: UC–402, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84318–1147, faxogram at (801) 524–3858, or e-mail at strategies@usbr.gov.

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If special assistance is required regarding accommodations for attendance at any of the public meetings, please call Nan Yoder at (702) 293–8495, faxogram at (702) 293–8156, or e-mail at nyoder@usbr.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years the Colorado River Basin experienced the worst five-year drought

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in recorded history. Drought in the Basin has impacted system storage, while demands for Colorado River water supplies have continued to increase. In the future, low reservoir conditions may not be limited to drought periods as additional development of Colorado River water occurs. The Colorado River is of strategic importance in the southwestern United States for water supply, hydropower production, recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and other benefits. In addition, the Republic of Mexico has an allocation to the waters of the Colorado River pursuant to a 1944 treaty with the United States. In 2001, the Department adopted Interim Colorado Guidelines (FR 7722) that are used by the Secretary in making annual determinations regarding “Normal” and “Surplus” conditions for the operation of Lake Mead. Since adoption, these Guidelines have, among other operational and management benefits, allowed the Department and entities in Arizona, California, and Nevada that rely on the Colorado River greater predictability in identifying when Colorado River water in excess of 7.5 maf will be available for use within the State. In 2005, at this time the Department does not have detailed guidelines in place for annual determinations of water levels in the Lower Basin States of Arizona, California, and Nevada (often referred to as a “shortage” condition on the lower Colorado River). Therefore, water users who rely on the Colorado River in these States are not currently able to identify particular reservoir conditions under which the Secretary would release less than 7.5 maf for use on an annual basis. Nor are these water users able to identify the amount of any potential future annual reductions in water deliveries.

Over the past year, the seven Colorado River Basin States have been proactively discussing strategies to address the recent period of system-wide drought in the Colorado River Basin. In addition, Reclamation has conducted detailed briefings for stakeholders in the Colorado River basin and other interested entities regarding future scenarios for Colorado River operations. Currently, each year, the Secretary establishes an Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for the Colorado River Reservoirs. The AOP describes how Reclamation will manage the reservoirs over a 12-month period, consistent with the Criteria for Coordinated Long-Range Operation of Colorado River Reservoirs Pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968 (Long-Range Operating Criteria), the Decree entered by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Arizona v. California litigation, and other provisions of applicable Federal law. Reclamation consults annually with the Colorado River Basin States, Indian tribes, and other interested parties in the development of the AOP. Further, as part of the AOP process, the Secretary makes annual determinations under the Long-Range Operating Criteria regarding the availability of Colorado River water for deliveries to the Lower Division States. To meet the consultation requirements of Federal law, Reclamation also consults with the Colorado River Basin States, Indian tribes, and other interested parties during the five-year periodic reviews of the Long-Range Operating Criteria.

During the mid-year review of the 2005 AOP conducted this past spring, the Department received conflicting recommendations from the Colorado River Basin States regarding operations of Glen Canyon Dam for the remainder of the 2005 water year. In March 2005, the Secretary directed Reclamation to develop additional strategies to improve coordinated management of the reservoirs in the Colorado River system. Pursuant to that direction, Reclamation conducted a public consultation workshop on May 26, 2005, in Henderson, Nevada; issued a Federal Register notice soliciting public comments on June 15, 2005; and conducted public meetings on July 26 and July 28, 2005, in Henderson, Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah, respectively. Reclamation received a broad range of public comments and suggestions from these discussions, not all of which can be addressed in this proposed process. In addition, some suggestions may be part of ongoing or future efforts.

In order to assure the continued productive management and use of the Colorado River into the future, Reclamation is now soliciting public comments on the development of Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions. Reclamation will utilize a public process pursuant to NEPA. By this notice, Reclamation provides notice of its intent to prepare an EIS on this action, and provides notice of its upcoming EIS scoping meetings. Reclamation invites all interested members of the general public, including the seven Colorado River Basin States, Indian tribes, water and power contractors, environmental organizations, representatives of academic and scientific communities, representatives of the recreation industry, and other organizations and agencies to present oral and written comments concerning the format and scope of specific shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies, and the issues and alternatives to be considered during the development of these proposed guidelines and strategies. Reclamation anticipates publishing a "scoping report" after completion of the public scoping meetings identified in this Federal Register notice.

All comments received will be considered as Reclamation develops formal alternatives under NEPA. Similar to the surplus guidelines referenced above, it is likely that these shortage guidelines will be inextricably linked with the Secretary’s AOP decisions, and provide more predictability to water users and the public throughout the Colorado River Basin, particularly those in the Lower Division States. The Department does not intend to evaluate the decommissioning of Glen Canyon Dam.

Public Disclosure

Written comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be made available for public review. Individual respondents may request that their address be withheld from public disclosure, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which respondents’ identity may also be withheld from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. All submissions from organizations, business, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.


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Subject: Proposed Shortage Guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and Coordinated Strategies for the Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, Government-to-Government Consultations

Dear Chairman:

As you are aware, the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation are proposing to develop shortage guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and coordinated strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead. A copy of the September 30, 2005 Federal Register notice initiating this process is enclosed. As part of this effort, Reclamation has already begun to engage in government-to-government consultations with the Ten Tribes Partnership, of which your tribe is a member.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Executive Order 13007, regarding sacred sites, Reclamation is further seeking your assistance in identifying and evaluating historic properties, especially those of traditional religious or cultural importance, and what potential effects, if any, this proposed action might have on these properties.

A representative from Reclamation will be calling your office within two weeks to facilitate a government-to-government consultation regarding properties under the NHPA and sacred site guidelines, or you may call Mr. John Jamrogi, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region at 702-293-8675.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William J. Liebhauser, Acting Director
Resources Management Office

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Bartow County

ATCO-Gooyear Mill and Mill Village Historic District, Roughly bounded by Sugar Valley Rd., Gassville rd. and Petit Creek, Wingfoot Trail and Litchfield St., Cartersville, 05001172

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Androscoggin County

Keystone Mineral Springs, Keystone Rd., Poland, 05001175

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Garland Farm, 1029 ME 3, Bar Harbor, 05001174

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Colorado River Reservoir Operations:
Development of Lower Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice to solicit comments and hold public scoping meetings on the development of Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years the Colorado River Basin experienced the worst five-year drought
in recorded history. Drought in the Basin has impacted system storage, while demands for Colorado River water supplies have continued to increase. In the future, low reservoir conditions may not be limited to drought periods as additional development of Colorado River water occurs. The Colorado River is of strategic importance in the southwestern United States for water supply, hydropower production, recreation, and wildlife habitat, and other benefits. In addition, the Republic of Mexico has an allocation to the waters of the Colorado River pursuant to a 1944 treaty with the United States.

In 2001, the Department adopted Interim Surplus Guidelines (66 FR 7772) that are used by the Secretary in making annual determinations regarding “Normal” and “Surplus” conditions for the operation of Lake Mead. Since adoption, these Guidelines have, among other operational and management benefits, allowed the Department and entities in Arizona, California, and Nevada that rely on the Colorado River greater predictability in identifying when Colorado River water in excess of 7.5 maf will be available for use within these three States. In contrast, at this time the Department does not have detailed guidelines in place for annual transfers of releases from Lake Mead of less than 7.5 maf to water users in the three Lower Division States of Arizona, California, and Nevada (often referred to as a “shortage” condition on the lower Colorado River). Therefore, water users who rely on the Colorado River in these States are not currently able to identify particular reservoir conditions under which the Secretary would release less than 7.5 maf for use on an annual basis. Nor are these water users able to identify the amount of any potential future annual reductions in water deliveries.

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Dated: September 22, 2005.

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Subject: Proposed Shortage Guidelines for the Lower Basin of the Colorado River and Coordinated Strategies for the Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, Government-to-Government Consultations

Dear Mr. Kuwanwiswma:

The Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation are proposing to develop Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated reservoir operations strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead. A copy of the September 30, 2005 Federal Register notice initiating this process is enclosed.

Reclamation would like to enter into a government-to-government consultation regarding any concerns your tribe might have with our proposed action. In addition, in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and Executive Order 13007, regarding sacred sites, Reclamation is seeking your assistance in identifying and evaluating historic properties, especially those of traditional religious or cultural importance, and what potential effects, if any, this proposed action might have on these properties.

A representative from Reclamation will be calling your office within two weeks to facilitate a government-to-government consultation regarding this action, or you may call Mr. John Jamrog, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region at 702-293-8675.

Sincerely,

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Pulaski County
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US 65, Damascus, 05001179

Southerland, Conway, 05001168

Ward, Earl and Mildred, House, (Mixed Masonry Buildings of Silas Owens. Sr. Mps) 1157
Mitchell St., Conway, 05001169

Prince, Conway, 05001171

Washington County
Prairie Grove Battlefield (Boundary Increase II), N of US 62, E of Prairie Grove, Prairie
Grove, 05001167

COLORADO
Montrose County
North Rim Road, Black Canyon of the
Gunnison National Park, Black Canyon of the
Gunnison National Park. Crawford, 05001181

GEORGIA
Bartow County
ATCO-Goodyear Mill and Mill Village
Historic District, Roughly bounded by
Sugar Valley Rd., Cassville rd. and Pettit
Creek, Wingfoot Trail and Linclfield St.,
Cartersville, 05001172

MAINE
Androscoggin County
Keeneks Mineral Springs, Keystone Rd.,
Poland, 05001175

Cumberland County
Battery Steele, Florida Ave., Peaks Island,
Portland, 05001179

Lakeside Grove #3, Main St., jct. of Main
St. and Lincoln St., Harrison, 05001173

Hancock County
Guilford Farm, 1029 ME 3, Bar Harbor,
05001174

MINNESOTA
Cook County
Grand Portage National Monument, Off US
61 within the area of the Grand Portage
Indian Reservation, Grand Portage,
05001180

MISSOURI
Madison County
St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern
Railroad Depot, Allen St., 138 S. No of jct.
of Allen and Kelly Sts., Fredericktown,
05001178

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Reclamation
Colorado River Reservoir Operations:
Development of Lower Basin Shortage
Guidelines and Coordinated Management
Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice to solicit comments and hold public scoping meetings on the development of Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to conduct public scoping meetings and prepare an EIS for the development of Lower Colorado River Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead Under Low Reservoir Conditions. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has directed Reclamation to develop additional Colorado River management strategies to address operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead under low reservoir conditions.

The proposed action is to develop these guidelines and strategies. Through the NEPA process initiated by this Federal Register notice, Reclamation is considering development of (1) Specific guidelines that will identify those circumstances under which the
Department of the Interior (Department)
would reduce annual water deliveries from Lake Mead to the Lower Basin States below the 7.5 million acre-feet (maf) Lower Basin apportionment and the manner in which those deliveries would be reduced, and (2) coordinated management strategies for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS have not been developed at this time and will be developed through the NEPA process, including through the upcoming EIS scoping meetings.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Four public meetings will be held to solicit comments on the scope of specific shortage guidelines and other coordinated management strategies and be developed at locations that should be addressed. Oral and written comments will be accepted at the public meetings to be held at the following locations:

• Tuesday, November 1, 2005—6 p.m.
to 8 p.m., Hilton Salt Lake City Center,
Two Park, 295 South West Temple,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

• Wednesday, November 2, 2005—6
p.m. to 8 p.m., Adam’s Mark Hotel,
Tower Court D, 1500 Court Place,
Denver, Colorado.

• Thursday, November 3, 2005—6
p.m. to 8 p.m., Arizona Department of
Water Resources, Third Floor,
Conference Rooms A&B, 500 North
Third Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

• Tuesday, November 8, 2005—6 p.m.
to 8 p.m., Henderson Convention
Center, Grand Ballroom, 200 South
Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

Written comments on the proposed development of these strategies may be sent by close of business on Wednesday, November 30, 2005, to: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, Attention: ECOO–
1000, PO Box 81470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006–1470, faxogram at (702) 293–8156, or e-mail at strategieselc.usbr.gov; and/or Regional
Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Attention: UC–402, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84318–1147, faxogram at (801) 524–3658, or e-mail at strategiesuc.usbr.gov.

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If special assistance is required regarding accommodations for attendance at any of the public meetings, please call Nan Yoder at (702) 293–4405, faxogram at (702) 293–8156, or e-mail at nyoderelc.usbr.gov no less than 5 working days prior to the applicable meeting(s).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years the Colorado River Basin
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Dear Chairman:

As part of continuing government-to-government consultations for the development of Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated reservoir operations strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, under low reservoir conditions, the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation request to meet with consulting tribes to present the draft alternatives currently being considered for analysis under the planned EIS.

During the meeting we will provide the tribal representatives with an update of progress on the project, a brief discussion of the recently published Scoping Summary Report, and a detailed presentation of the draft alternatives being considered for analysis, including preliminary results of modeling predictions of reservoir conditions as a result of each alternative being considered. A court reporter will be on hand to record the discussions at the meeting, including any input or suggestions you may have regarding the draft alternatives. The Definitions for Draft Alternatives and Elements/Options Matrix, and Draft Alternatives and Elements/Options Considered in Each Alternative, are enclosed for your review leading up to the meeting.

Although several tribal representatives have expressed interest in the potential impacts these alternatives may have on their reserved water rights, contracts, or operations, the analysis of those impacts has not yet been initiated. Therefore we will not be able to fully articulate these impacts with any certainty at this time. Our intention is to inform and engage tribal governments about the assumptions and proposals being considered for analysis at important stages of the EIS process. These impacts will be addressed through the EIS process in the future.

To accommodate the traveling distances of the majority of the consulting tribes, we are recommending a meeting in Phoenix, Arizona on one of the following days: May 22, May 23, or May 30, 2006. Please contact Mr. John Jamrog, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region, by phone at 702-293-8675, or via e-mail at jjamrog@lcc.usbr.gov, to
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confrir which dates are best for you. A representative from Reclamation will also be calling your office within the week to confirm your availability and participation and to inform you of the exact location of the meeting facility in Phoenix.

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Definitions for Draft Alternatives and Elements/Options Matrix
(Working Draft: April 13, 2006 version)

- **Absolute protection of a specified reservoir elevation**
  - The reservoir release is reduced by the amount needed to keep the reservoir above the specified elevation (i.e., inflow = outflow)
  - Example: Absolute protection of elevation 3490' at Powell would reduce Powell’s release below 8.23 MAF as Powell nears elevation 3490' and would result in additional water stored in Powell and less water in Mead
  - Example: Absolute protection of elevation 1000' in Mead would reduce Mead’s release as Mead nears elevation 1000' and would result in shortages at whatever magnitude necessary

- **No protection of reservoir elevations**
  - The reservoir continues to make specified releases until there is no water above the dead pool; then inflow = outflow

- **Reservoir balancing**
  - Lake Powell’s release is computed to keep it and Lake Mead at equal storage (or at the same percent full)

- **Modification of Lake Powell’s annual release based on elevation**
  - The annual release changes each year depending upon where Lake Powell’s elevation is at the beginning of the year (or can also be based on where the elevation is forecasted to be at the end of the year)

- **Proactive Shortage**
  - Shortages are applied at higher levels in the reservoir in order to reduce the chance of going below a lower, specified elevation
  - Results in more frequent shortages of smaller magnitudes than an absolute protection strategy
  - **Probabilistic protection** - shortages are taken at higher levels to approximate a specified chance
## Draft Alternatives and Elements/Options Considered in Each Alternative

*Working Draft: April 13, 2006 version*

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<td>Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF from Lake Mead.</td>
<td>• Two level shortage strategy - probabilistic protection of elevation 1059 at Lake Mead (1059/1098) and absolute protection of elevation 1007 at Lake Mead.</td>
<td>• Absolute protection of elevation 3400 at Lake Powell.</td>
<td>• No modification or extension of the Interim Surplus Guidelines which end in 2016.</td>
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<td><strong>A.2 Basin Status Preliminary Alternative</strong></td>
<td>• Under low reservoir storage conditions, either reduce Lake Powell releases or balance releases depending on projected Lake Mead and Lake Powell elevations.</td>
<td>• No absolute protection of 3400' at Lake Powell.</td>
<td>• Storage/delivery water management/accounting program at Lake Mead for water conserved through extraordinary water conservation and/or augmentation programs.</td>
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<td><strong>A.3 Conservation Water Shortage Alternative</strong></td>
<td>• Absolute protection of 1900' at Lake Mead.</td>
<td>• Minimum objective release of 8.23 MAF from Lake Mead.</td>
<td>• Conservation of different volumes of water tied to varying Lake Mead water levels prior to shortage.</td>
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**Common assumptions to ALL Alternatives:**
1. First year of baseline water resources of designated withdrawal in 2008 and ending in 2008 (50 years plus).
2. Reference hydrologic projections will be based on the 50-year natural flow record (1906-2005).
3. All alternatives go to No Action modeling assumptions beginning in 2006.
4. Analysis of all alternatives will assume implementation of shortages to Mexico pursuant to Article 16 of the 1944 Water Treaty with Mexico when Lower Basin shortages are declared.

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I.8 May 12, 2006 Letter to Tribes

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Subject: Response to Request for Consultation Meeting Regarding Shortage Guidelines EIS

Dear Chairman:

On April 6, 2006, Ms. Nancy Coulam, of the Bureau of Reclamation’s Upper Colorado Region, spoke with you on the phone regarding government-to-government consultation between Reclamation and the Hualapai Tribe. This discussion was concerning Reclamation’s proposal to develop Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated reservoir operations strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, under low reservoir conditions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is currently being prepared by Reclamation to analyze this proposal.

During that conversation, you expressed that the Hualapai Tribe had concerns about Lakes Powell and Mead, preserving a specific in-stream flow in the Colorado River, and protection of cultural resources if changes in the river level result in exposure or inundation of sites. You also stated an interest in having a face-to-face meeting to discuss the proposed action, as well as the concerns of the tribe. You should have already received a letter inviting you to a tribal consultation meeting scheduled for the end of this month regarding the alternatives being considered for analysis in the EIS. The meeting is planned to be in Phoenix, Arizona and will be hosted by Reclamation for all consulting tribes. In addition to that invitation, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you personally, along with any staff or tribal members you wish to include, at our mutual convenience.

Please contact Mr. John Jamrog, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region at (702) 293-8675 or me to arrange a meeting with appropriate Reclamation management.

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Dear Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated August 28, 2006, regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lower Colorado Basin Shortage Guidelines and Coordinated Management Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Since receipt of your letter, we have also been contacted by Mr. H. Scott Althouse, of Williams and Works P.A., who is representing the Hualapai Tribe. We have been working with him to establish a mutually acceptable date for a government-to-government consultation meeting. We will continue to work with you and Mr. Althouse to accomplish this goal. Given the current schedule for the EIS, we suggest scheduling our meeting as soon as possible.

We appreciate your assistance and willingness to consult with us regarding this important undertaking. Although we will continue to work with Mr. Althouse by phone, please feel free to contact Mr. John Jamrog, Environmental Compliance Group Manager for the Lower Colorado Region in Boulder City, NV, at (702) 293-8675, directly, at any time.

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Dear Tribal Representatives:

As part of continuing government-to-government consultations on the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation request to meet with tribal representatives to discuss key aspects of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS).

We invite you to meet from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on February 22, 2007, in Mezzanine Room #3, McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, Nevada. During the meeting, we will provide tribal representatives with an update of progress on the project and present information on key aspects of the Draft EIS that will be published on February 28, 2007. A court reporter will be present to record the discussions during the meeting. An agenda and power point presentation will be provided for you at the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, the following conference line is provided for your convenience: 1-866-830-3963 (code: 5142989).

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Subject: Government-to-Government Consultation on the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead

Dear Tribal Representative:

As part of our continuing government-to-government consultations on the Colorado River interim guidelines for Lower Basin shortages and coordinated operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, the Upper and Lower Colorado Regions of the Bureau of Reclamation request to meet with tribal representatives to discuss key aspects of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS).

We invite you to meet from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 4, 2007, in the 12th Floor Conference Room at Two Arizona Center, 400 North 5th Street, Phoenix, Arizona. During the meeting we will provide tribal representatives with an update of progress on the project and information on key aspects of the Draft EIS that is currently available for public comment. A court reporter will be present to record the discussions during the meeting. An agenda, handouts, and presentation will be provided for you at the meeting.

A fact sheet about the project is enclosed for your consideration. It provides information on (1) obtaining copies of the Draft EIS, (2) submitting comments on the Draft EIS during the public comment period (March 1, through April 30, 2007), and (3) the announcement of three April 2007 public hearing dates on the Draft EIS.

Please contact Ms. Amber Cunningham at 702-293-8472 if you have any questions.

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Draft EIS Available for Review and Comment

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) acting on behalf of the Secretary of Interior is announcing availability of the Draft environmental impact statement (Draft EIS) on the proposed adoption of specific Colorado River interim guidelines for Lower Basin shortages and operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, particularly under drought and low reservoir conditions. The Draft EIS presents four possible action alternatives for implementation, plus a "No Action Alternative." The action alternatives reflect input received from Reclamation staff, the cooperating agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties.

The Draft EIS is available for viewing and copying at Reclamation’s project website at: http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html. Printed versions are available at various public facilities (see list on reverse). Parties interested in receiving a compact disc or hard copy can send a written request to the address below. Please use the same address to submit any comments on the Draft EIS. Comments must be submitted no later than April 30, 2007.

Direct Draft EIS comments or inquiries to:

Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: BCOO-1000, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470; faxogram at (702) 293-8156; or e-mail at strategies@lc.usbr.gov.

Public Hearing Dates and Locations

Reclamation has scheduled three hearings to receive public comments on the Draft EIS. Comments will be considered in the selection of the preferred alternative and will be addressed in the Final EIS.

Meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3, 2007
Henderson Convention Center
Sierra Room
200 South Water Street
Henderson, Nevada

Wednesday, April 4, 2007
Phoenix Airport Marriott
Buckhorn Room
1101 North 44th Street
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Thursday, April 5, 2007
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Project Need and Purpose

During the period from 2000-2006, the Colorado River has experienced the worst drought in approximately one hundred years of record keeping. During this period, storage in Colorado River reservoirs has dropped from nearly full to less than 60 percent of capacity at the end of 2006. Currently, the Department of the Interior (Department) does not have specific operational guidelines in place to address the operation of Lake Mead and Lake Powell during drought and low reservoir conditions. Accordingly, the Department proposes the adoption of specific interim guidelines for Lower Basin shortages and coordinated operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

The purpose of the proposed federal action is to: 1) improve Reclamation’s management of the Colorado River by considering the tradeoffs between the frequency and magnitude of reductions of water deliveries, and considering the effects on water storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead, water supply, power production, recreation, and other environmental resources; 2) provide mainstream U.S. users of Colorado River water, particularly those in the Lower Division states, a greater degree of predictability with respect to the amount of annual water deliveries in future years, particularly under drought and low reservoir conditions; and, 3) provide additional mechanisms for the storage and delivery of water supplies in Lake Mead.

For Further Project Information

Please contact Terrance J. Fuip, Ph.D., at (702) 293-8500 or e-mail at strategies@ic.usbr.gov; and/or Randall Peterson at (801) 324-3633. You can also visit the project web site at: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html.

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Hard copies of the Draft EIS are available at the following locations:

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Yuma County Library
185 South Main St, Yuma, AZ

Palo Verde Valley Library
125 West Chanslor Wy, Blythe, CA

Mohave County Library
1170 Hancock Rd, Bullhead City, AZ

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As part of our continuing government-to-government consultations, the Bureau of Reclamation’s Upper and Lower Colorado Regions request to meet with tribal representatives on Friday, September 14, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Roosevelt Conference Room at the Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4001.

During the meeting Reclamation will provide tribal representatives with an update on the progress of the project, including the identification of the preferred alternative and changes made in the Shortage Allocation Model for the final EIS. A court reporter will be present to record the discussions during the meeting. An agenda, handouts, and presentation will be provided for you at the meeting.

Additional project information is available on Reclamation’s website at: http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html.

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