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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members and Alternates
Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

From: Deputy Secretary Lynn Scarlett *PL*

Subject: Response to Adaptive Management Work Group Recommendation

The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group last met May 22, 2007. At that meeting, one recommendation was made to the Secretary of the Interior. This recommendation was considered by the appropriate Departmental officials. The following provides a response on behalf of the Secretary to that recommendation:

AMWG Recommendation 1: Recommend to the Secretary that the Department secure resources to direct the development and prompt implementation of risk assessment, education, prevention/containment, and science elements in order to limit the wide-ranging damages that may be caused by quagga mussel invasion of the Colorado River system.

DOI Response 1: On April 20, 2007, the Department convened an interagency task force to address the quagga mussel invasion in the Colorado River system. Headed by the Fish and Wildlife Service to coordinate information and action, other agency task force members include the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Geological Survey, and the Department's Invasive Species Council. The task force will continue to mitigate current impacts and monitor future risk assessments, as well as engage in ongoing public outreach and education. In addition, the task force will maintain research and science initiatives to address containment and prevention into additional parts of the river system.

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