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# GCDAMP - AMWG

## Basin Hydrology and Operations

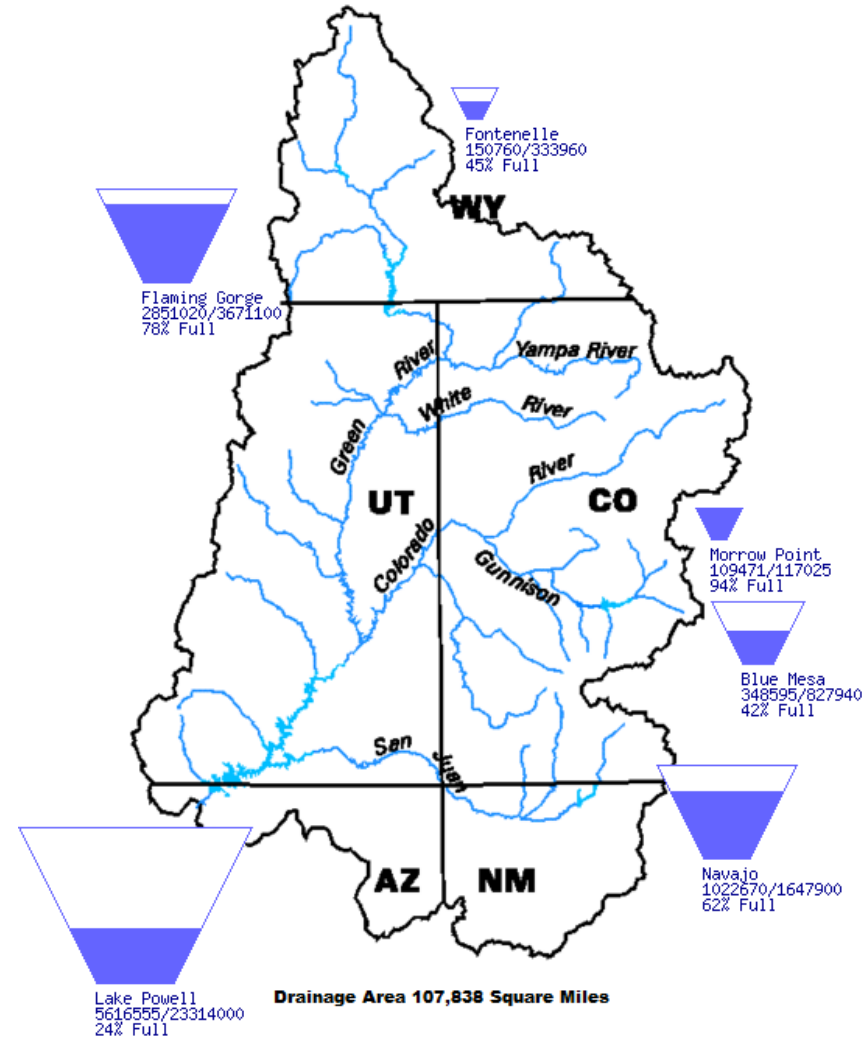
May 12, 2026

# Upper Basin Storage (as of May 11, 2026)

Data Current as of:  
05/11/2026

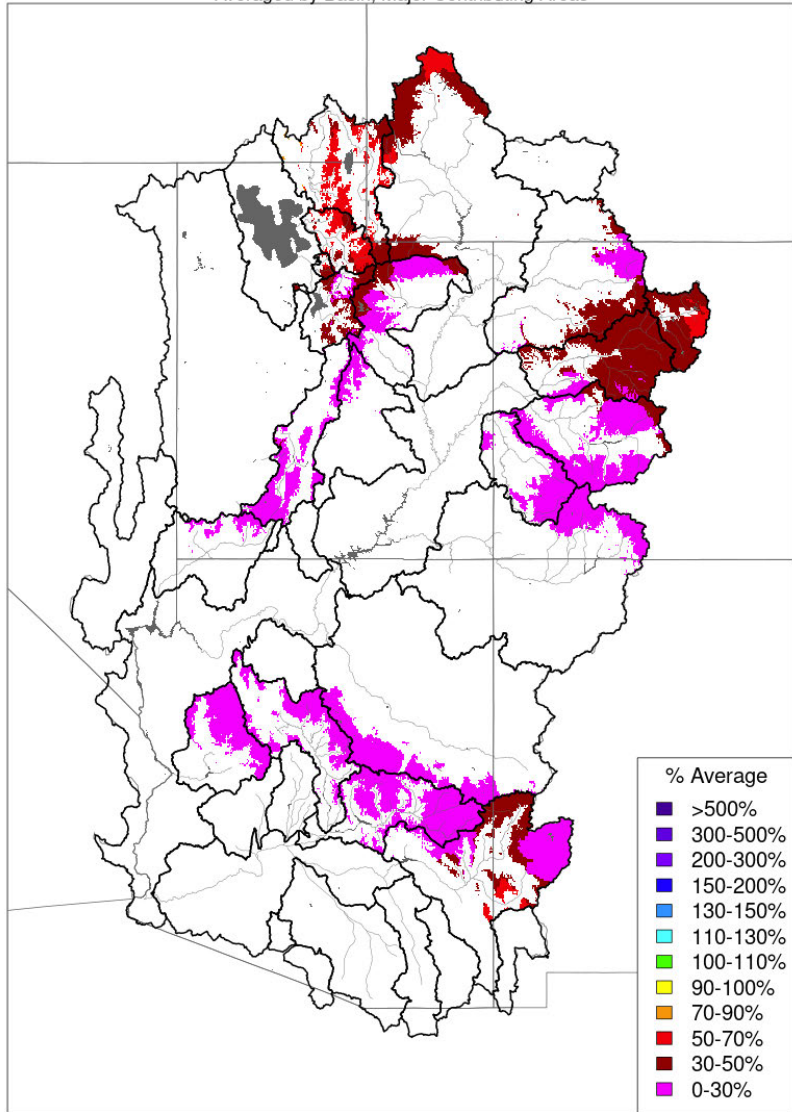
Reservoir	Percent Current Live Storage	Current Live Storage (maf)	Live Storage Capacity (maf)	Elevation (feet)
Fontenelle	45	0.15	0.33	6,480.85
Flaming Gorge	78	2.85	3.67	6,022.77
Blue Mesa	42	0.35	0.83	7,464.23
Navajo	62	1.02	1.65	6,037.06
Lake Powell	24	5.62	23.31	3,526.47
UC System Storage	34	10.12	29.93	
Total System Storage	35	20.40	58.48	

Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin



### Monthly Precipitation - March 2026

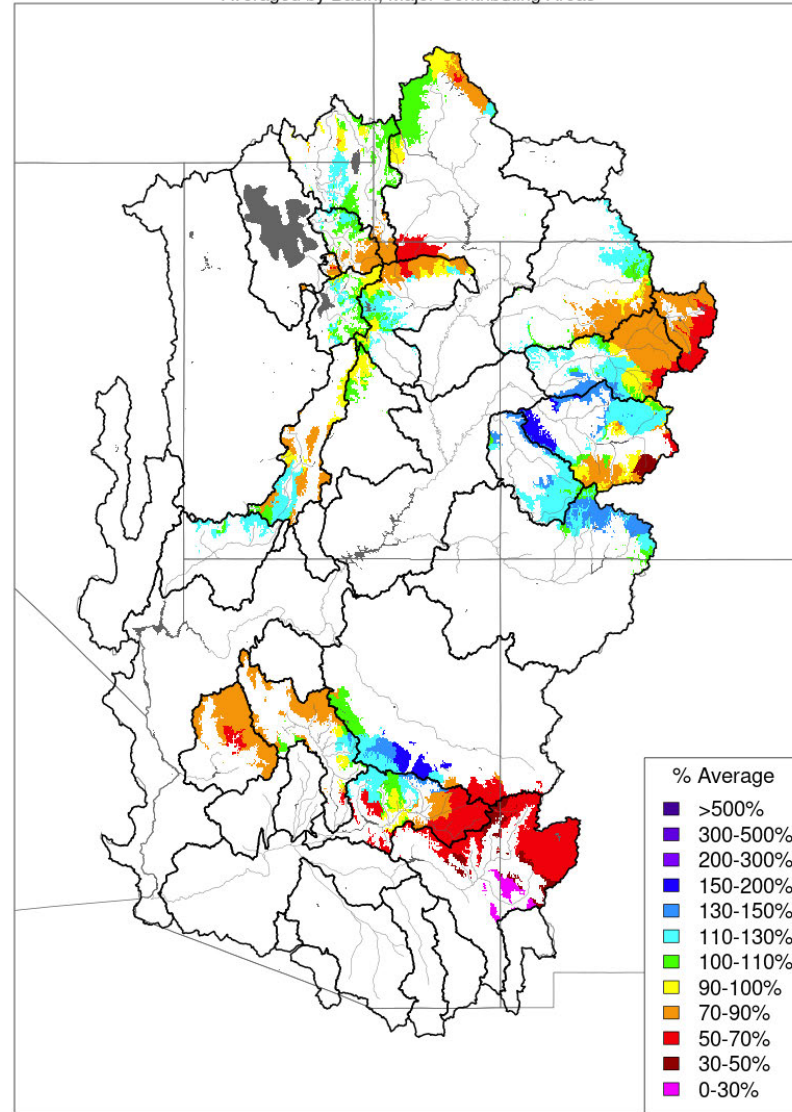
Averaged by Basin, Major Contributing Areas



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### Monthly Precipitation - April 2026

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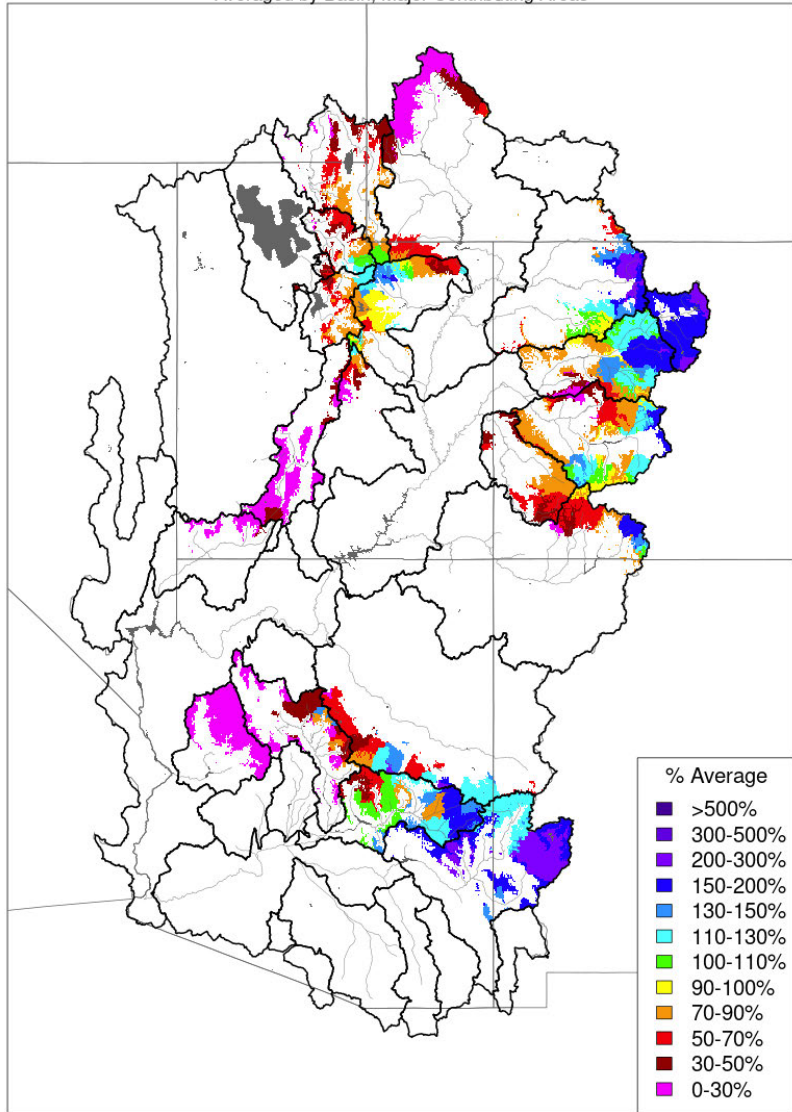


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### Month to Date Precipitation - May 12 2026

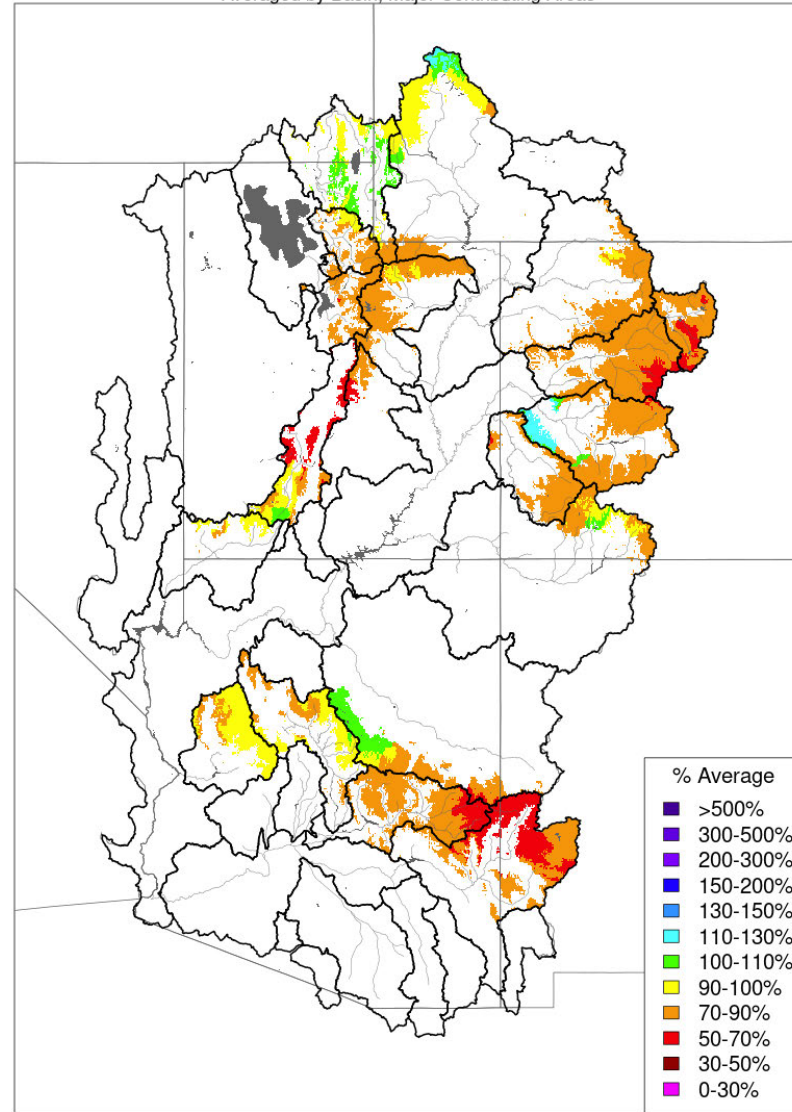
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### Water Year to Date Precipitation, October 01 - May 12 2026

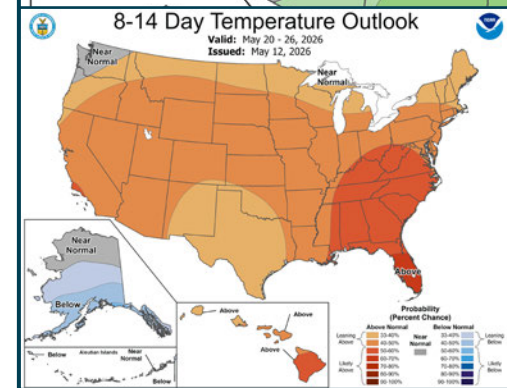
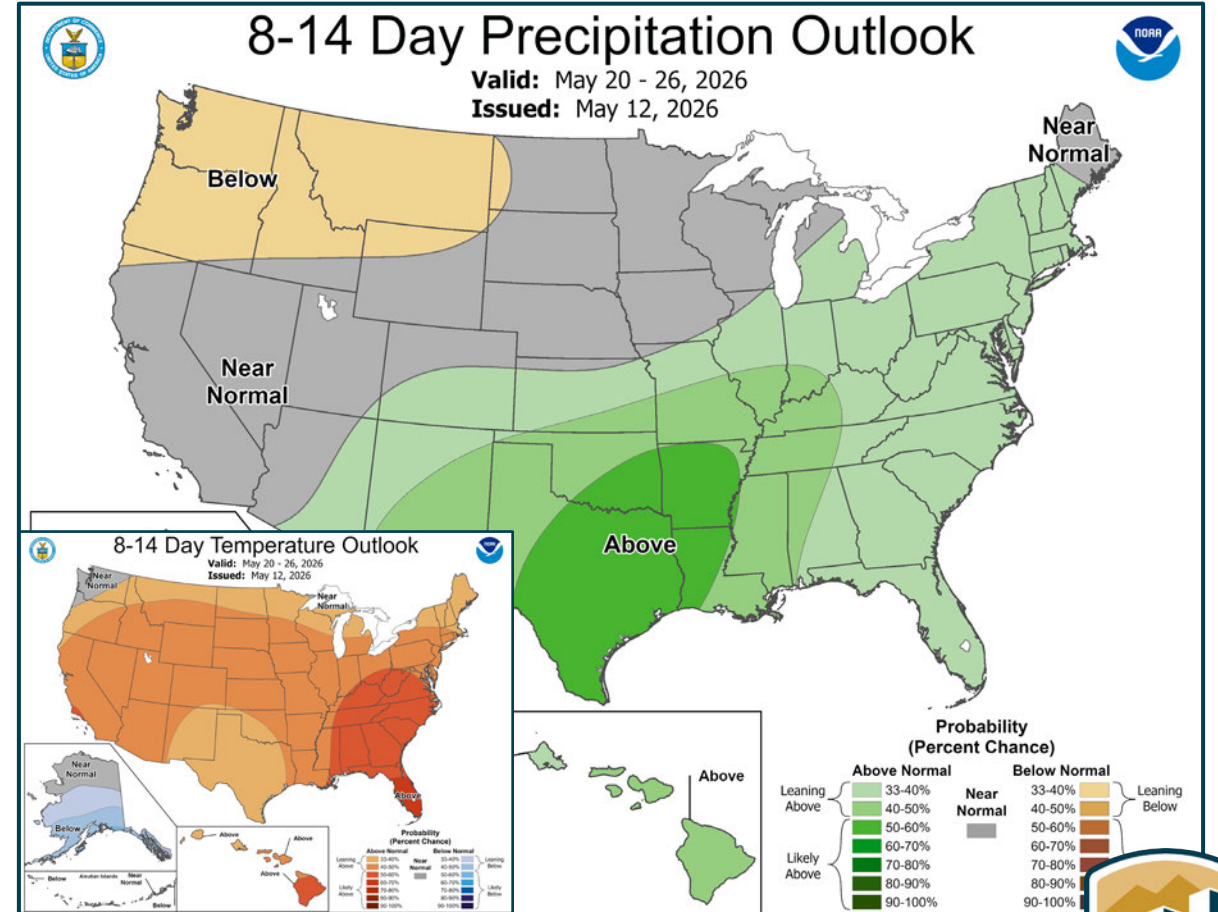
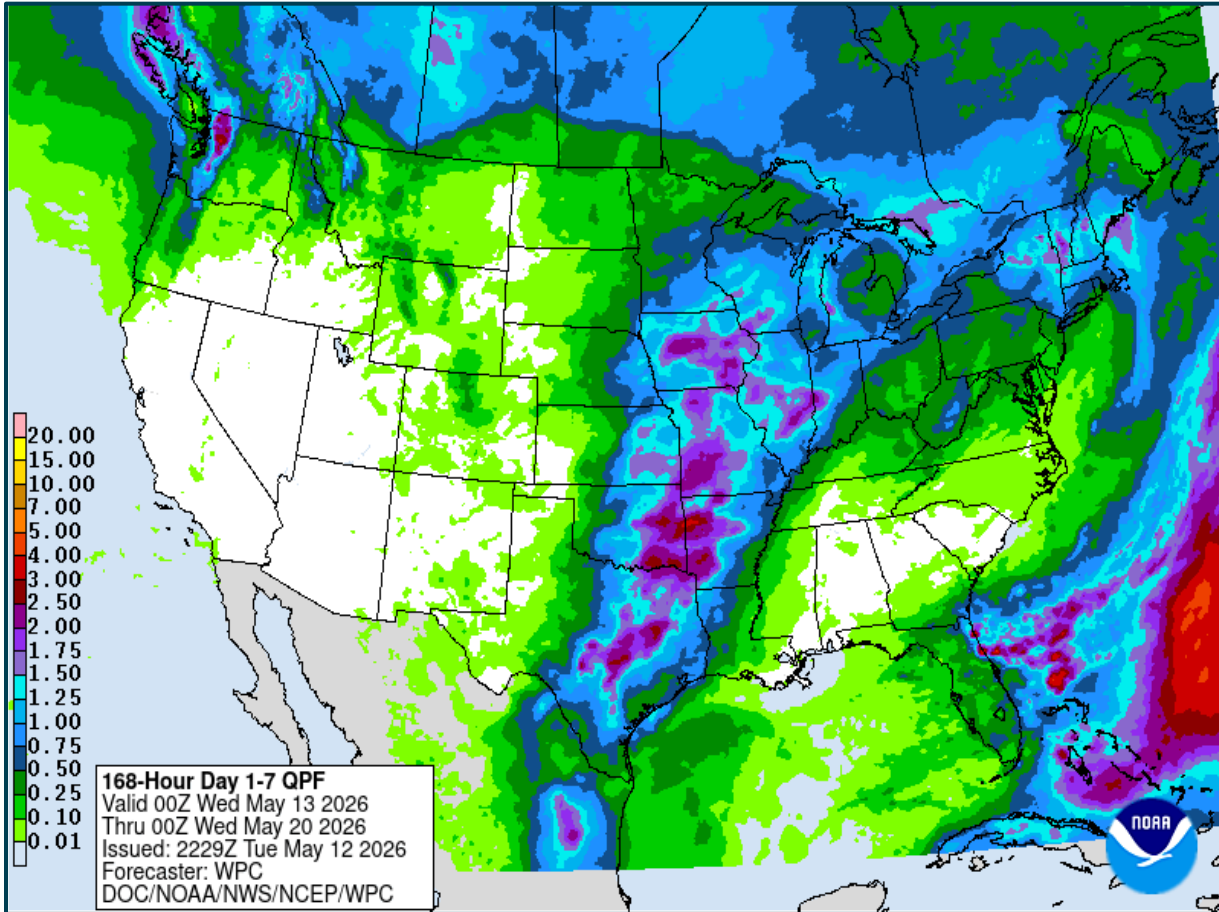
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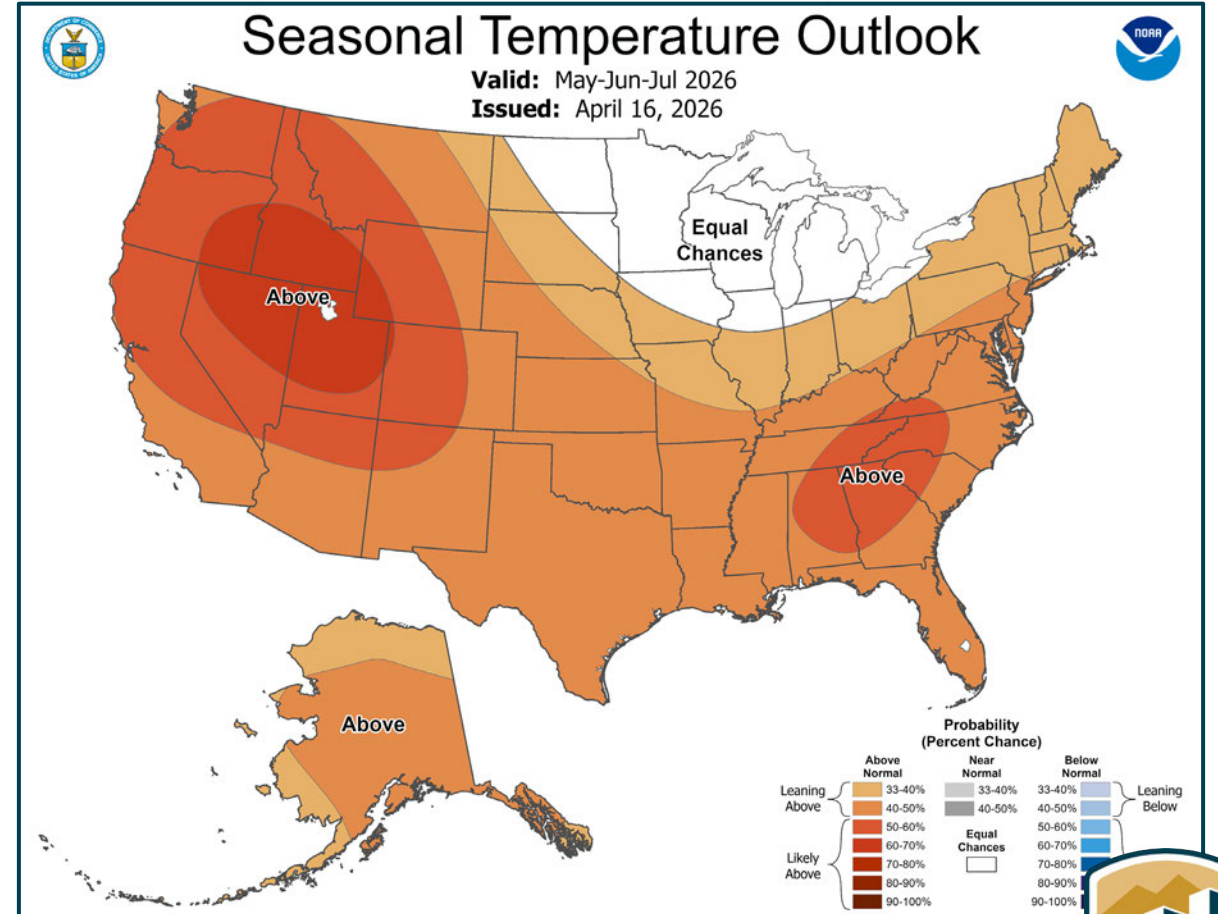
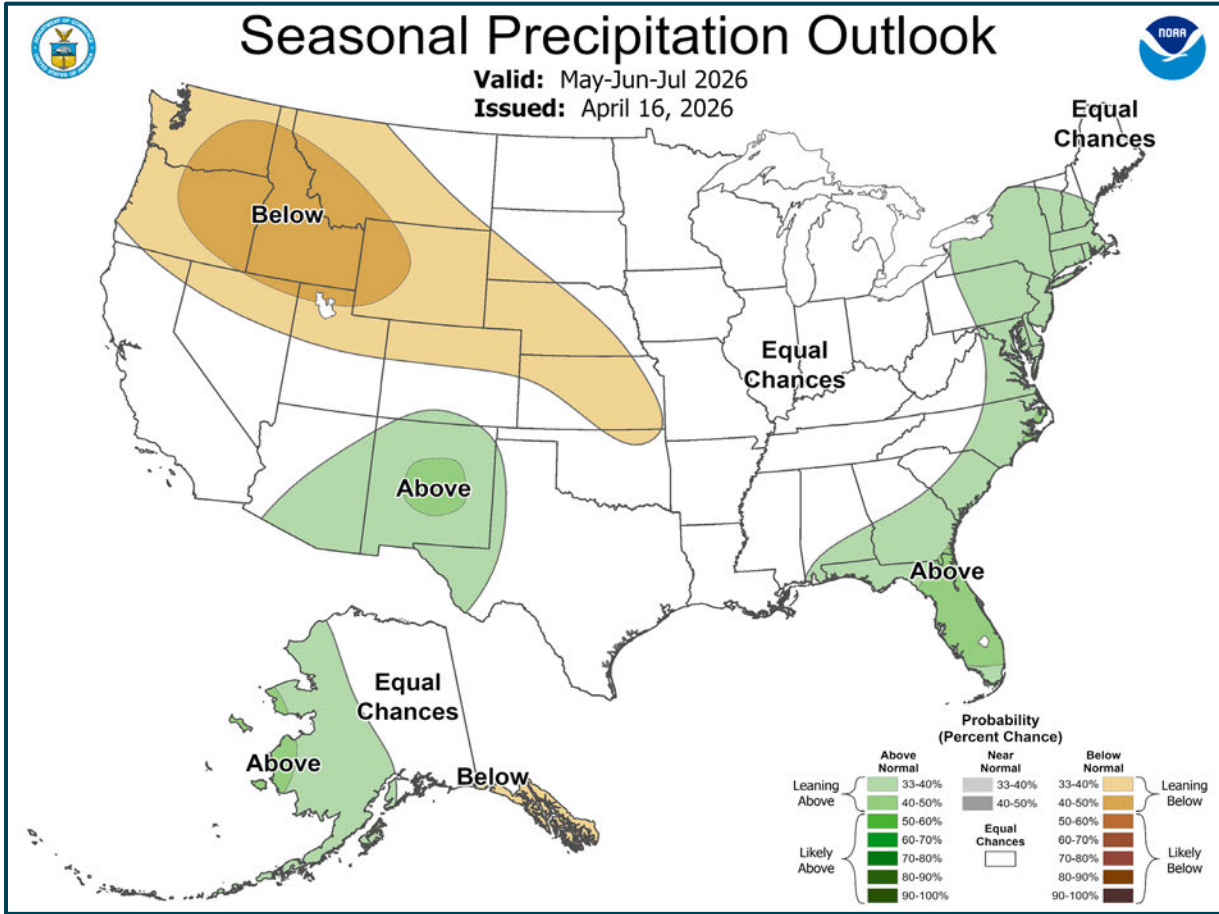
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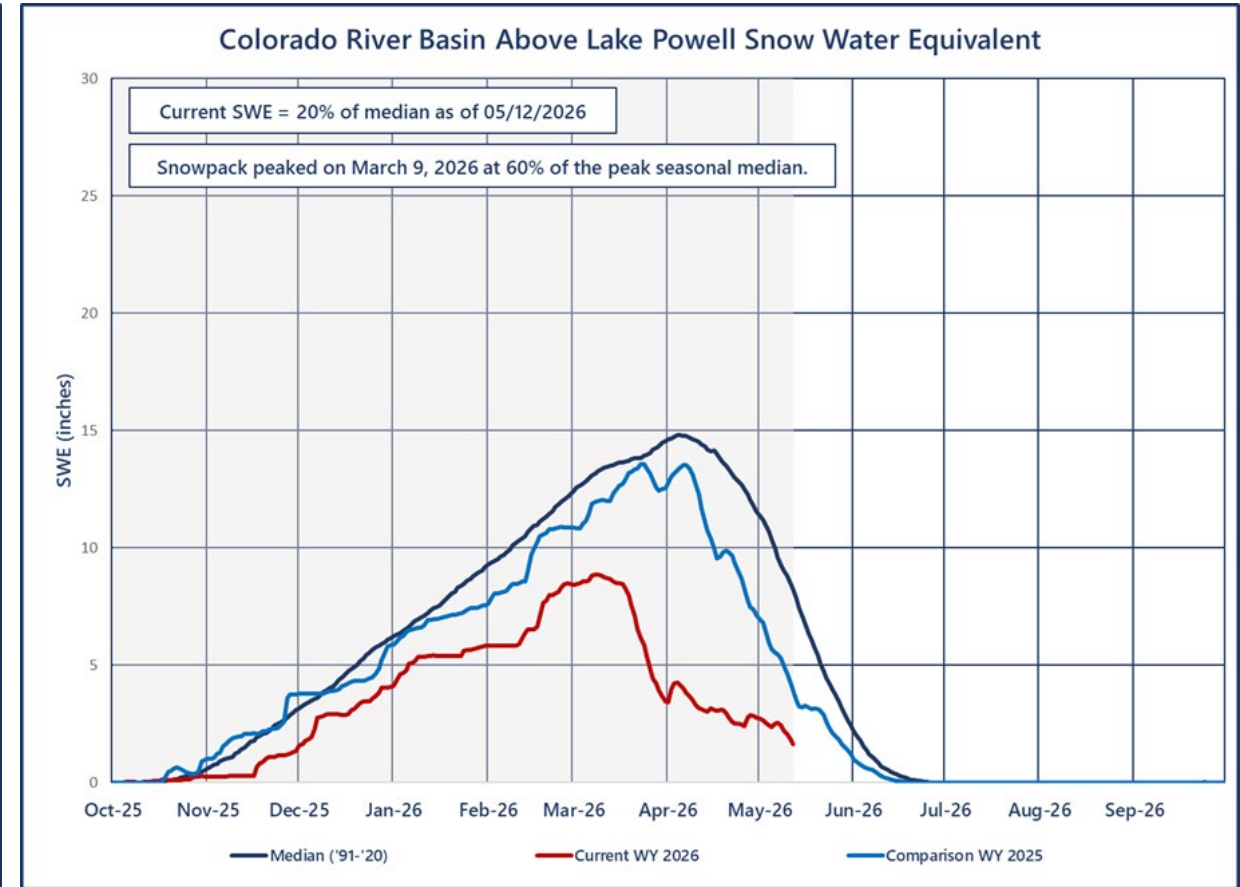
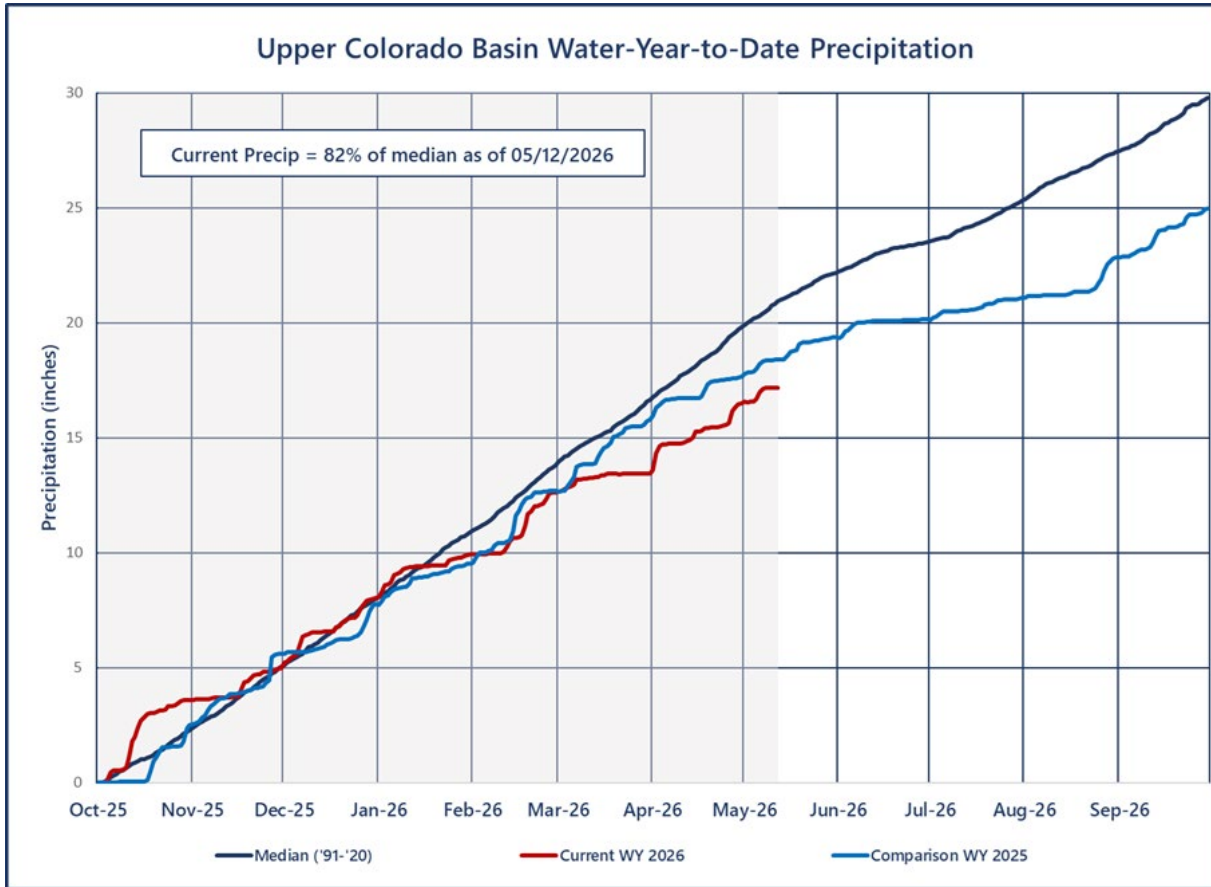
# Weather Prediction Center and Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Forecasts



# Seasonal Outlook



# Upper Colorado Precipitation and SWE<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Statistics are based on the 30-year period of record from 1991-2020.

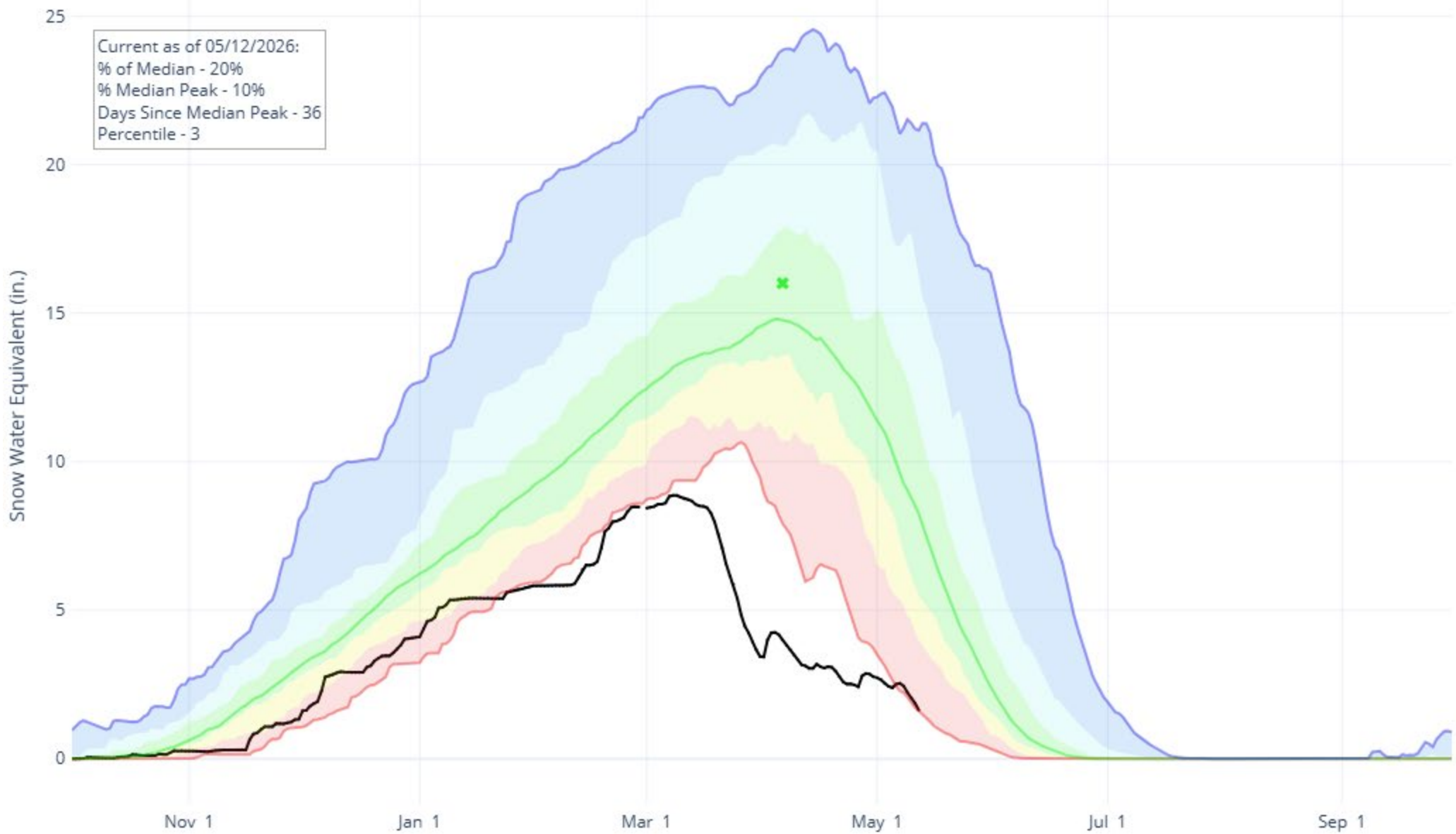


Reset Range

Link to data: CSV / JSON

Station List

Current as of 05/12/2026:  
% of Median - 20%  
% Median Peak - 10%  
Days Since Median Peak - 36  
Percentile - 3



- ✖ Median Peak SWE
- Max
- Median (POR)
- Median ('91-'20)
- Min
- Stats. Shading
- 2026 (130 sites)
- 2025 (130 sites)
- 2024 (130 sites)
- 2023 (130 sites)
- 2022 (130 sites)
- 2021 (129 sites)
- 2020 (130 sites)
- 2019 (130 sites)
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- 2010 (125 sites)
- 2009 (119 sites)
- 2008 (118 sites)
- 2007 (116 sites)
- 2006 (116 sites)
- 2005 (116 sites)
- 2004 (112 sites)
- 2003 (110 sites)



# Most Probable May Forecast Water Year 2026

April – July 2026  
Forecasted Unregulated Inflow  
as of May 5, 2026

Reservoir	Inflow (kaf)	Change from Apr	Percent of Avg <sup>1</sup>
Fontenelle	355	-85	48
Flaming Gorge	380	-110	39
Blue Mesa	170	-70	27
Navajo	168	-5	27
Powell	800	-600	13

Water Year 2026  
Unregulated Inflow Forecast  
as of May 5, 2026

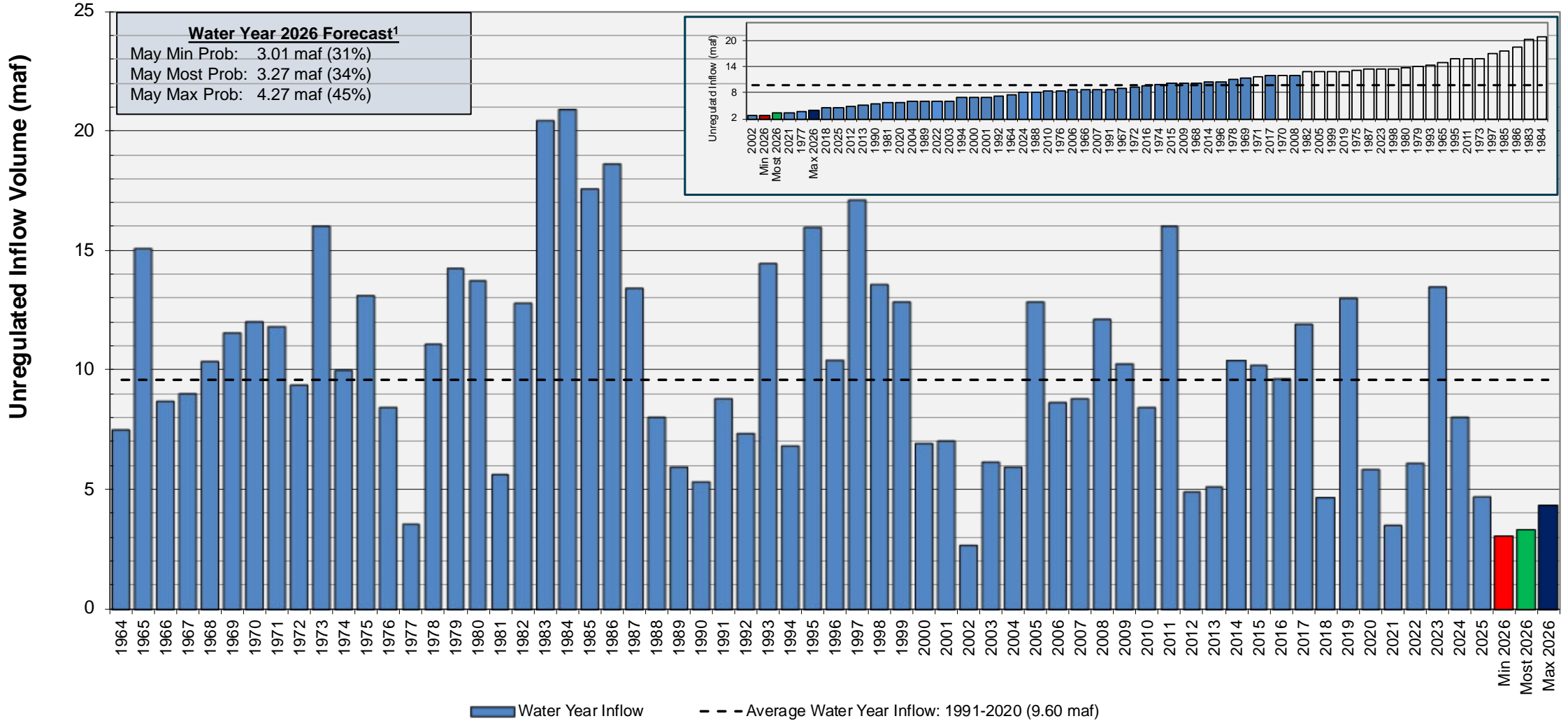
Reservoir	Inflow (kaf)	Change from Apr	Percent of Avg <sup>1</sup>
Fontenelle	641	-85	60
Flaming Gorge	696	-110	49
Blue Mesa	407	-72	45
Navajo	580	-18	64
Powell	3,271	-600	34

<sup>1</sup>Water year statistics are based on the 30-year period from 1991-2020



# Lake Powell Water Year Unregulated Inflow

as of April 21, 2026  
Comparison with History



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# Upper Colorado Basin

Hydrology and Operations  
Projections Based on  
April 2026  
24-Month Studies



# Most Probable April Forecast Water Year 2026

April – July 2026  
Forecasted Unregulated Inflow  
as of April 2, 2026

Reservoir	Inflow (kaf)	Change from Mar	Percent of Avg <sup>1</sup>
Fontenelle	440	-105	60
Flaming Gorge	490	-125	51
Blue Mesa	240	-80	38
Navajo	173	-107	28
Powell	1,400	-900	22

Water Year 2026  
Unregulated Inflow Forecast  
as of April 2, 2026

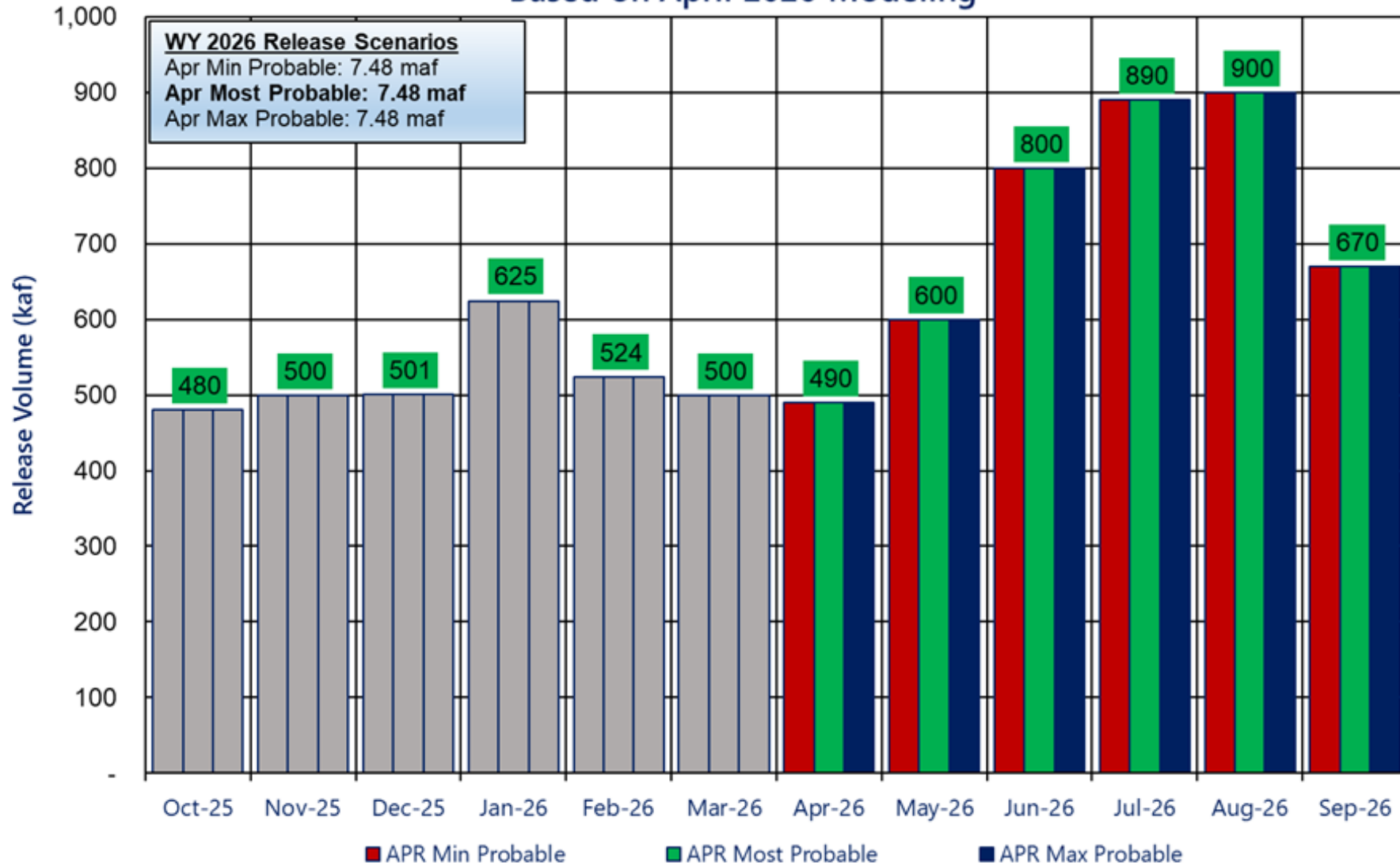
Reservoir	Inflow (kaf)	Change from Mar	Percent of Avg <sup>1</sup>
Fontenelle	726	-126	68
Flaming Gorge	806	-163	57
Blue Mesa	479	-86	53
Navajo	598	-73	66
Powell	3,871	-1,080	40

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# Potential Lake Powell Monthly Release Volume Distribution

## Release Scenarios for Water Year 2026

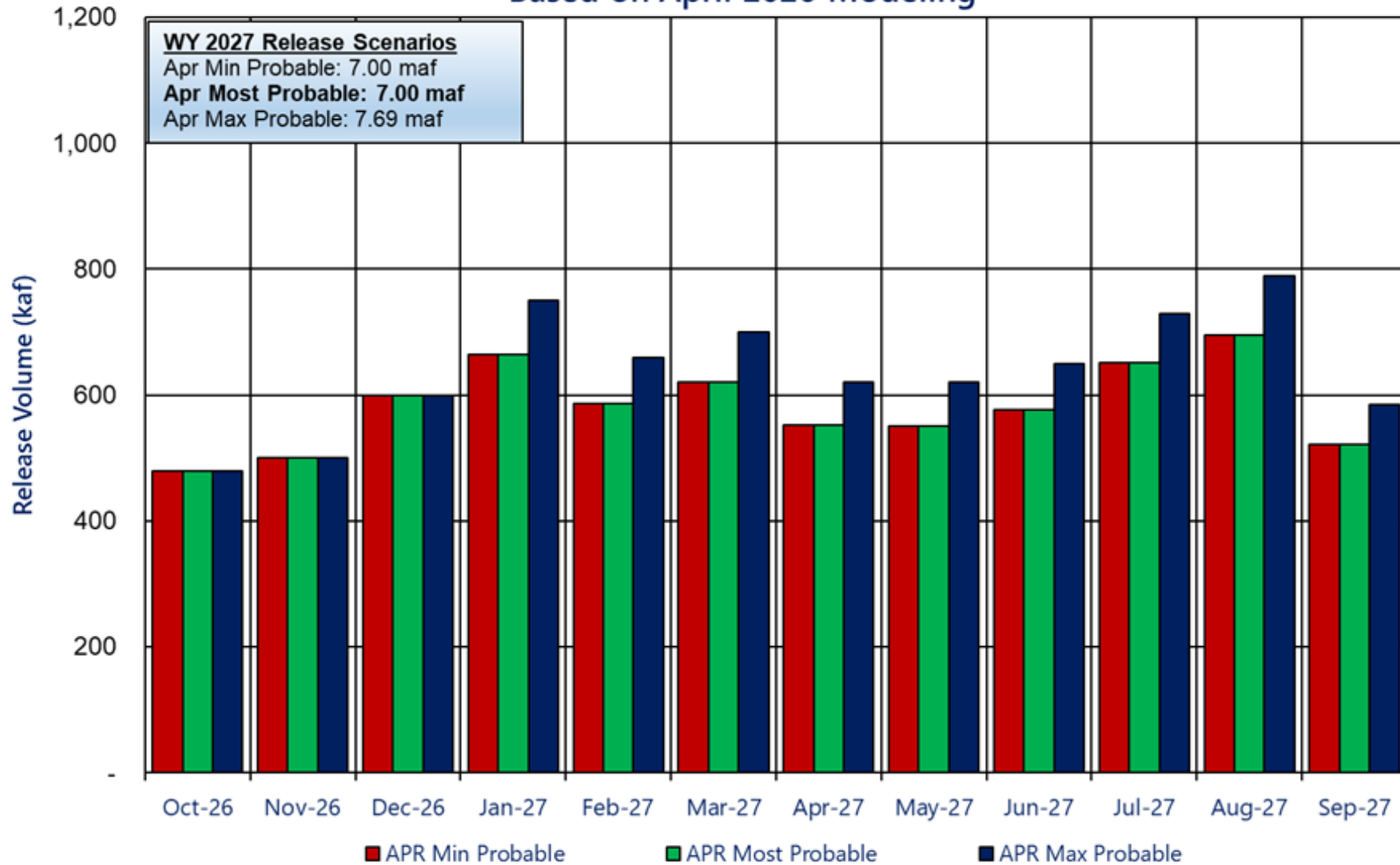
### Based on April 2026 Modeling



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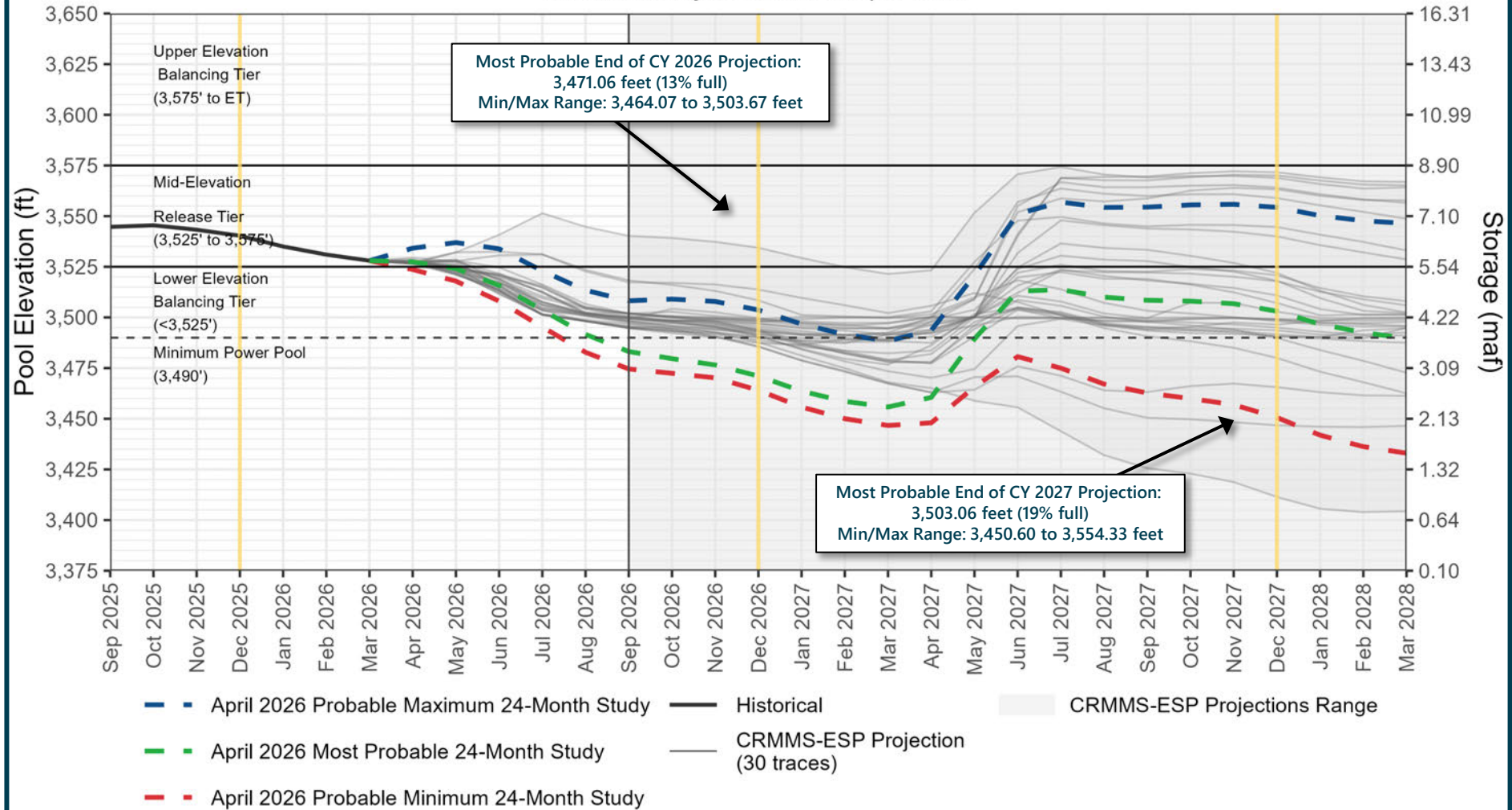
## Release Scenarios for Water Year 2027

### Based on April 2026 Modeling



# Lake Powell End-of-Month Elevations<sup>1,2</sup>

## CRMMS Projections from April 2026



<sup>1</sup>For modeling purposes, simulated years beyond 2026 assume a continuation of the 2007 Interim Guidelines including the 2024 Supplement to the 2007 Interim Guidelines (no additional SEIS conservation is assumed to occur after 2026), the 2019 Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plans, and Minute 323 including the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan. With the exception of certain provisions related to ICS recovery and Upper Basin Demand management, operations under these agreements are in effect through 2026.

<sup>2</sup>For modeling purposes, this graphic contains existing operational assumptions built into CRMMS that constrain Glen Canyon Dam releases to prevent Lake Powell from falling below elevation 3,500 feet. As described in Sections 6.E and 7.B of the Supplement to the 2007 Colorado River Interim Guidelines, Reclamation will consider all tools that are available to avoid Lake Powell elevation declining below 3,500 feet and any actual constraining of Lake Powell releases is subject to appropriate consultation between Reclamation and other Basin partners with respect to the implementation of potential releases. The Probable Minimum also shows Lake Powell elevations without any Glen Canyon Dam release constraints so Reclamation and Basin partners can assess the hydrology and be prepared to discuss appropriate solutions.



# Questions / Discussion

For more information:

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