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To: Parties to the 2017 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) (Parties to the Agreement)

Subject: Notification that a Spring High Flow Experiment (HFE) is being considered at Glen Canyon Dam Under the Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP)

Dear Parties to the 2017 Programmatic Agreement:

In accordance with Stipulation VI (D) in the 2017 LTEMP PA this letter is to notify you that the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is considering implementation of a Spring HFE at Glen Canyon Dam. Stipulation VI (D) states: “Reclamation shall notify the Parties to this Agreement as soon as possible, or at a minimum of 30 calendar-days in advance, that an experimental flow is being considered. To the extent possible, notification shall be conducted electronically. If adverse effects are expected, Reclamation will consult with the Parties to this Agreement on the appropriate avoidance, minimization, or mitigation treatments on a site-specific basis.”

The best available data currently indicate that sediment conditions necessary to conduct an HFE have not been met. Reclamation is still developing modeling and compiling additional data and prior to determining whether to conduct a spring HFE, technical experts will assess the status of key resources that may be impacted or affected by an HFE using the best available science. We project that if triggers set under the LTEMP Record of Decision are met, any potential spring HFE would most likely begin on or around April 17th, 2023. Should the assessment of resources support implementing an HFE, more specific information about the possible HFE will be provided. A release will not occur before 30 days from the date on this letter.

Should an HFE occur, and, per Stipulation VI (D) of the PA, “If adverse effects are expected, Reclamation will consult with the Parties to this Agreement on the appropriate avoidance, minimization, or mitigation treatments on a site-specific basis.”

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or a future HFE, please contact Dr. Zachary Nelson at (801) 379-1164 or [znelson@usbr.gov](mailto:znelson@usbr.gov) or Bill Stewart at (385) 622-2179 or [wstewart@usbr.gov](mailto:wstewart@usbr.gov). For the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, please dial 7-1-1 to access the telecommunications relay system.

Sincerely,

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Regional Director

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