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Subject: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Adoption of a Long-Term Experimental Plan for the Future Operation of Glen Canyon Dam and Other Associated Management Activities

Dear Interested Party:

In a notice published in the *Federal Register* on November 6, 2006, the Bureau of Reclamation announced its intent to prepare an EIS on the adoption of a Long-Term Experimental Plan for the future operation of Glen Canyon Dam and other associated management activities. The purpose of the Long-Term Experimental Plan is to increase understanding of the ecosystem downstream from Glen Canyon Dam and to improve and protect important downstream resources. The proposed plan would implement a structured, long-term program of experimentation (including dam operations, potential modifications to Glen Canyon Dam intake structures, and other potential management actions, such as removal of non-native fish species) in the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam. The November 6, 2007, *Federal Register* notice also announced that the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) would conduct a public meeting on December 5-6, 2006.

In a second notice published in the *Federal Register* on December 12, 2006, Reclamation announced additional public scoping meetings as follow-up to the December 2006 AMWG meeting, and provided information on the proposed federal action, the purpose and need for the proposed action, and additional background on the Long-Term Experimental Plan.

Two public scoping meetings were held to solicit comments on the scope of the Long-Term Experimental Plan. The meetings were held on January 4 and 5, 2006, in Phoenix, Arizona, and Salt Lake City, Utah, respectively. The scoping meetings expanded upon input already received from Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program meetings and the recommendations of the AMWG, a federal advisory committee. In addition, Reclamation will utilize information developed through prior meetings of the AMWG, Technical Work Group, and Science Planning Group as relevant information for the purposes of scoping the upcoming National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and to develop the appropriate scope of analysis and range of alternatives.

All public scoping information, including both *Federal Register* notices, press releases, a fact sheet, and information provided at the public scoping meetings, is posted to Reclamation's website at the link provided below.

Reclamation would like to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to provide us with their comments for this NEPA process. If you would like us to add your name to our mailing list for the Long-Term Experimental Plan EIS, or if you would like to provide comments on the scope of analysis or the issues and alternatives to be analyzed during this NEPA process, please provide your comments to: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Attention: UC-402, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1147; faxogram at 801-524-3858; or e-mail at GCDExpPlan@uc.usbr.gov. In order for your comments to be adequately considered, they must be received no later than **Wednesday, February 28, 2007**.

Additional information about this EIS process is posted to the project website at: <http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/gcdltep/index.html>. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dennis Kubly, Bureau of Reclamation, telephone 801-524-3715; faxogram 801-524-3858; or e-mail at GCDExpPlan@uc.usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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