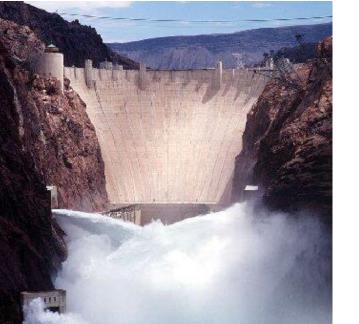
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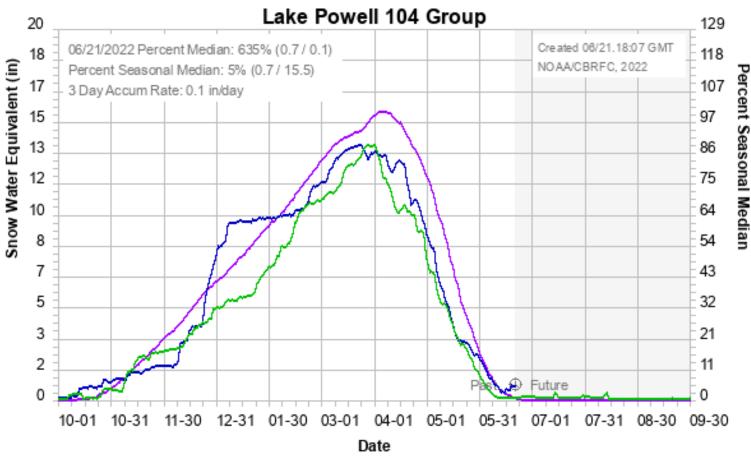
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#### Snow Water Equivalent



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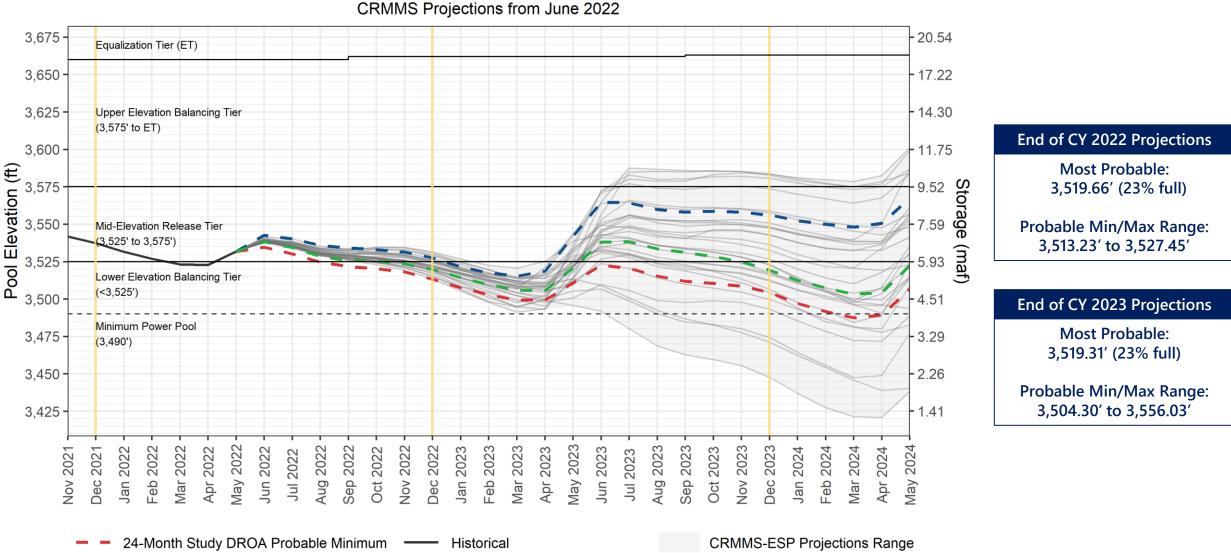
Forecasted InflowMAF% of AverageApril-July 20223.5055%Water Year 20225.6158%

Observed 2021		
Inflow	MAF	% of Average
April-July 2021	1.85	29%
Water Year 2021	3.50	37%

Water Year 2022 Precipitation (year-to-date) 91% of average

Water Year 2021 Precipitation 84% of average

Median 1991-2020 - 2022 - 2021 -



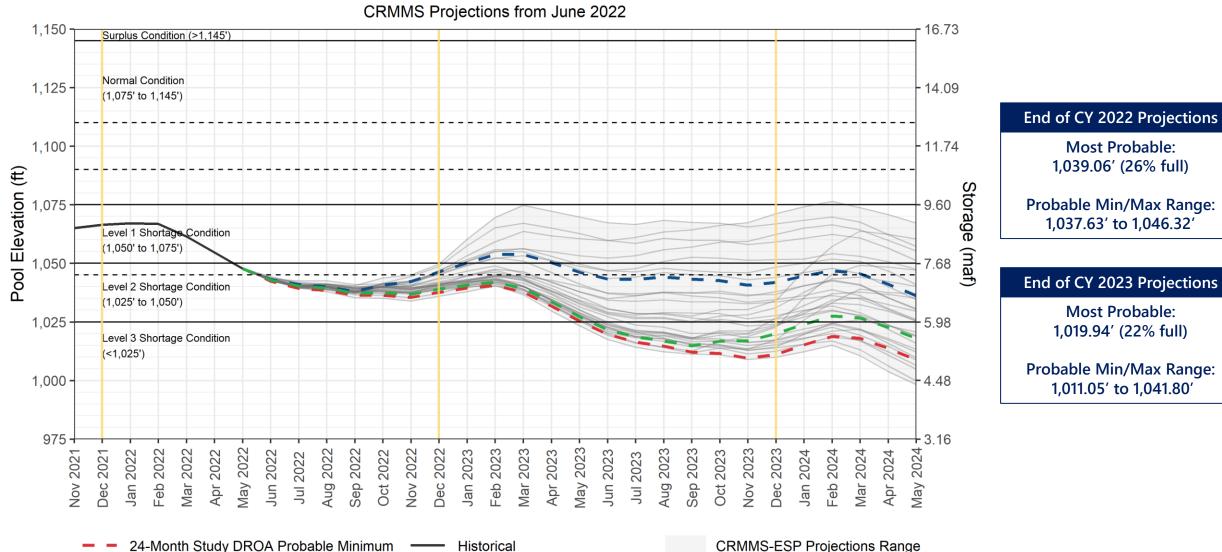
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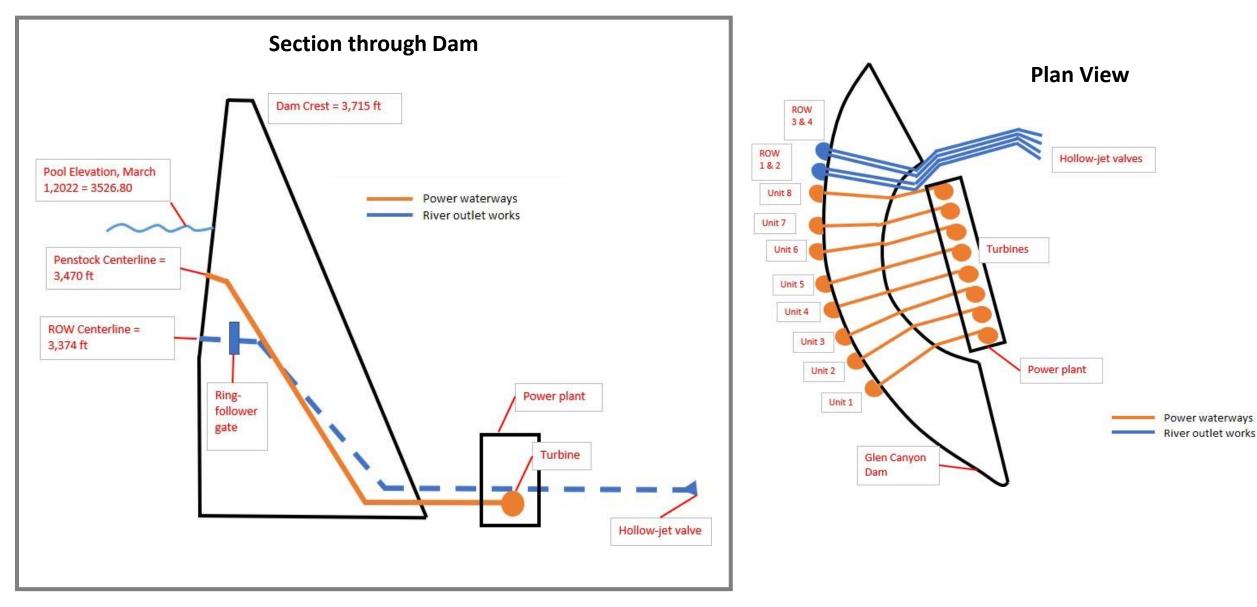
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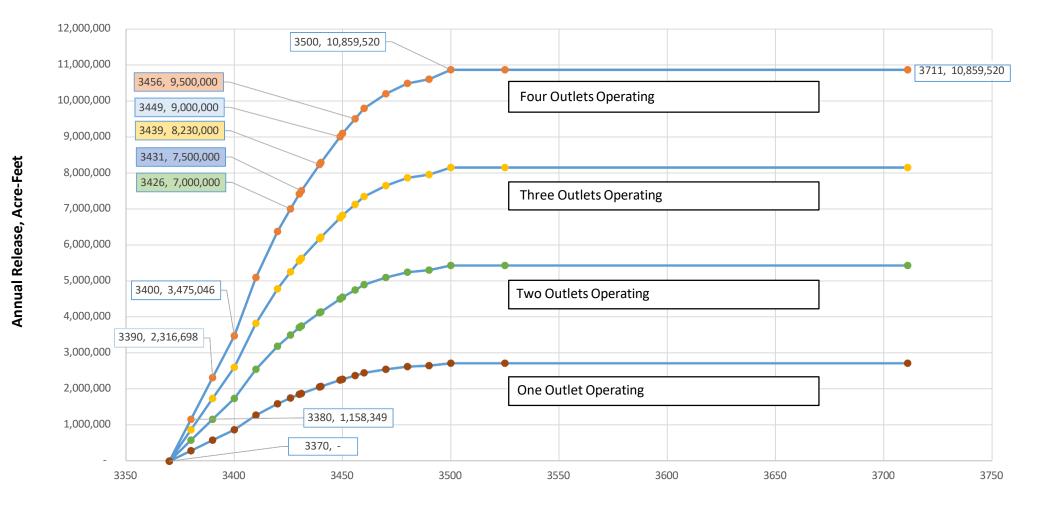
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  - Cuts to Arizona, Nevada and Mexico
- Mandatory contributions under the Lower Basin DCP and Minute 323
  - Cuts or contributions of previously conserved volumes from Arizona, California, Nevada and Mexico
  - Additional conservation commitments from the United States
- Voluntary additional conservation actions under the 500+ Plan
  - Goal of conserving at least 1 MAF over two years
- May 2022 Actions by the Department of the Interior
  - DROA release of 500 kaf from Flaming Gorge Reservoir down to Lake Powell
  - Hold back 480 kaf in Lake Powell that was scheduled to be delivered to Lake Mead

# **Glen Canyon Dam**



# **Outlet Works – Release Capacity**

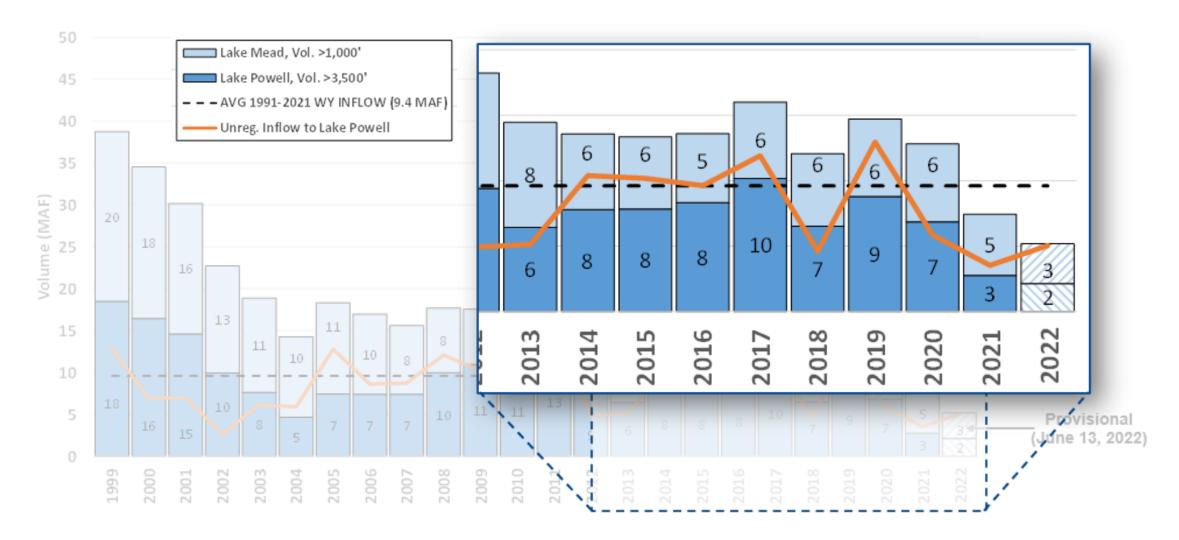
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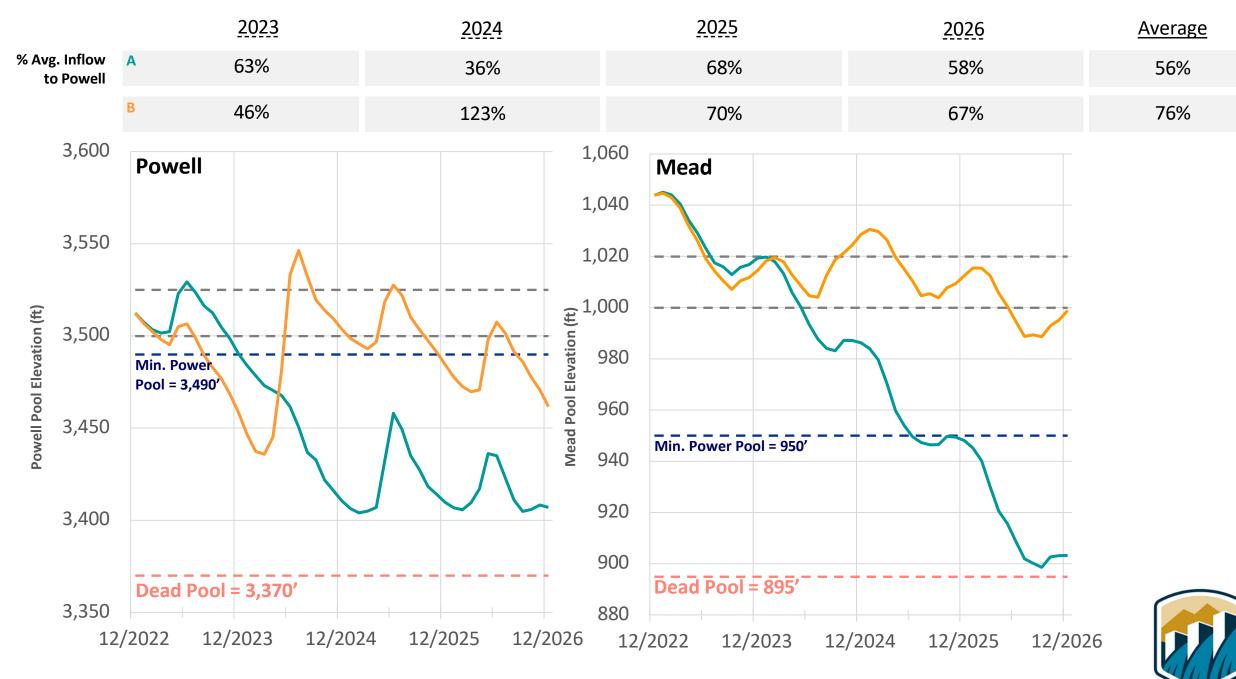




Water Surface Elevation, Feet

### Combined Powell & Mead Contents: Volume Above Critical Elevations





Baseline: — A — B

# Unprecedented Actions Necessary to Support the Colorado River System

On Tuesday, June 14, Camille Touton, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, testified to the U.S. Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee that "unprecedented actions" are necessary to protect the Colorado River system.

- Between two and four million acre-feet of additional conservation is needed just to protect critical levels in 2023
- Critical levels at Lake Powell (3,500 feet of elevation) and at Lake Mead (1,000 feet of elevation) must be maintained
- Commissioner Touton identified a mid-August goal for an agreement

#### Unprecedented Actions Necessary to Support the Colorado River System



- Arizona's allocation is 2.8 million acre-feet, but with "junior" water rights
  - Senator Kelly asked: "If Basin States cannot reach an agreement, is the Department prepared to take actions to impose restrictions on other states without regard to river priority?"
    - The Commissioner responded: "Yes, we will protect the system."
- Senator Kelly asked: "Can the federal government move faster in deploying desalination and water recycling projects under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law?"
  - The Commissioner responded: "Yes, we will."