

# UPPER DIVISION STATES ALTERNATIVE FOR POST-2026 OPERATIONS

## OF LAKE POWELL AND LAKE MEAD

Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming's alternative provides for **sustainable** operations that are aligned with **hydrologic conditions**, help to **rebuild storage**, and **operate within the Law of the River**.

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### POWELL OPERATIONS

Lake Powell releases are aligned with hydrologic conditions, which helps re-build storage and adapts to variability

#### POWELL RELEASES

100% FULL

Releases as required for dam safety

81% - 100% FULL

8.1 - 9.0 MAF per year

20% - 81% FULL

6.0 - 8.1 MAF per year

< 20% FULL

6.0 MAF per year

#### MEAD RELEASES

Lake Mead operations are adapted from a concept first proposed by the Lower Division States

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### LAKE MEAD OPERATIONS

Modeled Lower Basin operations call for reductions in use depending upon reservoir conditions, with Lower Basin reductions of 1.5 million acre-feet under most conditions

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### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

#### PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

Under agreements separate from the Post-2026 NEPA process, Upper Basin actions could include CRSPA\* initial units and voluntary conservation, and acknowledgement of undeveloped settled Tribal water rights

\*Colorado River Storage Project Act

#### CONTINUED COLLABORATION

The Upper Division States are committed to continued collaboration with the Bureau of Reclamation, Basin States, Tribal Nations, water users, and environmental and recreation groups

