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## MEMORANDUM

To: All Bureau of Reclamation Employees

From: David G. Murillo \s\  
Deputy Commissioner - Operations

Subject: Selection of the New Lower Colorado Regional Director

It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Terry Fulp as the Lower Colorado Regional Director. As you know, Terry has been the Deputy Regional Director since March 2008 and has held the acting Regional Director position for part of the time since Lorri Lee transferred to the Pacific Northwest Region 11 months ago.

Terry has the depth of knowledge and breadth of experience with the complex and challenging issues involved on the Colorado River to be an effective leader of the LC Region. The collaborative working relationships he has built during his tenure as Deputy Regional Director have prepared him to step into the responsibilities of this position.

Terry has been part of the Reclamation family since 1989 and served his entire tenure in the Lower Colorado Region. During that time, he has been actively involved in Colorado River operations and management issues, working closely with other federal and state agencies and stakeholders. He served as Area Manager of the Boulder Canyon Operations Office, where he led the successful basin-wide effort to develop additional operational guidelines for Lake Powell and Lake Mead to address the impacts of long-term drought in the basin. Prior to his tenure as Area Manager, he served as Reclamation's principal investigator for the Department of the Interior's Watershed and River Systems Management Program.

Terry holds a doctorate in mathematical and computer sciences from the Colorado School of Mines, two master's degrees, one in civil engineering from the University of Colorado and one in geophysics from Stanford University and a bachelor's in earth sciences from the University of Tulsa.

The Commissioner and I look forward to continuing to work with Terry Fulp on the important and challenging water issues that face the Southwest. Please join us in congratulating him on his new position as LC Regional Director.

# Arizona Water Banking Authority

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August 30, 2012

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Lower Colorado River Regional Office  
Mr. Terry Fulp, Acting Regional Director  
P.O. Box 61470  
Boulder City, Nevada 89006

Dear Mr. Fulp:

In accordance with sub-article 3.4.2 of the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement, the Arizona Water Banking Authority submits the enclosed final verified accounting of the Southern Nevada Water Authority Interstate Account for calendar year 2011.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at (602) 771-8491.

Sincerely,



Virginia O'Connell, Manager  
Arizona Water Banking Authority

cc: w/enc Patricia Mulroy, SNWA  
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Paul Matuska, USBR

# Annual Accounting of the Southern Nevada Water Authority Interstate Account 2011

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Beginning Balance of Long-Term Storage Credits as of January 1, 2011 (AF)	600,651
Volume of Colorado River water delivered for storage by AWBA on behalf of SNWA (AF)	0
Number of Long-term Storage Credits Assigned/Transferred-IN (AF)	0
Number of Long-term Storage Credits Assigned/Transferred-OUT (AF)	0
Number of Long-Term Storage Credits Assigned/Transferred for Purposes of Development of Intentionally Created Unused Apportionment (AF)	0
Number of Long-Term Storage Credits Earned in 2011 <sup>1</sup> (AF)	0
Total Number of Long-Term Storage Credits (AF)	600,651
Total Number of Long-Term Storage Credits to Determine Compliance with sub-article 3.3.1 (AF)	550,651

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<sup>1</sup>Calculated by taking water delivered for storage through December 31, 2011 minus operational and evaporation losses minus the mandatory 5% cut to the aquifer.



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Lower Colorado River Water Users

Subject: Meetings with the Commissioner at the 2012 National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Annual Conference (Action by September 28, 2012)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Commissioner Michael Connor of the Bureau of Reclamation will attend this year's Annual NWRA Conference in San Diego, California. The conference will be held October 31 to November 2, 2012, at the Hotel Del Coronado.

As in past years, the Commissioner will be available for short meetings. The meetings will be scheduled in 15-minute increments throughout the day on Thursday, November 1, and the morning of Friday, November 2. There are a limited number of spaces available and we encourage you to let us know as soon as possible if you would like to meet with the Commissioner.

If you are interested in scheduling a meeting with the Commissioner, please fill out the enclosed form and return to Ms. Cynthia McLeod by fax at 702-293-8333 or [cmcleod@usbr.gov](mailto:cmcleod@usbr.gov) prior to September 28, 2012. For questions, contact Ms. McLeod at 702-293-8412. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

Sincerely,

Terrance J. Fulp  
Regional Director

Enclosure

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

MEETING REQUEST FORM FOR  
MEETINGS WITH THE  
COMMISSIONER AT NWRA  
NOVEMBER 1 and 2, 2012

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Name/Phone Number at Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(use separate sheet if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Topics you wish to discuss:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Special requests (i.e. specific times you cannot meet due to prior commitments)

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Lower Colorado Region



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*Managing Water in the West*

**2013 Colorado River Annual  
Operating Plan  
Colorado River Management Work Group  
(CRMWG)  
Final Consultation  
September 12, 2012**



U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation

# 2013 Colorado River AOP Final Consultation Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions – *Larry Walkoviak / Terry Fulp*
- Upper Basin Hydrology and Operations – *Katrina Grantz*
- Lower Basin Hydrology and Operations – *Dan Bunk*
- 2013 AOP Review Process – *Malcolm Wilson / Steve Hvinden*
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# Upper Colorado River Basin

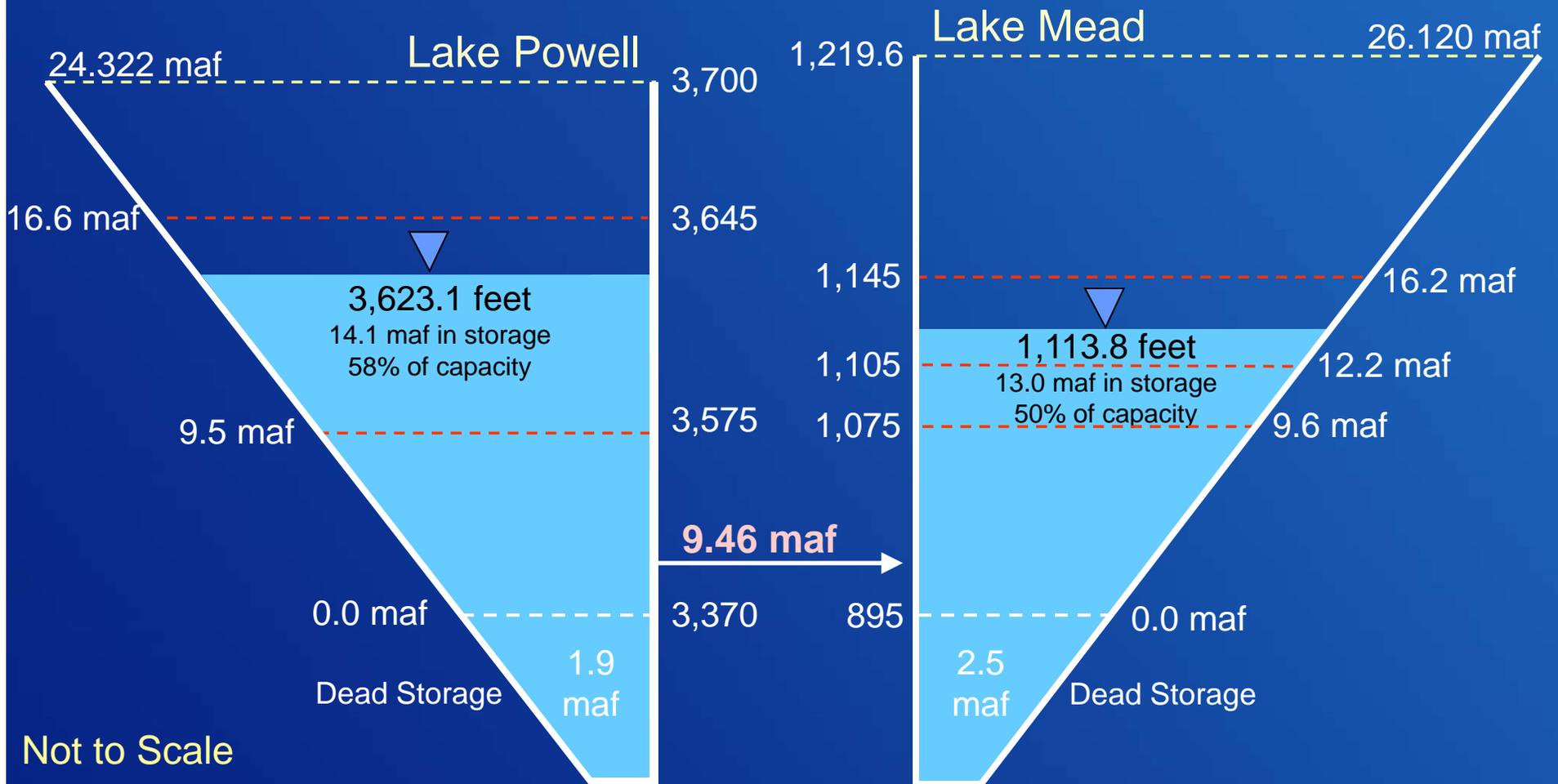
## Hydrology and Operations

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# Water Year 2012 Projections

## August 2012 24-Month Study Most Probable Inflow Scenario

Projected Unregulated Inflow into Powell<sup>1</sup> = 5.15 maf (48% of average)



Not to Scale

<sup>1</sup> WY 2012 unregulated inflow volume is based on the CBRFC forecast dated 8/1/2012. Percent of average inflow is based on the 30-year period of record from 1981-2010.

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# Lake Powell Unregulated Inflow Scenarios

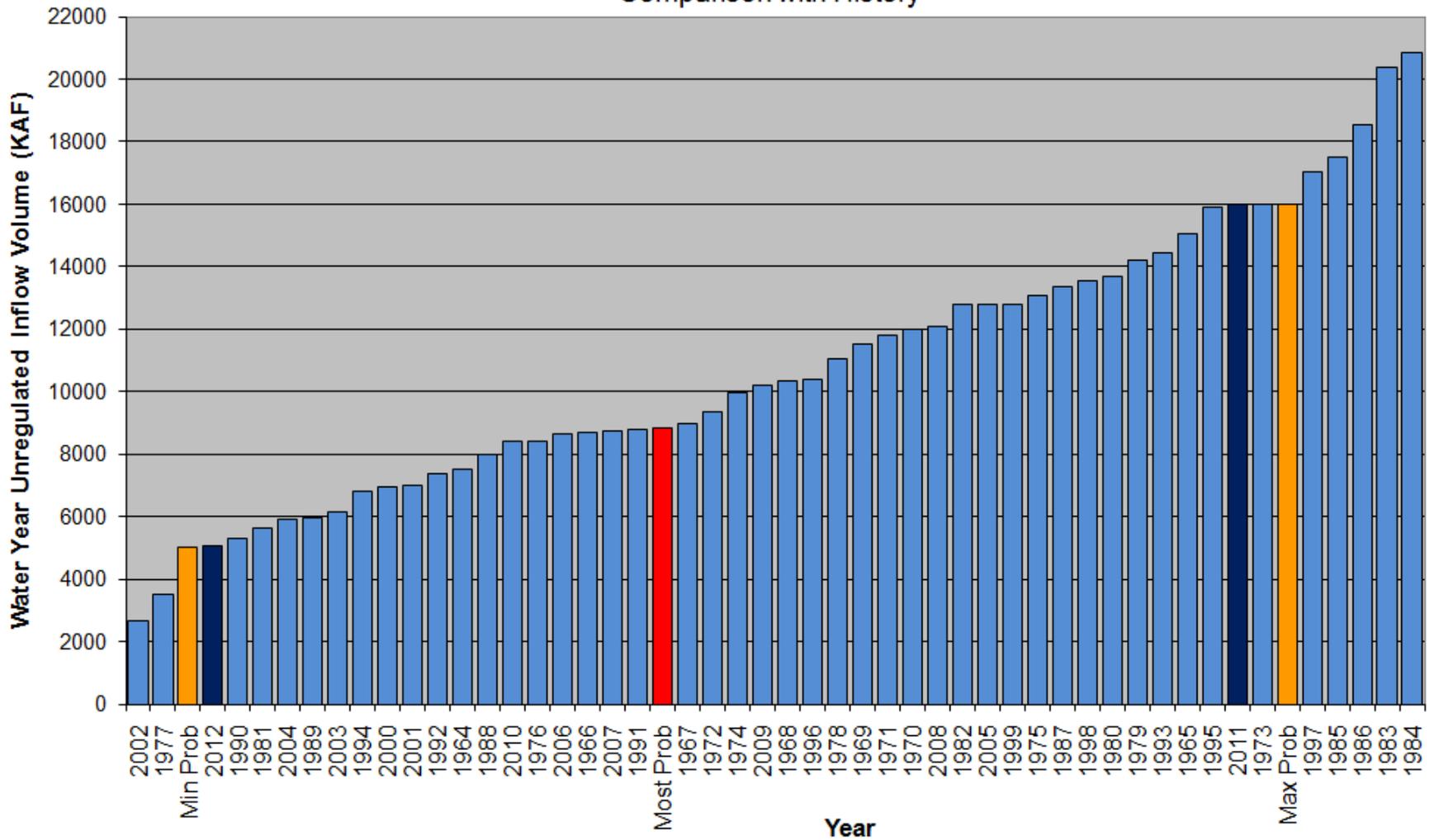
## As presented in Annual Operating Plan

Scenario	2012 AOP WY 2012 Developed August 2011	2013 AOP WY 2013 Developed August 2012
Minimum Probable	7.00 maf (65 %*)	5.00 maf (46 %)
Most Probable	12.60 maf (116 %)	8.85 maf (82 %)
Maximum Probable	19.50 maf (180 %)	16.00 maf (148 %)

\* Percent of average water year unregulated inflow 1981-2012 (10.83 maf)

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## Lake Powell Unregulated Inflow Water Year 2013 Forecast Comparison with History



# Lake Powell & Lake Mead Operational Table

## Operational Tiers for 2013 based on August 2012 Projections<sup>1</sup>

Lake Powell			Lake Mead		
Elevation (feet)	Operation According to the Interim Guidelines	Live Storage (maf) <sup>1</sup>	Elevation (feet)	Operation According to the Interim Guidelines	Live Storage (maf) <sup>1</sup>
3,700	<b>Equalization Tier</b> Equalize, avoid spills or release 8.23 maf	24.3	1,220	<b>Flood Control Surplus or Quantified Surplus Condition</b> Deliver > 7.5 maf	25.9
3,636 - 3,666 (2008-2026) <b>3,614.89</b>		15.5 - 19.3 (2008-2026) <b>13.23</b>	1,200 (approx.) <sup>2</sup>		22.9 (approx.) <sup>2</sup>
<b>1/1/13 Projection</b>	<b>Upper Elevation Balancing Tier<sup>3</sup></b> Release 8.23 maf; if Lake Mead < 1,075 feet, balance contents with a min/max release of 7.0 and 9.0 maf	<b>1/1/13 Projection</b>	1,145 <b>1,119.14</b>		15.9
3,575		9.5	<b>1/1/13 Projection</b>	<b>Normal or ICS Surplus Condition</b> Deliver ≥ 7.5 maf	<b>1/1/13 Projection</b>
	<b>Mid-Elevation Release Tier</b> Release 7.48 maf; if Lake Mead < 1,025 feet, release 8.23 maf		1,075		9.4
3,525		5.9	1,050	<b>Shortage Condition</b> Deliver 7.167 <sup>4</sup> maf	7.5
	<b>Lower Elevation Balancing Tier</b> Balance contents with a min/max release of 7.0 and 9.5 maf		1,025		5.8
3,490		4.0	1,000	<b>Shortage Condition</b> Deliver 7.0 <sup>5</sup> maf Further measures may be undertaken <sup>7</sup>	4.3
3,370		0	895		0

Diagram not to scale

<sup>1</sup> Acronym for million acre-feet

<sup>2</sup> This elevation is shown as approximate as it is determined each year by considering several factors including Lake Powell and Lake Mead storage, projected Upper Basin and Lower Basin demands, and an assumed inflow.

<sup>3</sup> Subject to April adjustments which may result in a release according to the Equalization Tier

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<sup>7</sup> Whenever Lake Mead is below elevation 1,025 feet, the Secretary shall consider whether hydrologic conditions together with anticipated deliveries to the Lower Division States and Mexico is likely to cause the elevation at Lake Mead to fall below 1,000 feet. Such consideration, in consultation with the Basin States, may result in the undertaking of further measures, consistent with applicable Federal law.

<sup>1</sup> January 1, 2013, projections are based on the August 2012 24-Month Study.

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Water Year	Powell Elevation (feet)
2008	3,636
2009	3,639
2010	3,642
2011	3,643
2012	3,645
<b>2013</b>	<b>3,646</b>
2014	3,648
2015	3,649
2016	3,651
2017	3,652
2018	3,654
2019	3,655
2020	3,657
2021	3,659
2022	3,660
2023	3,662
2024	3,663
2025	3,664
2026	3,666

# Lake Powell Equalization Elevation Table

**2013 Level – 3,646 feet**

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# WY2013 Lake Powell Operations

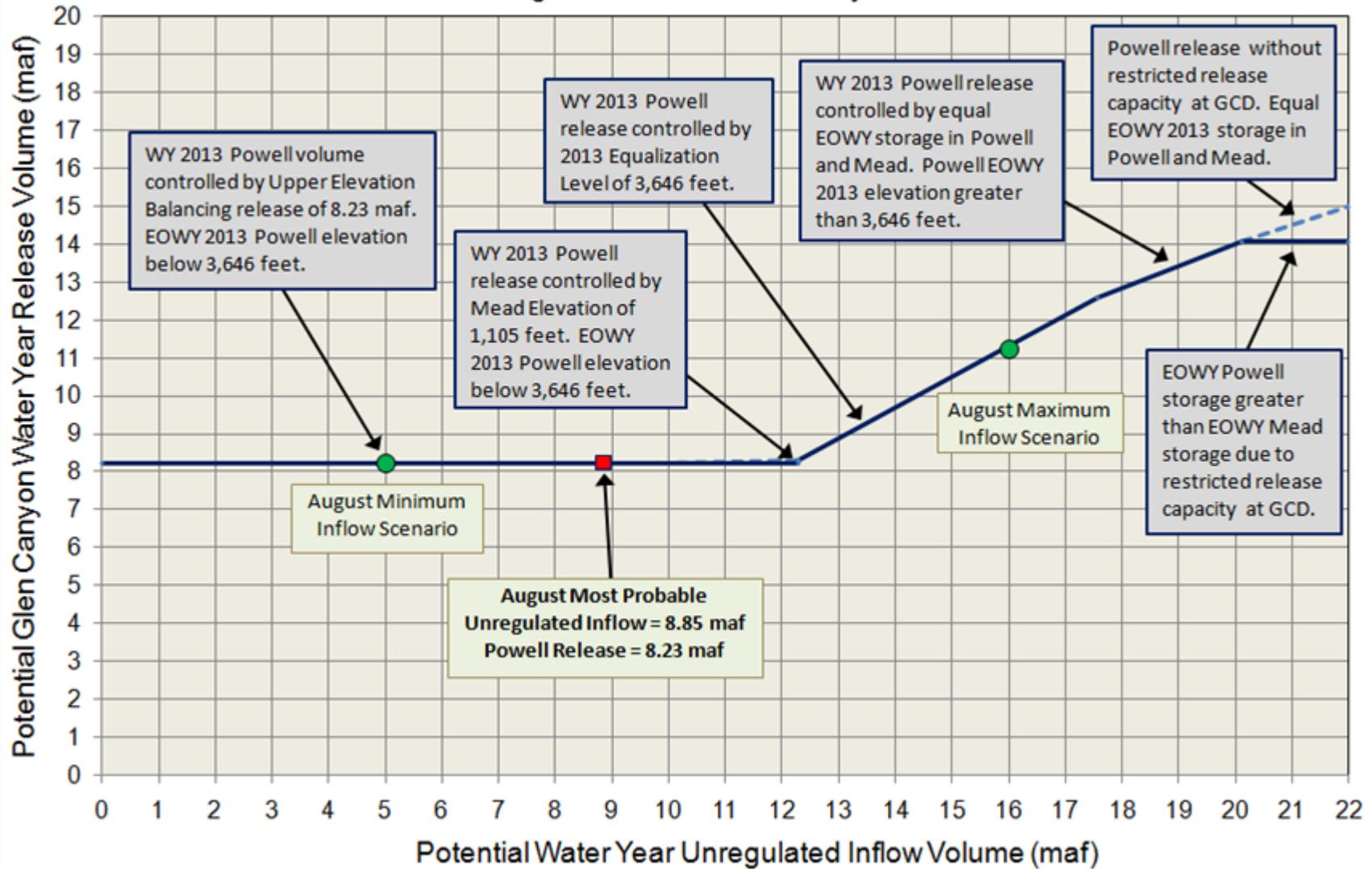
as projected in August 2012 24-Month Study

Scenario	Initial Operational Tier	Projected Annual Release Volume
Minimum Probable	Upper Elevation Balancing	8.23 maf
Most Probable	Upper Elevation Balancing	8.23 maf
Maximum Probable	Upper Elevation Balancing*	11.21 maf

\* Upper Elevation Balancing with a projected April adjustment to equalization with Lake Powell September 30, 2013 elevation governing.

## Coordinated Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead

### Water Year 2013 Release Volume as a Function of Unregulated Inflow Volume based on August 2012 24-Month Study Conditions



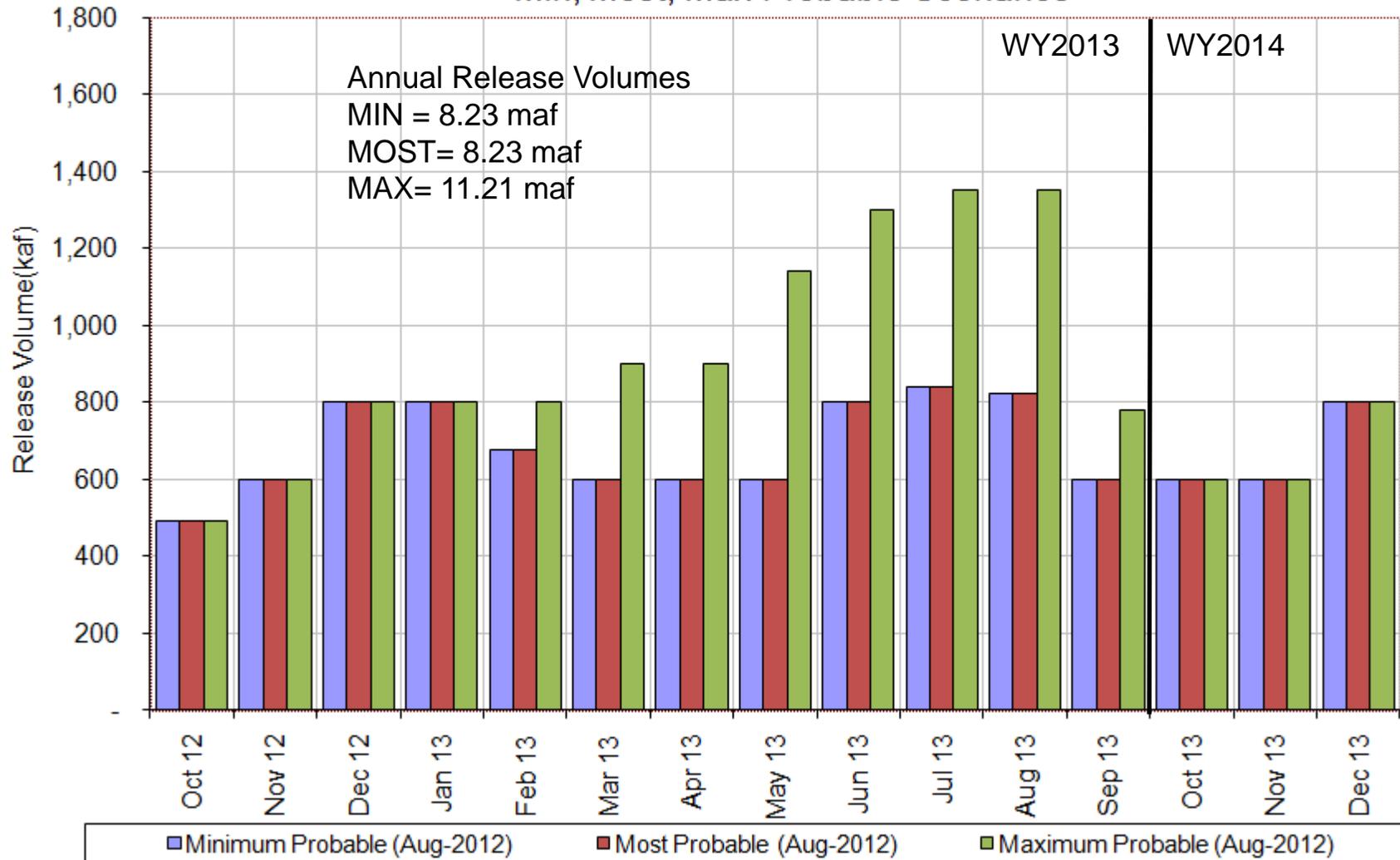
# Glen Canyon Power Plant Planned Unit Outage Schedule for Water Year 2013 (updated 9-10-2012)

Unit Number	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2013	May 2013	Jun 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Sep 2013
1												
2												
3												
4												
5												
6 (3/4 Unit)												
7												
8												
Units Available	5	8 7	7	7	5	6 7	7	7	7	7	7	4
Capacity (cfs)	19,500	26,200 22,600	22,600	22,600	15,500	18,800 22,600	22,600	22,600	22,600	22,600	22,600	11,800
Capacity (kaf/month)	1310	1530	1390	1390	960	1280	1340	1390	1340	1390	1390	810
Max (kaf)	491	600	800	800	800	900	900	1142	1300	1350	1350	780
Most (kaf)	491	600	800	800	675	600	600	600	800	840	824	600
Min (kaf)	491	600	800	800	675	600	600	600	800	840	824	600

# Lake Powell Monthly Release Volume Distribution

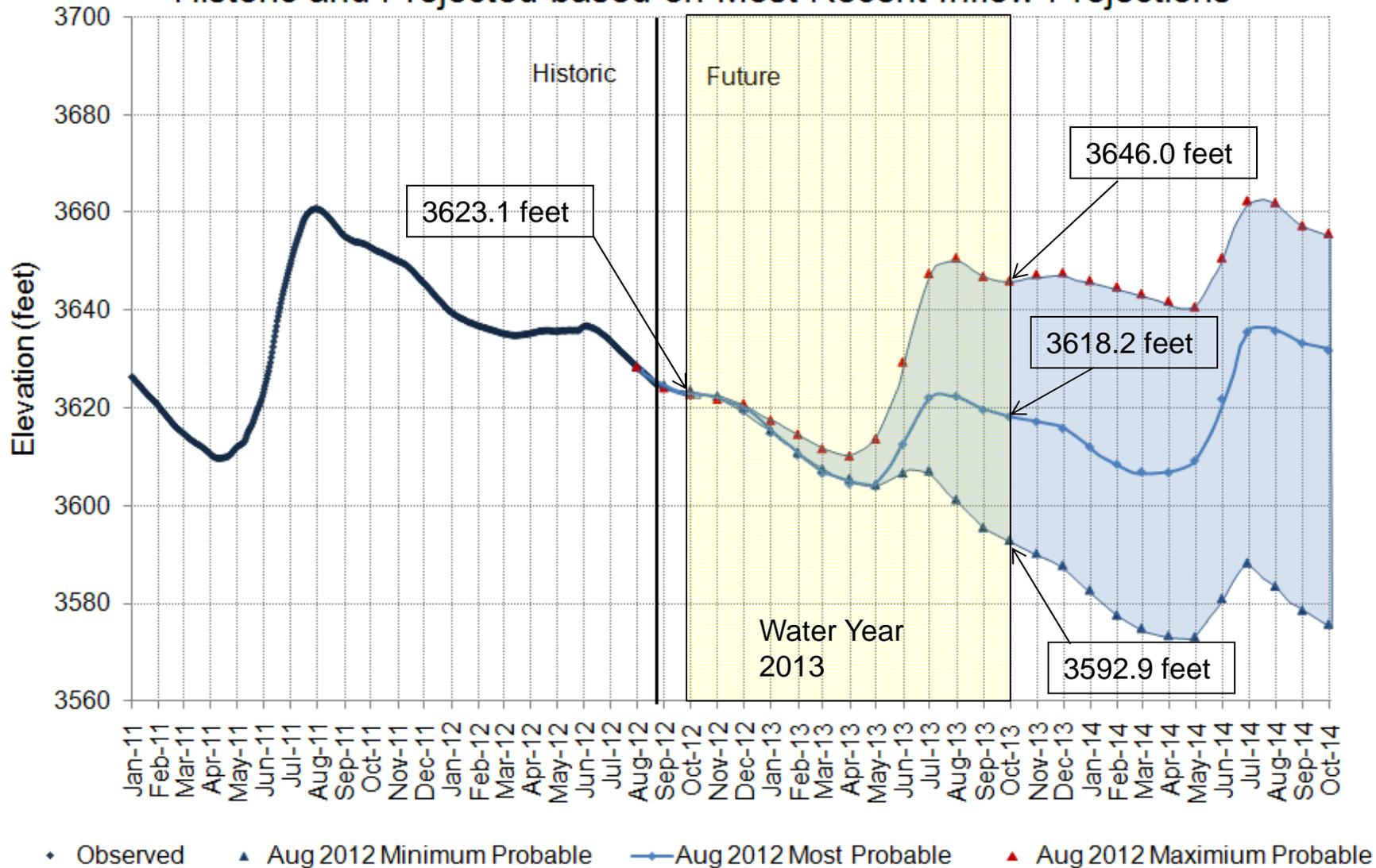
August 2012 24-Month Study

Min, Most, Max Probable Scenarios



# Lake Powell Elevations

## Historic and Projected based on Most Recent Inflow Projections



# Lower Colorado River Basin

## Hydrology and Operations

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# Projected Lake Mead Elevations

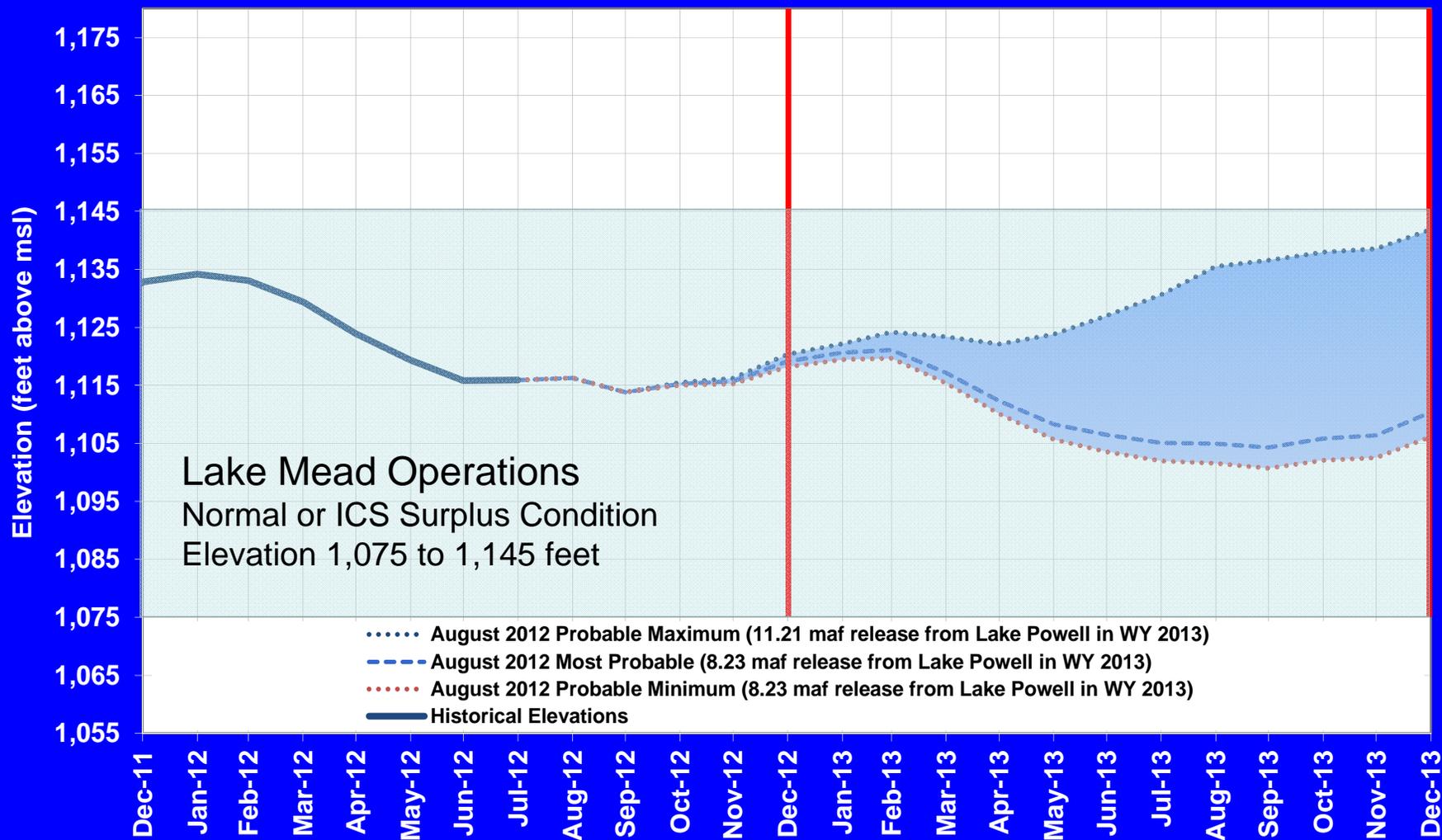
Based on August 2012 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios

Scenario	CY 2013 (on January 1, 2013)	CY 2014 (on January 1, 2014)
Probable Minimum	1,118.2 feet	1,106.2 feet
Most Probable	1,119.1 feet	1,110.4 feet
Probable Maximum	1,120.4 feet	1,141.9 feet

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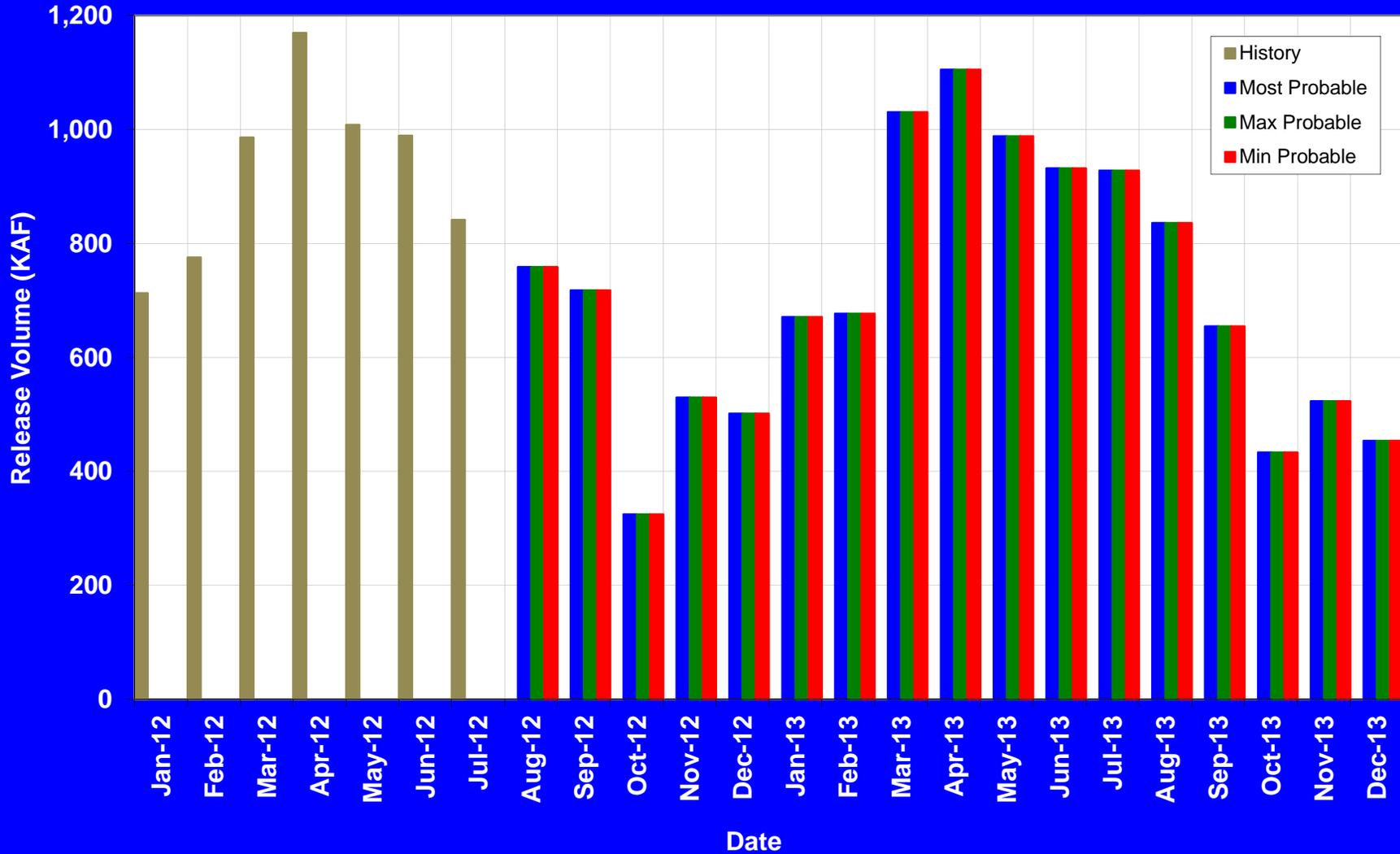
## Lake Mead End of Month Elevation

Projections from August 2012 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios\*



\* See attached page for an explanation of the three hydrologic scenarios displayed in this chart and discussions on how the projected water year 2012 release volumes from Lake Powell were determined.

## Lake Mead Monthly Release Volumes Projections from August 2012 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios



# Lower Basin Side Inflows Glen Canyon to Hoover in WY/CY 2012<sup>1,2</sup>

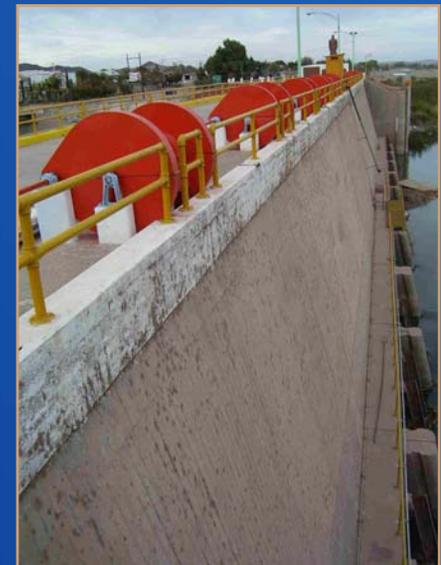
Month in WY/CY 2012	Intervening Flow Glen Canyon to Hoover (KAF)	Intervening Flow Glen Canyon to Hoover (% of Average)	Difference From 5-Year Average (KAF)	
H I S T O R Y	October 2011	66	135%	+17
	November 2011	36	78%	-10
	December 2011	84	78%	-24
	January 2012	55	71%	-23
	February 2012	44	45%	-54
	March 2012	43	55%	-35
	April 2012	46	61%	-30
	May 2012	16	25%	-48
	June 2012	8	21%	-26
	July 2012	70	130%	+16
August 2012	168	163%	+65	
F U T U R E	September 2012	74		
	October 2012	49		
	November 2012	46		
	December 2012	108		
<b>WY 2012 Totals</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>-152</b>	
<b>CY 2012 Totals</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>-135</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Values were computed with the LC's gain-loss model for the most recent 24-month study.

<sup>2</sup> Percents of average are based on the 5-year mean from 2007-2011.

# YAO Operations Update

- Brock and Senator Wash storage year-to-date<sup>1</sup>
  - Brock 96,770 AF
  - Senator Wash 65,880 AF
- Excess Flows to Mexico year-to-date<sup>2</sup> 34,750 AF



<sup>1</sup> Provisional values through September 6, 2012

<sup>2</sup> Provisional value through September 9, 2012

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An aerial photograph of a large concrete dam and reservoir. The reservoir is filled with clear, blue-green water and is surrounded by rugged, brown mountains. The dam is a curved concrete structure with several spillways. A road runs along the top of the dam. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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30 CFR 254 and NTLs	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average Number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
<b>Subpart D—Oil Spill Response Requirements for Facilities Located in State Waters Seaward of the Coast Line</b>				
50; 51	Submit response plan for facility in State waters by modifying existing OCS plan .....	42	10 plans	420
50; 52	Submit response plan for facility in State waters following format for OCS plan .....	100	9 plans	900
50; 53	Submit response plan for facility in State waters developed under State requirements .....	89	18 plans	1,602
54	Submit description of oil-spill prevention procedures and demonstrate compliance .....	5	36 submissions	180
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>73 responses</b>	<b>3,102 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL HOUR BURDEN</b>			<b>1,557 Responses</b>	<b>60,198 Hours</b>

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden:* We have identified no non-hour cost burdens associated with the collection of information.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

*Comments:* Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “\* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*.” Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the collection is necessary or useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on June 6, 2012, we published a **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 33479) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 254.9 provides the OMB control number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR 254 regulations. The regulation also informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We have received no comments in response to these efforts.

*Public Availability of Comments:* Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your

comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Acting BSEE Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Cheryl Blundon (703) 787-1607.

Dated: September 18, 2012.

**Robert W. Middleton,**

*Deputy Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Establishment of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment; request for nominees.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is establishing and seeking nominations for the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (Committee). The Committee will provide advice on matters and actions relating to the establishment and operations of the U.S. Geological Survey National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and the DOI Climate Science Centers. In doing so, the Committee will obtain input from Federal, state, tribal, local government, nongovernmental organizations, private sector entities, and academic institutions.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received by November 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send nominations to: Robin O'Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 400, Reston, VA 20192, [romalley@usgs.gov](mailto:romalley@usgs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robin O'Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 400, Reston, VA 20192, [romalley@usgs.gov](mailto:romalley@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the Department of the Interior, announce the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science. We are establishing the Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration.

The Committee will:

- Advise on the contents of a national strategy identifying key science priorities to advance management of natural resources in the face of climate change.
- Advise on the nature, extent, and quality of relations with and engagement of key partners at the regional Climate Science Center level.
- Advise on the nature and effectiveness of mechanisms to ensure identification of key priorities from management partners and to effectively deliver scientific results in useful forms.
- Advise on mechanisms that may be employed by the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center to ensure high standards of scientific quality and integrity in its products.
- Review and evaluate the performance of individual Climate Science Centers before re-establishing expiring agreements.
- Coordinate as appropriate with any Federal Advisory Committee established

for the DOI Landscape Conservation Cooperatives.

We are seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Committee members. Nominations should include a resume that describes the nominee's qualifications in enough detail to enable us to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and to contact a potential member.

Members of the Committee will be composed of approximately 25 members from both the Federal Government, and the following interests: (1) State and local governments, including state membership entities; (2) Non-governmental organizations, including those whose primary mission is professional and scientific and those whose primary mission is conservation and related scientific and advocacy activities; (3) American Indian tribes and other Native American entities; (4) Academia; (5) Individual landowners; and (6) Business interests.

In addition, the Committee may include scientific experts, and will include rotating representation from one or more of the institutions that host the DOI Climate Science Centers.

The Committee will meet approximately 2–4 times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to the Committee. Members appointed as special Government employees are required to file on an annual basis a confidential financial disclosure report.

No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Committee.

*Certification Statement:* I hereby certify that the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science is necessary, is in the public interest, and is established under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, in connection with the performance of the responsibilities of the Department of the Interior under Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, Public Law 110–161.

Dated: September 25, 2012.

**Ken Salazar,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment, San Bernardino County, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Barstow Field Office, Barstow, California, intends to prepare an amendment to the 1980 California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify an 80-acre parcel of public land for possible direct sale. With this notice, the BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the plan amendment with an associated EA. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until November 5, 2012. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through the local news media. In order to be included in the EA, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the EA as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the plan amendment EA by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [bhooover@blm.gov](mailto:bhooover@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 760–252–6099.
- *Mail:* Birgit Hoover, Realty Specialist, BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

Documents pertinent to this notice will be available for public review at the Barstow Field Office: 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Birgit Hoover, Realty Specialist, BLM Barstow Field Office, telephone 760–

252–6035; address 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM Barstow Field Office, Barstow, California, intends to prepare a plan amendment with an associated EA for the 1980 CDCA Plan, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in San Bernardino County, California, and encompasses approximately 80 acres of public land that has been identified for possible direct sale. The BLM received a request from OMYA, Inc., to purchase the planning area, by direct sale, under the authority of Section 203 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1713). However, the public land described above is currently not available for sale under the 1980 CDCA Plan as amended, and a plan amendment is required to process a direct sale. This plan amendment will be limited to an analysis of whether the public land described above meets Section 203 sales criteria of FLPMA. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the plan amendment area have been identified by BLM personnel. The issues include: Mineral resources, special status species, and cultural resources. Preliminary planning criteria include:

1. Compliance with FLPMA, NEPA, and all other applicable laws;
2. Coordination with local and county governments; and
3. Government-to-government consultation with federally recognized tribes.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will use the NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public