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**Colorado River Basin States Propose Alternative for
Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan**

The seven Colorado River Basin States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming) today submitted and strongly urged the DOI to consider, analyze and adopt an alternative for the Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) environmental impact statement associated with the operations of Glen Canyon Dam. The LTEMP will evaluate Glen Canyon Dam’s operations over the past 15 years and provide a framework for continued operations of the dam and adaptive management of resources below the dam including those in Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon for the next 15 to 20 years.

“The Basin States’ alternative provides a balanced, integrated approach for the continued recovery of the endangered humpback chub, the Grand Canyon’s natural and recreational resources, and the millions of people who depend upon the Colorado River both here and downstream,” said John Entsminger, Senior Deputy General Manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, a regional agency that provides water to the metropolitan Las Vegas area.

One of several options being considered, the Basin States’ alternative focuses on balancing the needs of the environment, cultural resources, tribal interests, recreational users, Colorado River water users and those who benefit from hydropower generated by Glen Canyon Dam. Importantly, it continues and builds upon a management strategy that has helped the endangered humpback chub in the Grand Canyon double in population during the past decade.

“Reliable water supplies are critical to the Southwest. Given the degree of variability on the Colorado River it is imperative that the river is operated in a manner that does not harm water deliveries. ,” explained Colorado River Commission of Nevada Executive Director Jayne Harkins. “Our alternative is based upon rigorous scientific studies and provides the flexibility to respond to changing river conditions. ”

For more information on the LTEMP process, visit <http://ltempeis.anl.gov/>

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