

Hydrology Report – October 2025

Upper Basin Hydrology

- In September, the upper basin received 102% of average precipitation bringing the cumulative precipitation to 82% for the year.
- Temperatures in September were 1 to 5 degrees above average in some areas within the upper basin.
- Snowpack peaked on March 23, with 91% of the median.
- The Basin Forecast Center is estimating Lake Powell inflow for water year 2025 at 4.7 million acre-feet or 49% of average.

Current reservoir status

- As of October 6, 2025, Lake Mead is at an elevation of **1,058.1** feet and has about 8.3 million acre-feet in storage (32% capacity).
- As of October 6, 2025, Lake Powell is at an elevation of 3,544.3 feet and has about 6.7 million acre-feet in storage (29% capacity).
- Total system storage for the upper and lower basins is around 21.8 million acre-feet (37% capacity).

2026 reservoir operations

- Lake Powell will be operated in the Mid-Elevation Release Tier with a release of 7.48 million acre-feet in water year 2026.
- Lake Mead will operate in a Level 1 Shortage Condition in calendar year 2026.
- Accordingly, in 2026, Nevada's consumptive use will be reduced by 13,000 acre-feet under the 2007 Interim Guidelines and Nevada will make a Drought Contingency Plan contribution of 8,000 acre-feet.
- Arizona and Mexico are also required to take shortage and make a water savings contribution in 2026. Those amounts are significantly larger than Nevada's obligations.
- The total combined volumes for Arizona, Nevada, and Mexico are 613,000 acre-feet in calendar year 2026, which will save the equivalent of about 8 feet in elevation in Lake Mead.

Water Use in Southern Nevada ¹

- Southern Nevada's consumptive use for January-August of 2025 was 146,394 acre-feet.

Reclamation's Lake Mead and Lake Powell Projections ²

- Reclamation uses computer models to forecast reservoir elevations based on planned water use and anticipated runoff. The September 24-Month Study forecasts Lake Mead to be between 1,049.9 and 1,044.5 feet in elevation by the end of 2026.
- Reclamations September 24-Month Study is forecasting Lake Powell's elevation to be between 3,521.2 and 3,479.9 feet by the end of 2026.

¹ 2025 consumptive use data is preliminary.

² Reclamation modeling assumes the current operational guidelines and planned conservation activities.



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Hydrology Update

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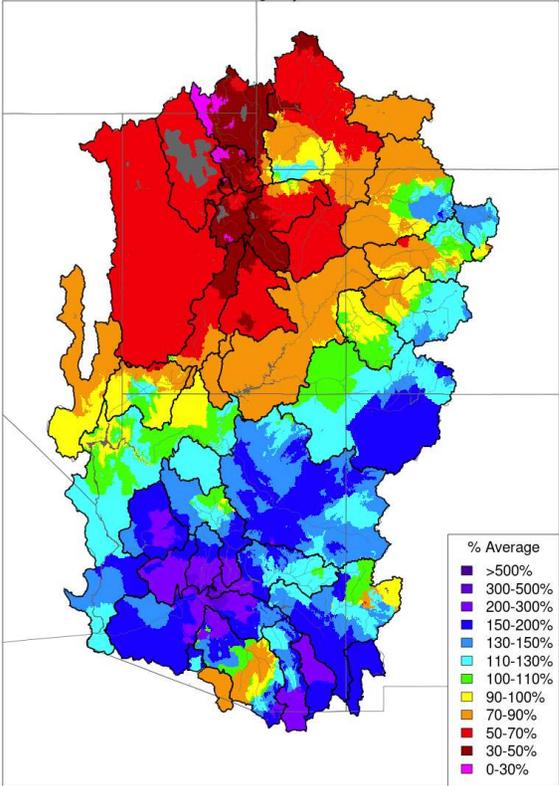
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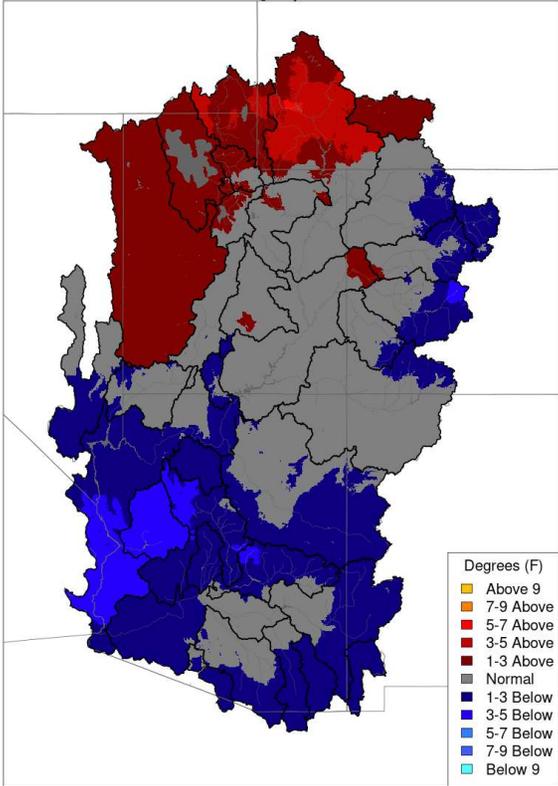
Precipitation and Temperature

Monthly Precipitation - September 2025
Averaged by Basin



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Max Temp - Monthly Deviation - September 2025
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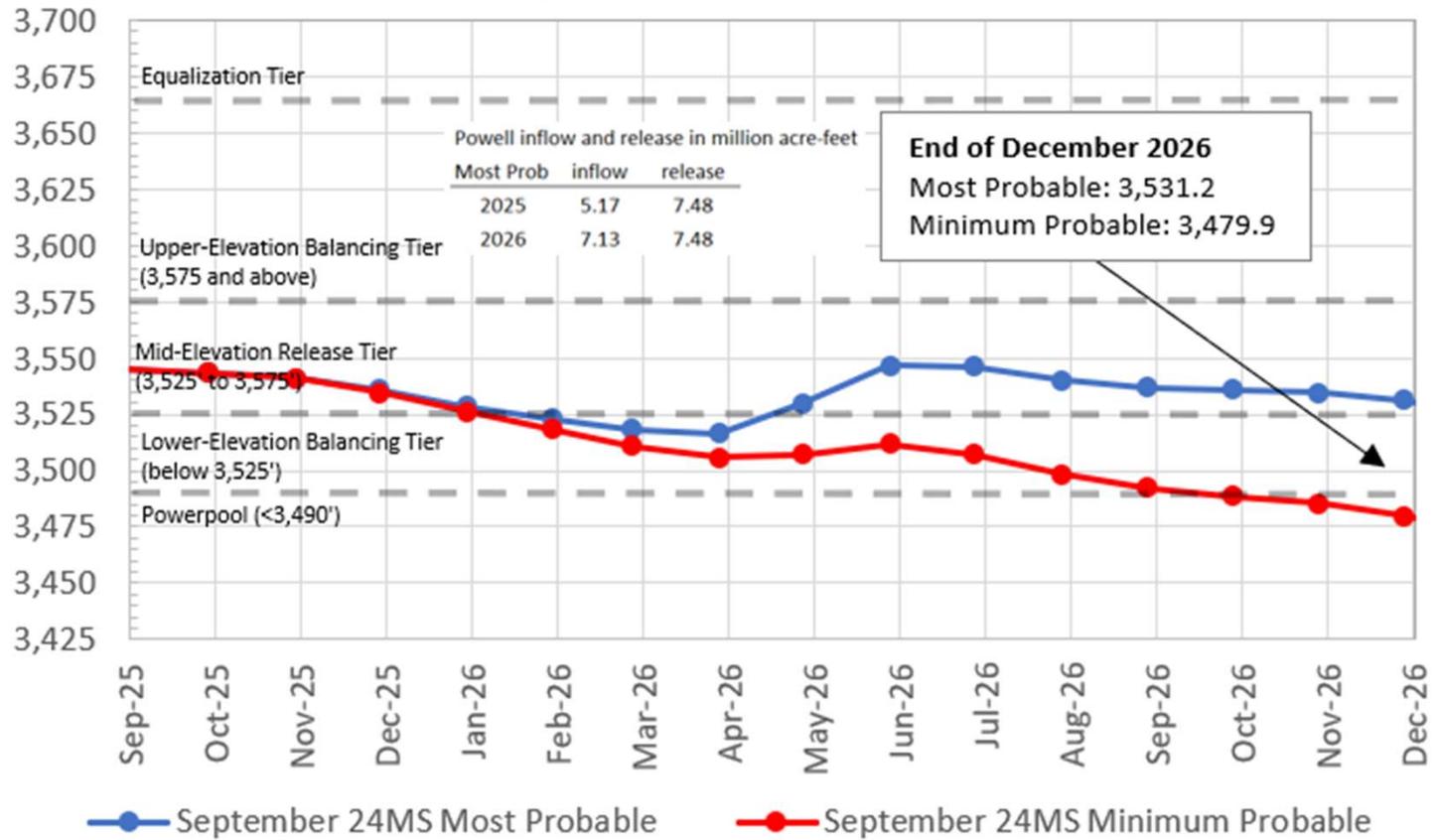


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Area	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Water Year
UC-Powell	111	114	65	60	97	99	59	61	68	51	80	102	82



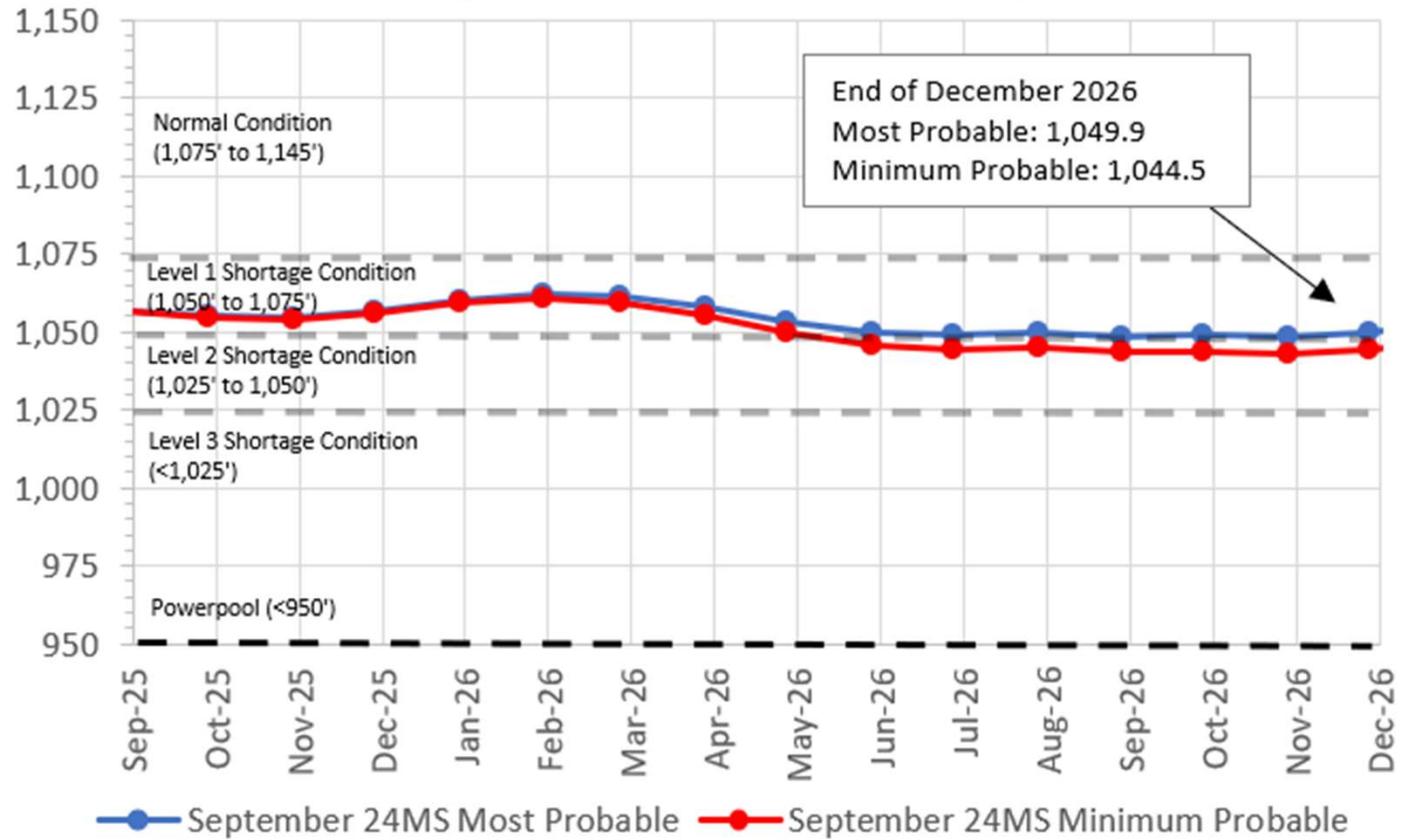
Lake Powell End-of-Month Elevations September 2025 24 Month Study



October 6, 2025 elevation: 3,544.3 feet



Lake Mead End-of-Month Elevations September 2025 24 Month Study



October 6, 2025 elevation: 1,058.1 feet



Water Use In Southern Nevada

2025 January-August Southern Nevada Water Use¹

Acre-Feet

Nevada Annual Allocation	300,000
Drought Contingency Plan contribution	-8,000
Interim Guidelines Shortages	-13,000
Diversions	307,810
Return Flow Credits	161,416
Consumptive Use	146,394

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