### Hydrology Report – June 2025

### Upper Basin Hydrology

- In May, the upper basin received 61% of average precipitation bringing the cumulative precipitation to 83% for the year.
- Temperatures in May were 1 to 3 degrees above average in 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 5.2 million acre-feet or 54% of average.

### **Current reservoir status**

- As of June 8, 2025, Lake Mead is at an elevation of **1,056.2** feet and has about 8.2 million acre-feet in storage (31% capacity).
- As of June 8, 2025, Lake Powell is at an elevation of 3,560.7 feet and has about 7.7 million acre-feet in storage (33% capacity).
- Total system storage for the upper and lower basin is around 23.3 million acre-feet (40% capacity).

### 2025 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 2025.
- Lake Mead will operate in a Level 1 Shortage Condition in calendar year 2025.
- Accordingly, in 2025, 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 2025. 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 2025, which will save the equivalent of about 8 feet in elevation in Lake Mead.

### Water Use in Southern Nevada<sup>1</sup>

• Southern Nevada's consumptive use for January-April of 2025 was 49,222 acre-feet.

### Reclamation's Lake Mead and Lake Powell Projections<sup>2</sup>

- Reclamation uses computer models to forecast reservoir elevations based on planned water use and anticipated runoff. The May 24-Month Study forecasts Lake Mead to be between 1,056.1 and 1,053.4 feet in elevation by the end of 2025.
- Reclamations May 24-Month Study is forecasting Lake Powell's elevation to be between 3,555.1 and 3,542.9 feet by the end of 2025.

<sup>1</sup> 2025 consumptive use data is preliminary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reclamation modeling assumes the current operational guidelines and planned conservation activities.

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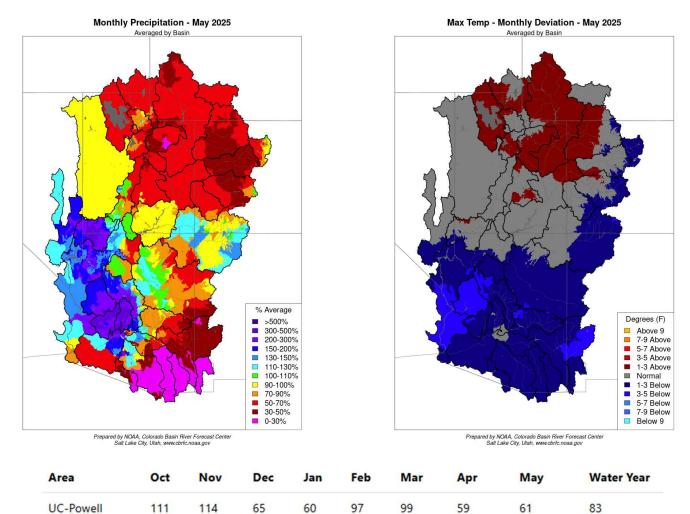
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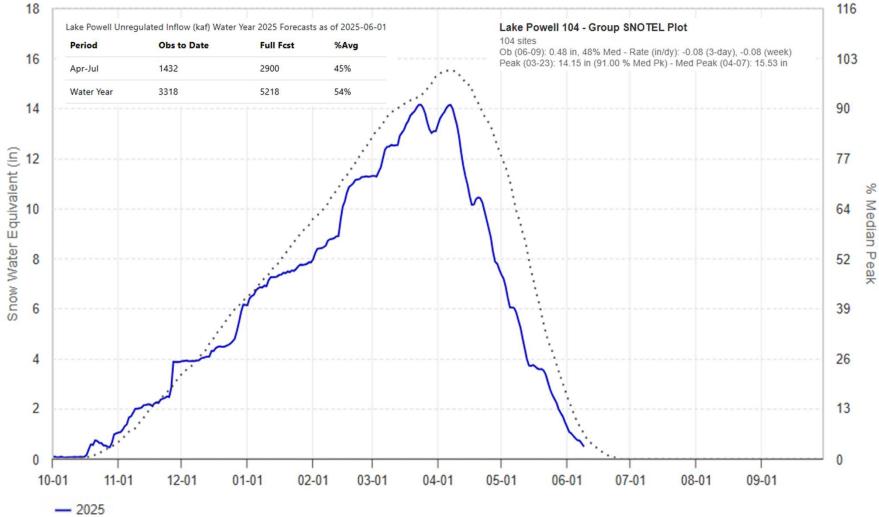


## **Precipitation and Temperature**



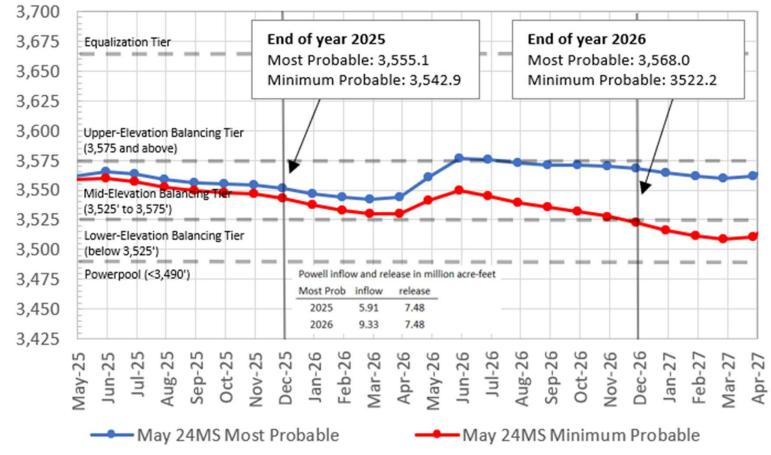


## Snowpack





### Lake Powell End-of-Month Elevations May 2025 24 Month Study



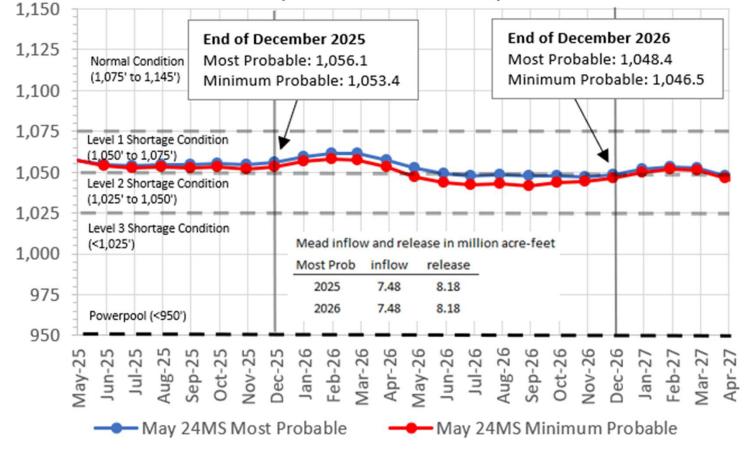
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## Lake Mead End-of-Month Elevations

May 2025 24 Month Study



June 8, 2025 elevation: 1,056.2 feet

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# Water Use In Southern Nevada

2025 January-April Southern Nevada Water Use	e <sup>1</sup> Acre-Feet
Nevada Annual Allocation	300,000
Drought Contingency Plan contribution	-8,000
Interim Guidelines Shortages	-13,000
Diversions	130,864
Return Flow Credits	81,642
Consumptive Use	49,222

<sup>1</sup> 2025 Consumptive use data is preliminary.