

Colorado River Commission of Nevada

Hydrology and Water Use Update April 8, 2019



Summary

Lake Powell

- Water Year 2019 Upper Basin snowpack is 132% of average.
- Water Year 2019 Upper Basin cumulative precipitation is 124% of average.
- Water Year 2019 unregulated inflow is forecasted at 112% of average.
- Unregulated forecast would be the second highest in the last 22 years (if it turns out as expected).

Lake Mead

- A Lower Basin shortage is not projected for Water Year 2020.
- Lake Mead is projected to decrease about 9 feet by end of calendar year.

Nevada Water Supply

- Southern Nevada has 7 years of water supply banked.
- **In 2017, Southern Nevada used 19% less than its annual allocation.**

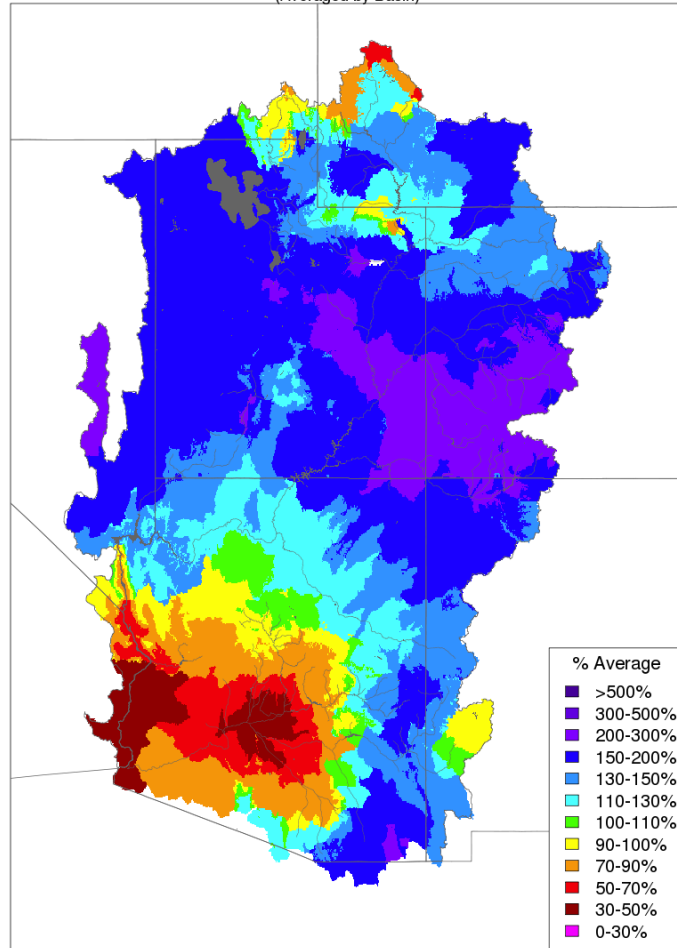
Storage	Elevation (f)	% Capacity	Change since last year
Lake Mead	1,089.9	42%	2.6 ft
Lake Powell	3,568.8	37%	- 42.8 ft

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Precipitation and Temperature

Monthly Precipitation - March 2019

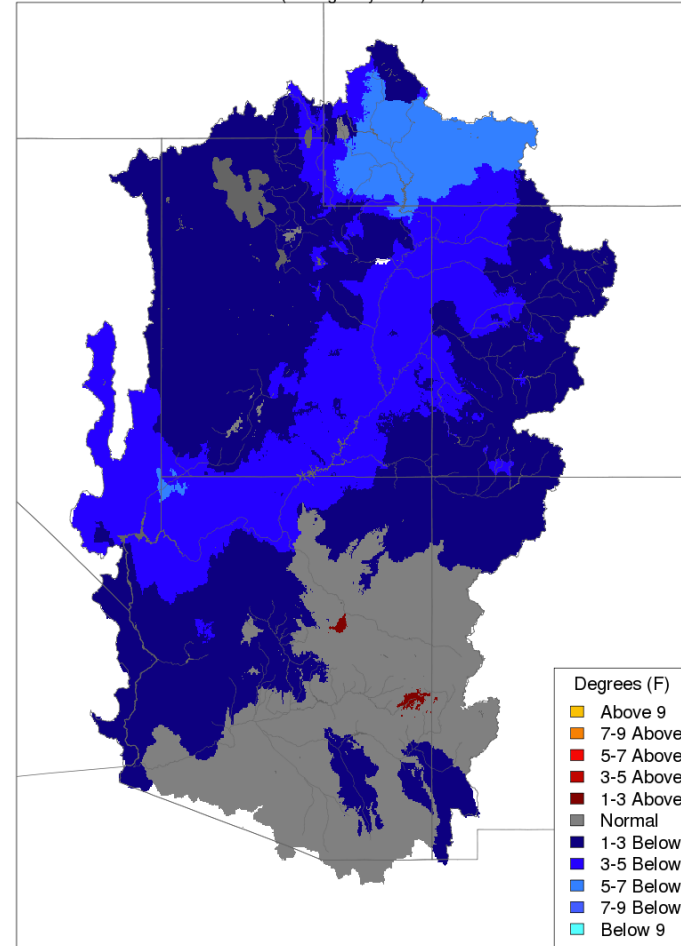
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Max Temp - Monthly Deviation - March 2019

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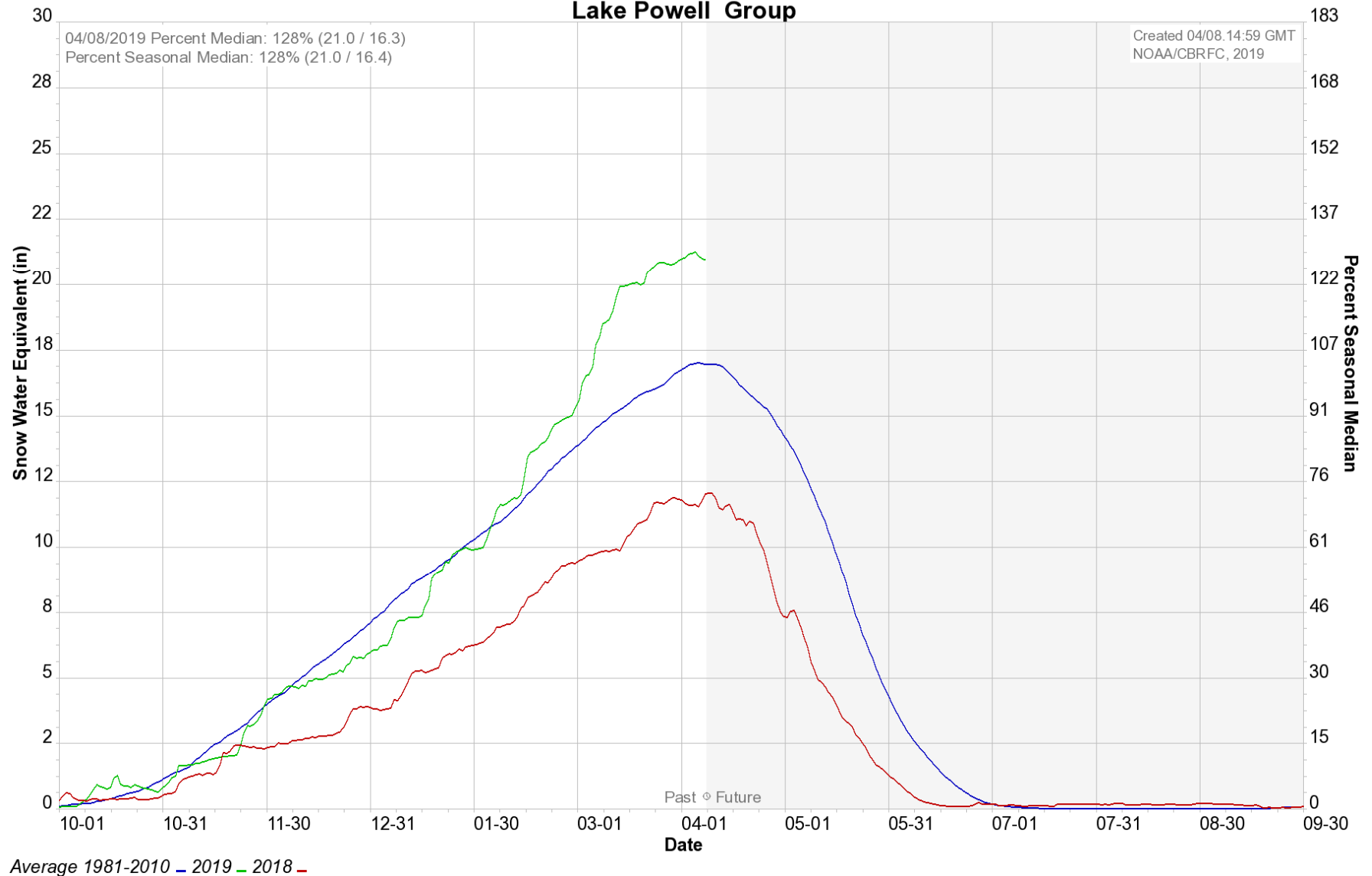
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Above Lake Powell March precipitation: 175%

Upper Basin Snowpack Accumulation

October 1st, 2018 to April 8th, 2019

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Unregulated Inflow, Current and Projected Reservoir Status

Projected unregulated inflow to Lake Powell Acre-Feet % Average

Water Year 2019	12,105,000	112%
April thru July 2019	9,200,000	128%

Reservoir	Current Elevation	Current Storage Acre-Feet	Current % Capacity	Projected Elevation on 1/1/2020 ¹
Lake Mead	1,089.9	10,878,000	42%	1,080.9
Lake Powell	3,568.8	9,049,000	37%	3,586.5

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¹ Based on Reclamation's March 2019 24 Month Study.

Water Use In Southern Nevada

Southern Nevada Water Use

2017 Actual Use in Acre-Feet

Nevada Annual Allocation	300,000
Diversion	470,271
Return Flows	226,846
Consumptive Use	243,425
Unused Allocation Available for Banking	56,575 (19%)

Southern Nevada Water Use

Diversions

Return Flows

Consumptive Use

January-February 2019	54,618	40,101	14,517
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Banked Water (through end of 2017)

Acre-Feet

Ground Water Recharge in So. Nevada	359,045
Banked in Lake Mead	582,313
Banked in California and Arizona	931,226
Total	1,872,584