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APPENDIX D:

HYDROLOGY TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

D.1 ANALYSIS METHODS

8 The Colorado River Simulation System (CRSS) is the modeling tool used to assess the 9 effects of the Long-term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) alternatives on water 10 resources and to provide relevant information to other models used to assess other resources. 11 This section provides a background on CRSS, all relevant modeling assumptions used in CRSS, 12 and a description of any changes that were made to CRSS, specifically for the LTEMP modeling. 13

15 D.1.1 Background

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The CRSS, the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation's) long-term planning model that 18 covers the Colorado River Basin (Basin) from the natural inflow points in the Upper Basin (see 19 Figure D-3) to Imperial Dam, was the first model used in LTEMP Draft Environmental Impact 20 Statement (DEIS) analysis process. CRSS simulates future system conditions based on different 21 hydrologic inflow scenarios and assumed reservoir operations for the evaluation period (2013-22 2033). The model framework used for this process is a commercial river modeling software 23 called RiverWare[™] (Zagona et al. 2001), a generalized river basin modeling software package 24 developed by the University of Colorado through a cooperative arrangement with Reclamation 25 and the Tennessee Valley Authority. CRSS was originally developed by Reclamation in the early 26 1970s and was implemented in RiverWare[™] in 1996.

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28 CRSS simulates the operation of the major reservoirs on the Colorado River and provides 29 information regarding the projected future state of the system on a monthly basis in terms of 30 output variables including the amount of water in storage, reservoir elevations, releases from the 31 dams, the amount of water flowing at various points throughout the system, and the diversions to 32 and return flows from the water users throughout the system. The basis of the simulation is a 33 mass balance (or water budget) calculation that accounts for water entering the system, water 34 leaving the system (e.g., from consumptive use of water, trans-basin diversions, evaporation), 35 and water moving through the system (i.e., either stored in reservoirs or flowing in river 36 reaches). The model was used to project the future conditions of the Colorado River system on a 37 monthly time-step for the period 2013 through 2033.

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 - The input data for the model includes monthly natural inflows,¹ various physical process parameters such as the evaporation rates for each reservoir, initial reservoir conditions on
- parameters such as the evaporation rates for each reservoir, initial reservoir conditions on
 January 1, 2013, and the future diversion and depletion schedules for entities in the Basin States
- 42 and for the United Mexican States (Mexico). These future schedules were based on the Current

¹ Calculated as gaged flow corrected for the effects of upstream reservoirs and depletions. Natural flow data and supporting documentation are available at http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/NaturalFlow/index.html.

Projected demand scenario (Schedule A) from the Colorado River Basin Water Supply and
 Demand Study (Basin Study [Reclamation 2012b]).

- The rules of operation of the Colorado River mainstream reservoirs including Lake Powell and Lake Mead are also provided as input to the model. This set of operating rules describes how water is released and delivered under various hydrologic conditions and aims to reflect actual operations. However, limitations inherently exist in the model's ability to reflect actual operations, particularly when responding to changing hydrological conditions and other
- 9 operational constraints such as dam maintenance.
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11 The future hydrology used as input to the model consisted of samples taken from the 12 historical record of natural flow in the river system over the 105-year period from 1906 through 13 2010 and the "Downscaled GCM Projected" water supply scenario from the Basin Study 14 (Reclamation 2012a). Each sequence is input as natural flow at 29 individual inflow points 15 (or nodes) on the system. The future hydrology is merely a projection of what future conditions 16 might be based upon the 105-year record, and is not a prediction of the likelihood of these future 17 hydrologic conditions occurring.

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19 The following sections describe the CRSS modeling assumptions and configuration 20 associated with the modeling undertaken for the LTEMP DEIS process. The version of CRSS 21 used for the LTEMP modeling started from the version of CRSS used for the Basin Study and 22 was updated with more recent initial conditions and other changes necessary to reflect the 23 different alternatives, as described below. 24

D.1.2 Initial Conditions

The model was initialized with the observed 2012 end-of-calendar-year (EOCY) reservoir conditions shown in Table D-1.

- 32 D.1.3 Reservoir Operations
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D.1.3.1 Upper Basin Reservoirs above Lake Powell

36 37 The Taylor Park, Fontenelle, and Starvation reservoirs are operated in accordance with 38 their existing rule curves (Reclamation 2007), although Fontenelle's operating rules in CRSS 39 have been updated since the 2007 Interim Guidelines (DOI 2007). Aspinall Unit operations do 40 not reflect the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Aspinall Unit Operations Final Environmental Impact Statement (Reclamation 2012c) because the modeling for the LTEMP DEIS began before 41 42 the latest Aspinall ROD could be reflected in CRSS. Instead, Aspinall Unit operations are also 43 operated in accordance with their previous rule curves as documented in the Colorado River 44 Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations of Lake Powell and 45 Lake Mead Final Environmental Impact Statement (2007 Interim Guidelines Final EIS 46 [Reclamation 2007]).

| | Elevation | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Reservoir | (ft AMSL) | Storage (ac-ft) |
| | | |
| Fontenelle | 6,485.19 | 196,963 |
| Flaming Gorge | 6,020.63 | 3,001,912 |
| Starvation | 5,734.92 | 255,000 |
| Taylor Park | 9,301.09 | 56,647 |
| Blue Mesa | 7,452.65 | 327,537 |
| Morrow Point | 7,146.50 | 106,381 |
| Crystal | 6,749.11 | 15,830 |
| Navajo | 6,024.73 | 956,630 |
| Powell | 3,609.82 | 12,712,205 |
| Mead | 1,120.36 | 13,636,479 |
| Mohave | 638.30 | 1,572,110 |
| Havasu | 446 41 | 550 689 |

TABLE D-1 Initial Reservoir Conditions (2012 Observed End-of-Calendar-Year Values)

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5 Navajo and Flaming Gorge operations reflect the recent RODs (Reclamation 2006a and 6 2006b, respectively). In general, both RODs contain downstream flow targets that the reservoirs 7 attempt to meet according to the rules within the RODs. In summary, Flaming Gorge operations 8 are governed by the April through July unregulated inflow into the reservoir, which determines 9 which downstream flow targets should be met; for example, in a wet year (larger inflow into the 10 reservoir), higher downstream flows are targeted. The flow targets are specified at the submonthly time step, which historically could not be reflected within CRSS. In order to capture the 11 sub-monthly component of the flow targets, and thus Flaming Gorge's operations, the model was 12 13 programmed to determine typical daily operations before summing to a monthly release 14 (Butler 2011). 15

Similarly, Navajo's ROD contains multiple downstream flow targets, specified at sub monthly time intervals. In this case, a September 30 storage target guides Navajo's operations. A
 release pattern is selected to bring Navajo as close as possible to the September 30 storage target
 while helping meet the downstream flow targets stated in the ROD (Butler 2011).

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D.1.3.2 Lake Powell and Lake Mead

For 2013 through 2026, Lake Powell and Lake Mead would be operated according to the
2007 Interim Guidelines (DOI 2007). For modeling purposes, after the expiration of the 2007
Interim Guidelines in 2026, operations are assumed to conform to those specified in the
No-Action Alternative from the 2007 Interim Guidelines Final EIS (Reclamation 2007). Both
operations are briefly described below.

1 Lake Mead flood control procedures are in effect for the entire simulation period. In 2 addition, if Lake Mead elevation falls below 1,000 feet above mean sea level (AMSL), deliveries 3 to the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) are assumed to continue. 4 5 If Lake Mead is sufficiently low such that after the maximum shortage (per the 2007 6 Interim Guidelines or No-Action Alternative post 2026) is applied and water is still unavailable 7 to meet the remaining deliveries, the remaining deliveries were shorted hydrologically with 8 respect to their physical location on the river. 9 10 11 **Operations during the Interim Guidelines (2013–2026)** 12 13 Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead are coordinated as specified in the 2007 14 Interim Guidelines (DOI 2007). Figure D-1 summarizes the different operating tiers at both reservoirs. Based on rules programmed in the model, CRSS determines which tier Powell is 15 16 operating in, and simulates releases consistent with the selected tier. Similarly, CRSS is 17 configured to simulate normal, shortage, and surplus deliveries in the Lower Basin, consistent 18 with the Interim Guidelines. 19 20 21 **Operations after the Interim Guidelines Expire (2027–2033)** 22 23 The operating rules reverted to the rules of the 2007 Interim Guidelines Final EIS 24 No-Action Alternative for simulations starting in 2027 and continuing through 2033. The 25 No-Action Alternative assumed the following for shortage, surplus, and coordinated operations. There was no intentionally created surplus (ICS) assumed in the No-Action Alternative, 26 27 however; consistent with the 2007 Interim Guidelines, ICS deliveries would be permissible 28 through 2036. See Appendix A of the 2007 Interim Guidelines Final EIS (Reclamation 2007) for 29 additional details regarding the No-Action Alternative. 30 31 Three factors that affect Lake Powell's release are (1) the minimum objective release of 32 8.23 maf, (2) equalization, and (3) spill avoidance. For equalization to occur, the 602(a) storage 33 requirement must be met.² 34 35 Stage 1 shortage is triggered to prevent Lake Mead from declining below 1,050 feet 36 AMSL. Stage 1 shortages range in volume from approximately 350 to 500 kaf. If Lake Mead's 37 elevation continues to decline, a Stage 2 shortage is imposed to keep Lake Mead above 38 1,000 feet AMSL. Stage 2 shortages can be up to 3.0 maf.

² See Appendix A of the 2007 Interim Guidelines Final EIS (Reclamation 2007) for the full 602(a) storage requirement computation.

| | Lake Powell | | Lake Mead | | | | | |
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| Elevation (feet) | Operation According to the Interim Guidelines | Live Storage (maf) ¹ | Elevation (feet) | Operation According to the Interim Guidelines | Live Storage (maf) ¹ | | | |
| 3,700 | Equalization Tier Equalize, avoid spills or release 8.23 maf | 24.3 | 1,220 | Flood Control Surplus or Quantified Surplus Condition Deliver > 7.5 maf | 25.9 | | | |
| 3,636 - 3,666 (2008-2026) | Upper Elevation Balancing Tier Palaces 8.23 mat | 15.5 - 19.3 (2008-2026) | (approx.) ² | Domestic Surplus or ICS Surplus Condition Deliver > 7.5 maf | (approx.) ² | | | |
| | if Lake Mead < 1,075 feet, balance contents with a min/max release of 7.0 and 9.0 maf | | 1,145 | Normal or ICS Surplus Condition Deliver ≥ 7.5 maf | 15.9 11.9 | | | |
| 3,575 | Mid-Elevation Release Tier Release 7.48 maf; if Lake Mead < 1.025 feet | 9.5 | 1,075 | Shortage Condition Deliver 7.167 ⁴ maf | 9.4 | | | |
| 3,525 | release 8.23 maf | 5.9 | 1,050 | Shortage Condition Deliver 7.083 ⁵ maf | 7.5 | | | |
| 3,490 | Lower Elevation Balancing Tier Balance contents with a min/max release of 7.0 and 9.5 maf | 4.0 | 1,000 | Shortage Condition Deliver 7.0 ⁶ maf Further measures may be undertaken ⁷ | 4.3 | | | |
| 3,370 | | 0 | 895 | | 0 | | | |
| iagram not to scale Acronym for million acre-fee This elevation is shown as a Subiect to April adjustments | t approximate as it is determined each year by considering which may result in a release according to the Equalizati | several factors including Lake F on Tier | owell and Lake Mead storage | e, projected Upper Basin and Lower Basin demands, and an a | ssumed inflow. | | | |

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Of which 2.48 maf is apportioned to Arizona, 4.4 maf to California, and 0.287 maf to Nevada

Of which 2.40 maf is apportioned to Arizona, 4.4 maf to California, and 0.283 maf to Nevada

Of which 2.32 maf is apportioned to Arizona, 4.4 maf to California, and 0.280 maf to Nevada

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.

FIGURE D-1 Operating Tiers as Specified by the 2007 Interim Guidelines (DOI 2007) for the Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead 2

Surplus determinations are per flood control surplus conditions or the 70R Strategy.³ **Modeling Assumptions for Annual Releases Extending Beyond the Water Year** Modeling assumptions for equalization operations need to be performed for a full

6 7 analysis of monthly and annual operations in this DEIS. These assumptions are for analytical 8 purposes only and do not, and cannot, modify the Secretary's approach to operations of 9 equalization releases that are made pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968. 10 Modeled equalization release volumes can be affected by the annual pattern of monthly volumes. Alternatives that have higher releases earlier in the water year are able to release more water in 11 years when the maximum release through the powerplant becomes a potential limiting factor to 12 13 equalizing within the water year, which is consistent with the objectives of the Law of the River. 14 A limitation of the current modeling assumptions is that they cannot fully mimic or predict operator judgment or actions to achieve full equalization within the relevant timeframe. 15 16 Reclamation will continue to operate Glen Canyon Dam to achieve equalization releases in a 17 manner fully consistent with the Law of the River and in consultation with the Colorado River 18 Basin States. 19

20 For LTEMP modeling, logic was added to CRSS to handle instances when Powell could 21 not meet annual release requirements by the end of the water year. If the computed remaining 22 release in September is greater than Powell's power plant capacity, then the volume above 23 powerplant capacity necessary meet annual release requirements is released in the subsequent 24 months. Releases, beginning in October, are increased above the normal release requirements 25 (e.g., 600 kaf in an 8.23-maf release year of Alternative A, the no-action alternative) up to power plant capacity, for as many months as necessary to release the remaining equalization volume. 26 27 The volume of annual releases extending beyond the water year and the frequency at which these 28 releases would be necessary were reported as one of the calculated water resource metrics. 29

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Setting Powell's Monthly Release Volumes

In order to more efficiently model the different alternatives being evaluated in the LTEMP DEIS, CRSS logic was modified to use an input release table, and to allow minimum release constraints to vary among alternatives. The tables include monthly release volumes for water year releases of 7.0, 7.48, 8.23, 9.0, 9.5, 10.5, 11.0, 12.0, 13.0, and 14.0 maf. In fixed release volume years (e.g., 8.23-maf release years), the monthly volumes used were directly from the input release tables presented in Section D.1.4, subject to other constraints such as ensuring Powell stays at a safe operating capacity. In years with computed release volumes

³ Under the 70R Strategy, a surplus condition is based on the system space requirement at the beginning of each year. Based on the 70th percentile historical runoff, a normal 7.5-maf delivery to the Lower Division states, the Upper Basin scheduled use, and Lake Powell and Lake Mead volumes at the beginning of the year, the volume of water in excess of the system space requirement at the end of the year is estimated. If that volume is greater than zero, a surplus is declared. See Appendix A of the 2007 Interim Guidelines Final EIS (Reclamation 2007) for the full 70R computation.

(e.g., equalization releases), the necessary water year release volume is computed, and the
monthly release is interpolated between the two closest water year releases. For example, if the
equalization release is computed to be 12.5 maf, then the monthly release would be interpolated
between the 12.0- and 13.0-maf monthly release volumes.

6 The minimum release constraints were also incorporated into CRSS because there are 7 certain instances when the release from Powell may be computed to be less than the alternative's 8 minimum release constraints. In these cases, the alternative's minimum release constraint is 9 used, subject to the physical ability to release the water. Furthermore, the implementation of 10 these constraints does not result in a modification of the annual release volume.

D.1.3.3 Lake Mohave and Lake Havasu

Lake Mohave and Lake Havasu are operated in accordance with their existing rule curves.

D.1.4 Representation of the Different Alternatives in CRSS

21 For each alternative, tables were developed that include the monthly release volumes that 22 are modeled to occur under differing water year release volumes. In most cases, the volumes in the tables represent some desired aspect of the alternatives and were developed by proportionally 23 24 scaling monthly volumes to the water year volume. However, in the minimum (7.0-maf) water 25 release years and in the higher water release years, the proportionally scaled monthly volumes in 26 the tables were sometimes adjusted up to meet minimum release constraints or down to powerplant capacity. All alternatives met the minimum release constraints and were within 27 28 powerplant capacity in an 8.23-maf release year. However, in some months for some alternatives 29 the proportionally scaled monthly volumes in the tables required adjustment to meet these 30 constraints.

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32 For example, the proportionally scaled monthly volumes in a 7.0-maf year were not 33 always adequate to meet the minimum release requirement, as computed by the minimum hourly 34 releases and ramping constraints. In these instances, the monthly release volume was set to the 35 volume necessary to maintain minimum flow throughout the entire month. Similarly, in highvolume water release years, the proportionally scaled monthly volumes in the tables were 36 37 sometimes greater than the physical capacity of Glen Canyon Powerplant. In these instances, the 38 monthly release volume in the table was set to powerplant capacity, reallocating the excess into 39 other months of the water year. The annual release volume was not affected by these 40 modifications. 41

In addition to the physical capacity of the powerplant represented in the monthly tables
input to CRSS, the maximum release capacity of Glen Canyon Dam (powerplant and bypass
volume) can also affect modeled monthly release volumes, particularly in years with an annual
release volume greater than 14.0 maf. The maximum release was modeled explicitly in CRSS as
a function of reservoir head. Generally speaking, the maximum release was computed as

45,000 cfs; this flow was converted to a daily volume and then multiplied by the number of days in the month to determine the monthly maximum release volume. In months when the monthly release prescribed by the alternative was greater than the maximum capacity for the month, the monthly volume was capped at the physical capacity, and the remaining volume was released in the following month(s).

Monthly release volume can also be affected by high-flow experiments (HFEs). For
HFEs that required more water than was already allocated for the given month of the HFE, water
was reallocated from later months to ensure the water year release volume remained the same.
For this DEIS, the monthly reallocation of water for HFEs was modeled as a post-process to the
sand-budget model (i.e., after the model determined the magnitude and duration of the HFE).
Reservoir mass balance was computed for the affected months and the resulting monthly releases
and reservoir elevations were then passed to the hydropower model.

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15 The monthly reallocation of releases to support a HFE does not affect the Lake Powell 16 operating tier (and thus did not need to be explicitly modeled in CRSS). Operationally, the 17 magnitude and duration of a HFE would be determined in either October-November or March-18 April. Because the Lake Powell annual operating tier is determined based on the August 19 projection of the January 1 elevation, it is not yet known whether an HFE will take place that 20 water year. Therefore, a modeled reallocation of water into November, for example, should not 21 be considered when determining the annual operating tier because, operationally, this 22 information would not be known until after the operating tier was already set. 23

Tables D-2 through D-11 include the monthly release tables used for all alternatives in CRSS, and Table D-12 summarizes the minimum release constraints used for each alternative. Figure D-2 shows the 8.23-maf release year pattern for all alternatives. In addition, the experimental components of LTEMP that are modeled in CRSS are also discussed.

Long-term strategies (various implementations of the seven LTEMP alternatives;
described in Appendix C) that would not affect monthly or annual releases from Powell were not
simulated in CRSS. These long-term strategies are labeled in the figures in this appendix as
identical to another long-term strategy. For example, the only difference between long-term
strategies D1 and D3 is that D1 includes trout management flows. Because trout management
flows were not included in CRSS, results for D1 and D3 are identical and labeled as such in the
water delivery results.

| | Water Year Release (maf) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Month | 7 | 7.48 | 8.23 | 9 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| October | 480 000 | 480 000 | 600 000 | 600 000 | 600 000 | 600.000 | 600 000 | 600.000 | 600 000 | 600.000 |
| November | 500,000 | 500.000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| December | 600,000 | 600,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 |
| January | 600,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 850,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| February | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 700,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 900,000 |
| March | 500,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 700,000 | 900,000 | 950,000 | 1,100,000 |
| April | 500,000 | 500,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 750,000 | 900,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,413,000 |
| May | 500,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 800,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,537,000 |
| June | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 800,000 | 900,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,150,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,488,000 |
| July | 800,000 | 800,000 | 850,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,050,000 | 1,150,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,537,000 | 1,537,000 |
| August | 800,000 | 800,000 | 900,000 | 1,050,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,537,000 | 1,537,000 |
| September | 520,000 | 600,000 | 630,000 | 800,000 | 850,000 | 950,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,426,000 | 1,488,000 |

| TABLE D-2 Mont | hly Release Vol | mes (in ac-ft) by | y Water Year | Release for Alternative A |
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|-----------|---------|--------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | water yea | ar Release (m | ar) | | | |
| Month | 7 | 7.48 | 8.23 | 9 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| October | 480.000 | 480.000 | 600 000 | 600.000 | 600.000 | 600.000 | 600.000 | 600.000 | 600.000 | 600.000 |
| November | 480,000 | 480,000 500,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 |
| December | 600,000 | 600,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 |
| January | 600,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 850,000 | 950,000 | 950,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| February | 600,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 700,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 900,000 |
| March | 500,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 650,000 | 700,000 | 900,000 | 950,000 | 1,100,000 |
| April | 500,000 | 500,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 750,000 | 900,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,413,000 |
| May | 500,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 800,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,537,000 |
| June | 600,000 | 600,000 | 650,000 | 800,000 | 900,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,150,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,488,000 |
| July | 800,000 | 800,000 | 850,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,050,000 | 1,150,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,400,000 | 1,537,000 | 1,537,000 |
| August | 800,000 | 800,000 | 900,000 | 1,050,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,200,000 | 1,250,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,537,000 | 1,537,000 |
| September | 520,000 | 600,000 | 630,000 | 800,000 | 850,000 | 950,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,100,000 | 1,426,000 | 1,488,000 |

| TABLE D-3 Monthly Release Volumes (in ac-ft) by W | Water Year Release for Alternative B |
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| Environmental Impact Statement | Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan |

| | Water Year Release (maf) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Month | 7 | 7.48 | 8.23 | 9 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| October | 436,260 | 436,260 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 |
| November | 436,260 | 436,260 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 |
| December | 754,360 | 754,360 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 |
| January | 692,498 | 754,360 | 830,000 | 929,239 | 993,680 | 1,122,562 | 1,187,003 | 1,315,885 | 1,444,767 | 1,537,189 |
| February | 609,215 | 663,640 | 730,180 | 817,484 | 874,175 | 987,557 | 1,044,248 | 1,157,630 | 1,271,012 | 1,388,429 |
| March | 643,264 | 700,730 | 770,990 | 863,174 | 923,033 | 1,042,752 | 1,102,611 | 1,222,330 | 1,342,049 | 1,474,882 |
| April | 572,129 | 623,240 | 685,730 | 767,719 | 820,959 | 927,439 | 980,679 | 1,087,159 | 1,193,639 | 1,311,782 |
| May | 592,562 | 645,500 | 710,220 | 795,138 | 850,279 | 960,562 | 1,015,703 | 1,125,985 | 1,236,268 | 1,358,631 |
| June | 619,811 | 675,180 | 742,880 | 831,703 | 889,380 | 1,004,734 | 1,062,411 | 1,177,765 | 1,293,119 | 1,421,109 |
| July | 692,498 | 754,360 | 830,000 | 929,239 | 993,680 | 1,122,562 | 1,187,003 | 1,315,885 | 1,444,767 | 1,537,189 |
| August | 550,661 | 599,850 | 660,000 | 738,913 | 790,155 | 892,640 | 943,882 | 1,046,366 | 1,148,851 | 1,262,562 |
| September | 400,482 | 436,260 | 480,000 | 537,391 | 574,659 | 649,192 | 686,460 | 760,995 | 835,528 | 918,227 |

 TABLE D-4
 Monthly Release Volumes (in ac-ft) by Water Year Release for Alternative C

| | Water Veer Polesse (met) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | water rea | u Kelease (IIIa | a1 <i>)</i> | | | |
| Month | 7 | 7.48 | 8.23 | 9 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| October | 436.260 | 436.260 | 480.000 | 480.000 | 480.000 | 480.000 | 480.000 | 480.000 | 480.000 | 480.000 |
| November | 436.260 | 436.260 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 | 480,000 |
| December | 754,360 | 754,360 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 | 830,000 |
| January | 692,498 | 754,360 | 830,000 | 929,239 | 993,680 | 1,122,562 | 1,187,003 | 1,315,885 | 1,444,767 | 1,537,189 |
| February | 609,215 | 663,640 | 730,180 | 817,484 | 874,175 | 987,557 | 1,044,248 | 1,157,630 | 1,271,012 | 1,388,429 |
| March | 643,264 | 700,730 | 770,990 | 863,174 | 923,033 | 1,042,752 | 1,102,611 | 1,222,330 | 1,342,049 | 1,474,882 |
| April | 708,598 | 771,899 | 849,296 | 950,842 | 1,016,781 | 1,148,660 | 1,214,599 | 1,346,477 | 1,478,355 | 1,487,603 |
| May | 733,905 | 799,467 | 879,628 | 984,801 | 1,053,095 | 1,189,683 | 1,257,977 | 1,394,566 | 1,531,154 | 1,537,189 |
| June | 767,648 | 836,224 | 920,070 | 1,030,079 | 1,101,513 | 1,244,381 | 1,315,815 | 1,458,684 | 1,488,000 | 1,487,603 |
| July | 410,410 | 447,074 | 491,901 | 550,715 | 588,906 | 665,288 | 703,479 | 779,862 | 894,506 | 1,110,981 |
| August | 410,410 | 447,074 | 491,901 | 550,715 | 588,906 | 665,288 | 703,479 | 779,862 | 894,506 | 1,110,981 |
| September | 397,172 | 432,652 | 476,034 | 532,951 | 569,911 | 643,829 | 680,789 | 754,704 | 865,651 | 1,075,143 |

 TABLE D-5
 Monthly Release Volumes (in ac-ft) by Water Year Release for Alternative C with Low Summer Flows

| | | | | | Watar | Voor Doloogo (| mat | | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | water r | ear Release (| mar) | | | |
| Month | 7 | 7.48 | 8.23 | 9 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 480,000 | 480,000 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 |
| November | 500,000 | 500,000 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 |
| December | 600,000 | 600,000 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 |
| January | 664,609 | 723,467 | 763,000 | 858,351 | 919,662 | 1,042,283 | 1,103,594 | 1,226,216 | 1,348,837 | 1,471,459 |
| February | 587,262 | 639,271 | 675,000 | 758,457 | 812,632 | 920,983 | 975,159 | 1,083,510 | 1,191,860 | 1,300,211 |
| March | 620,206 | 675,132 | 713,000 | 801,004 | 858,219 | 972,648 | 1,029,863 | 1,144,292 | 1,258,721 | 1,373,150 |
| April | 552,170 | 601,070 | 635,000 | 713,134 | 764,072 | 865,949 | 916,887 | 1,018,763 | 1,120,640 | 1,222,516 |
| May | 571,506 | 622,119 | 657,000 | 738,108 | 790,830 | 896,274 | 948,996 | 1,054,440 | 1,159,884 | 1,265,328 |
| June | 598,005 | 650,965 | 688,000 | 772,331 | 827,497 | 937,830 | 992,997 | 1,103,330 | 1,213,663 | 1,323,996 |
| Julv | 651.718 | 709.434 | 749,000 | 841,702 | 901.823 | 1.022.067 | 1.082,188 | 1.202.431 | 1.322.674 | 1.442.918 |
| August | 652,434 | 710.214 | 750.000 | 842.627 | 902.814 | 1.023.190 | 1.083.377 | 1.203.753 | 1.324.128 | 1.444.503 |
| September | 522,090 | 568,328 | 600,000 | 674,286 | 722,451 | 818,776 | 866,939 | 963,265 | 1,059,593 | 1,155,919 |

TABLE D-6 Monthly Release Volumes (in ac-ft) by Water Year Release for Alternative D

| ft Environmental Impact Statement | 1 Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Manage | |
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| | Management Plan | |

| ow Summe | r Flows | Glen (Draft |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|
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| 13 | 14 | n Dam onmen |
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| 641,532 | 641,532 | np. -S |
| 715,885 | 715,885 | Ter |
| 1,348,837 | 1,471,459 | m St |
| 1,191,860 | 1,300,211 | Ex |
| 1,258,721 | 1,373,150 | pei me |
| 1,482,848 | 1,487,603 | rim int |
| 1,534,777 | 1,537,189 | ien |
| 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 | tal |
| 908,217 | 1,126,373 | an |
| 908,217 | 1,126,373 | d |
| 878,920 | 1,090,039 | Ma |
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TABLE D-7 Monthly Release Volumes (in ac-ft) by Water Year Release for Alternative D with Low Summer Flows

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Water Year Release (maf)

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1,313,949

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427,856

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|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | 7.40 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 1.4 |
| Month | 1 | 7.48 | 8.23 | 9 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 480,000 | 480,000 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 |
| November | 500,000 | 500,000 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 |
| December | 600,000 | 600,000 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 |
| January | 683,468 | 747,279 | 781,296 | 883,660 | 950,130 | 1,083,070 | 1,149,540 | 1,282,480 | 1,415,420 | 1,548,360 |
| February | 604,808 | 661,275 | 691,377 | 781,960 | 840,780 | 958,420 | 1,017,240 | 1,134,880 | 1,252,520 | 1,370,160 |
| March | 638,457 | 698,066 | 729,843 | 825,465 | 887,558 | 1,011,743 | 1,073,835 | 1,198,020 | 1,322,205 | 1,446,390 |
| April | 568,537 | 621,618 | 649,915 | 735,065 | 790,357 | 900,942 | 956,235 | 1,066,820 | 1,177,405 | 1,287,990 |
| May | 588,202 | 643,119 | 672,394 | 760,490 | 817,695 | 932,105 | 989,310 | 1,103,720 | 1,218,130 | 1,332,540 |
| June | 615,733 | 673,220 | 703,866 | 796,085 | 855,967 | 975,732 | 1,035,615 | 1,155,380 | 1,275,145 | 1,394,910 |
| July | 670,795 | 733,423 | 766,809 | 867,275 | 932,513 | 1,062,988 | 1,128,225 | 1,258,700 | 1,389,175 | 1,519,650 |
| August | 560,700 | 599,148 | 659,223 | 720,900 | 760,950 | 841,050 | 881,100 | 961,200 | 1,041,300 | 1,121,400 |
| September | 489,300 | 522,852 | 575,277 | 629,100 | 664,050 | 733,950 | 768,900 | 838,800 | 908,700 | 978,600 |

 TABLE D-8 Monthly Release Volumes (in ac-ft) by Water Year Release for Alternative E

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| TABLE D-9 | Monthly Release | Volumes (in ac | -ft) by Water | Year Release f | or Alternative E | with Low Summer Flows |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|-----------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|

| | Water Year Release (maf) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Month | 7 | 7.48 | 8.23 | 9 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| October | 480,000 | 480,000 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 | 642,583 |
| November | 500,000 | 500,000 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 | 641,532 |
| December | 600,000 | 600,000 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 | 715,885 |
| January | 683,468 | 747,279 | 781,296 | 883,660 | 950,130 | 1,083,070 | 1,149,540 | 1,282,480 | 1,415,420 | 1,537,189 |
| February | 604,808 | 661,275 | 691,377 | 781,960 | 840,780 | 958,420 | 1,017,240 | 1,134,880 | 1,252,520 | 1,381,331 |
| March | 638,457 | 698,066 | 729,843 | 825,465 | 887,558 | 1,011,743 | 1,073,835 | 1,198,020 | 1,322,205 | 1,446,390 |
| April | 714,353 | 775,725 | 823,598 | 922,047 | 985,976 | 1,113,833 | 1,177,761 | 1,305,618 | 1,433,475 | 1,487,603 |
| May | 739,062 | 802,556 | 852,085 | 953,940 | 1,020,080 | 1,152,359 | 1,218,499 | 1,350,778 | 1,483,058 | 1,537,189 |
| June | 773,654 | 840,120 | 891,967 | 998,589 | 1,067,825 | 1,206,296 | 1,275,531 | 1,414,002 | 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 |
| July | 426,654 | 463,308 | 491,901 | 550,701 | 588,883 | 665,246 | 703,428 | 779,792 | 878,014 | 1,052,213 |
| August | 426,654 | 463,308 | 491,901 | 550,701 | 588,883 | 665,246 | 703,428 | 779,792 | 878,014 | 1,052,213 |
| September | 412,890 | 448,363 | 476,032 | 532,937 | 569,885 | 643,787 | 680,738 | 754,638 | 849,691 | 1,018,269 |

| | | | | | Water Year I | Release (maf) | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Month | 7 | 7.48 | 8.23 | 9 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| October | 444,800 | 444,800 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 |
| November | 430,450 | 430,450 | 477,930 | 477,930 | 477,930 | 477,930 | 477,930 | 477,930 | 477,930 | 477,930 |
| December | 444,800 | 444,800 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 | 493,860 |
| January | 399,780 | 444,800 | 493,860 | 566,090 | 587,333 | 697,737 | 762,803 | 849,488 | 1,127,401 | 1,405,315 |
| February | 491,970 | 541,610 | 599,950 | 679,580 | 713,503 | 847,624 | 926,667 | 1,388,429 | 1,388,429 | 1,388,429 |
| March | 701,570 | 767,290 | 848,690 | 954,120 | 1,009,323 | 1,199,050 | 1,310,865 | 1,537,189 | 1,537,189 | 1,537,189 |
| April | 830,780 | 904,790 | 999,830 | 1,118,560 | 1,189,069 | 1,412,584 | 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 |
| May | 1,101,480 | 1,170,880 | 1,279,340 | 1,390,680 | 1,521,482 | 1,576,859 | 1,576,859 | 1,576,859 | 1,576,859 | 1,576,859 |
| June | 1,123,140 | 1,176,360 | 1,259,500 | 1,344,870 | 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 | 1,487,603 |
| July | 347,480 | 388,920 | 432,370 | 498,850 | 514,205 | 610,863 | 667,828 | 743,719 | 987,030 | 1,230,340 |
| August | 347,480 | 388,920 | 432,370 | 498,850 | 514,205 | 610,863 | 667,828 | 743,719 | 987,030 | 1,230,340 |
| September | 336,270 | 376,380 | 418,440 | 482,750 | 497,627 | 591,167 | 646,294 | 719,741 | 955,206 | 1,190,672 |

TABLE D-10 Monthly Release Volumes (in ac-ft) by Water Year Release for Alternative F

| | | | | | Water Ye | ear Release | (maf) | | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Month | 7 | 7.48 | 8.23 | 9 | 9.5 | 10.5 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| October | 635,300 | 635,300 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 |
| November | 635,300 | 635,300 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 | 699,000 |
| December | 615,305 | 615,305 | 677,000 | 677,000 | 677,000 | 677,000 | 677,000 | 677,000 | 677,000 | 677,000 |
| January | 580,721 | 635,300 | 699,000 | 786,355 | 843,132 | 956,685 | 1,013,462 | 1,127,015 | 1,240,568 | 1,354,121 |
| February | 524,523 | 614,396 | 676,000 | 710,256 | 761,538 | 864,103 | 915,385 | 1,017,949 | 1,120,513 | 1,223,077 |
| March | 580,721 | 635,300 | 699,000 | 786,355 | 843,132 | 956,685 | 1,013,462 | 1,127,015 | 1,240,568 | 1,354,121 |
| April | 561,988 | 635,300 | 699,000 | 760,989 | 815,934 | 925,824 | 980,769 | 1,090,659 | 1,200,549 | 1,310,440 |
| May | 580,721 | 573,497 | 631,000 | 786,355 | 843,132 | 956,685 | 1,013,462 | 1,127,015 | 1,240,568 | 1,354,121 |
| June | 561,988 | 635,300 | 699,000 | 760,990 | 815,934 | 925,824 | 980,768 | 1,090,659 | 1,200,549 | 1,310,440 |
| July | 580,721 | 614,396 | 676,000 | 786,355 | 843,132 | 956,685 | 1,013,462 | 1,127,015 | 1,240,568 | 1,354,120 |
| August | 580,721 | 635,300 | 699,000 | 786,355 | 843,132 | 956,685 | 1,013,462 | 1,127,015 | 1,240,568 | 1,354,120 |
| September | 561,991 | 615,306 | 677,000 | 760,990 | 815,934 | 925,824 | 980,768 | 1,090,658 | 1,200,549 | 1,310,440 |

 TABLE D-11
 Monthly Release Volumes (in ac-ft) by Water Year Release for Alternative G

| TABLE D-12 Minimum Releas | e |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Constraints (cfs) Used for Each | |
| Alternative | |

| Alternative | Minimum Release (cfs) |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| | |
| Α | 6,562.50 |
| В | 6,500.00 |
| С | 6,520.83 |
| Da | 6,520.83 |
| Е | 6,520.83 |
| F | 5,000.00 |
| G | 8,000.00 |

^a For Alternative D, with steady weekend flows for invertebrate production, the May–August minimum release constraint is 8,000 cfs.



FIGURE D-2 Monthly Releases in kaf for Each Alternative in an 8.23-maf Release

Year (Note that long-term strategies C2, D1, D2, D3, E2, and E5 are shown with the

monthly distributions when low summer flows are implemented. Low summer flows

would not be implemented in all years.)

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D.1.4.1 Experimental Components Modeled in CRSS

Specific to the LTEMP DEIS, both experimental treatments—low summer flows and May through August steady weekend flows for invertebrate production—were incorporated into CRSS. The following sections discuss how these experimental components were modeled in CRSS.

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Low Summer Flows

Low summer flows were implemented in CRSS as an experimental component under 11 12 Alternatives C, D, and E. The objective of low summer flows is to produce warmer temperatures 13 (i.e., greater than 13°C [55°F] for Alternatives C and E and greater than 14°C [57°F] for 14 Alternative D) at the confluence with the Little Colorado River (T_{LCR}) in July, August, and 15 September. In May, these alternatives would switch to a low summer flow pattern, releasing less 16 water during these months, if all three of the following conditions are true: (1) the projected 17 annual water vear release is <10 maf, (2) projected T_{LCR} is cold⁴ in any of the three target months using the base release pattern, and (3) switching to the low summer flow pattern would result in 18 19 warm⁵ temperatures in all three of the target months. Alternatives that have low summer flows as 20 an experimental component would use the base release tables, unless these three conditions were 21 met. For example, Alternative E (long-term strategy 2) would use release volumes from 22 Table D-8, but would switch to the release volumes in Table D-9 if the above conditions were 23 met. Note that Alternatives C and E were modeled with low summer flows during the entire 24 20-year LTEMP period, whereas Alternative D was modeled with implementation of low 25 summer flows only during the second 10 years of the LTEMP period.

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The projected temperature conditions were calculated using regression equations that considered monthly elevations and releases and the calendar year inflow at Lake Powell, and were empirically developed from observed conditions. The regression equations⁶ to solve for T_{LCR} in July, August, and September were as follows:

| 32 | July: | $T_{LCR} = T_o + 3.791 / (0.000461 \times Apr Projected Release_{JUL})^{0.63} \times (36.31 - T_o),$ |
|----|-------|--|
| 33 | | where: $T_o = 249.4 - (0.0668 \times Apr Projected EOM Elev_{JUL}) + (3.766E-7 \times Interval Network)$ |
| 34 | | Apr Projected CY Inflow) |

⁴ Cold is defined as <13°C (55°F) for long-term strategies C2, E2, and E5 and <14°C (57°F) for long-term strategies D1, D2, and D3.

⁵ Warm is defined as >13°C (55°F) for long-term strategies C2, E2, and E5 and >14°C (57°F) for long-term strategies D1, D2, and D3.

⁶ Regression equations were log-transformed for inclusion into CRSS.

| 1 2 3 | August: | $T_{LCR} = T_o + 3.791 / (0.000461 \times Apr Projected Release_{AUG})^{0.63} \times (34.81 - T_o),$ where: $T_o = 297.2 - (0.0802 \times Apr Projected EOM Elev_{AUG}") + (4.915E-7 \times Apr Projected CY Inflow)$ |
|--|---|---|
| 4 5 6 7 8 | September: | $T_{LCR} = T_o + 3.791 / (0.000476 \times Apr Projected Release_{SEP})^{0.63} \times (30.01 - T_o),$ where: $T_o = 327.9 - (0.0886 \times Apr Projected EOM Elev_{SEP}) + (5.342E-7 \times Apr Projected CY Inflow)$ |
| 8 9 10 | where: | |
| 10 11 12 | $T_{LCR} = tem$ | perature at the Little Colorado River Confluence, °C |
| 13 14 | $T_o = Lake$ | Powell release temperature, °C |
| 15 16 | EOM Elev | = Lake Powell projected end-of-month elevation, ft |
| 17 18 | CY Inflow | = Lake Powell projected calendar year inflow, ac-ft |
| 19 20 21 | Release = I | Lake Powell projected monthly release volume, ac-ft |
| 21 22 23 | Steady We | eekend Flows For Invertebrate Production |
| 24 25 26 27 | Steady wee Alternative D. For release constraint v | ekend flows for invertebrate production were an experimental component of the long-term strategy that included these flows, the May–August minimum was increased to 8,000 cfs. |
| 28 29 30 | D.1.5 Input Hydr | cology |
| 31 32 33 34 35 | The future historical record of 2010, from 29 indi input sites are show | hydrology used as input to the model consisted of samples taken from the f natural flow in the river system over the 105-ear period from 1906 through vidual inflow points (or nodes) on the system. The locations of the hydrologic wn in Figure D-3. |
| 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 | Typically, resampling technic Using the ISM on inflow sequences). constraints, and nu fifth trace from the | CRSS is run with the full suite of available natural flow traces created using a que known as the Indexed Sequential Method (ISM) (Ouarda et al. 1997). a 105-year record (1906–2010) results in 105 inflow traces (i.e., plausible For this DEIS, however, due to the complexity, resource and timing umber of loosely coupled models used to analyze other resource impacts, every e 105 natural flow traces was selected, resulting in 21 traces. |
| 43 44 45 46 | Figures D-4 indicate that the di for Lake Powell ar elevation. | 4 and D-5 compare the differences between using 105 traces versus 21, and stribution of 21 traces is very similar to the distribution of the full 105 traces innual inflow, annual and monthly releases, and end of December pool |



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FIGURE D-3 Locations of CRSS 29 Natural Flow Nodes







- 4 Lake Powell Monthly Release Volume (right)
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FIGURE D-5 Comparison of CRSS Results Generated Using 105 Traces (orange) and 21 Traces (blue) for Lake Powell End of December Water Elevations at the 10th (dashed and dotted lines), 50th (solid lines), and 90th (dashed lines) Percentiles

D.1.6 Input Demands

The LTEMP modeling utilized the Basin Study Current Projected demand scenario (Reclamation 2012b) for the input demands into CRSS. Table D-13 summarizes the demands by state.

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D.1.7 Other Key Assumptions

10 A number of changes to CRSS were described in the Basin Study (Appendix G-2) 11 including how the model treats implementation of Upper Colorado River water rights and 12 intentionally created surplus.

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|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 14 | Future water deliveries to Mexico were modeled as follows: | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 1. The model accounts for the entire delivery to Mexico at the Northerly | | | | | | |
| 17 | International Boundary (NIB). | | | | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 2. Water deliveries to Mexico are pursuant to the requirements of the 1944 | | | | | | |
| 20 | Treaty. This provides annual deliveries of 1.5 maf to Mexico and up to | | | | | | |
| 21 | 1.7 maf during Lake Mead flood control release conditions. | | | | | | |
| 22 | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 3. For modeling purposes, it is assumed that during shortage conditions, Mexico | | | | | | |
| 24 | shares shortage in proportion to U.S. users in the Lower Basin (16.67 percent). | | | | | | |
| 25 | This assumption is consistent with that used in the modeling supporting 2007 | | | | | | |
| 26 | Interim Guidelines Final EIS (Reclamation 2007). ⁷ | | | | | | |
| 27 | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 4. Minute No. 318 and Minute No. 319 were not modeled as part of the LTEMP | | | | | | |
| 29 | DEIS because modeling began before they could be incorporated into CRSS. | | | | | | |
| 30 | | | | | | | |
| 31 | The Warren H. Brock Reservoir was assumed to operate every year beginning in 2013 | | | | | | |
| 32 | and is assumed to conserve approximately 90 percent of non-storable flows. This reduces the | | | | | | |
| 33 | average annual volume of non-storable flows delivered to Mexico from 73 kaf/yr (historical | | | | | | |
| 34 | average from 1964 through 2010, excluding flood years on the Gila or flood control releases) to | | | | | | |
| 35 | 7 kaf/yr. | | | | | | |
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| 37 | Bypass of return flows from the Welton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District to the | | | | | | |
| 38 | Cienega de Santa Clara in Mexico was assumed to be 109 kaf/yr (historical average from 1990 | | | | | | |
| 39 | through 2010) and was not counted as part of the 1944 Treaty delivery to Mexico. | | | | | | |
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| 41 | The Yuma Desalting Plant was assumed to not operate during the LTEMP period. | | | | | | |
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⁷ Allocation of Colorado River water to Mexico is governed by the 1944 Treaty. Reclamation's modeling assumptions are not intended to constitute an interpretation or application of the 1944 Treaty or to represent current United States policy or a determination of future United States policy regarding deliveries to Mexico.

| | | Upper Di | vision States | Lower Division States | | | |
|------|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Year | СО | NM | UT | WY | AZa | CA | NV |
| 2013 | 2,524,327 | 592,772 | 1,017,031 | 539,545 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2014 | 2,524,552 | 601,496 | 1,018,144 | 539,755 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2015 | 2,524,776 | 610,220 | 1,019,258 | 539,965 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2016 | 2,536,669 | 618,944 | 1,020,371 | 542,900 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2017 | 2,548,562 | 627,668 | 1,021,485 | 545,835 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2018 | 2,560,455 | 636,392 | 1,022,599 | 548,769 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2019 | 2,572,347 | 645,116 | 1,023,712 | 551,704 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2020 | 2,584,240 | 653,840 | 1,029,826 | 554,639 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2021 | 2,596,133 | 658,483 | 1,033,820 | 557,574 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2022 | 2,608,026 | 663,126 | 1,037,813 | 560,509 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2023 | 2,619,919 | 667,769 | 1,041,807 | 563,443 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2024 | 2,631,812 | 672,412 | 1,045,801 | 566,378 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2025 | 2,643,705 | 677,055 | 1,049,794 | 569,313 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2026 | 2,655,597 | 681,698 | 1,053,788 | 572,248 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2027 | 2,667,490 | 686,341 | 1,057,781 | 575,183 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2028 | 2,679,383 | 690,984 | 1,061,775 | 578,117 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2029 | 2,691,276 | 695,627 | 1,065,769 | 581,052 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2030 | 2,703,169 | 700,270 | 1,074,762 | 583,987 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2031 | 2,715,062 | 702,863 | 1,080,156 | 586,922 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2032 | 2,726,954 | 705,456 | 1,085,550 | 589,857 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |
| 2033 | 2,738,847 | 708,049 | 1,090,943 | 592,791 | 2,800,000 | 4,400,000 | 300,000 |

TABLE D-13 Input Demands, by State (in ac-ft)

^a There are an additional 50,000 ac-ft/yr of Arizona demands within the Upper Basin, represented in CRSS.

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D.2 SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON IMPACT MODELING

The following sections provide more detailed information on the impacts of the different LTEMP alternatives, particularly for low summer flows, the carryover equalization release metric, and alternative-specific comparisons to Alternative A (no-action alternative). These results supplement those covered in Section 4.1 of this DEIS.

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12 **D.2.1** Low Summer Flows

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14 During years with low summer flows, releases would be lower than typical in July, August, and September and proportionally higher in May and June, in order to maintain the same 15 16 annual release volume. In years when the required annual release volume is not known until the 17 end of the water year (e.g., during balancing or equalization), the low summer flows monthly 18 volumes may end up being higher or lower than those originally projected in April, due to 19 changing hydrologic conditions. Figure D-6 shows the modeled frequency of occurrence of low 20 summer flows. Note that Alternatives C and E were modeled with implementation of low

21 summer flows during the entire 20-year period, whereas Alternative D was modeled with low







FIGURE D-6 Occurrences of Low Summer Flows in Applicable Alternatives (Numbers after alternative letter designations represent the long-term strategies that would implement low summer flows.)

8 summer flows only during the second 10 years of the LTEMP period. For those alternatives with
9 low summer flows, the modeled number of low summer flows in the 20-year period ranged from
10 zero to four occurrences per trace. Depending on the alternative, the average ranged from 0.7 to
11 1.8 low summer flows per 20-year run.

- D.2.2 Modeled Annual Releases Extending Beyond the End of the Water Year
- 16 The frequency (Figure D-7) and volume (Figure D-8) of exceptions to meeting the annual 17 release target volumes specified by the Interim Guidelines were one of the calculated water

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FIGURE D-7 Frequency of Occurrence of Modeled Annual Releases Extending beyond the End of the Water Year per 20-Year Trace for Each of the Alternatives (See Figure 4-2 for an explanation of how to interpret this graph. Note that diamond = mean; horizontal line = median; lower extent of box = 25th percentile; upper extent of box = 75th percentile; lower whisker = minimum; upper whisker = maximum.)

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resource metrics. Note that there is the possibility of exceptions occurring under all alternatives,
 including Alternative A (the no-action alternative).

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13 D.2.3 Lake Elevation

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15 The following figures present end-of-December elevations for Lake Powell (Figures D-9 16 through D-14) and percent of traces below Lake Powell's minimum power pool (Figures D-15 17 through D-20) for each alternative, and compares them to Alternative A. These graphs show 18 different implementations of each alternative (referred to here as long-term strategies). These are 19 given the letter designation of the alternative (A–G), and a number designating the long-term 20 strategy for the alternative. See Section 4.1 and Appendix C for descriptions of the experiments 21 included in each long-term strategy. For both of these parameters, only very small differences 22 between Alternatives B-G and Alternative A were found. 23



FIGURE D-8 Median Volume of Modeled Annual Releases Extending beyond the End of the Water Year Releases by Trace for Each of the Alternatives (Each value represents the median carryover equalization volume for one trace. Because there are few traces with more than one occurrence, the median value typically represents the only nonzero instance. For each alternative there are 21 possible carryover equalization values for each period and alternative combination [21 traces].)



FIGURE D-9 Lake Powell (left) and Lake Mead (right) End-of-December Pool Elevation for
 21 Hydrology Traces under Alternatives A and B

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FIGURE D-10 Lake Powell (left) and Lake Mead (right) End-of-December Pool Elevation for 21 Hydrology Traces under Alternatives A and C



- 7 8 FIGURE D-11 Lake Powell (left) and Lake Mead (right) End-of-December Pool Elevation for
- 21 Hydrology Traces under Alternatives A and D
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FIGURE D-12 Lake Powell (left) and Lake Mead (right) End-of-December Year Pool Elevation for 21 Hydrology Traces under Alternatives A and E



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- 7 FIGURE D-13 Lake Powell (left) and Lake Mead (right) End-of-December Pool Elevation for
- 8 21 Hydrology Traces under Alternatives A and F
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FIGURE D-14 Lake Powell (left) and Lake Mead (right) End-of-December Pool Elevation for 21 Hydrology Traces under Alternatives A and G



- 7 FIGURE D-15 Percent of Traces below Lake Powell's Minimum Power Pool (elevation 3,490 ft)
- 8 (left) and Percent of Traces with a Lower Basin Shortage (any tier) (right) for 21 Hydrology
 9 Traces under Alternatives A and B
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FIGURE D-16 Percent of Traces below Lake Powell's Minimum Power Pool (elevation 3,490 ft)
 (left) and Percent of Traces with a Lower Basin Shortage (any tier) (right) for 21 Hydrology
 Traces under Alternatives A and C



FIGURE D-17 Percent of Traces below Lake Powell's Minimum Power Pool (elevation 3,490 ft)
 (left) and Percent of Traces with a Lower Basin Shortage (any tier) (right) for 21 Hydrology
 Traces under Alternatives A and D

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FIGURE D-19 Percent of Traces below Lake Powell's Minimum Power Pool (elevation 3,490 ft)
 (left) and Percent of Traces with a Lower Basin Shortage (any tier) (right) for 21 Hydrology

- 10 Traces under Alternatives A and F
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FIGURE D-20 Percent of Traces below Lake Powell's Minimum Power Pool (elevation 3,490 ft)
 (left) and Percent of Traces with a Lower Basin Shortage (any tier) (right) for 21 Hydrology
 Traces under Alternatives A and G

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