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ABSTRACT

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), through the Bureau of Reclamation and National Park Service (NPS), proposes to develop and implement a Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) for operations of Glen Canyon Dam. The LTEMP would provide a framework for adaptively managing Glen Canyon Dam operations over the next 20 years, consistent with the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 (GCPA) and other provisions of applicable federal law. The LTEMP would determine specific options for dam operations, non-flow actions, and appropriate experimental and management actions that will meet the GCPA's requirements and minimize impacts on resources within the area impacted by dam operations, including those of importance to American Indian Tribes.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and followed the implementing regulations developed by the President's Council on Environmental Quality in Title 40 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Parts 1500 to 1508 and DOI regulations implementing NEPA in 43 CFR Part 46. The FEIS analysis draws on the scientific information that has been collected under the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program over the last 20 years to identify the potential environmental effects associated with taking no action, as well as a reasonable range of alternatives to no action for implementing the proposed federal action. Seven alternatives were considered and analyzed for the LTEMP EIS—a no action alternative (Alternative A), a hydropower-focused alternative (Alternative B), three condition-dependent alternatives (Alternatives C, D, and E), and two steady flow alternatives (Alternatives F and G). These alternatives incorporated a broad range of operations and experimental actions that together allowed for a full evaluation of possible impacts of the

proposed action. Based on the impact analyses conducted, DOI has chosen Alternative D as both the preferred and the environmentally preferred alternative. Alternative D is expected to result in an improvement in conditions for humpback chub, trout, and the aquatic food base; have the least impact on vegetation, wetlands, and terrestrial wildlife; improve sandbar building potential and conserve sediment; sustain or improve conditions for reservoir and river recreation; improve preservation of cultural resources; respect and enhance Tribal resources and values; and have limited impacts on hydropower resources.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ac	acre(s)
ac-ft	acre-foot (feet)
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
AML	abandoned mine land
AMSL	above mean sea level
AMWG	Adaptive Management Work Group
AOP	Annual Operation Plan for Colorado River Reservoirs
APE	Area of Potential Effect
Argonne	Argonne National Laboratory
ASMR	Age-Structured Mark Recapture Model
AZGFD	Arizona Game and Fish Department
AZ-SGCN	Arizona Species of Greatest Conservation Need
BA	Balancing Authority (in Chapter 3 only) Biological Assessment (in all other sections)
BGEPA	Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BO	Biological Opinion
C	Celsius
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments
CAEDYM	Computational Aquatic Ecosystem Dynamics Model
CCC	Civilian Conservation Corps
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFMP	*Comprehensive Fisheries Management Plan*
CFR	*Code of Federal Regulations*
cfs	cubic feet per second
CH_4	methane
CO	carbon monoxide
CO_2	carbon dioxide
CO_2e	carbon dioxide equivalent
CPUE	catch per unit effort
CRBC	Colorado River Board of California
CRCN	Colorado River Commission of Nevada
CRD	Colorado River Discovery
CREDA	Colorado River Energy Distributors Association
CRMP	Colorado River Management Plan
CRSP	Colorado River Storage Project
CRSPA	Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956
CRSS	Colorado River Simulation System
CSU	Colorado Springs Utilities

DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Deseret	Deseret Generation and Transmission Cooperative
DFC	desired future condition
DO	dissolved oxygen
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOI	U.S. Department of the Interior
DPS	Distinct Population Segment
EA	Environmental Assessment
eGRID	Emissions & Generation Resource Integrated Database
EIA	Energy Information Administration
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ELCOM	Estuary, Lake and Coastal Ocean Model
EMS	emergency medical services
E.O.	Executive Order
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPT	Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, and Trichoptera
ESA	Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended
F	Fahrenheit
FCPP	Four Corners Power Plant
FES	Firm Electric Service
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FR	*Federal Register*
ft	foot (feet)
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
FY	fiscal year
GCDAMP	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program
GCM	general circulation model
GCMRC	Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center
GCNP	Grand Canyon National Park
GCNRA	Glen Canyon National Recreation Area
GCPA	Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992
GHG	greenhouse gas
GMP	General Management Plan
GW	gigawatt(s)
GWh	gigawatt-hour(s)
GWP	global warming potential
H_2S	hydrogen sulfide
HBC	humpback chub
HFC	hydrofluorocarbon
HFE	high-flow experiment
hr	hour(s)

HRR	Hualapai River Runners
in.	inch(es)
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IRP	integrated resource plan
ISM	Indexed Sequential Method
kaf	thousand acre-feet
kWh	kilowatt-hour(s)
lb	pound(s)
LCRMSCP	Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program
LMM	Lake Mead Model
LMNRA	Lake Mead National Recreation Area
LROC	Long-Range Operating Criteria
LTEMP	Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan
LTEP	Long Term Experimental Plan
LTF	long-term firm
maf	million acre-feet
MAMB	miscellaneous algae, macrophytes, and bryophytes
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MCL	maximum contaminant level
mi	mile(s)
MLFF	Modified Low Fluctuating Flow
MMt	million metric tons
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MT	metric ton(s)
MW	megawatt(s)
MWh	megawatt-hour(s)
N_2O	nitrous oxide
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NAU	Northern Arizona University
NC	no change
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended
NERC	North American Electric Reliability Corporation
NEV	net economic use value
NGO	nongovernmental organization
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NM	national monument
NO_2	nitrogen dioxide
NO_3	nitrate-nitrogen
NOI	Notice of Intent
NO_x	nitrogen oxides
NPS	National Park Service

NPV	net present value
NRHP	*National Register of Historic Places*
NTUA	Navajo Tribal Unit Authority
O&M	operation and maintenance
O_3	ozone
OPAC	Office of Planning and Compliance
OSMRE	Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
PA	Programmatic Agreement
Pb	lead
PEPC	Planning, Environment, and Public Comment
PFC	perfluorocarbon
P.L.	Public Law
PM	particulate matter
$PM_{2.5}$	particulate matter ≤2.5 μm in aerodynamic diameter
PM_{10}	particulate matter ≤10 μm in aerodynamic diameter
POM	particulate organic matter
PSAR	preventative search and rescue
PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
RA	resource available
Reclamation	Bureau of Reclamation
RM	river mile
RMP	Resource Management Plan
ROD	Record of Decision
RSG	Reserve Sharing Group
SAAQS	State Ambient Air Quality Standards
SBM	Sand Budget Model
SCP	Salinity Control Project
SD	standard deviation
SDA	Structured Design Analysis
SE	standard error
Secretary, the	Secretary of the Interior
SF_6	sulfur hexaflouride
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SLCA/IP	Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects
SO	Secretarial Order
SO_2	sulfur dioxide
SPC	Southern Paiute Consortium
SRP	Salt River Project
SRSG	Southwest Reserve Sharing Group
TCD	temperature control device
TCP	traditional cultural property

TDS	total dissolved solids
THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
TL	total length
TMF	trout management flow
Tri-State	Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
TWG	Technical Working Group
UAMPS	Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems
UBWR	Utah Board of Water Resources
UCRC	Upper Colorado River Commission
UMPA	Utah Municipal Power Agency
USC	*United States Code*
USFS	U.S. Forest Service
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
VOC	volatile organic compound
WACM	Western Area Colorado-Missouri Region
WALC	Western Area Lower Colorado Region
WAUW	Western Area Upper Great Plains West Region
WECC	Western Electricity Coordinating Council
Western	Western Area Power Administration
YOY	young-of-year
yr	year(s)
ZHHPO	Zuni Heritage and Historic Preservation Office

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