

Glen Canyon Monthly Hydrology and Operations Update

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Upper Basin Storage



2020 April – July Unregulated Inflow Forecast

as of July 15, 2020

| Reservoir | Forecast (kaf) | Percent of Average ¹ | | |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Fontenelle | 670 | 92 | | |
| Flaming Gorge | 825 | 84 | | |
| Blue Mesa | 382 | 57 | | |
| Navajo | 345 | 47 | | |
| Powell | 3,840 | 54 | | |

¹ Percent of average based on the period of record from 1981-2010.



Available online at: www.usbr.gov/uc/water/basin/index.html









Lake Powell WY 2021 Operating Tier Scenarios

Based on April and June 2020 24-Month Study

| Inflow | Operating Tier/ |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Scenario | Release Volume |
| April Minimum | Upper Elevation Balancing |
| Probable | 9.00 maf |
| Jul Most | Upper Elevation Balancing |
| Probable | 9.00 maf |
| April Maximum | Equalization |
| Probable | 10.81 maf |









- - April 2020 Minimum Probable Inflow with a Lake Powell release of 8.23 maf in WY 2020 and 9.00 maf in WY 2021





| Unit Number | Oct 2019 | Nov 2019 | Dec 2019 | Jan 2020 | Feb 2020 | Mar 2020 | Apr 2020 | May 2020 | Jun 2020 | Jul 2020 | Aug 2020 | Sep 2020 | |
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| 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Units Available | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| Capacity (cfs) | 16,800 | 20,500 | 20,400 | 20,400 | 20,300 | 16,500 | 20,200 | 20,400 | 20,600 | 20,400 | 20,300 | 20,300 | JULY MOST |
| Capacity (kaf/month) | 1,060 | 1,160 | 1,420 | 1,250 | 1,180 | 1,100 | 1,210 | 1,300 | 1,390 | 1,670 | 1,380 | 1,210 | APR MAX |
| Max (kaf) ² | 625 | 625 | 750 | 760 | 675 | 700 | 630 | 630 | 650 | 750 | 835 | 599 | 8.23 |
| Most (kaf) ¹ | 625 | 625 | 750 | 760 | 675 | 700 | 630 | 630 | 650 | 750 | 835 | 599 | 8.23 |
| Min (kaf) ² | 625 | 625 | 750 | 760 | 675 | 700 | 630 | 630 | 650 | 750 | 835 | 599 | 8.23 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | (updated 0 | 6-22-2020) | |

1 Projected release, based on July 2020 MOST Probable Inflow Projections and 24-Month Study model runs



2 Projected release, based on April 2020 Min and Max Probable Inflow Projections and 24-Month Study model runs

3 *Dependent upon availability to shift regulation and reserves

| Unit Number | Oct 2020 | Nov 2020 | Dec 2020 | Jan 2021 | Feb 2021 | Mar 2021 | Apr 2021 | May 2021 | Jun 2021 | Jul 2021 | Aug 2021 | Sep 2021 | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
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| Units Available | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | |
| Capacity (cfs) | 12,800 | 20,200 | 20,100 | 20,000 | 19,800 | 19,800 | 19,700 | 19,900 | 20,300 | 20,200 | 20,100 | 20,100 | JULY MOST ³ |
| Capacity (kaf/month) | 1,310 | 1,270 | 1,290 | 1,290 | 1,160 | 1,310 | 1,240 | 1,300 | 1,280 | 1,360 | 1,350 | 1,310 | APR MAX |
| Max (kaf) ² | 640 | 640 | 720 | 860 | 970 | 920 | 1,030 | 910 | 960 | 1,110 | 1,170 | 877 | 10.81 |
| Most (kaf) ¹ | 640 | 640 | 720 | 860 | 750 | 800 | 710 | 710 | 750 | 850 | 900 | 670 | 9.0 |
| Min (kaf) ² | 640 | 640 | 720 | 860 | 750 | 800 | 710 | 710 | 750 | 850 | 900 | 670 | 9.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | (updated C | 06-22-2020) | | |

Glen Canyon Power Plant Planned Unit Outage Schedule for Water Year 2021

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Bug Flow Hydrograph

- Hydrograph characteristics:
 - Implement May 1 through August 31, 2020
 - Steady weekend lows, fluctuating weekday releases
 - Weekend lows 750 cfs higher than weekday lows
 - Weekly, monthly, and annual release volumes <u>do not change</u>
 - Hydropower reserves, regulation and emergency criteria remain in effect

| Month | Release Volume (af) | Maximum Daily Fluctuation (cfs) | Weekday Maximum (cfs) | Weekday Minimum (cfs) | Weekend Release (cfs) |
|--------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| May | 630,000 | 2,525 | 11,665 | 9,135 | 9,890 |
| June | 650,000 | 6,500 | 14,565 | 8,065 | 8,815 |
| July | 750,000 | 7,500 | 16,030 | 8,530 | 9,280 |
| August | 835,000 | 8,000 | 17,880 | 9,880 | 10,630 |

June 2020 Hourly Releases



July 2020 Hourly Releases





August 2020 Hourly Releases









Temperature Profile of Lake Powell near GC Dam



Cross Sectional Temperature Profile of Lake Powell



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