



Imported Water Committee

Update on 2007 Interim Guidelines Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

Item 7a

November 7, 2022

2007 Interim Guidelines SEIS

Rules for Operation of Lake Powell & Lake Mead

Under the Boulder Canyon
Project Act, the Secretary of
the Interior is the River
Master in the Lower Basin

2007 Interim Guidelines

- Defined coordinated operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead;
- Determined when Shortages would be taken in the Lower Division States;
- Established Intentionally Created Surplus storage in Lake Mead

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U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Announcement

Notice of Intent to prepare a
Supplemental Environmental
Impact Statement (SEIS)

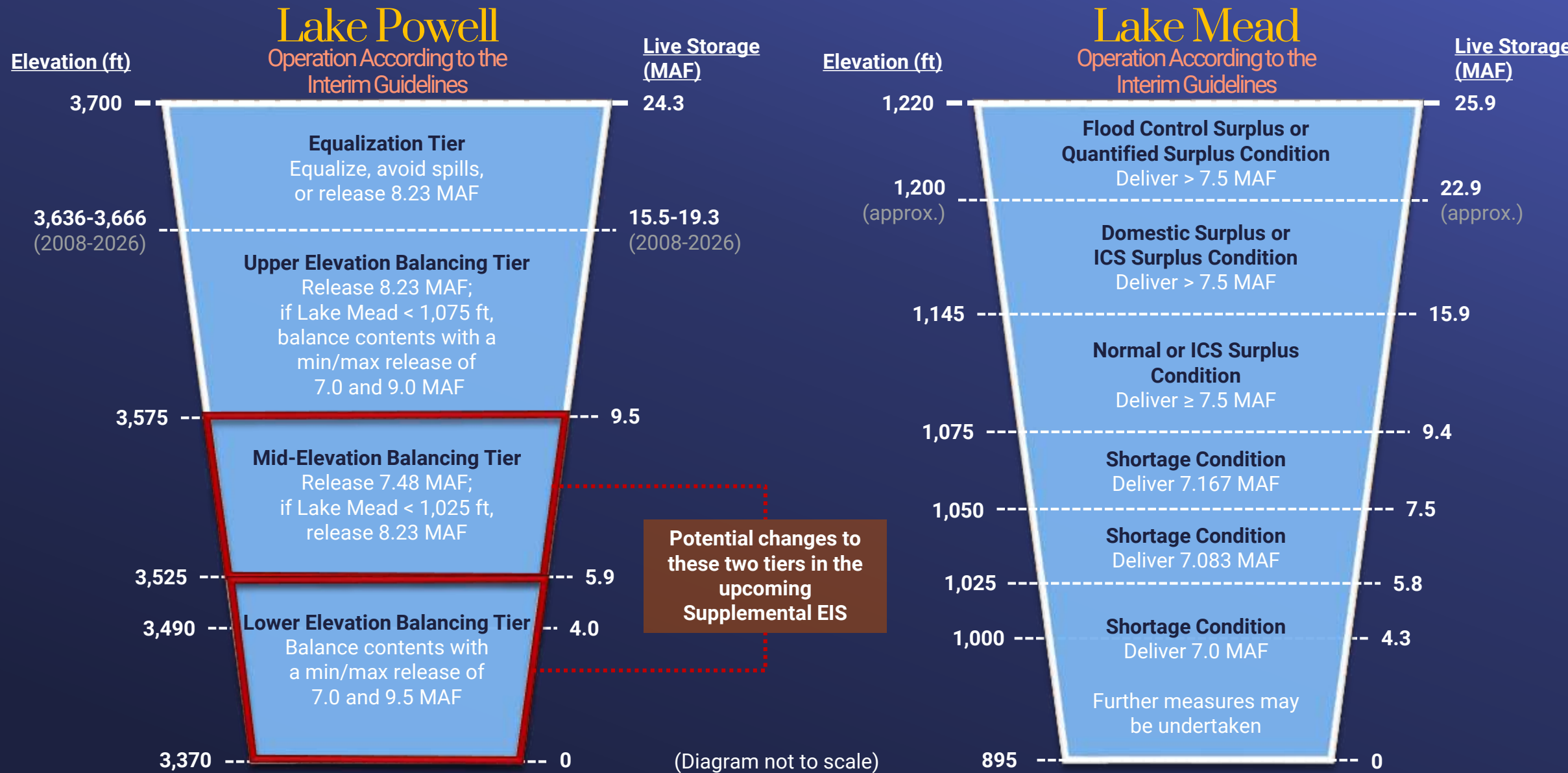
2007 Interim Guidelines Revisions

Possible changes to operations of Glen Canyon and Hoover Dams in 2023-24 to address impacts of low runoff conditions that pose unacceptable risks to operations of dams.

Revisions may include:

- Reduced annual releases from Glen Canyon Dam;
- Changes to shortages and decrease in quantity of water for Arizona, Nevada, and California.

Coordinated Reservoir Operations



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Anticipated Alternatives

Public comments on scoping
due December 20, 2022

Three Primary Alternatives

- **Framework Agreement** – consensus based actions that build on states, tribes, and NGO's commitments in 2019 Drought Contingency Plan
- **Reservoir Operations** – Reclamation alternative to mitigate risks to Colorado River System reservoirs if consensus alternative isn't reached or is insufficient
- **No Action Alternative**

