Colorado River Commission of Nevada

Hydrology and Water Use Update May 14, 2019





Summary

Lake Powell

- Water Year 2019 Upper Basin snowpack peaked at 126% of average.
- Water Year 2019 Upper Basin cumulative precipitation is 119% of average.
- Water Year 2019 unregulated inflow is forecasted at 112% of average.
- The April-July unregulated inflow is expected to be the third highest runoff since 1997.

Lake Mead

- A Lower Basin shortage is <u>not</u> projected for Water Year 2020.
- Lake Mead is projected to decrease about 4 feet by end of calendar year.

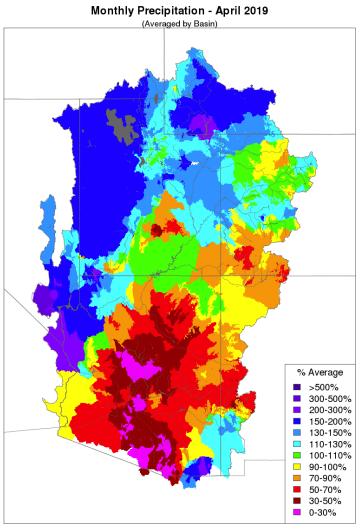
Nevada Water Supply

- Southern Nevada has 7 years of water supply banked.
- In 2018, Southern Nevada used 19% less than its annual allocation.

Storage	Elevation (f)	% Capacity	Change since last year
Lake Mead	1,088.2	41%	5.6 ft
Lake Powell	3,576.8	40%	- 35.2 ft

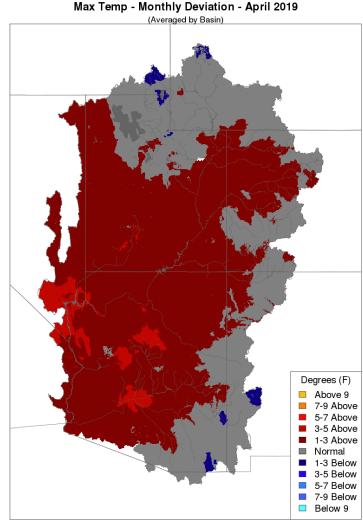
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Precipitation and Temperature



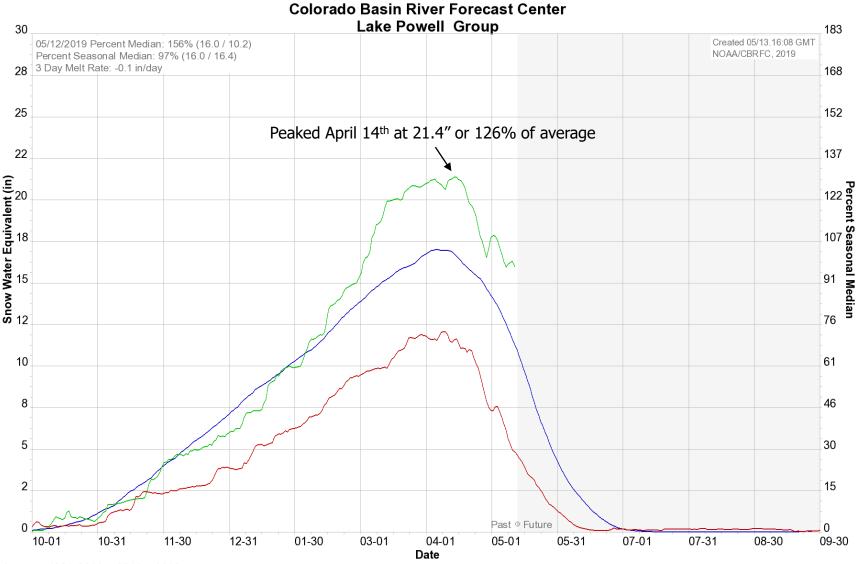
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Above Lake Powell April precipitation: 106%



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Upper Basin Snowpack Accumulation October 1st, 2018 to May 14th, 2019



Average 1981-2010 _ 2019 _ 2018 _

Unregulated Inflow, Current and Projected Reservoir Status

Projected unregulated inflow to Lake Pow	ell Acre-Feet	% Average
Water Year 2019	12,129,000	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	1,088.2	10,705,000	41%	1,084.3
Lake Powell	3,576.8	9,668,000	40%	3,607.5

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

Water Use In Southern Nevada

Southern Nevada Water Use	2018 Actual Use in Acre-Feet*
Nevada Annual Allocation	300,000
Diversion	479,279
Return Flows	235,176
Consumptive Use	244,103
Unused Allocation Available for Banking	55,897 (19%)

Southern Nevada Water Use	Diversions	Return Flows	Consumptive Use
January-March 2019	88,191	59,922	28,269

Banked Water (through end of 2018)*	Acre-Feet
Ground Water Recharge in So. Nevada	358,045
Banked in Lake Mead	700,448
Banked in California and Arizona	943,821
Total	2,002,314

*2018 Final accounting totals are provisional