## Colorado River Commission of Nevada

# Natural Resources Group Hydrologic Update May 9, 2017





## Unregulated Inflow & Storage

As of May 8, 2017

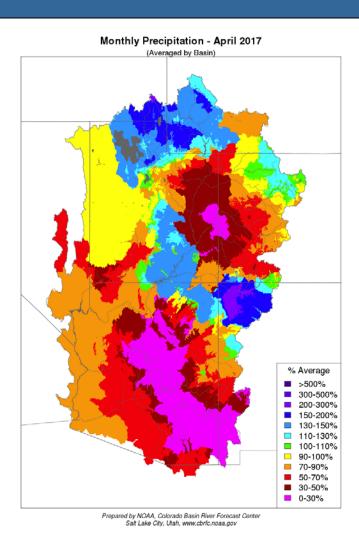
Projected unregulated inflow to Lake Powell	MAF*	% Avg**
WY 2017 (Forecast):	12.9	119%
April-July 2017 (Forecast):	8.8	123%

Storage	Elevation (f)	MAF*	% Capacity	ν Δ year
Lake Mead	1,084.4	10.4	40%	1 8.9 ft
Lake Powell	3,605.8	12.3	51%	13.0 ft
Combined storage		30.5	51%	1.8 maf

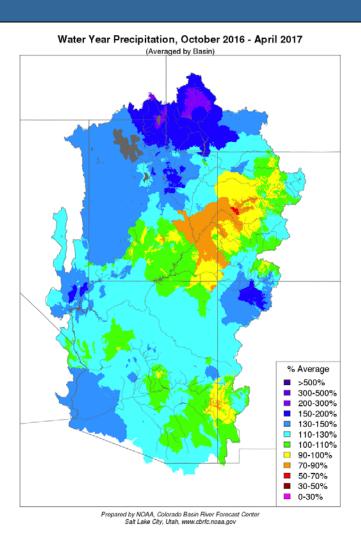
<sup>\*</sup>MAF=Million Acre-Feet

<sup>\*\*30-</sup>year average, from 1981-2010 (current normal)

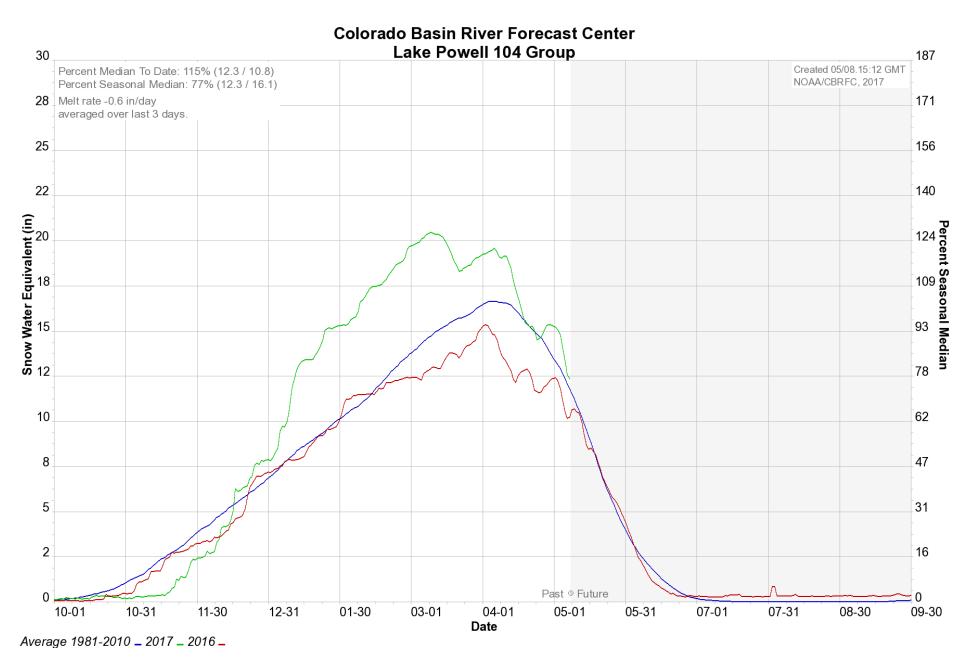
## Precipitation



Above Lake Powell April precipitation: 90%



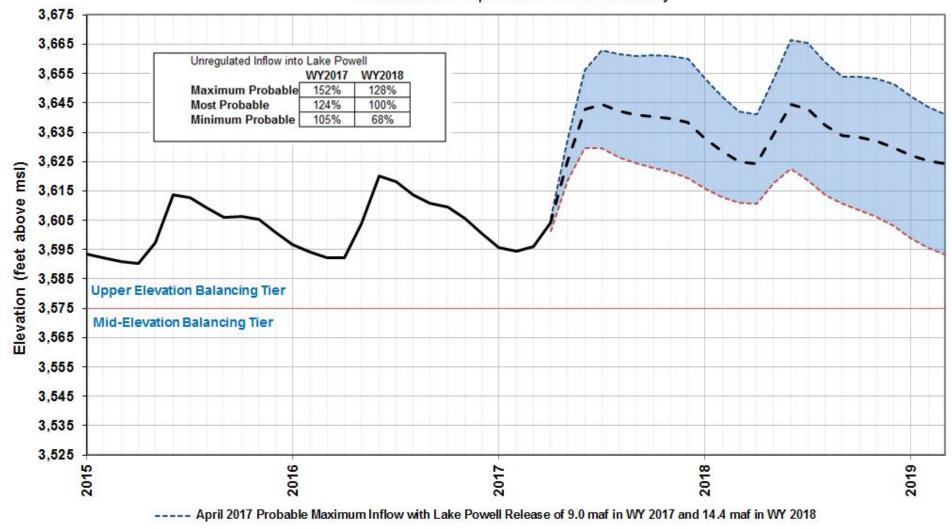
Above Lake Powell WY Precipitation to date: 117%



Current basin snowpack: 104% (12")

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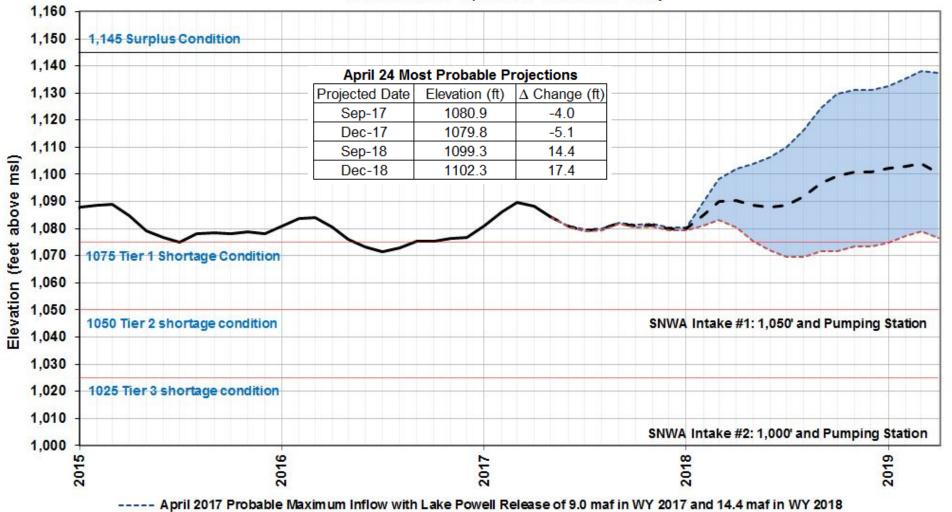
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## April 2017 CRSS Results

Results from April 2017 CRSS Run (Values in percent of traces)

Probability of Occurrence	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Shortage 1st Level (Mead ≤ 1,075 and ≥ 1,050)	0	31	31	26	27
Shortage 2nd Level (Mead < 1,050 and ≥ 1,025)	0	0	1	8	9
Shortage 3rd Level (Mead < 1,025)	0	0	0	<1	3
Shortage any Tier	0	31	32	34	39
Equalization Tier	45	35	34	31	32



### Water Use in Southern Nevada

January- March 2017

2017: Consumptive Use =  $30,828^*$  af

2016: Consumptive Use =  $36,914^*$  af

Difference = -6,086 af

\*Subject to final accounting.



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#### **Questions?**

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