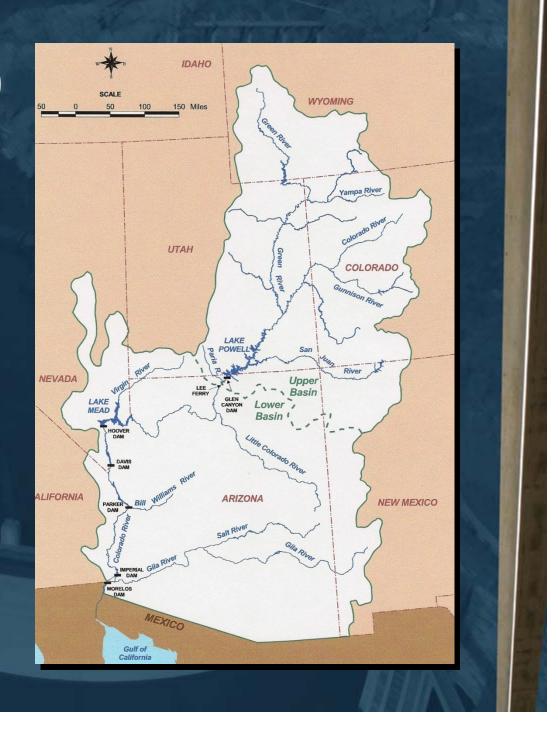
# Comparing the Colorado River with the ACT and ACF River Basins

# The Colorado River Basin



#### **Colorado River Facts**

- Serves 7 states and 2 countries
- Basin is 1/12 of continental US, 1350 miles long, 30 million people, over one million acres of irrigation
- 7 national parks, four recovery programs, USBR, mostly cooperative
- 2 to 30 inches of precipitation, 15 maf virgin flow, 0 discharge at mouth, 16.5 maf allocated
- 10 dams, 60 maf storage, 3000 mw of power
- Long established legal frame work

#### **ACF/ACT Basins**

Apalachicola/Chattahoochee/Flint RiversAlabama/Coosa/Tallapoosa Rivers

ACF/ACT Basins



#### **ACF** Facts

#### Serves 3 states

Basin is 1/60<sup>th</sup> of continental US, 800 miles long

- 40 to 60 inches of rainfall, 50 maf flow at mouth
- 16 dams, 5.2 maf storage, 2100 mw of power
- M&I, irrigation, navigation
- Limited legal framework, lack of cooperation, COE

#### **ACT Facts**

Serves two states

Basin is 1/60 of continental US, 770 miles long

40-60 inches of rainfall, 50 maf flow at mouth

18 dams, 5.2 maf storage, 2100 MW power

M&I, irrigation, navigation

## **ACF** Issues

Limited legal framework
Litigation
Atlanta growth
Lack of storage
Endangered species

## **ACT Issues**

Limited legal framework
Litigation
Atlanta growth
Lack of storage

#### **ACT/ACF Solutions**

COE EIS
Negotiation of compact
Supreme Court
Infrastructure
Move Georgia state boundaries

## **Colorado River Issues**

Mexico
Compact
Growth
Climate change/drought
Over-allocation
Long term shortage

## **Colorado River Solutions**

Negotiation/cooperation

Augmentation – cloud seeding, conservation, reuse, desal, importation

## That's all folks!