

Macro Roundup Article

Headline: Lake Powell Drops To A New Record Low As Feds Scramble To Prop It Up

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Summary: Water levels in Lake Powell dropped to a record low last week, with continued pressure from climate change and steady demand pushing the nation's second-largest reservoir to the lowest level since it was first filled in the 1960s. The lake fell to 3,522 feet above sea level, just below the previous record set in April 2022. The reservoir is currently about 22% full, and is expected to keep declining until around May, when mountain snowmelt rushes into the streams that flow into the lake. At 3,490 feet, the "minimum power pool" level, the bureau may be unable to generate hydropower from the dam. At 3,370 feet, the reservoir hits "dead pool," at which point water is no longer able to pass through the dam through gravity.

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