

Macro Roundup Article

Headline: [The Colorado River Is Running Dry, but Nobody Wants to Talk About the Mud](#)

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Tweet: [@DaleMaharidge](#) reports on silt that has been settling in Lake Powell. He argues that Lake Powell should be returned to its natural state and the water stored in Lake Mead.

Summary: In 1963, humans stopped time, when the brand new Glen Canyon Dam on the Utah-Arizona border cut off the reddish sediment that naturally eroded the Grand Canyon. Today the river runs vodka clear from the base of the dam. But the silt never ceased arriving in Lake Powell, the reservoir above the dam. Each day on average for the past 60 years, the equivalent of 61 supersize Mississippi River barge-loads of sand and mud have been deposited there. The total accumulation would bury the length of Manhattan to a depth of 126 feet — close to the height of a 12-story building. With Lake Powell just 23 percent full, and Lake Mead, outside of Las Vegas, at 28 percent capacity, it's time to stop trying to "save" Lake Powell. It should be abandoned and its water stored in Lake Mead.

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