

Colorado River Basin Water Accounts – Lets Start!



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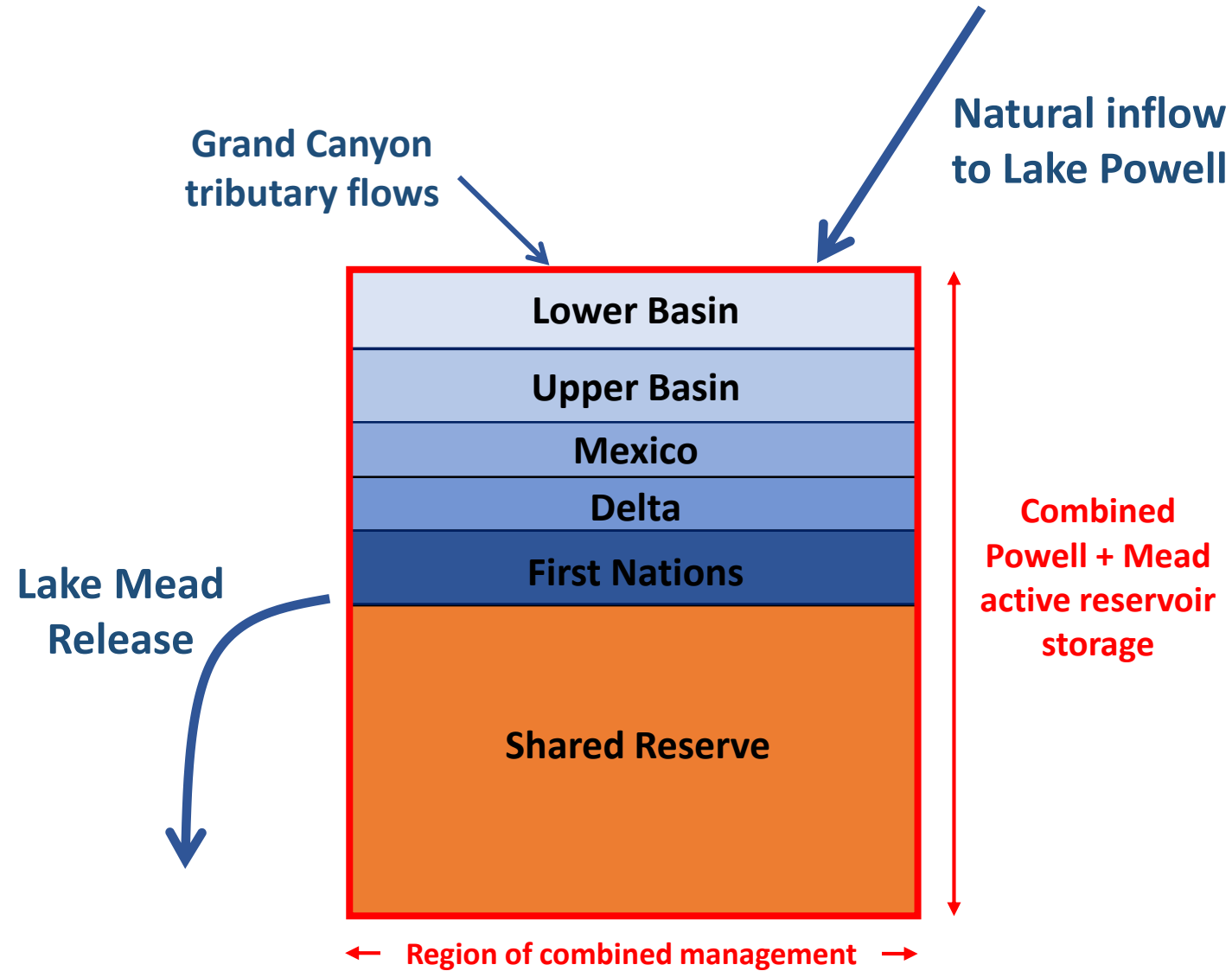
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Today's Aims

Provoke thought and discussion on more adaptive Colorado River operations.

Experiment with basin accounts as a more flexible option to reservoir equalization operations that expire in 2026.

Colorado River basin account balances are the water stored in a combined Lake Powell-Lake Mead system.



Manage all available water not just prior conserved water.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Available} & & & & & & \\ \text{Water} & = & \text{Account} & & \text{Share of} & & \text{Share of} \\ & & \text{Balance} & + & \text{natural} & - & \text{Evaporation} \\ & & & & \text{flow} & & \\ & & & & & + & \underbrace{\text{Purchases} - \text{Sales}}_{\text{Optional}} \end{array}$$

Adapt releases to natural flow and storage levels.

Ready to manage an account?



1. Identify facilitator



2. Download (link or QR code)



3. Move into Google Drive



4. Invite participants

5. Open ReadMe-directions sheet



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