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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council provides recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior concerning issues relating to land use planning or the management of the public land resources located within the State of Wyoming. The Council will participate in a field tour on October 19 to public land sites within the Rawlins Field Office area contingent on weather conditions. Members of the public are welcome on field tours but must provide their own transportation and meals. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) 2 weeks in advance. Agenda topics for October 18 may include updates and discussions on statewide planning efforts; district and field manager updates; State Director comments; election of a Council chair; and other resource management issues the Council may raise. The final agenda will be posted on the Council's web page listed above 2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

A public comment period will be offered October 18 at 3:25 p.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak and the time available, the amount of time for oral comments may be limited. Written comments for the Council may be sent electronically in advance of the scheduled meeting to Public Affairs Specialist Azure Hall at ahall@blm.gov, or in writing to the BLM Wyoming Public Affairs Office, 5353 Yellowstone Rd. Cheyenne, WY 82009. All comments received will be provided to the Council. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire

comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. While the business meeting and field tour are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., they may end earlier or later depending on the needs of group members. Therefore, members of the public interested in a specific agenda item or discussion at the October 18 meeting should schedule their arrival accordingly.

Detailed minutes for Council meetings will be maintained in the BLM Wyoming State Office. Minutes will also be posted to the Council's web page at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/wyoming>.

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Kristina Kirby,

BLM Wyoming Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Intent To Extend and Continue Concession Contracts and Award Temporary Concession Contracts

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service gives public notice that, pursuant to the terms of the concession contracts identified in the tables below, as applicable, and in accordance with NPS regulations, it intends to: extend each concession contract listed in Table 1 below until the date shown in the "Extension Expiration Date" column or until the effective date of a new contract, whichever comes first; continue each concession contract listed in Table 2 below until the date shown in the "Continuation Expiration Date" column or until the effective date of a new contract, whichever comes first; and award the temporary concession contract listed in Table 3 below.

DATES: The National Park Service intends that the concession contract

extensions, continuations, and temporary concession contracts will be effective on the dates shown in the tables below, as applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt Rausch, Program Chief, Commercial Services Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 2410, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone: 202-513-7156.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 36 CFR 51.23 the National Park Service proposes to extend each contract listed in Table 1 until the date shown in the "Extension Expiration Date" column or until the effective date of a new contract, whichever comes first. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed extensions are necessary to avoid an interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such an interruption. The extension of the existing contracts does not confer or affect any rights with respect to the award of new contracts.

The concession contracts listed in Table 2 below have been extended for the maximum time allowable under 36 CFR 51.23. Under the provisions of the existing contracts and pending the issuance of prospectuses and the completion of the public solicitation process to award new concession contracts, the National Park Service intends to continue the existing contracts until the date shown in the "Continuation Expiration Date" column or until the effective date of a new contract, whichever comes first. The continuation of the existing contracts does not confer or affect any rights with respect to the award of new concession contracts.

The National Park Service proposes awarding a temporary concession contract, in accordance with 36 CFR 51.24(a), to provide the visitor services currently provided under the contract listed in Table 3 below. The temporary contract will have a term not to exceed three years and will be awarded to a qualified person. The National Park Service anticipates that the temporary contract will be effective on the date shown in the "Effective Date" column. This notice is not a request for proposals.

The publication of this notice reflects the intent of the National Park Service but does not bind the National Park Service to extend, continue, or award any of the contracts listed below.

TABLE 1—CONCESSION CONTRACTS EXTENDED UNTIL THE EXPIRATION DATE SHOWN OR UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A NEW CONTRACT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST

Park unit	CONCID	Concessioner	Extension effective date	Extension expiration date
Big South Fork NR&RA	BISO001-14	Wilderness Lodging, LLC	6/17/2024	6/16/2025
Blue Ridge Parkway	BLRI008-13	Southern Highland Handicraft Guild, Inc.	2/1/2024	1/31/2025
Blue Ridge Parkway	BLRI009-14	Cape Leisure Mabry Mill, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Blue Ridge Parkway	BLRI010-13	Price Lake Boat Rentals, Inc.	4/1/2024	3/31/2025
Buffalo NR	BUFF002-13	Lost Valley Canoe and Lodging, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF004-13	Ozark Bison LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF005-13	Silver Hill Canoe, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF009-13	Buffalo Outdoor Center, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF010-13	Buffalo River Outfitters, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF011-13	Charles Raulston	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF014-13	Christopher Crockett	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF015-13	Buffalo Camping & Canoeing, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF016-13	Buffalo River Float Service, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF018-13	Buffalo River Canoes, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF019-13	Dirst Canoe Rental, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Buffalo NR	BUFF022-13	Bill Scruggs, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Cape Cod NS	CACO003-14	Johnson Golf Management, Inc.	5/28/2024	5/27/2025
Cape Lookout NS	CALO001-14	Island Express Ferry Service, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Chattahoochee River NRA	CHAT002-14	Nantahala Outdoor Center LLC	12/1/2024	11/30/2025
Crater Lake NP	CRLA003-12	The Shuttle, Inc.	5/1/2024	4/30/2025
Curecanti NRA	CURE001-16	Elk Creek Marina, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Denali NP&P	DENA013-20	Denali National Park Wilderness Centers, Ltd.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Delaware Water Gap NRA	DEWA001-15	John's Outdoors LLC	1/1/2025	12/31/2025
Everglades NP	EVER004-11	TRF Concession Specialists of Florida, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Gateway NRA	GATE021-12	JBAY, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Gateway NRA	GATE023-12	JBAY, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Glen Canyon NRA	GLCA007-03	Antelope Point Holdings, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Grand Canyon NP	GRCA034-12	Bright Angel Bicycles, LLC	3/1/2024	2/28/2025
Grand Teton NP	GRTE001-07	Grand Teton Lodge Company	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Grand Teton NP	GRTE004-12	Triangle X Partnership	11/1/2025	10/31/2026
Grand Teton NP	GRTE005-13	The American Alpine Club	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Grand Teton NP	GRTE009-14	Exum Guide Service and School of Mountaineering, Inc..	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Grand Teton NP	GRTE012-14	The Mountain Guides, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Grand Teton NP	GRTE024-14	EcoTour Adventures	11/1/2024	10/31/2025
Grand Teton NP	GRTE025-13	Powder Hounds, Inc.	11/1/2024	10/31/2025
Grand Teton NP	GRTE032-14	The Hole Hiking Experience, Inc.	11/1/2024	10/31/2025
Grand Teton NP	GRTE033-17	EcoTour Adventures, Inc.	11/1/2024	10/31/2025
Grand Teton NP	GRTE034-15	Wilderness Ventures, LLC	1/1/2025	12/31/2025
Grand Teton NP	GRTE038-15	The TVRC Education Foundation	1/1/2025	12/31/2025
Hot Springs NP	HOSP002-12	Buckstaff Bath House Company	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Lake Chelan NRA	LACH003-12	Guest Services, Inc.	3/1/2024	2/28/2025
Lake Mead NRA	LAKE004-13	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	12/6/2025	12/5/2026
Lake Mead NRA	LAKE017-13	LMNRA Guest Services, LLC	1/1/2025	12/31/2025
National Mall and Memorial Parks ...	NAMA002-15	City Sightseeing, Washington, DC, Inc.	4/1/2025	12/31/2025
Olympic NP	OLYM001-12	DNC Parks and Resorts at Kalaloch, Inc.	10/1/2024	9/30/2027
Olympic NP	OLYM002-13	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	10/1/2025	1/31/2026
Ozark NSR	OZAR011-12	Current River Canoe Rental, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Ozark NSR	OZAR012-12	Akers Ferry Canoe Rental, Inc.	7/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO009-12	Streamside Properties, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO011-12	YMCA of the Rockies	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO012-12	Dao House, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO013-12	Wind River Ministries, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO016-12	S K Horses, Ltd.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO017-12	Sombrero Ranches, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO018-12	Winding River Resort, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO019-12	Cheley Colorado Camps, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO022-12	Girl Scouts of Colorado	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO028-12	S K Horses, Ltd.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Rocky Mountain NP	ROMO029-12	S K Horses, Ltd.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Sequoia & Kings Canyon NPs	SEKI001-19	Cedar Grove Pack Station	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Sequoia & Kings Canyon NPs	SEKI006-13	DNC Parks & Resorts at Kings Canyon, Inc.	11/1/2025	10/31/2028
Shenandoah NP	SHEN001-13	DNC Parks & Resorts at Shenandoah, Inc.	1/1/2025	12/31/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL102-16	Adventures Outfitting, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL103-16	Triangle X Ranch	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL105-16	Bear Paw Outfitters, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL106-16	Wildland Llamas, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL107-16	Boulder Basin Outfitters, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL108-16	Sunrise Pack Station, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026

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Yellowstone NP	YELL110-16	Mountain Sky Guest Ranch, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL115-16	Yellowstone Horse and Mule, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL117-16	Black Mountain Outfitters, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL118-16	Yellowstone Mountain Guides, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL120-16	Slough Creek Outfitters, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL121-16	Kenneth Sinay Company	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL122-16	Ronald D. Good	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL123-16	John D. Graham	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL124-16	Jake's Horses, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL125-16	Cache Creek Outfitters, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL126-16	Sunrise Pack Station, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL127-16	Thomas M. Heintz	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL130-16	Skyline Guest Ranch & Guide Service, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL131-16	Hell's A' Roarin' Outfitters, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL132-16	Nine Quarter Circle Ranch, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL137-16	R.K. Miller's Wilderness Pack Trips, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL138-16	AC Enterprises, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL140-16	Black Otter, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL141-16	Yellowstone Mountain Guides, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL146-16	Yellowstone Mountain Guides, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL147-16	Yellowstone Mountain Guides, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL148-16	Dry Ridge Outfitters, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL156-16	Heart 6 Ranch, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL157-16	Horsetrack Outfitters, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL158-16	Wilderness Trails, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL159-16	Hidden Creek Outfitters, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL162-16	Rand Creek Outfitters, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL164-16	TNT Ranch, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL165-16	The Lone Mountain Ranch Incorporated	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL166-16	ER Ranch Corporation	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL168-16	The Wildland Trekking Company, LLC	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL170-16	Rockin' HK Outfitters, Inc.	1/1/2026	12/31/2026
Yellowstone NP	YELL500-14	Arden Bailly	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL501-14	Three Bears Rentals, LLC	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL502-14	Three Bears Rentals, LLC	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL503-14	DNC Parks & Resorts Yellowstone Adventures, Inc. ...	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL504-14	Back Country Adventures Inc.	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL505-14	DNC Parks & Resorts Yellowstone Adventures, Inc. ...	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL506-14	DNC Parks & Resorts Yellowstone Adventures, Inc. ...	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL507-14	DNC Parks & Resorts Yellowstone Adventures, Inc. ...	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL508-14	DNC Parks & Resorts Yellowstone Adventures, Inc. ...	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL509-14	DNC Parks & Resorts Yellowstone Adventures, Inc. ...	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL510-14	DNC Parks & Resorts Yellowstone Adventures, Inc. ...	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL511-14	DNC Parks & Resorts Yellowstone Adventures, Inc. ...	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL512-14	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL513-14	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL514-14	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL515-14	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL516-14	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL517-14	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL518-14	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL519-14	Teton Science Schools, Inc.	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL520-14	Teton Science Schools, Inc.	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL522-14	Gary Fales Outfitting, Inc.	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Yellowstone NP	YELL523-14	DNC Parks & Resorts Yellowstone Adventures, Inc. ...	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
Zion NP	ZION001-15	Bryce-Zion Trail Rides, Inc.	1/1/2025	12/31/2025

TABLE 2—CONCESSION CONTRACTS CONTINUED UNTIL THE EXPIRATION DATE SHOWN OR UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A NEW CONTRACT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST

Park unit	CONCID	Concessioner	Continuation effective date	Continuation expiration date
Glen Canyon NRA	GLCA002-88	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Glen Canyon NRA	GLCA003-69	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC ..	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Lake Mead NRA	LAKE002-82	LMNRA Guest Services, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Lake Mead NRA	LAKE005-97	LMNRA Guest Services, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024

TABLE 2—CONCESSION CONTRACTS CONTINUED UNTIL THE EXPIRATION DATE SHOWN OR UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A NEW CONTRACT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST—Continued

Park unit	CONCID	Concessioner	Continuation effective date	Continuation expiration date
Lake Mead NRA	LAKE006–74	Las Vegas Boat Harbor, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Lake Mead NRA	LAKE009–88	LMNRA Guest Services, LLC	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
Interior Region 1—National Capital Region.	NACC003–86	Guest Services, Inc.	1/1/2024	12/31/2025

TABLE 3—TEMPORARY CONCESSION CONTRACT

Park Unit	CONCID	Services	Effective date
Voyageurs NP	VOYA002–11	Lodging, Food and Beverage, Transportation, Marina, Retail, and Boat Portage Services.	1/1/2024

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Associate Director, Business Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the December 2016 Record of Decision Entitled Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: On June 6, 2023, the Secretary of the Interior's Acting Designee to the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG), a Federal advisory committee, directed the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The supplement is to the December 2016 Record of Decision for the Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) Final Environmental Impact Statement and will analyze flow options to prevent smallmouth bass and other warmwater invasive nonnative fish from establishing below Glen Canyon Dam (by preventing additional spawning) and will analyze new information regarding the sediment accounting window associated with the LTEMP High-Flow Experiment (HFE) protocol.

DATES: This **Federal Register** notice initiates the public scoping process for the SEIS. Reclamation requests that the

public submit comments concerning the scope of specific operational guidelines, strategies, and any other issues that should be considered on or before November 3, 2023.

Reclamation will host two public webinars to provide summary information and receive oral comments. For specific information concerning the dates, times, and links to the webinars, click on the link provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments pursuant to this notice to LTEMPSEIS@usbr.gov or by mail to Bureau of Reclamation, Attn: LTEMP SEIS Project Manager, 125 South State Street, Suite 800, Salt Lake City, UT 84138. For information on the upcoming webinars, go to <https://www.usbr.gov/uc/progact/amp/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Callister, Adaptive Management and Water Quality Division Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, at (801) 524–3867, or by email at LTEMPSEIS@usbr.gov. Please also visit the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management website at <https://www.usbr.gov/uc/progact/amp/index.html> for updates. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that Reclamation intends to prepare an SEIS and a modified Record of Decision for the 2016 LTEMP. Reclamation is issuing this **Federal Register** notice pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act

of 1969, as amended (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing NEPA, 43 CFR parts 1500 through 1508; and the Department of the Interior NEPA regulations, 43 CFR part 46.

Background

The Colorado River Basin has been in a prolonged period of drought and low-runoff conditions, and despite current projections of 2023 runoff being above average, the period from 2000 through 2023 is currently estimated as the second driest period in more than a century and one of the driest periods in the last 1,200 years.

As the water elevation at Lake Powell has declined, the epilimnion (upper layer of water) where most fish reside has become closer to the dam's intakes, which move water from the reservoir, into the dam through the turbines for hydropower production, and downstream into the Colorado River. The decrease in water elevation means that nonnative fish in Lake Powell are now more likely than in prior years to become entrained, passing through the dam and downstream into the Colorado River. While some level of fish mortality occurs during passage through the turbines, some fish survive. As Lake Powell elevations decline, warmer water from the epilimnion is discharged, resulting in releases of water with warmer temperatures. Warm water temperatures below the dam create conditions that are suitable for warmwater nonnative fish to reproduce and eventually establish populations. This is a concern because smallmouth bass and other predatory invasive fish pose a threat to federally listed fish species and other native fish downstream of Glen Canyon Dam. Although invasive fish, including smallmouth bass, have been detected