

Lake Mead Level at 1101 Feet, Lowest Since 1938, With Spring Runoff Prospect Pessimistic

BOULDER CITY — The prospects for a good run-off of the Colorado River to bring back the level of Lake Mead are slight so far this year according to bureau of reclamation forecasts.

Although southern Nevada has had more precipitation than any year since 1948, there has been little snow fall in the mountains of Colorado and Wyoming where it would do some good as far as the Colorado river is concerned.

A more accurate forecast can be made later in the season, according to reclamation officials, but at the present rate of run-off the lake will probably drop another 10 to 15 feet before it reaches the low for the year.

The elevation of the lake is now 1101 feet, the lowest since March 1938 when it was 1100.

The firm energy commitments were cut 12 per cent last fall and there has been no sec-

ondary power for a year. If the lake does not receive more water it is expected that the firm commitments will be cut even farther.

The level of the lake is scheduled to be 1090 by the end of March and will go perhaps five feet lower if the run-off doesn't start during the first part of May. This will bring the level of the lake down to the 1937 level when the basin was first filling.

The lake is dropping about a foot a week now with 3800 second feet coming in and an average of 13,000 second feet being let out through Boulder Dam to keep up the firm power commitments to allottees.

For many southern Nevadans, the lake has taken on a "new look." For many old-timers, it is a treat to see familiar islands and coves appearing again.

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