

Colorado Water Curtailed

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WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Stewart Udall announced that he ordered the gates at Glen Canyon Dam closed at noon Monday.

The gates had been opened temporarily in March to

maintain elevation 1,123 at Lake Mead.

The decision is expected to drop the level of Lake Mead to its lowest point in nearly a decade.

UDALL TOLD members of the Senate Interior Committee that "the hazards are now

reduced to a point where I have concluded that the calculated risk involved in resumption of storage in Lake Powell is warranted under certain conditions."

Udall said that the mean forecast for April-July runoff now stands at 5.1 million acre

feet, with a minimum forecast of 3.6 million acre feet, which itself does not provide assurance of actual runoff in view of uncertainty of the weather conditions.

"IN TERMS of assured runoff, it means that there is a 90 per cent chance we will

get at least 3.6 million acre feet," Udall said.

Udall said that if bringing Lake Powell to the minimum operating level, the objectives of the filling criteria will be met.

He said this will be done by acquiring and furnishing



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replacement capacity and energy to the Boulder power allottees in the same quantities and have the same characteristics they would have obtained from Lake Mead operating at elevation 1,123.

UDALL SAID the city of

Los Angeles and the Southern California Edison Co. have made proposals to sell or exchange power with the Bureau of Reclamation in anticipation of the possibility of a Boulder power replacement program.



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