



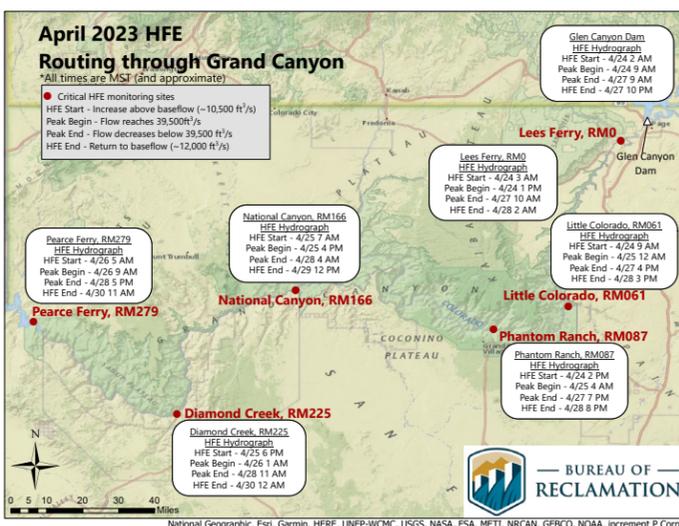
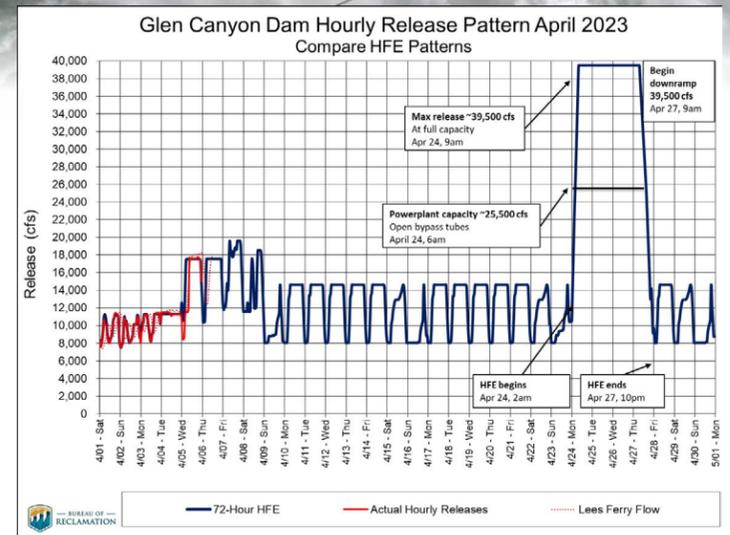
APRIL 24-27 High Flow Experiment



Additional information available online:
<https://www.nps.gov/grca/learn/nature/hfe-23.htm>

Plan

The Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, will conduct a High Flow Experiment (HFE) release from Glen Canyon Dam April 24-27, 2023. The HFE will have a peak magnitude release of approximately 39,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) for 72 hours.



Purpose

HFEs benefit the Colorado River ecosystem through Glen and Grand Canyons by moving sand in the river channel and re-depositing it downstream as sandbars and beaches. Sandbars are camping beaches for recreationists, and supply sand to protect archaeological sites. This HFE is in compliance with the 1992 Grand Canyon Protection Act and will not affect the total annual amount of water released from Lake Powell to Lake Mead.

Safety

Exercise caution along the Colorado River through Grand Canyon during the entire week of April 24-30, 2023. Campsites will become smaller, and some low-lying sites might be unusable. Remain aware of changing conditions, especially at night. It is still important to follow Leave No Trace principles.

The HFE will change the river stage quickly during ramp up and ramp down phases. At higher flows, some normally difficult rapids might decrease in technical difficulty, and other rapids might become more challenging. Scout rapids to check for new features, and ensure rapids are clear of boats or swimmers.