

One Perspective on Politics and Water Development

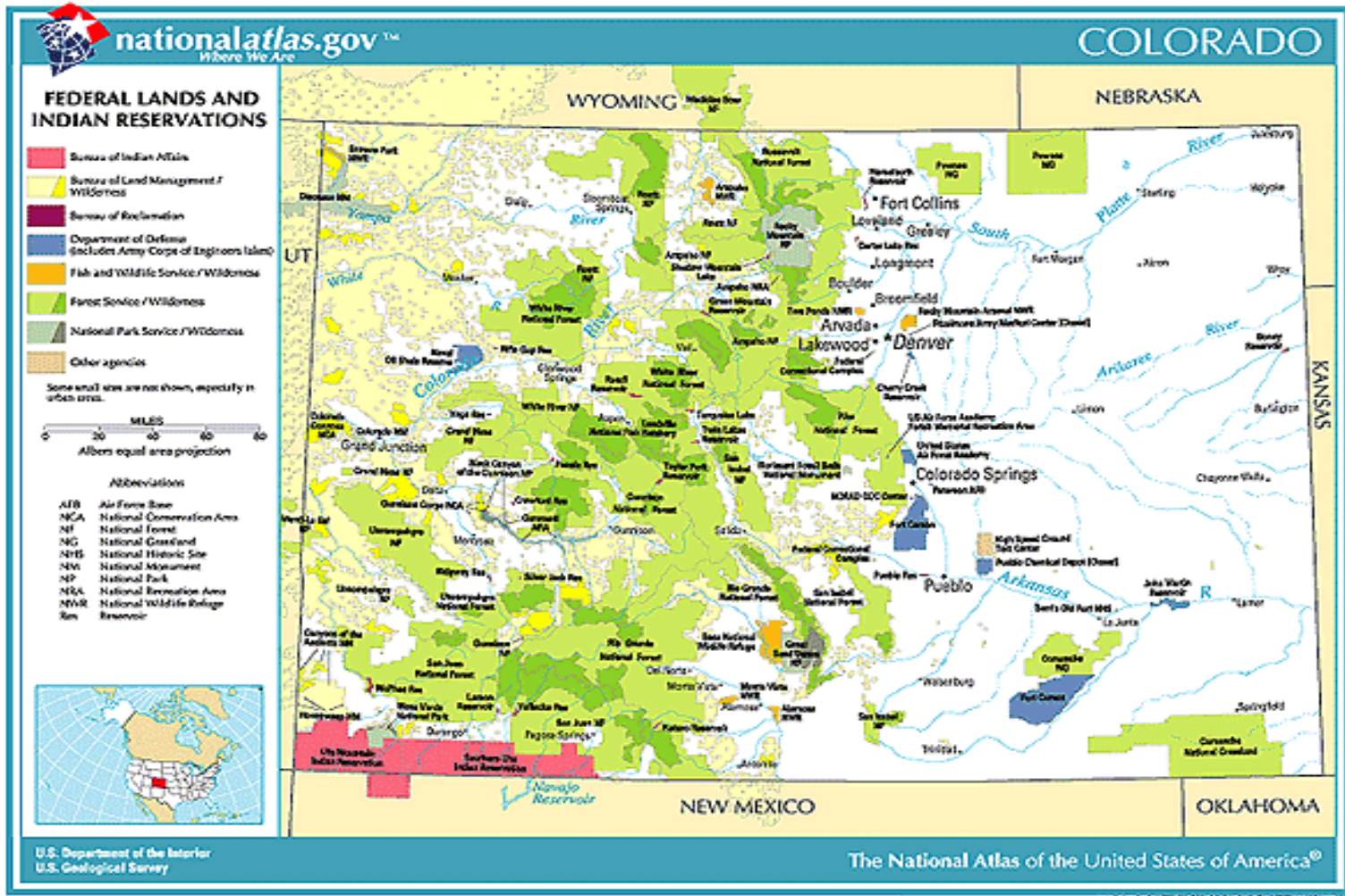
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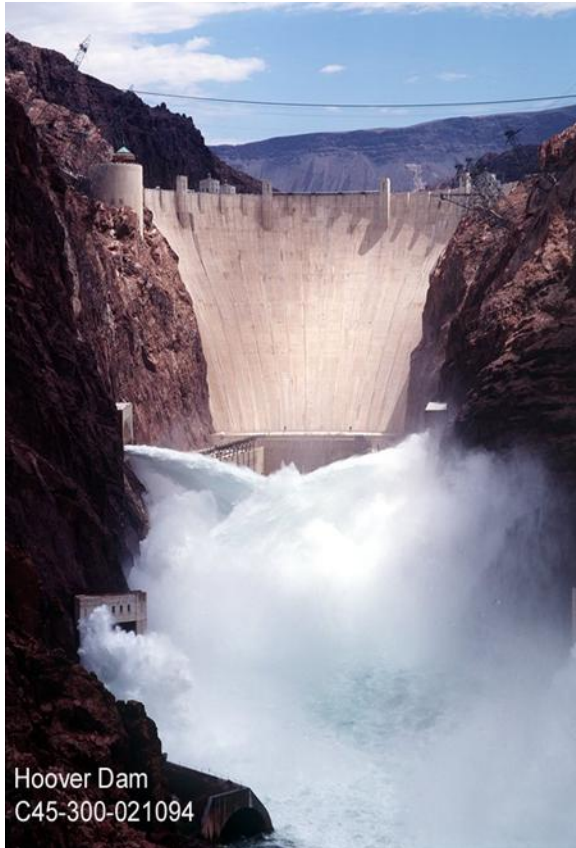


History



- Overview
- A bit of history regarding the Federal Government's role in water development in Colorado
- A perspective on where Colorado stands
- A few take aways

History



- Colorado River Compact (1922)
- Boulder Canyon Project Act (1928)
- U.S.-Mexican Water Treaty (1944)
- Colorado Big Thompson (1937)
- Colorado River Storage Project Act (1956)
- Fry Ark (1962)
- Animas La Plata (1968) Colorado
- Ute Settlement Act Amendments (2000)

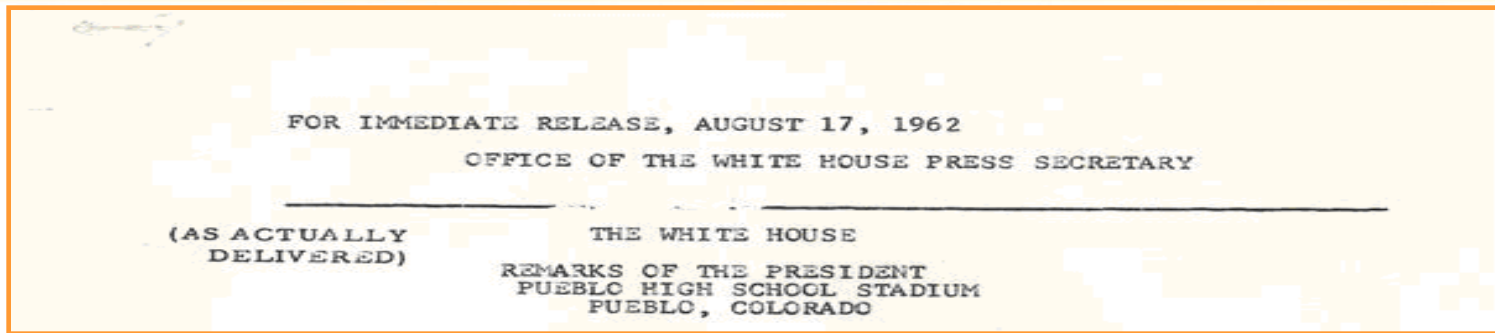
Colorado-Big Thompson Project



1956 State of the Union

- “I wish to re-emphasize the critical importance of the wise use and conservation of our great natural resources of land, forests, minerals and water and their long-range development consistent with our agricultural policy. Water in particular now plays an increasing role in industrial processes. . . .A comprehensive legislative program for water conservation will be submitted to the Congress during the Session. The development of our water resources cannot be accomplished overnight. The need is such that we must make faster progress and without delay. Therefore, I strongly recommend that action be taken at this Session on such wholly Federal projects as the Colorado River Storage Project and the Frying pan-Arkansas Project; on the John Day partnership project, and other projects which provide for cooperative action between the Federal Government and non-Federal interests. . . .”

President Kennedy 1962 Pueblo High School



“I hope that those of us who hold positions of public responsibility in 1962 are as farseeing about the needs of this country in 1982 and 1992 as those men and women were 30 years ago who began to make this project possible. The world may have been built in 7 days, but this project was built in 30 years, and it took labor, day in and day out, week in and week out, month in, month out, year in and year out, by Congressmen and Senators, and citizens, and the press of this State, to make this project possible, and it will be some years before its full benefits are made available to all of you.”

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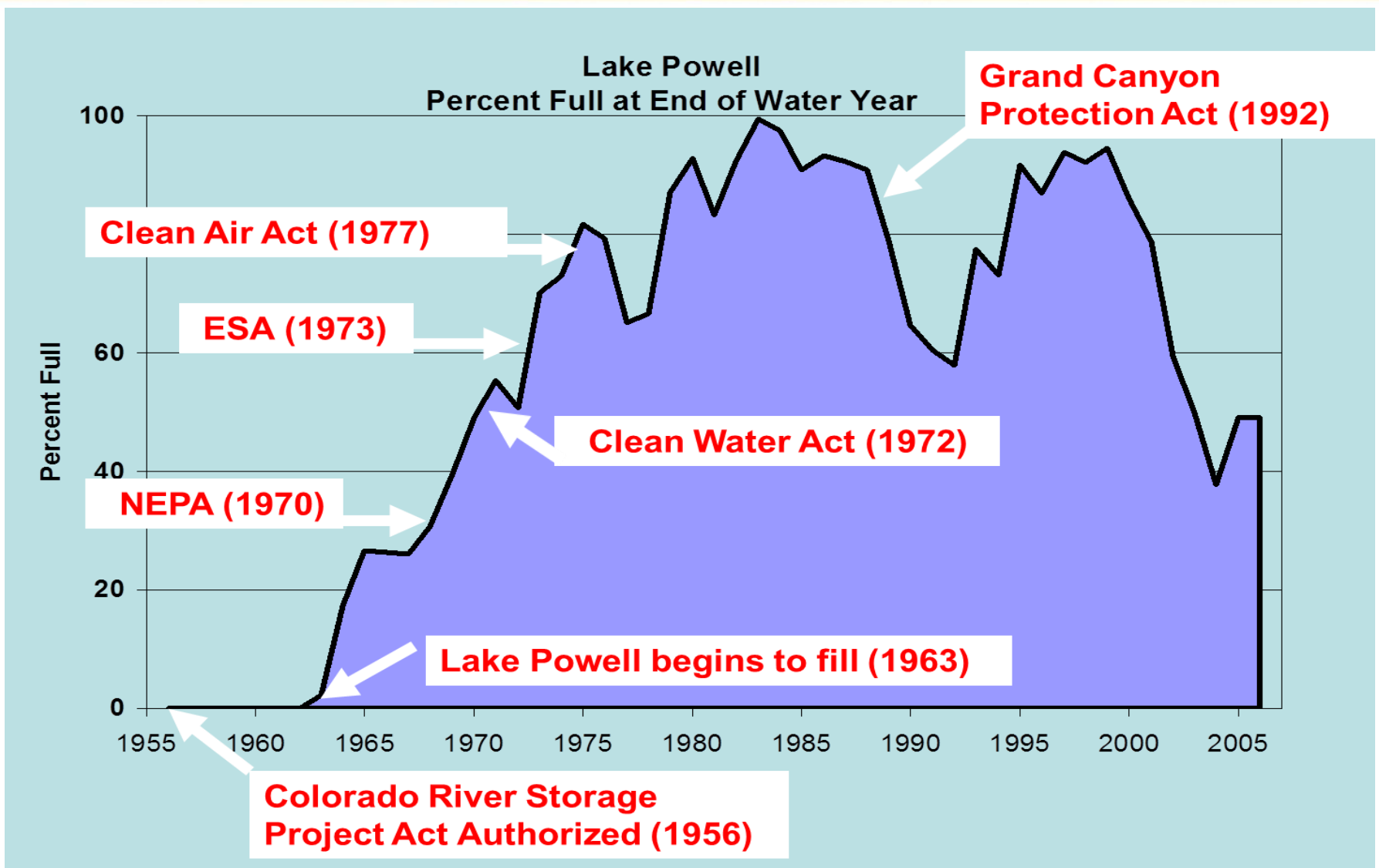
“We are finally on our way to diverting the water through the Continental Divide into the Arkansas River Basin, and we are going to make in this project an example of what can be done in other parts of our country who also look for water and cannot find it. This is an investment in the future of this country, an investment that will repay large dividends. **It is an investment in the growth of the West, in the new cities and industries which this project helps make possible.**”

CRSP – Blue Mesa



- Colorado River Storage Project Act – 1956.
- Construction of Blue Mesa 1962-1966

Colorado River Storage Project Act





Today's Paradigm



Consideration on Rule to H.R. 1837



Opposition



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**U.S. House Poised to Vote on Bill Overriding State Sovereignty,
Environmental Protections for Salmon and San Francisco Bay-Delta**



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Implications of the San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act – H.R. 1837

(McCarthy, Denham) would block or repeal protections for the Bay-Delta Project Improvement Act, the Endangered Species Act, the San Joaquin Act, as well as State law. The potential implications are far-reaching to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, a wide range of water users. For example, the act seeks to:

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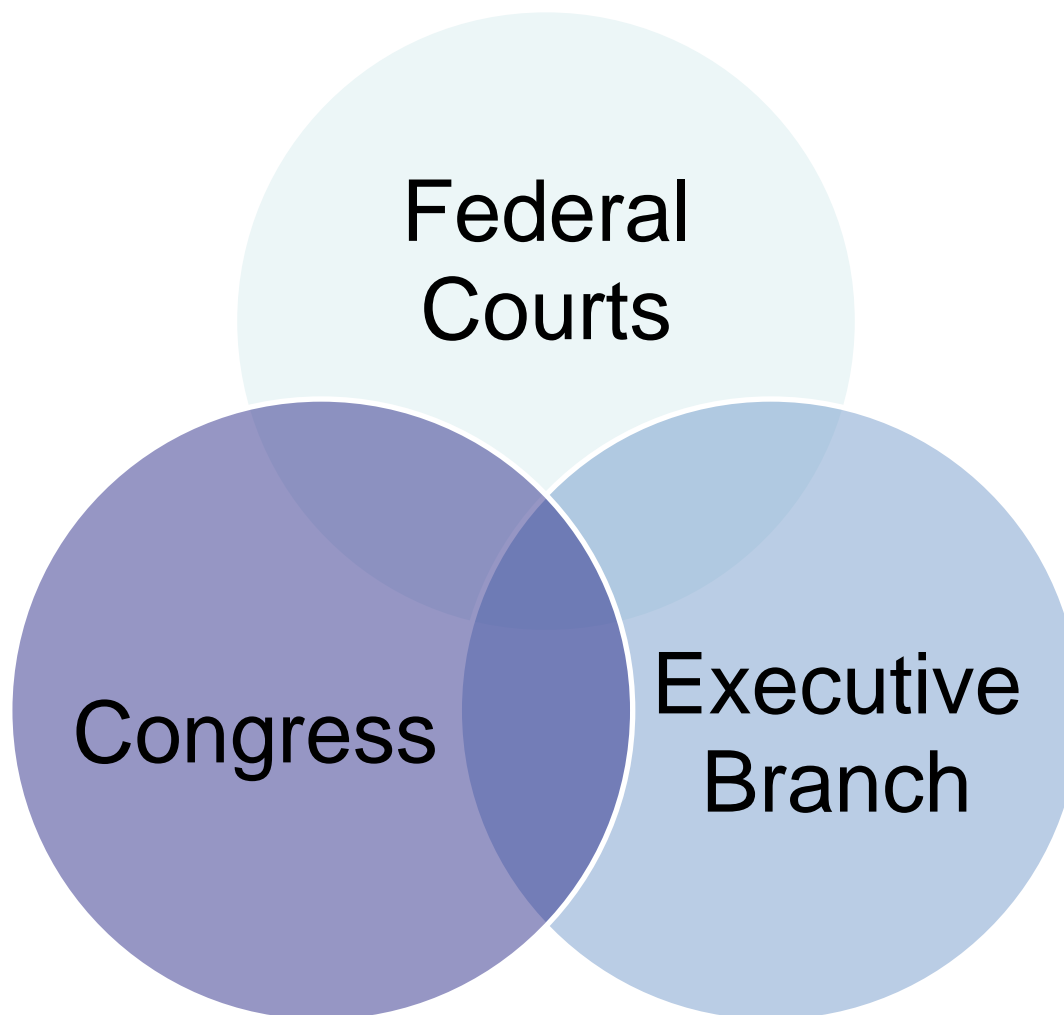
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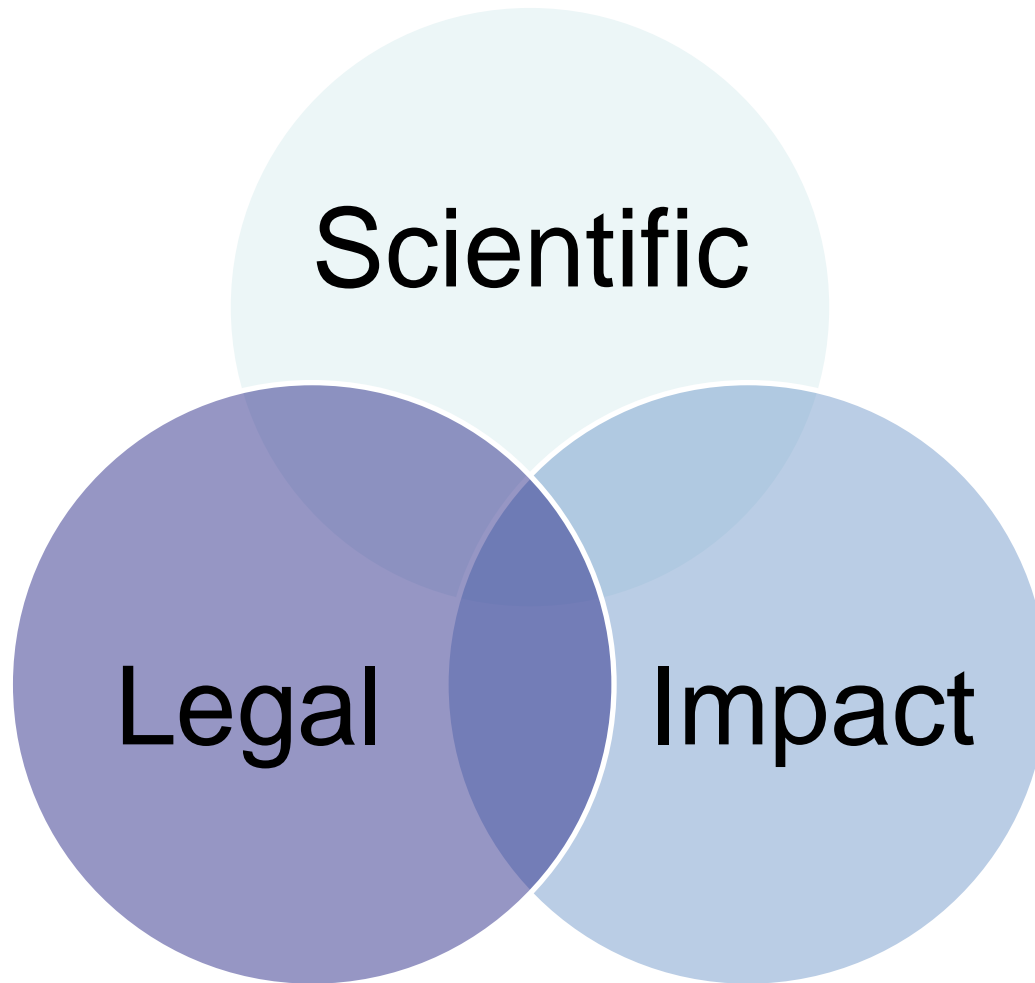
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Federal Fronts in Water Law and Policy



Uncertainty in Decision-making





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