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Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

The final report on the methods of computing evaporation from Lake Powell is enclosed. A draft of this report was sent to you on October 30, 1984. The results of this report may be used in further studies to improve our determination of inflow to Lake Powell and bank storage. The results of these studies may help to further refine the methods of computing evaporation. Also, we hope sometime in the future to develop a procedure to determine evaporation for use in near real-time operations. This will probably involve pan evaporation measurements and weather data.

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INTRODUCTION

In the early 1950's it was expected that a highly credible determination of evaporation from reservoirs in the Colorado Basin was required because of the need to divide the water between the Upper and Lower Basins according to the Colorado River Compact of 1922. The average evaporation from Colorado River Storage Project Reservoirs (Lake Powell, Flaming Gorge, Navajo, Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Crystal) is estimated at about 600,000 acre-feet per year. About 80 percent of this is evaporated from Lake Powell. Therefore, a plan was developed to measure and collect data. Since that time it has been determined that the Upper Basin will probably not be able to develop the 7,500,000 af per year allotted by the Colorado River Compact*. Therefore, at the present time, the accuracy of the evaporation determination is not so critical. But the determination is still needed for several purposes including water use and availability studies, streamflow forecasting, and water budget studies.

This report describes and compares several methods of determining evaporation from Lake Powell.

METHODS OF DETERMINATION

Although evaporation from a reservoir cannot be measured directly, there are several ways of determining it indirectly. One way is termed the water budget method. In this method, the inflow must equal the outflow plus or minus the change in storage. But this method cannot be applied to Lake Powell because not all of the inflow can be measured and because the bank storage cannot be measured.

Evaporation pan measurements can be used. This method is being used as a check but it has disadvantages in that pans do not account for the change in energy storage nor for advected energy.

A third way is the energy-budget method. If all of the energy entering and leaving the Lake can be measured then the energy required to balance the energy-budget is that needed for evaporation. This method is used as a check at Lake Mead for annual values. This method requires data which is expensive to obtain for periods of time shorter than 1 year. Since surface area is changing during the year it was desirable to use a method for which it was practical to obtain data to complete evaporation for periods of time shorter than a year.

Another method is based on Dalton's law which says that the rate of evaporation is a function of the differences in the vapor pressure at the water surface. This is termed the mass transfer method and the one used in this study.

*Nothing in this report is intended to interpret the provisions of the Colorado River Compact (45 Stat. 1057), the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact (63 Stat. 31), the Water Treaty of 1944 with the United Mexican States (Treaty Series 994, 59 Stat. 1219), the Decree entered by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Arizona v. California et al.* (379 U.S. 340), the Boulder Canyon Project Act (45 Stat. 1057), the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act (54 Stat. 774; 43 U.S.C. 618a), the Colorado River Storage Project Act (70 Stat. 105; 43 U.S.C. 620), or the Colorado River Basin Project Act (82 Stat. 885; 43 U.S.C. 1501). Pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act (Public Law 90-537) of 1968.

PROCEDURE

In the late 1950's several evaporation pans were installed near Lake Powell, Flaming Gorge, and Navajo Reservoirs. Data from pans at the following locations were collected for the May-October period for 1958 through 1962 and converted into an average annual evaporation rate.

Location of Pan	Average Annual Gross Evaporation Rate in Inches
Hite	59.87
Mexican Hat	73.17
Moab	58.52
Page	<u>69.13</u>
Total	260.73
Average	65.18

A pan was established at Green River, Utah, but the data was not used. A pan was installed at Wahweap in 1962, but the data was not available when the average annual evaporation rate was determined.

A method was established to determine the evapo-transpiration from the pre-reservoir Lake Powell area and data was collected before the Lake started to fill. The amount of evaporation caused by Lake Powell was estimated by multiplying the evaporation rate (65.18 inches) by the lake area and subtracting the evapo-transpiration from the equivalent pre-reservoir area. This evaporation has been used to the present time (Table 8). The method and the computations for determining the evaporation from the equivalent pre-reservoir is in the files of the Water Operations Branch of the Upper Colorado Region.

Studies of several methods of determining evaporation had been made at Lake Hefner in Oklahoma and Lake Mead. It was decided that collecting data for the energy-budget method would be very expensive for periods of time less than 1 year. Since it was desirable to determine evaporation for shorter periods of time, it was decided not to use the energy-budget method. It was also desirable to make a determination independent of the pan method. Therefore, the mass-transfer method was selected.

Three rafts were constructed, instrumented, and placed at Wahweap Bay, Padre Bay, (also called Crossing-of-the-Fathers), and Bullfrog Bay as shown in Figure 1. The data was processed in the early 1970's but there was some concern as to the coefficient to use in the equation. At that time scientists from several universities were investigating several aspects of Lake Powell. The studies, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, were named the Lake Powell Research Project. A cooperative agreement was made to make an evaporation study as part of their water budget analysis. The Bureau furnished instruments and another raft which was installed at Hite. The Bureau participated in this to obtain data to calibrate a mass-transfer coefficient for the data we had collected. New cassette recorders and sensors were installed on the rafts along with the old equipment which was still being used. Data was collected for about 2 years and analyzed by the energy-budget and mass-transfer methods and compared with pan measurements.

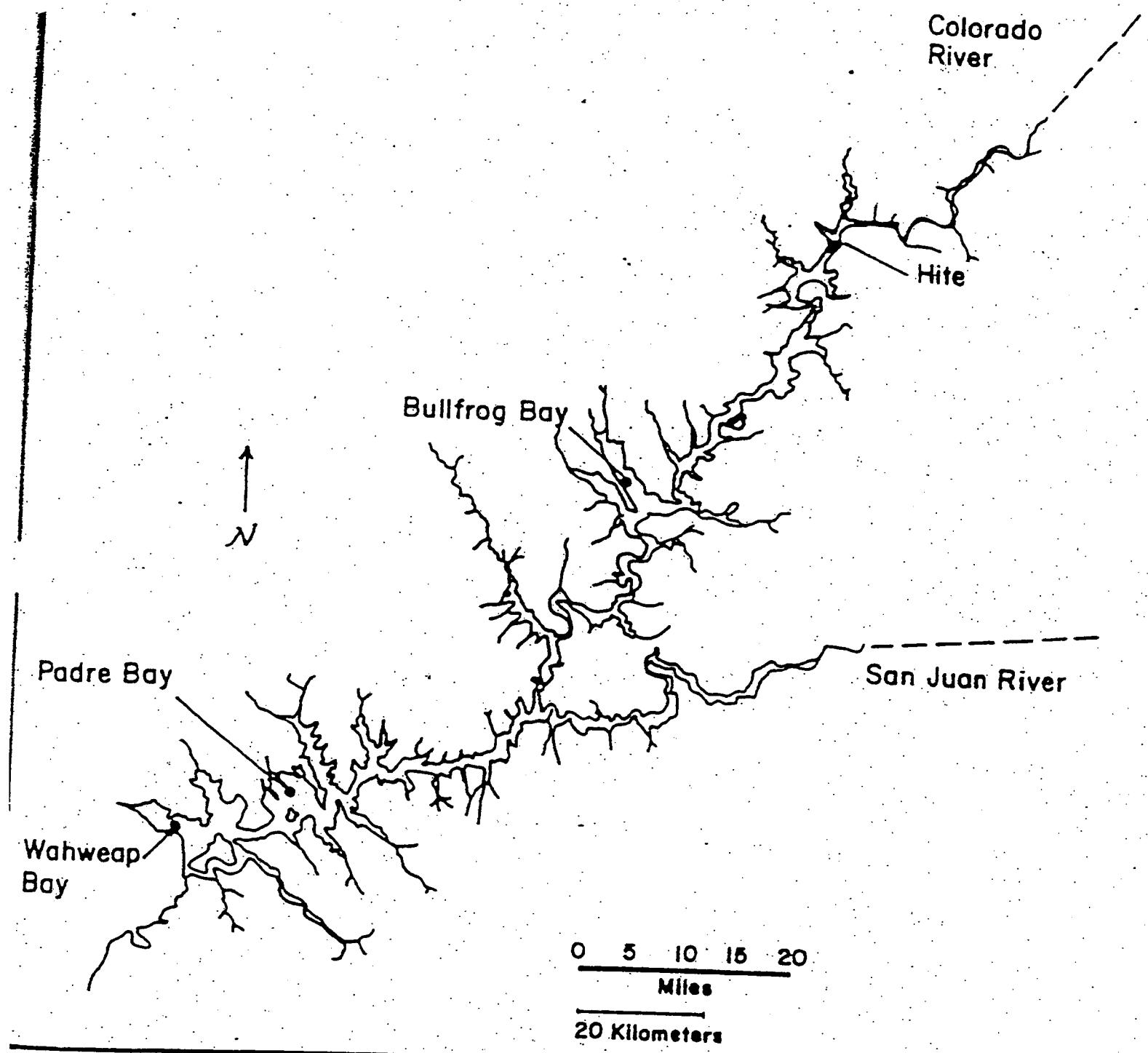


Figure 1: Locations of Data Collection System Rafts for Evaporation Study of Lake Powell

MASS TRANSFER METHOD

The following is a brief description of the mass-transfer method. A simple example of the same type as the Lake Hefner quasi-empirical equation is

$$E = Nu(e_0 - e_a), \quad (1)$$

in which E=evaporation, in inches per day;

N=a coefficient of proportionality, hereafter called the mass-transfer coefficient;

u=wind speed, in miles per hour, at some height above the water surface; a numerical subscript, if used, indicates the height in meters;

e_0 =saturation vapor pressure in millibars, corresponding to the temperature of the water surface;

e_a =vapor pressure of the air, in millibars; a numerical subscript, if used, indicates the height in meters.

Nearly all the mass-transfer equations to be found in the literature have one thing in common: evaporation is considered to be proportional to the product of the wind speed, u, and the vapor-pressure difference, $e_0 - e_a$. In a few equations, the wind speed, u, has an exponent, usually less than unity.

The mass-transfer coefficient, N, represents a combination of many variables in the published mass-transfer equations. Among these are the manner of the variation of wind with height, the size of the lake, the roughness of the water surface, atmospheric stability, barometric pressure, and density and kinematic viscosity of the air.

The following mass-transfer equation was developed for Lake Mead and used to make monthly determinations of evaporation rates. These determinations have been checked on an annual basis by the energy-budget and pan-evaporation methods.

$$E = 2.65 \times 10^{-3} U_2 (e_0 - e_2) \quad (2)$$

E = evaporation in inches per day.

U_2 = is wind speed in knots.

e_0 = is saturation vapor pressure at the temperature of the water surface.

e_2 = is the vapor pressure of the air computed in millibars at 2 meters above the water surface.

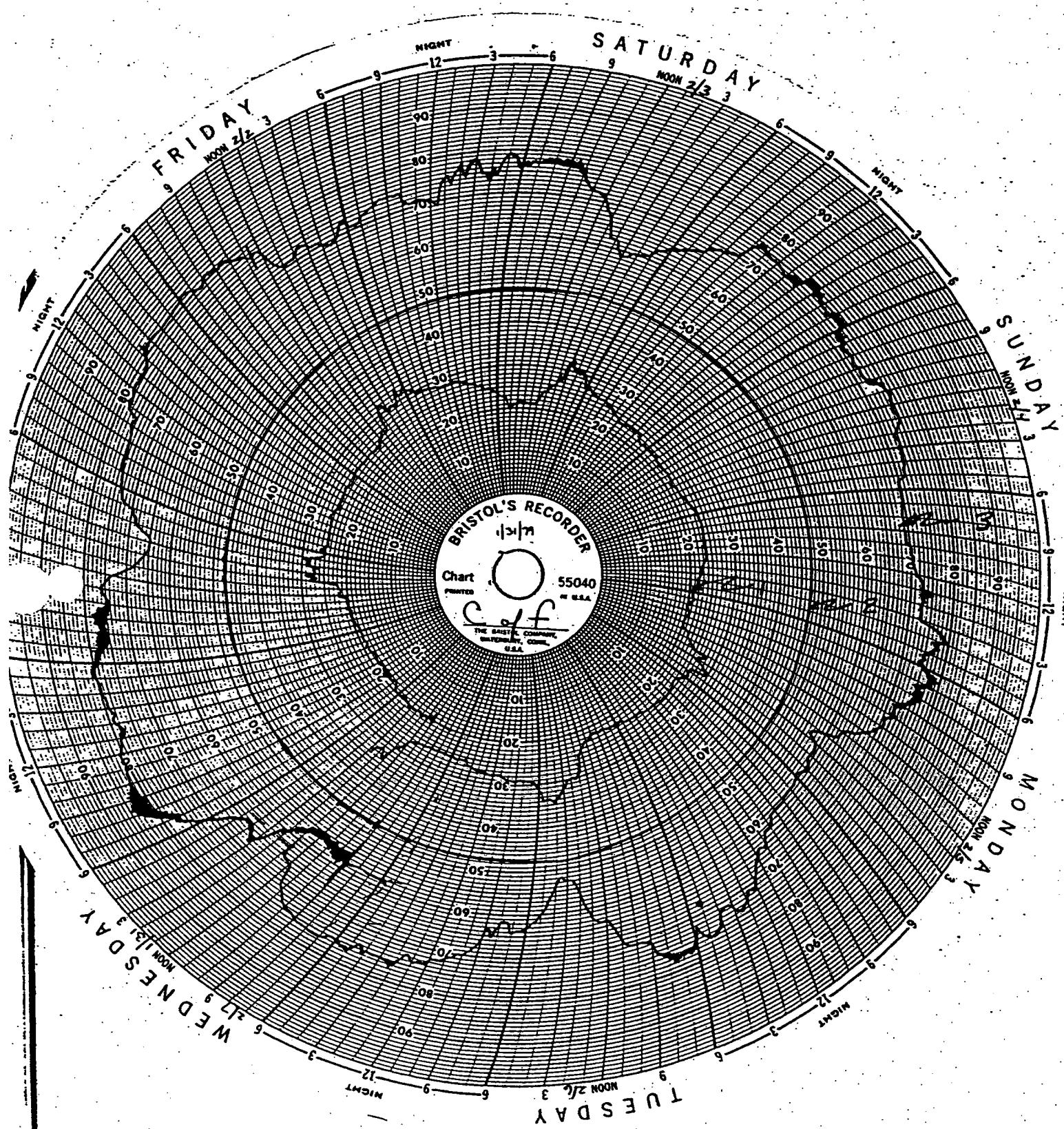


FIGURE 2

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1. Air Temperature
 2. Water Temperature
 3. Relative Humidity

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LAKE POWELL MEASUREMENTS

The following data was collected from each of the three rafts; water surface temperature, air temperature, and relative humidity. The wind was measured by an anemometer placed two meters above the water surface. The anemometers were read once each week. At each of the three rafts, water surface temperature, air temperature, and relative humidity were recorded on 7 day circular charts as shown in Figure 2. Wind was measured and recorded by anemometers placed 2 meters above the water surface which were read once each week. The data was manually read and recorded on the form shown in Figure 3.

ADJUSTMENTS TO DATA

The wind run was required on a daily basis but the raft anemometers were only read weekly on the rafts. Therefore, the daily wind run from anemometers at the Wahweap Marina and Page were used to pro rate the weekly raft wind run readings for each day.

Some of the data was not recorded or was obviously wrong. Therefore, methods were developed to estimate missing data either by interpolation, observing trends before and after the missing data, or by correlation with data from other rafts. Wind has a large effect on evaporation and is highly variable. Therefore, a procedure was developed to estimate missing wind data using a hierarchy of options starting with the most preferred method. This procedure is explained in the files of the Water Operations Branch. Other details and computer printouts are also available in these files.

CALIBRATION OF COEFFICIENT

The evaporation rate as determined by the Lake Powell Research Project (LPRP) was used to calibrate a mass-transfer coefficient. For those days in 1974 when there was concurrent data as collected by the LPRP instruments and Bureau instruments a regression analysis was made for each of the three data stations. Thus there were 295 data sets at Wahweap Bay, 143 data sets at Bullfrog Bay and 133 data sets at Padre Bay. The regression coefficients were; .53 at Wahweap; .72 at Padre Bay, and .55 at Bullfrog Bay. These coefficients are not very high mainly because of the determined distribution of wind data. If the regression analysis were done for weekly or longer periods, the regression coefficients would be much higher. A comparison of monthly rates is shown in Table 1. From the regression analysis a mass transfer coefficient of 3.27 was determined and used in equation (3).

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COMPUTATION OF EVAPORATION AT LAKE POWELL TRANSFER METHOD

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FIGURE 3

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COMPUTATIONS

Equation (3) was used to compute a daily evaporation rate. It was developed from equation (2) which was developed specifically for Lake Mead.

$$E = 3.27 \times 10^{-3} u (e_0 - 0.005(H_{\max} + H_{\min}) e_{as}) \quad (3)$$

Where

E = evaporation in inches per day

u = average wind speed in miles per hour

e_0 = saturation vapor pressure at water surface temperature in millibars

H_{\max} = maximum relative humidity as percentage

H_{\min} = minimum relative humidity as a percentage

e_{as} = saturation vapor pressure in millibars at average daily air temperature.

The vapor pressure of the air is approximated by multiplying the average daily humidity by the saturation vapor pressure at the average daily air temperature. Thus the .005 in the equation is from dividing by 100 to convert from percentage and dividing by 2 to get an average. The computations were done by a computer program termed EVAP. The daily evaporation rates were totaled for each month. They are shown in Table 2.

COMPARISON OF EVAPORATION RATES

Table 3 is pan evaporation as measured at Wahweap. Table 4 is the Lake Powell evaporation rate in inches from the adjusted class A pan at Wahweap Arizona. This adjustment is described in Lake Powell Research Bulletin Number 48. The average annual evaporation rate for the evaporation pan method was 69.44 inches for the 1962-1975 period while the rate for the mass-transfer method was 68.32 inches for the same period.

GROSS EVAPORATION

The gross evaporation is computed by multiplying the lake surface area by the evaporation rate in Table 2. This is shown in Table 5 and column (1) of Table 8.

NET EVAPORATION

Net evaporation which is the amount of increased evaporation caused by the reservoir is needed for some purposes. It is needed to establish water supply data that is homogeneous for the period before and after Lake Powell started to fill. It is also needed to determine depletion.

Net evaporation is determined by subtracting from the gross evaporation the evapotranspiration that would have occurred from the reservoir basin if the

TABLE 1
COMPARATIVE EVAPORATION RATES FOR CALIBRATION PERIOD

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Wahweap LPRP 1/ Bay Bureau 2/	3.09	3.75	3.26	4.70	5.52	7.73	7.98	9.11	9.07	5.27	4.88	4.59
Padre LPRP 1/ Bay Bureau 2/	3.65	3.15	4.13	5.72	7.61	8.17	8.36	7.73	5.67	4.44	4.44	5.70
Bullfrog Bay Bureau 2/	3.04	2.35	2.61	3.84	5.24	5.65	8.46	8.36	7.54	5.44	3.95	3.96
Adjusted Pan 3/					4.66	5.55	7.85	8.24	8.89	8.36	5.65	4.74

1/ As computed by Lake Powell Research Project

2/ As computed using equation (3) using mass-transfer coefficient derived by regression analysis.

3/ Based on adjusted class a pan data from the class a pan at Wahweap.

TABLE 2
LAKE POWELL EVAPORATION RATE
(IN INCHES)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1965	2.25	3.02	3.76	4.46	7.29	6.71	6.37	8.57	8.98	2.83	3.10	3.53	60.87
1966	3.24	2.38	3.49	5.06	6.28	8.06	7.70	9.18	6.80	6.12	3.21	2.99	64.54
1967	2.03	1.79	2.86	4.68	5.13	7.00	7.73	7.44	6.75	5.93	3.35	4.13	58.82
1968	2.07	.87	2.72	3.99	6.48	8.79	9.42	10.58	8.66	5.38	5.28	4.64	68.19
1969	1.86	2.26	2.58	3.92	5.06	7.14	6.84	7.68	6.73	8.19	4.29	3.31	59.86
1970	2.36	1.54	3.35	4.04	7.76	9.94	10.18	10.97	11.96	7.53	4.94	3.94	78.51
1971	2.13	2.71	3.43	4.70	7.18	7.86	9.81	10.36	11.85	7.22	5.28	4.75	77.28
1972	3.24	2.21	3.75	4.90	5.15	7.71	9.17	9.24	8.02	6.58	5.68	5.18	70.83
1973	3.75	1.75	3.15	4.79	5.64	7.20	8.64	11.02	8.60	6.90	5.70	5.55	72.69
1974	3.99	3.28	3.27	4.44	5.65	6.36	8.33	8.41	7.63	4.79	4.24	4.41	64.71
1975	3.54	2.27	3.71	4.00	4.76	6.35	7.23	8.65	7.79	7.81	6.00	4.15	66.26
1976	2.91	2.75	4.26	4.96	4.53	6.93	8.06	10.51	5.70	5.17	4.19	3.89	63.86
1977	2.66	2.64	4.93	4.23	7.48	8.85	12.00	8.01	7.75	6.75	6.84	4.70	76.84
1978	3.05	2.89	3.22	6.29	6.40	7.70	6.42	8.75	9.05	6.05	7.11	6.28	73.21
1979	4.49	2.52	2.88	4.03	5.76								
MONTHLY MEAN	2.98	2.33	3.42	4.56	6.04	7.61	8.42	9.24	8.31	6.23	4.94	4.35	68.72
	0.241	0.104	0.265	0.360	0.503	0.634	0.701	0.770	0.693	0.519	0.412	0.363	5.693 ft

ANNUAL MEAN

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Table 3 Total Pan Evaporation in Inches at Wahweap, Arizona (1962-1975)^a

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1962	2.08	2.93	6.07	12.01	15.83	17.36	19.96	18.28	12.21	6.82	3.07	2.69	119.31
1963	2.08 ^b	3.15	6.99	10.38	16.17	17.39	20.72	13.90	10.31	7.43	3.65	2.69 ^b	114.86
1964	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.25	9.89	14.68 ^b	16.40	17.96	17.22	13.14	9.55	3.90	2.69 ^b	116.79
1965	2.08 ^b	3.66	6.19	8.62	14.54	14.36	15.33	16.39	13.06	7.49	3.72	2.69 ^b	108.13
1966	2.08 ^b	2.11	7.49	11.96	15.88	19.22	18.52	18.13	11.67	7.98	4.11	2.69 ^b	121.84
1967	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	10.92	13.02	15.54	16.41	14.18	10.50	8.16	4.37	2.69 ^b	107.41
1968	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.79	9.00	14.63	17.41	15.93	12.71	12.76	6.99	4.19	2.69 ^b	108.21
1969	2.08 ^b	3.31	5.97	9.74	15.76	15.57	15.89	14.88	11.12	7.09	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	107.87
1970	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	7.70	10.86	16.55	17.16	15.78	14.62	12.79	7.24	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	114.26
1971	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	10.82	13.77	17.42	20.05	15.06	10.98	7.11	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	113.28
1972	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	12.16	15.95	15.54	16.64	12.67	11.13	7.51 ^b	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	109.67
1973	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	5.15	9.59	13.06	15.04	15.43	15.36	11.22	8.05	3.84	2.69 ^b	104.54
1974	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	10.60	15.41	17.07	15.25	14.58	11.30	6.62	3.02	2.69 ^b	108.16
1975	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	8.32	10.26	14.71	15.40	12.79	10.26	7.16	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	96.97
Mean	2.08	3.03	6.51	10.23	14.68	16.44	17.08	15.05	11.60	7.51	3.76	2.69	110.66

Number of Years in the Mean

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a = The pan was usually not operated all 12 months of each year. When there was no measurement available the mean of the rest of the years for that month was used in calculating the estimated values. Original pan data from U.S. Weather Bureau Climatological Data for Arizona.

b = Estimated data.

Table 4 Evaporation at Lake Powell Based on Adjusted Pan Data
from the Class A Pan at Wahweap, Arizona

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Total
1962	2.08	2.05	3.04	5.28	5.70	7.99	10.78	11.15	9.04	5.79	4.82	5.38	73.1
1963	2.08 ^b	2.20	3.50	4.57	5.82	8.00	11.19	8.48	7.63	6.32	5.73	5.38 ^b	70.9
1964	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.12	4.35	5.28 ^b	7.54	9.70	10.50	9.72	8.12	6.12	5.38 ^b	74.03
1965	2.08 ^b	2.56	3.10	3.79	5.23	6.61	8.28	10.00	9.66	6.37	5.84	5.38 ^b	68.9
1966	2.08 ^b	1.48	3.74	5.26	5.72	8.84	10.00	11.06	8.64	6.78	6.45	5.38 ^b	75.43
1967	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.26 ^b	4.80	4.69	7.15	8.86	8.65	7.77	6.94	6.86	5.38 ^b	68.56
1968	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.40	3.96	5.27	8.01	8.60	7.75	9.44	5.94	6.58	5.38 ^b	68.53
1969	2.08 ^b	2.12	2.98	4.29	5.67	7.16	8.58	9.08	8.23	6.03	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	67.5
1970	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.85	4.78	5.96	7.89	8.52	8.92	9.46	6.15	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	71.01
1971	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.25 ^b	4.76	4.96	8.01	10.83	9.91	8.12	6.04	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	70.64
1972	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.25 ^b	5.35	5.74	7.15	8.99	7.73	8.24	6.38 ^b	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	68.31
1973	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	2.58	4.22	4.70	6.92	8.33	9.37	8.30	6.84	6.03	5.38 ^b	66.87
1974	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.25 ^b	4.66	5.55	7.85	8.24	8.89	8.36	5.63	4.74	5.38 ^b	66.75
1975	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.25 ^b	3.66	3.69	6.77	8.32	7.80	7.59	6.09	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	62.56
Monthly Mean													Annual Mean
	2.08	2.12	3.26	4.50	5.28	7.56	9.22	9.18	8.58	6.38	5.90	5.38	69.44

a = The pan was usually not operated all 12 months of each year. When there was no measurement available the mean of the rest of the years for that month was used in calculating the adjusted values. Original pan data from U.S. Weather Bureau Climatological Data for Arizona.

b = Based on estimated values as per note a above.

TABLE 5
LAKE POWELL GROSS EVAPORATION
(IN ACRE-FEET)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1965	9753	13093	16284	19347	21686	30226	33546	47651	49688	15586	17692	19755	363187
1966	18316	13374	19643	29179	37007	48336	45478	52326	37846	33069	17685	15674	367333
1967	7965	7605	14140	22582	24148	35897	42760	41162	36725	32060	18128	22215	305267
1968	11697	4621	14329	19661	32754	50258	57305	50225	5210	32170	31154	23525	379559
1969	10793	13236	15347	23801	33655	51288	50463	55895	47867	58190	36604	23343	414474
1970	16157	10673	23454	27846	54727	78263	84000	88897	97444	61516	48656	32436	617279
1971	17389	22546	28497	39157	60953	70200	90432	94118	105832	63960	46528	41307	680919
1972	27913	18958	32798	42856	44672	69462	82904	81099	68049	55809	49077	44464	618061
1973	31424	14389	25891	37987	47139	68555	88019	114360	97898	80503	72203	58493	737051
1974	41985	34636	34846	47623	62652	73154	95474	94045	82829	50314	45177	46760	709489
1975	37639	23706	38702	41864	58718	7226	86256	103092	91344	90272	69379	48146	752644
1976	33714	31736	48814	56700	52072	81437	80869	99529	65551	58625	46787	42763	698597
1977	28892	28362	52722	45565	86915	76212	98500	83542	78142	66994	67540	45981	753367
1978	28939	27012	29836	58941	61763	79207	69054	92946	92911	60810	71042	61838	734293
MONTHLY MEAN	24331	19195	28217	36923	49198	63184	71780	78556	71789	54277	44460	37621	

reservoir did not exist. For this study the evapotranspiration that must be subtracted was determined in four parts.

EVAPORATION FROM THE PRE-RESERVOIR WATER SURFACE

The first part was the evaporation from the pre-reservoir river water surface. It is computed by multiplying the area of the river by the gross evaporation rate. The river water surface area was determined using the following criteria.

(1) The aerial photographs from which the Lake Powell topography came were flown in September and October of 1958 and 1959 when the river was at a very low stage.

(2) The average flow of the river over the period of record was about 18,000 c.f.s. at Lees Ferry.

(3) Tail water curves taken in the vicinity of Glen Canyon Dam indicate a rise of only about 5 feet for an increase in flow of 15,000 c.f.s.

(4) Since the water line shown on the topography represents a flow of about 6,000 c.f.s., it was assumed that the contour closest to this water line would represent average flow conditions.

(5) Where a contour crossed the river on a given topography sheet, a line representing the average flow line was drawn in and the area planimetered accordingly.

(6) Sandbars that did not show vegetation were assumed to be included in the water surface area at 18,000 c.f.s. average flow.

The river-elevation relationship is shown in Figure 4. The gross evaporation rate from Table 4 was used. The resulting river evaporation is shown in Table 8 Column 2.

STREAMSIDE EVAPOTRANSPIRATION

The second part was the evapotranspiration that would have occurred from the vegetation, which is mostly phreatophyte, and evaporation from the wetted soil on the streambank if the reservoir did not exist. It was computed by multiplying the evapotranspiration rate by the streamside area. The evapotranspiration rate was computed by the Blaney - Criddle method ^{7/} as shown in Table 7 and described below. The streamside areas were determined under a contract between the University of Utah and the Bureau of Reclamation in the late 1950's before Lake Powell started to fill ^{9/}. The vegetation density was measured along transects. These were used as an index to make ocular estimates of the remaining areas. The areas were measured by planimeter from maps which were prepared from overlay maps and tabular data from the field. The area-elevation relationship is shown in Figure 5. The main source of water for this part is from percolation with a small contribution from precipitation. The streamside evapotranspiration is shown in Table 8 Column 3.

FIGURE 4

RIVER WATER SURFACE AREA
ACCUMULATED ABOVE GLEN CANYON DAM

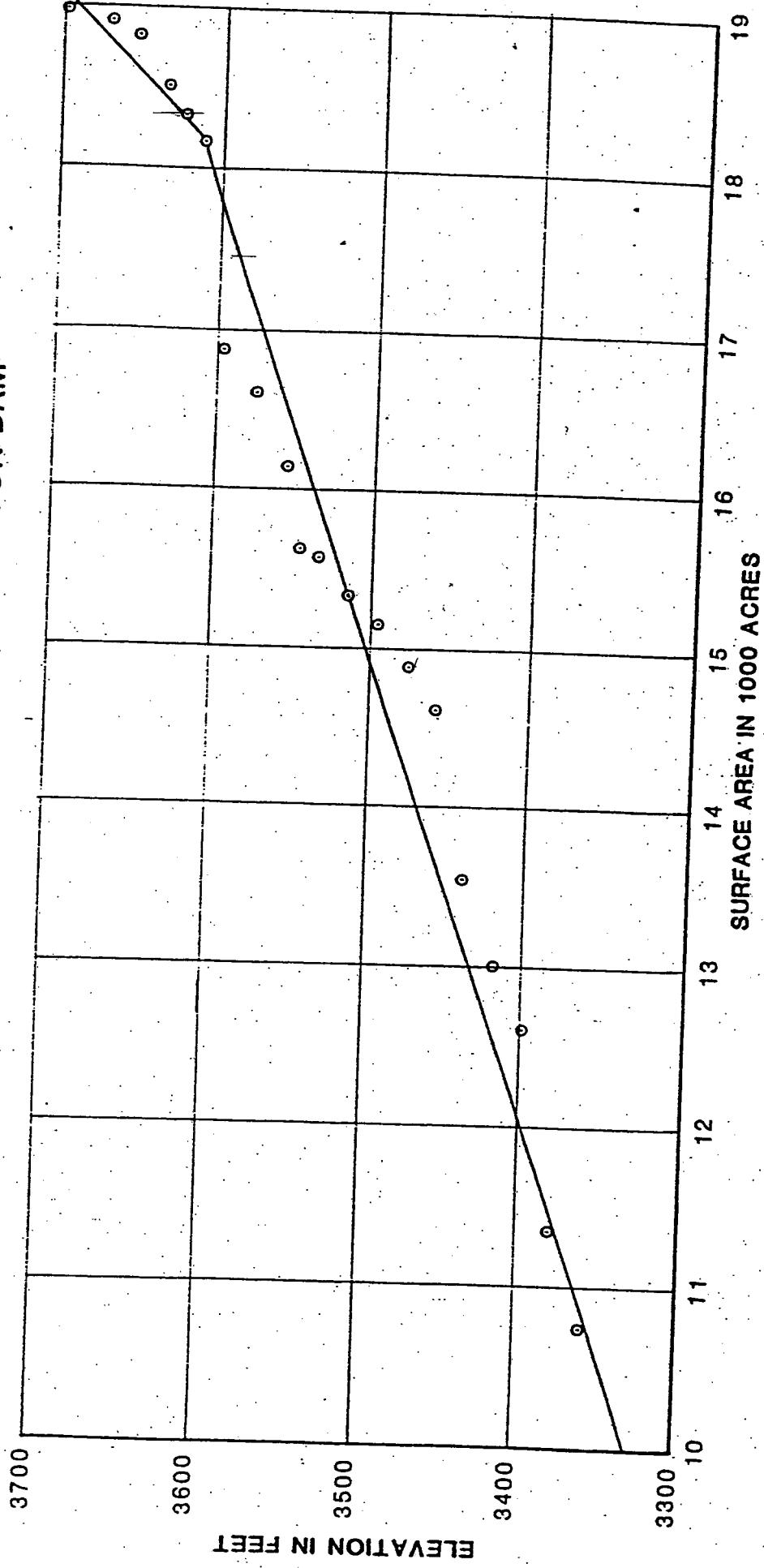


FIGURE 5

STREAMSIDE AREA
ACCUMULATED ABOVE GLEN CANYON DAM

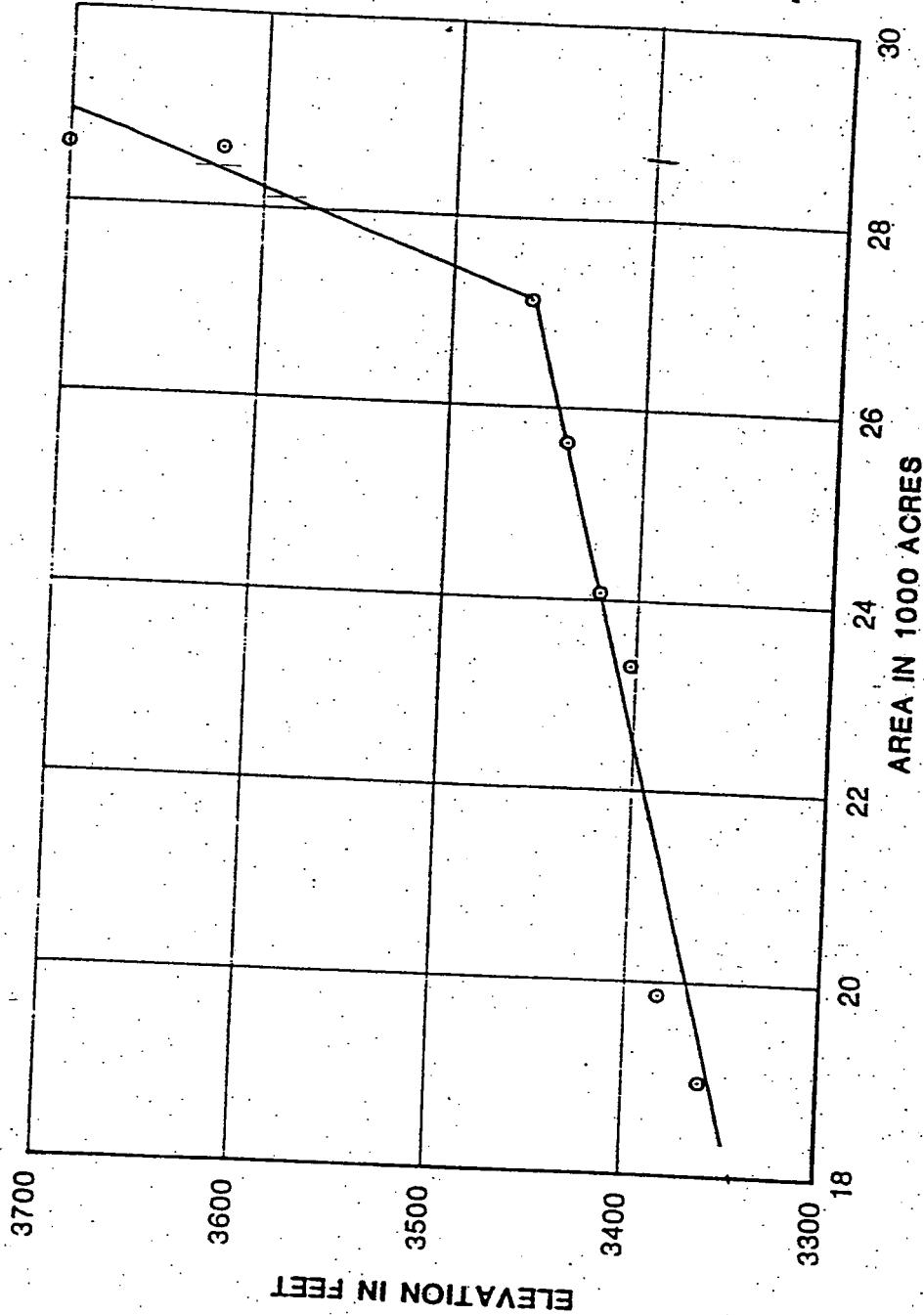
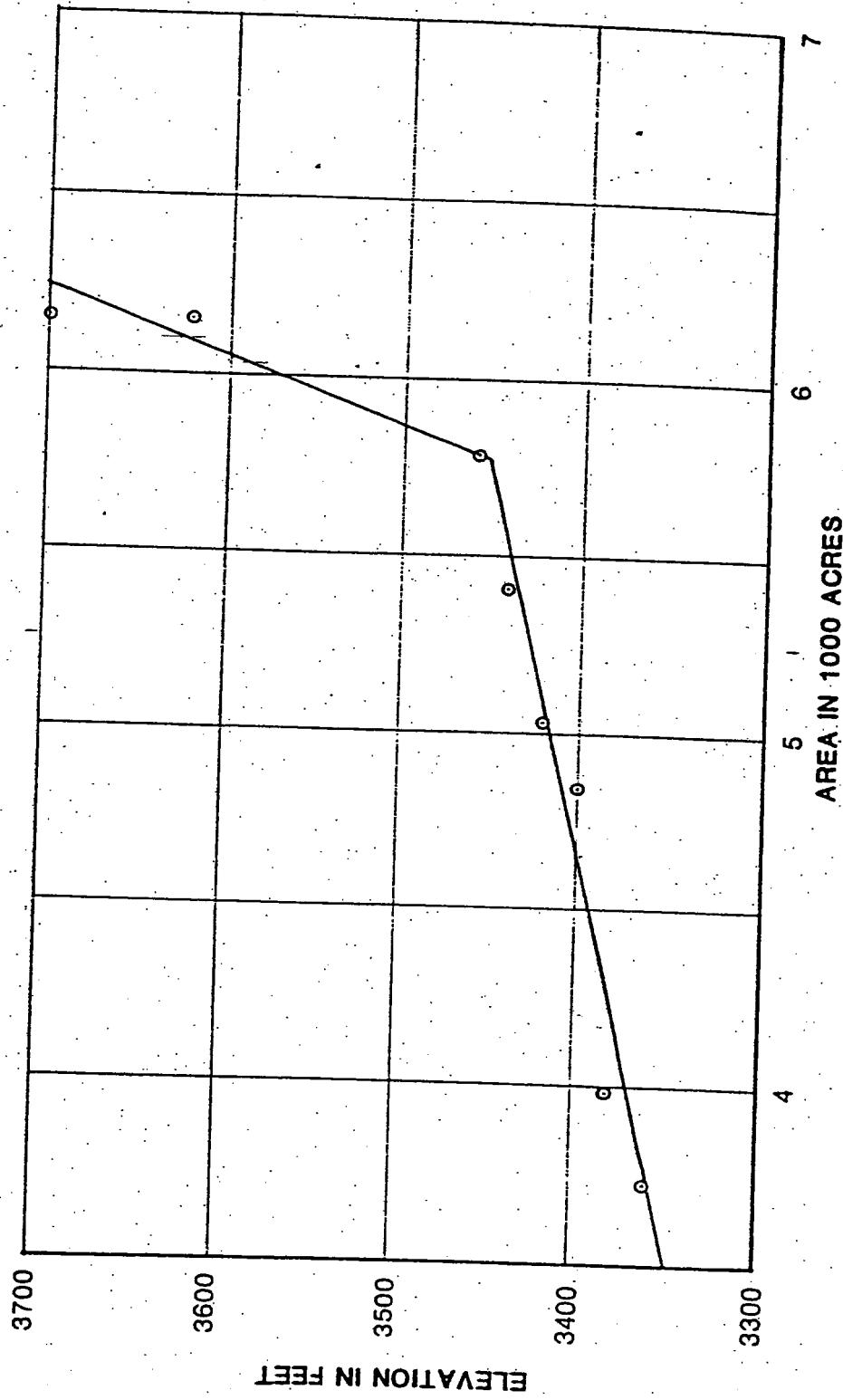


FIGURE 6

**TERRACE AREA ACCUMULATED
ABOVE GLEN CANYON DAM**



TERRACE EVAPOTRANSPIRATION

The third part is the evapotranspiration from the terrace areas under pre-reservoir conditions. It was computed by multiplying the evapotranspiration rate by the terrace area. The evapotranspiration rate was determined by the Blaney-Criddle method 7/ described below. The areas were determined by the same survey referred to above. This water reaches the root zone mostly by capillary action with some by precipitation. The terrace area-elevation curve is shown in Figure 6. The resulting evapotranspiration is shown in Table 8 Column 4.

BLANEY-CRIDDLE METHOD

The Blaney-Criddle method of computing evapotranspiration (consumptive-use) was chosen because of the minimal data requirements and accuracy acceptable for this purpose. The basic equation is:

$$u=fk$$

Where u is the evapotranspiration rate in inches. k is an empirical coefficient dependent on the type of vegetation. Consumptive use coefficients have been determined mostly for irrigated crops so there has been little investigation of native vegetation.

From values given for k by Blaney 10/ for native vegetation for several densities of vegetation 1.1 was selected for the streamside area and 0.9 was used for the terrace area. The variable f is calculated as $(t)(p)/100$. Where t is the mean monthly air temperature in degrees farenheit and p is the monthly percent of annual daylight hours and is dependent upon the latitude. 39° north latitude was used. Therefore $u=(t)(p)(k)/100$. Table 6 shows the computation of $(p)(k)/100$ for the streamside area and the terrace area. This was multiplied by the average temperature for the month to obtain the evapotranspiration rates.

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION OF REMAINING AREAS

The fourth part is the evapotranspiration from the remaining area of the reservoir under pre-reservoir condition.

Most of the precipitation falling on the area of Lake Powell would not have produced runoff because it would have evaporated from the vegetation and soil or it would have transpired from the vegetation. In consumptive use studies this is termed effective precipitation. It does not include precipitation that causes runoff. The method of determining the effective precipitation used is described in a report by R. A. Schleusener 8/. The precipitation was computed from seven stations: Page, Wahweap, Bullfrog, Canyonlands, Hite, Mexican Hut, and Natural bridges. Since each of these stations were located above the maximum elevation of Lake Powell, and since precipitation increases with elevation, it was necessary to reduce the precipitation to an equivalent for Lake Powell at a representative elevation of 3,600 feet. This was done by plotting the average annual precipitation for 1963 through 1980 against the elevation for the seven stations and drawing a curve through the points. The resulting average annual precipitation from this curve is 6.33 inches. The ratio of 6.33 to the average annual precipitation at each station was multiplied by the monthly precipi-

TABLE 6
BLANEY-CRIDDLE
COMPUTATION OF $\frac{p \times k}{100}$

	Streamside			Terrace		
	%	K	$\frac{p \times k}{100}$	K	$\frac{p \times k}{100}$	
January	6.92	1.1	.0761	0.9	.0623	
February	6.87	1.1	.0756	0.9	.0618	
March	8.34	1.1	.0917	0.9	.075	
April	8.87	1.1	.0975	0.9	.0798	
May	9.85	1.1	.1083	0.9	.0886	
June	9.89	1.1	.1088	0.9	.089	
July	10.05	1.1	.1105	0.9	.0904	
August	9.44	1.1	.1034	0.9	.085	
September	8.37	1.1	.0921	0.9	.0829	
October	7.83	1.1	.0861	0.9	.0775	
November	6.88	1.1	.0757	0.9	.0681	
December	6.69	1.1	.0736	0.9	.0621	
Total	100.00					

tation to reduce it to the equivalent precipitation at 3,600 feet. The equivalent precipitation for all stations was then totaled and divided by the number of stations on a monthly basis.

Table 6 was adapted from the report by R. A. Schleusener 8/.

TABLE 7
Effective Precipitation in Inches

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	.6	.6	.8	.8	.8	.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	.8	.8	.8

The precipitation up to the limit shown in Table 7 was multiplied by the remaining area. This is shown as column 5 in Table 8. The remaining area is the total area of the reservoir for the month minus the total of the water surface area, the streamside area, and the terrace area. From these computations it was determined that about 95 percent of the precipitation on the reservoir area would have evaporated and transpired.

RESULTS

Table 8 shows the computed monthly evaporation for each of the four parts and the resulting net evaporation for the period January 1965 through May 1979.

Table 9 shows the net annual evaporation, as described under PROCEDURE, which has previously been used on a preliminary basis, compared to the net annual evaporation computed from this study (Table 8). The net evaporation is less under this study when the reservoir is low but greater when the reservoir is high. The average evaporation under this study is 5 percent higher than the preliminary figures. This is mostly due to the 3 percent higher gross evaporation rate of 68.3 inches per year compared to 66.2 inches from the former estimates.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the results of this study be used to make a water budget analysis for Lake Powell. This will improve the estimate of the amount of water stored in the banks. It might also help to determine the amount of bank storage that is recoverable.

It is also recommended that the results of this study be used to determine a simpler method of estimating evaporation. A method that could be used in operations would be beneficial. One method that should be considered is to use pan evaporation at Wahweap.

LAKE POWELL
EVAPORATION
(IN ACRE-FEET)

YEAR	MONTH	NO. OF DAYS	GROSS EVAPORATION FROM RIVER	EVAPORATION FROM STREAMSIDE	EVAPORATION FROM TERRACE	TRANSPERSION FROM REMAINING AREA	ACRE-FEET		ADJUSTMENT	NET EVAPORATION
							(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1965	1	31	9753	671	1685	1030	6117	3636	6181	6181
1965	2	28	13693	677	1764	865	6912	6791	9567	9493
1965	3	31	16284	5455	930	2338	257	14169	17577	16001
1965	4	30	19347	1469	1176	2938	93	14225	16264	17118
1965	5	31	31686	8857	8242	1670	4189	1137	21083	26568
1965	6	30	30226	33322	8191	1971	1965	124	18892	30196
1965	7	31	47651	11255	11255	1849	1549	3448	9276	6310
1965	8	31	19688	11733	1518	1273	3495	2116	715	7757
1965	9	30	15586	15586	3764	1066	2874	1425	34	6773
1965	10	31	17692	17692	915	915	2067	1482	34	12982
1965	11	30	19755	19755	616	616	1482	1482	34	12982
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:				302883	77066	14750	35987	12904	140621	162262
1966	1	31	18316	4276	554	1374	282	6486	11830	8098
1966	2	28	13374	3135	585	1452	164	5276	8098	16256
1966	3	31	19643	19643	1696	1002	2486	1299	9387	12968
1966	4	30	29179	29179	6717	1287	3185	1778	12568	16211
1966	5	31	37607	37607	8389	1599	4267	1535	15836	21177
1966	6	30	18336	18336	10827	1979	1646	655	18097	36329
1966	7	31	45478	45478	10292	2833	10292	978	19845	32457
1966	8	31	522326	12148	12148	1967	1766	1168	19869	22285
1966	9	30	37846	37846	8958	1645	3798	659	11961	21976
1966	10	31	33669	33669	7966	1236	2791	967	8011	9074
1966	11	30	17685	17685	4159	884	2801	1482	1577	7539
1966	12	30	15674	15674	3857	614	1482	1482	1577	7539
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:				367333	85324	15325	37081	10933	148663	218670
1967	1	31	16373	2596	551	1373	282	5248	5125	5125
1967	2	28	8993	2277	785	1757	1212	5951	5942	5942
1967	3	31	14149	3622	1049	2619	1676	8966	5774	5774
1967	4	30	22582	5885	1140	2848	2239	2128	18163	16479
1967	5	31	24148	6391	1539	3831	1288	1288	13880	16268
1967	6	30	35897	8977	1276	16132	4357	19527	16370	19527
1967	7	31	1276	1276	9752	1851	5057	3416	20641	22319
1967	8	31	41162	36725	8888	1591	4574	1986	2236	22945
1967	9	30	36725	36725	32069	7723	3592	2217	16227	26498
1967	10	31	32069	32069	18128	4363	3595	2839	14037	18923
1967	11	30	18128	18128	22215	5369	474	2822	9929	8199
1967	12	31	22215	22215	1141	1141	1141	2649	9668	12667
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:				369123	75895	14828	36010	24384	151117	158666

TAB⁸
LAKE POWELL NET EVAPORATION
(IN ACRE-FEET)

YEAR	MONTH	NO. OF DAYS	GROSS EVAPORATION	EVAPORATION FROM RIVER	EVAPORATION FROM STREAMSIDE	EVAPO- TRANSPERSION FROM TERRACE	EVAPORATION FROM REMAINING AREA	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)	
								ADJUSTMENT	TOTAL EVAPORATION														
1968	1	31	11697	431	1073	357	1073	4546	5551	11695	5695	11692	5692	11690	5690	11688	5688	11685	5685	11682	5682	11679	5679
1968	2	29	14627	755	1881	1933	1881	7665	7264	1931	7664	19297	952	19297	952	19294	952	19291	952	19288	952	19285	952
1968	3	31	14329	1669	1156	2512	1669	7476	7075	1156	7475	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1968	4	30	19661	4969	1576	2880	4969	9392	9392	1576	9392	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1968	5	31	32754	8261	1576	3927	8261	14716	14716	1576	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1968	6	30	59258	11639	1873	4639	59258	14716	14716	1873	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1968	7	31	59275	12791	1771	4377	59275	14716	14716	1771	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1968	8	30	59249	14369	1736	4263	59249	14716	14716	1736	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1968	9	31	16662	11662	1594	3581	16662	14716	14716	1594	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1968	10	31	17218	1238	831	2781	17218	14716	14716	831	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1968	11	30	31154	7957	522	1875	31154	14716	14716	522	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1968	12	31	23525	5379	1254	2954	23525	14716	14716	1254	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			90519	14492		35043	90519	147027	157081	14492	35043	17027	17027	17027	17027	17027	17027	17027	17027	17027	17027	17027	17027
1969	1	31	10793	2473	652	1613	10793	14716	14716	652	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	2	28	13236	3015	657	1628	13236	14716	14716	657	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	3	31	15347	3455	911	2252	15347	14716	14716	911	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	4	30	23861	5282	1278	3157	23861	14716	14716	5282	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	5	31	33655	6991	1699	4181	33655	14716	14716	6991	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	6	30	51286	16126	1925	2964	51286	14716	14716	16126	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	7	31	50463	9775	1963	2669	50463	14716	14716	9775	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	8	31	55895	16924	1963	1784	55895	14716	14716	16924	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	9	30	47867	9511	1692	3777	47867	14716	14716	9511	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	10	31	58199	11568	1175	2625	58199	14716	14716	11568	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	11	30	30691	69664	652	1854	30691	14716	14716	69664	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1969	12	31	23343	4664	652	1556	23343	14716	14716	4664	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			414474	83844		15431	414474	17044	153336	37017	15431	17044	17044	17044	17044	17044	17044	17044	17044	17044	17044	17044	17044
1970	1	31	16457	3318	633	1527	16457	14716	14716	3318	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	2	28	16673	23451	767	1883	16673	14716	14716	23451	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	3	31	16915	27848	986	2418	16915	14716	14716	27848	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	4	31	14462	51727	1699	2875	14462	14716	14716	51727	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	5	31	15946	78263	1995	4645	15946	14716	14716	78263	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	6	31	84669	89887	16171	5692	84669	14716	14716	89887	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	7	31	11694	17614	1976	4793	11694	14716	14716	17614	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	8	30	11694	17614	1976	3639	11694	14716	14716	17614	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	9	31	61516	16556	1769	2732	61516	14716	14716	16556	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	10	31	16556	5818	641	1185	16556	14716	14716	5818	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
1970	11	30	16556	32436	1514	1721	16556	14716	14716	32436	14716	14716	14716	14713	14713	14710	14710	14707	14707	14704	14704	14701	14701
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			617279	114235		15626	617279	17058	153336	37262	114235	15626	15626	15626	15626	15626	15626	15626	15626	15626	15626	15626	15626

TAB 8
LAKE POWELL NET EVAPORATION
(IN ACRE-FEET)

YEAR	MONTH	NO. OF DAYS	GROSS EVAPORATION	EVAPORATION FROM RIVER	EVAPORATION FROM STREAMSIDE	TRANSPERSION FROM TERRACE FROM REMAINING AREA	ACRE-FEET . . .	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)	
								(1-6)	NET EVAPORATION	(2+3+4+5)	TOTAL ADJUSTMENT	EVAPORATION FROM REMAINING AREA	(1-6)	NET EVAPORATION	(2+3+4+5)	TOTAL ADJUSTMENT	EVAPORATION FROM REMAINING AREA	(1-6)	NET EVAPORATION	(2+3+4+5)	TOTAL ADJUSTMENT	EVAPORATION FROM REMAINING AREA	
1971	1	31	25113	4525	14958	1499	14940	19173	14940	3534	3598	116617	116617	116617	116617	116617	116617	116617	116617	116617	116617	116617	
1971	2	28	27692	4958	734	1785	2524	2164	2524	3123	3123	11551	11551	11551	11551	11551	11551	11551	11551	11551	11551	11551	
1971	3	31	28497	5979	1038	2524	3967	186	2524	1661	1661	17865	17865	17865	17865	17865	17865	17865	17865	17865	17865	17865	
1971	4	31	39	69553	1285	3123	4776	2559	3123	5314	5314	28596	28596	28596	28596	28596	28596	28596	28596	28596	28596	28596	
1971	5	31	39	70299	1693	2193	4741	5188	2193	1694	1694	27692	27692	27692	27692	27692	27692	27692	27692	27692	27692	27692	
1971	6	31	99432	14993	2193	14993	2737	1656	2193	2737	2737	24426	24426	24426	24426	24426	24426	24426	24426	24426	24426	24426	
1971	7	31	94118	15764	1699	1699	2736	5221	1699	1842	1842	26674	26674	26674	26674	26674	26674	26674	26674	26674	26674	26674	
1971	8	31	195832	17933	1694	1694	1836	3888	1694	1362	1362	2419	2419	2419	2419	2419	2419	2419	2419	2419	2419	2419	
1971	9	31	63969	16896	16896	16896	1728	578	16896	1728	1728	29826	29826	29826	29826	29826	29826	29826	29826	29826	29826	29826	
1971	10	31	16528	7955	7955	7955	41367	7128	7955	578	578	11487	11487	11487	11487	11487	11487	11487	11487	11487	11487	11487	
1971	11	31	12	31	41367	7128	15751	15751	7128	37331	37331	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	
1971	12	31	12	31	41367	7128	15751	15751	7128	37331	37331	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	37654	
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			693789	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	118611	
1972	1	31	27913	4846	648	648	1572	879	648	1856	1856	1563	1563	1563	1563	1563	1563	1563	1563	1563	1563	1563	
1972	2	28	18958	3362	32798	32798	1269	2938	32798	1269	1269	5126	5126	5126	5126	5126	5126	5126	5126	5126	5126	5126	
1972	3	31	42856	5634	42856	42856	1266	3298	42856	1266	1266	2313	2313	2313	2313	2313	2313	2313	2313	2313	2313	2313	
1972	4	31	41672	7725	7725	7725	11674	4189	7725	11674	11674	1397	1397	1397	1397	1397	1397	1397	1397	1397	1397	1397	
1972	5	31	82994	69462	69462	69462	13996	2178	82994	13996	13996	5276	5276	2413	2413	2413	2413	2413	2413	2413	2413	2413	
1972	6	31	81996	13996	13996	13996	11949	1663	81996	13996	13996	3693	3693	3876	3876	3876	3876	3876	3876	3876	3876	3876	
1972	7	31	88099	16899	16899	16899	9793	1232	88099	9793	9793	2727	2727	2212	2212	2212	2212	2212	2212	2212	2212	2212	
1972	8	31	55889	8595	8595	8595	49677	1824	55889	8595	8595	1824	1824	1343	1343	1343	1343	1343	1343	1343	1343	1343	
1972	9	31	16	31	44464	7735	16672	16672	7735	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	
1972	10	31	31	31	44464	7735	16672	16672	7735	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	
1972	11	31	31	31	44464	7735	16672	16672	7735	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	
1972	12	31	12	31	44464	7735	16672	16672	7735	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			618661	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	106335	
1973	1	31	31424	5562	5562	5562	514	1256	31424	5562	5562	592	592	4651	4651	4651	4651	4651	4651	4651	4651	4651	
1973	2	28	14389	2584	2584	2584	2584	957	14389	2584	2584	1233	1233	6993	6993	6993	6993	6993	6993	6993	6993	6993	
1973	3	31	37987	4657	37987	37987	4657	175	37987	4657	4657	4123	4123	8351	8351	8351	8351	8351	8351	8351	8351	8351	
1973	4	31	47439	1697	47439	47439	1697	1697	47439	1697	1697	1647	1647	1697	1697	1697	1697	1697	1697	1697	1697	1697	
1973	5	31	68525	8819	8819	8819	2152	5184	68525	8819	8819	5184	5184	114366	114366	114366	114366	114366	114366	114366	114366	114366	
1973	6	31	8819	114366	114366	114366	114366	1996	114366	114366	114366	1767	1767	97898	97898	97898	97898	97898	97898	97898	97898	97898	
1973	7	31	114366	13244	13244	13244	13244	1766	114366	13244	13244	13244	13244	13244	13244	13244	13244	13244	13244	13244	13244		
1973	8	31	8819	80563	80563	80563	80563	1344	8819	8819	8819	2939	2939	8782	8782	8782	8782	8782	8782	8782	8782	8782	
1973	9	31	114366	72293	72293	72293	72293	696	114366	72293	72293	2034	2034	58493	58493	58493	58493	58493	58493	58493	58493	58493	
1973	10	31	31	31	44464	7735	16672	16672	7735	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672		
1973	11	31	31	31	44464	7735	16672	16672	7735	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672		
1973	12	31	12	31	44464	7735	16672	16672	7735	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672	16672		
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			737051	110553	110553	110553	110553	15826	15826	110553	110553	110553	110553	110553	110553	110553	110553	110553	110553	110553	110553		

TABLE
LAKE POWELL NET
EVAPORATION
(IN ACRE- FEET)

YEAR	MONTH	NO. OF DAYS	GROSS EVAPORATION	EVAPORATION FROM RIVER	EVAPORATION FROM STREAMSIDE	EVAPORATION FROM TERRACE	EVAPO- TRANSPERSION FROM REMAINING AREA	ACRE-FEET	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)	
									(1-6)	TOTAL ADJUSTMENT	(1-6)	NET EVAPORATION	(1-6)	TOTAL ADJUSTMENT	(1-6)	NET EVAPORATION	(1-6)	TOTAL ADJUSTMENT	(1-6)	NET EVAPORATION	(1-6)	TOTAL ADJUSTMENT
1974	1	31	41985	6151	589	1416	0	8156	33829	7329	27301	9040	25866	36156	11467	14873	24395	22775	23128	14873	46346	
1974	2	28	34639	5059	666	1694	0	7329	27301	14873	24395	12697	48759	72699	79117	22775	23128	23688	62149	33187	72699	
1974	3	31	34846	5049	1174	2817	0	9040	25866	14873	24395	12697	48759	72699	79117	22775	23128	23688	62149	33187	72699	
1974	4	30	417623	6859	1366	2135	167	11467	36156	14873	24395	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	23688	62149	33187	72699		
1974	5	31	61213	8591	1823	4373	186	14873	46346	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	23688	62149	33187	72699	
1974	6	30	73154	9911	2126	5078	7286	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	23688	62149	33187	72699
1974	7	31	95474	12973	2166	5188	2448	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	23688	62149	33187	72699
1974	8	30	94945	13956	1999	4759	3332	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	23688	62149	33187	72699
1974	9	31	82829	11867	1751	3823	3299	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	79117	22775	23128	23688	62149	33187	72699
1974	10	31	50314	7261	1697	718	2198	6661	17127	33187	15206	29971	31327	15433	1574	1437	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574
1974	11	30	45177	6547	616	656	1566	6375	15206	29971	31327	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433
1974	12	31	46768	6866	616	1437	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433	1574	15433
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			708050	100070	15932	37385	36222	189609	518441													
1975	1	32	37039	5454	712	1712	4203	12081	24958	14993	14993	14993	14993	14993	14993	14993	14993	14993	14993	14993	14993	
1975	2	28	23706	3495	846	2038	2334	8713	122838	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
1975	3	31	38706	5713	1135	2731	6235	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
1975	4	30	41864	6163	1461	3512	3317	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
1975	5	31	50718	7356	1929	4627	5717	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
1975	6	30	72126	79874	2099	5108	4914	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
1975	7	31	86258	11314	1314	5912	1292	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
1975	8	31	103092	91344	12165	1466	3957	3262	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
1975	9	30	90272	12177	1667	2188	1374	1374	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
1975	10	31	69379	9355	9355	632	1466	1466	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
1975	11	30	48146	6474	6474	6474	1195	1195	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	15864	
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			752644	103071	15926	37397	46194	196588	556056													
1976	1	31	33714	4537	827	1977	5514	12855	20859	23773	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	2	29	31736	4285	869	2079	730	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	3	31	48814	6634	1248	2991	1812	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	4	30	56760	7724	1619	3853	2260	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	5	31	52972	81437	10828	2122	5195	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	6	31	80869	12699	12699	12699	1767	1767	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	7	31	99529	16494	16494	16494	1416	1416	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	8	31	65551	8882	8882	8882	1054	1054	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	9	31	58625	8839	8839	8839	1485	1485	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	10	31	681	6787	6787	6787	626	626	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
1976	11	31	681	42763	42763	42763	1456	1456	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	12685	
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			698597	99518	16394	38459	30521	184892	513765													

TABLE 8
LAKE POWELL NET EVAPORATION
(IN ACRE-FEET)

YEAR	MONTH	NO. OF DAYS	GROSS EVAPORATION	EVAPORATION FROM RIVER	EVAPORATION FROM STREAMSIDE	EVAPORATION TRANSPERSION FROM TERRACE	EVAPO- TRANSPIRATION FROM REMAINING AREA	ACRE-FEET	(6) (2+3+4+5) TOTAL ADJUSTMENT	(7) (1-6) NET EVAPORATION
			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)			
1977	1	31	28892	4116	778	1868	1860	8622	29270	17682
1977	2	28	28362	4681	832	2061	3846	16760	18796	33926
1977	3	31	45565	7616	1329	3193	6658	18607	27558	59162
1977	4	30	86915	6538	1561	3603	3269	21813	54638	64725
1977	5	31	76212	11569	2968	1967	5141	1191	20318	63224
1977	6	31	98569	13762	2146	2142	5145	8348	18546	56692
1977	7	31	83542	18546	12335	1831	4383	1769	15387	51697
1977	8	31	78142	11896	1479	1479	3233	1932	16852	34364
1977	9	30	66994	6694	10378	1684	2378	1587	11617	11617
1977	10	31	67546	16476	16476	861	1898	2631		
1977	11	30	45981	17183	767	1656	1656	2071		
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			753367	118384	16752	39458	41467	216061	537366	
1978	1	31	28939	4648	769	1861	428	7706	21233	
1978	2	28	27912	1395	915	2214	4196	11714	15298	
1978	3	31	29839	4891	1263	3061	3043	12258	17572	
1978	4	30	58941	9571	1516	3661	1755	16482	12459	
1978	5	31	61763	9776	2922	3646	1884	5698	21774	39989
1978	6	30	79267	11838	2164	2164	5213	236	19451	59756
1978	7	31	69954	19924	2137	5133	4776	21976	47984	
1978	8	31	92946	13564	1762	1427	1427	20553	72393	
1978	9	30	92914	13914	1516	3320	1868	23553	69353	
1978	10	31	60810	9281	1033	2259	1239	13863	47907	
1978	11	30	71942	10896	594	1304	364	13098	57944	
1978	12	31	61838	9608	544	1276	0	11422	56416	
CALENDAR YEAR TOTALS:			734293	112246	16229	38382	26938	193789	546564	
1979	1	31	43369	6854	621	1549	1972	10947	32413	
1979	2	28	23987	3846	839	2632	787	7498	16499	
1979	3	31	27972	4399	1259	3642	586	9286	18686	
1979	4	30	40829	6186	1555	3738	77	11556	29264	
1979	5	31	62819	8913	1944	4676	1016	16543	46276	

TABLE 9
LAKE POWELL NET EVAPORATION
1,000 ACRE-FEET

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Preliminary*</u> <u>Net Evaporation</u>	<u>Net Evaporation</u> <u>This Study</u>
1965	200	162
1966	236	219
1967	215	158
1968	237	222
1969	300	261
1970	348	430
1971	398	484
1972	392	431
1973	441	546
1974	512	518
1975	523	556
1976	544	514
1977	486	537
1978	464	541
Total	5,296	5,579
Average	378	398

* Computed from pan evaporation rate as described under PROCEDURE.

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Table 3 Total Pan Evaporation in Inches at Wahweap, Arizona (1962-1975)^a

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1962	2.08	2.93	6.07	12.01	15.83	17.36	19.96	18.28	12.21	6.82	3.07	2.69	119.31
1963	2.08 ^b	3.15	6.99	10.38	16.17	17.39	20.72	13.90	10.31	7.43	3.65	2.69 ^b	114.86
1964	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.25	9.89	14.68 ^b	16.40	17.96	17.22	13.14	9.55	3.90	2.69 ^b	116.79
1965	2.08 ^b	3.66	6.19	8.62	14.54	14.36	15.33	16.39	13.06	7.49	3.72	2.69 ^b	108.13
1966	2.08 ^b	2.11	7.49	11.96	15.88	19.22	18.52	18.13	11.67	7.98	4.11	2.69 ^b	121.84
1967	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	10.92	13.02	15.54	16.41	14.18	10.50	8.16	4.37	2.69 ^b	107.41
1968	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.79	9.00	14.63	17.41	15.93	12.71	12.76	6.99	4.19	2.69 ^b	108.21
1969	2.08 ^b	3.31	5.97	9.74	15.76	15.57	15.89	14.88	11.12	7.09	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	107.87
1970	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	7.70	10.86	16.55	17.16	15.78	14.62	12.79	7.24	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	114.26
1971	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	10.82	13.77	17.42	20.05	15.06	10.98	7.11	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	113.28
1972	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	12.16	15.95	15.54	16.64	12.67	11.13	7.51 ^b	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	109.67
1973	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	5.15	9.59	13.06	15.04	15.43	15.36	11.22	8.05	3.84	2.69 ^b	104.54
1974	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	10.60	15.41	17.07	15.25	14.58	11.30	6.62	3.02	2.69 ^b	108.16
1975	2.08 ^b	3.03 ^b	6.51 ^b	8.32	10.26	14.71	15.40	12.79	10.26	7.16	3.76 ^b	2.69 ^b	96.97
Mean	2.08	3.03	6.51	10.23	14.68	16.44	17.08	15.05	11.60	7.51	3.76	2.69	110.66
Number of Years in the Mean													
	1	5	9	14	13	14	14	14	13	9	1		

a = The pan was usually not operated all 12 months of each year. When there was no measurement available the mean of the rest of the years for that month was used in calculating the estimated values. Original pan data from U.S. Weather Bureau Climatological Data for Arizona.

b = Estimated data.

Table 4 Evaporation at Lake Powell Based on Adjusted Pan Data
from the Class A Pan at Wahweap, Arizona

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Total
1962	2.08	2.05	3.04	5.28	5.70	7.99	10.78	11.15	9.04	5.79	4.82	5.38	73.1
1963	2.08 ^b	2.20	3.50	4.57	5.82	8.00	11.19	8.48	7.63	6.32	5.73	5.38 ^b	70.9
1964	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.12	4.35	5.28 ^b	7.54	9.70	10.50	9.72	8.12	6.12	5.38 ^b	74.03
1965	2.08 ^b	2.56	3.10	3.79	5.23	6.61	8.28	10.00	9.66	6.37	5.84	5.38 ^b	68.9
1966	2.08 ^b	1.48	3.74	5.26	5.72	8.84	10.00	11.06	8.64	6.78	6.45	5.38 ^b	75.43
1967	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.26 ^b	4.80	4.69	7.15	8.86	8.65	7.77	6.94	6.86	5.38 ^b	68.56
1968	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.40	3.96	5.27	8.01	8.60	7.75	9.44	5.94	6.58	5.38 ^b	68.53
1969	2.08 ^b	2.12	2.98	4.29	5.67	7.16	8.58	9.08	8.23	6.03	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	67.5
1970	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.85	4.78	5.96	7.89	8.52	8.92	9.46	6.15	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	71.01
1971	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.25 ^b	4.76	4.96	8.01	10.83	9.91	8.12	6.04	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	70.64
1972	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.25 ^b	5.35	5.74	7.15	8.99	7.73	8.24	6.38 ^b	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	68.31
1973	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	2.58	4.22	4.70	6.92	8.33	9.37	8.30	6.84	6.03	5.38 ^b	66.87
1974	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.25 ^b	4.66	5.55	7.85	8.24	8.89	8.36	5.63	4.74	5.38 ^b	66.75
1975	2.08 ^b	2.12 ^b	3.25 ^b	3.66	3.69	6.77	8.32	7.80	7.59	6.09	5.90 ^b	5.38 ^b	62.56
Monthly Mean	2.08	2.12	3.26	4.50	5.28	7.56	9.22	9.18	8.58	6.38	5.90	5.38	69.44

a = The pan was usually not operated all 12 months of each year. When there was no measurement available the mean of the rest of the years for that month was used in calculating the adjusted values. Original pan data from U.S. Weather Bureau Climatological Data for Arizona.

b = Based on estimated values as per note a above.