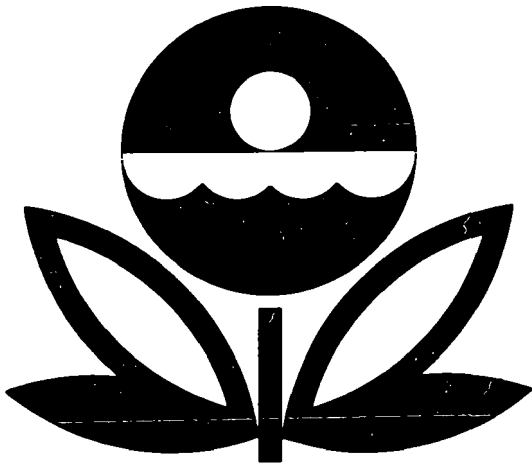


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F O R E W O R D

The National Eutrophication Survey was initiated in 1972 in response to an Administration commitment to investigate the nationwide threat of accelerated eutrophication to freshwater lakes and reservoirs.

OBJECTIVES

The Survey was designed to develop, in conjunction with state environmental agencies, information on nutrient sources, concentrations, and impact on selected freshwater lakes as a basis for formulating comprehensive and coordinated national, regional, and state management practices relating to point-source discharge reduction and non-point source pollution abatement in lake watersheds.

ANALYTIC APPROACH

The mathematical and statistical procedures selected for the Survey's eutrophication analysis are based on related concepts that:

- a. A generalized representation or model relating sources, concentrations, and impacts can be constructed.
- b. By applying measurements of relevant parameters associated with lake degradation, the generalized model can be transformed into an operational representation of a lake, its drainage basin, and related nutrients.
- c. With such a transformation, an assessment of the potential for eutrophication control can be made.

LAKE ANALYSIS

In this report, the first stage of evaluation of lake and watershed data collected from the study lake and its drainage basin is documented. The report is formatted to provide state environmental agencies with specific information for basin planning [§303(e)], water quality criteria/standards review [§303(c)], clean lakes [§314(a,b)], and water quality monitoring [§106 and §305(b)] activities mandated by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

Beyond the single lake analysis, broader based correlations between nutrient concentrations (and loading) and trophic condition are being made to advance the rationale and data base for refinement of nutrient water quality criteria for the Nation's fresh water lakes. Likewise, multivariate evaluations for the relationships between land use, nutrient export, and trophic condition, by lake class or use, are being developed to assist in the formulation of planning guidelines and policies by EPA and to augment plans implementation by the states.

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STUDY LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

STATE OF UTAHNAMECOUNTY

Bear
Deer Creek
Echo
Fish
Flaming Gorge

Rich, UT; Bear Lake, ID
Wasatch
Summit
Sevier
Daggett, UT;
Sweetwater, WY

Huntington
Joes Valley
Lower Bown's
Lynn
Minersville
Moon
Navajo
Newcastle
Otter Creek
Panguich
Pelican
Pineview
Piute
Porcupine
Powell

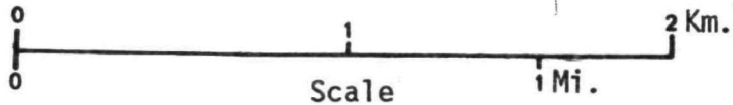
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Box Elder
Beaver
Duchesne
Kane
Iron
Piute
Garfield
Uintah
Weber
Piute
Cache
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Juan, UT; Coconino, AZ

Pruess
Sevier Bridge
Starvation
Steinaker
Tropic
Utah
Willard Bay

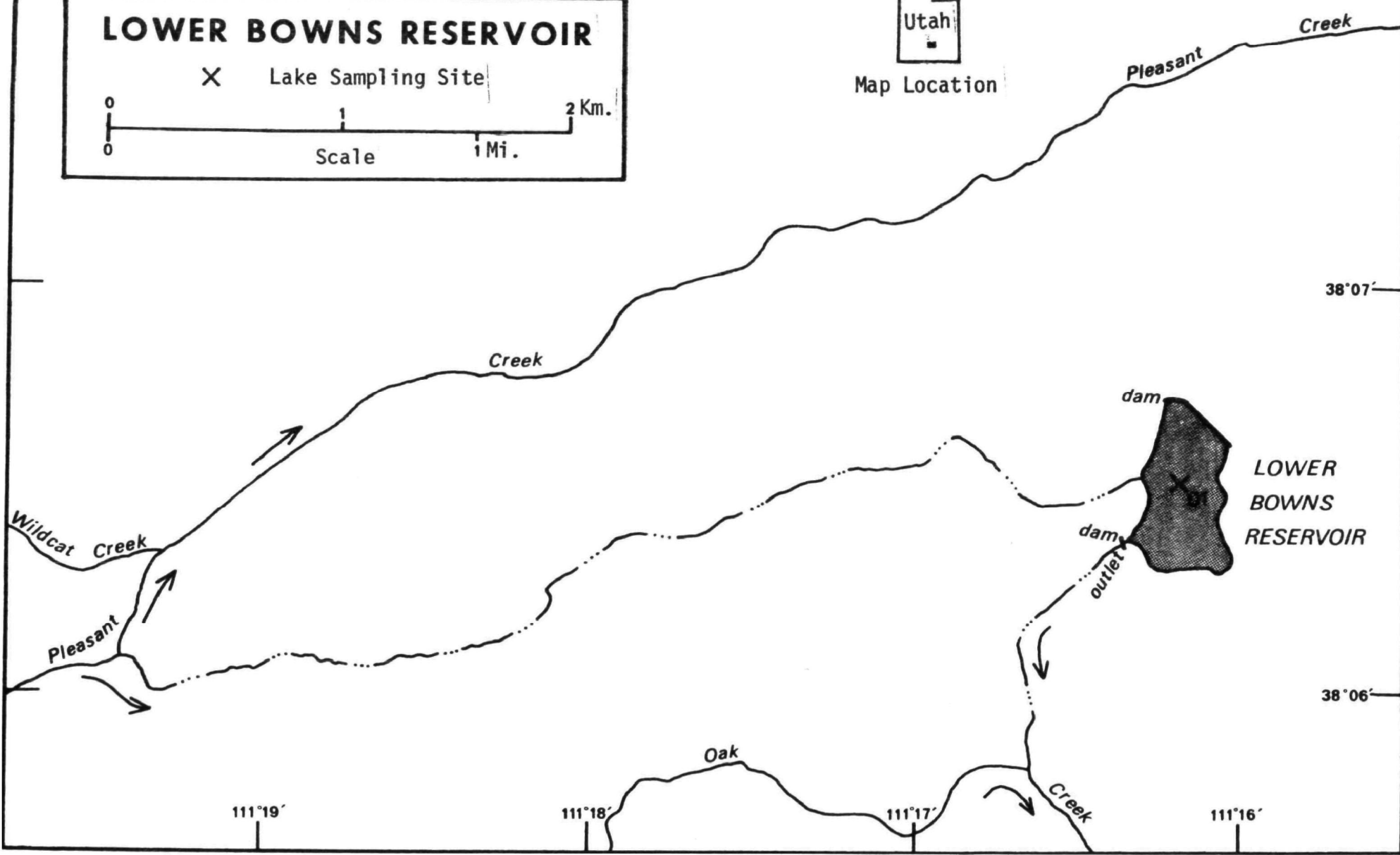
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Juab, Sanpete
Duchesne
Uintah
Garfield
Utah
Box Elder

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR

X Lake Sampling Site



Map Location



38°07'

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR

38°06'

111°19'

111°18'

111°17'

111°16'

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR

STORET NO. 4902

I. INTRODUCTION

Lower Bowns Reservoir was included in the National Eutrophication Survey as a water body of interest to the Utah Bureau of Environmental Health. Tributaries and nutrient sources were not sampled, and this report relates only to the reservoir sampling data.

II. CONCLUSIONS

A. Trophic Condition:

Survey data indicate that Lower Bowns Reservoir is mesotrophic. It ranked eighth in overall trophic quality when the 27 Utah lakes and reservoirs sampled in 1975 were compared using a combination of six water quality parameters*. Fourteen of the water bodies had less median total phosphorus, ten had less and three had the same median dissolved orthophosphorus, none had less and 10 had the same median inorganic nitrogen, nine had less mean chlorophyll a, and four had greater mean Secchi disc transparency.

Survey limnologists observed floating and submerged macrophytes in May and August.

B. Rate-Limiting Nutrient

The algal assay results are not considered representative of conditions in the reservoir at the times the samples were collected. The reservoir data indicate phosphorus limitation in May and nitrogen limitation in August and September.

* See Appendix A.

III. RESERVOIR AND DRAINAGE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS[†]**A. Morphometry^{††}:**

1. Surface area: 0.36 kilometers².
2. Mean depth: 0.1 meters.
3. Maximum depth: 17.7 meters.
4. Volume: $0.036 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$.

B. Precipitation*:

1. Year of sampling: 20.8 centimeters.
2. Mean annual: 28.5 centimeters.

[†] Table of metric equivalents--Appendix B.

^{††} Sudweeks, 1975; volume from Ikner, 1975.

* See Working Paper No. 175, "...Survey Methods, 1973-1976".

IV. WATER QUALITY SUMMARY

Lower Bowns Reservoir was sampled three times during the open-water season of 1975 by means of a pontoon-equipped Huey helicopter. Each time, samples for physical and chemical parameters were collected from several depths at one station on the reservoir (see map, page v). During each visit, a depth-integrated (4.6 m to surface) sample was collected for phytoplankton identification and enumeration, and a similar sample was taken for chlorophyll a analysis. During the first and last visits, a single 18.9-liter depth-integrated sample was collected for algal assays. The maximum depth sampled was 7.6 meters.

The sampling results are presented in full in Appendix C and are summarized in the following table.

A. SUMMARY OF PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR LOWER BOWN'S RESERVOIR
STORET CODE 4902

PARAMETER	1ST SAMPLING (5/ 9/75)				2ND SAMPLING (8/13/75)				3RD SAMPLING (9/25/75)			
	1 SITES				1 SITES				1 SITES			
	RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN		RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN		RANGE	MEAN	MEDIAN	
TEMP (C)	7.4 - 7.7	7.6	7.7		16.2 - 17.2	16.6	16.3		16.7 - 17.2	17.0	17.1	
DISS OXY (MG/L)	9.2 - 9.8	9.5	9.6		5.6 - 7.2	6.7	7.2		7.4 - 8.6	7.9	7.6	
CNDCTVY (MCPOMO)	156. - 179.	164.	156.		119. - 120.	120.	120.		98. - 99.	99.	99.	
PH (STAND UNITS)	8.6 - 8.6	8.6	8.6		8.8 - 9.0	8.9	9.0		8.9 - 9.3	9.1	9.1	
TOT ALK (MG/L)	75. - 79.	77.	76.		70. - 70.	70.	70.		65. - 120.	80.	67.	
TOT P (MG/L)	0.033 - 0.041	0.036	0.034		0.024 - 0.029	0.026	0.025		0.025 - 0.068	0.047	0.047	
ORTHO P (MG/L)	0.006 - 0.008	0.007	0.006		0.004 - 0.005	0.005	0.005		0.007 - 0.020	0.011	0.008	
NO2+NO3 (MG/L)	0.030 - 0.030	0.030	0.030		0.020 - 0.020	0.020	0.020		0.020 - 0.020	0.020	0.020	
AMMONIA (MG/L)	0.060 - 0.070	0.067	0.070		0.020 - 0.020	0.020	0.020		0.020 - 0.040	0.025	0.020	
KJEL N (MG/L)	0.500 - 0.600	0.533	0.500		0.600 - 0.600	0.600	0.600		0.400 - 0.400	0.400	0.400	
INORG N (MG/L)	0.090 - 0.100	0.097	0.100		0.040 - 0.040	0.040	0.040		0.040 - 0.060	0.045	0.040	
TOTAL N (MG/L)	0.530 - 0.630	0.563	0.530		0.620 - 0.620	0.620	0.620		0.420 - 0.420	0.420	0.420	
CHLRPYL A (UG/L)	2.7 - 2.7	2.7	2.7		5.1 - 5.1	5.1	5.1		8.9 - 8.9	8.9	8.9	
SECCHI (METERS)	5.2 - 5.2	5.2	5.2		3.4 - 3.4	3.4	3.4		4.0 - 4.0	4.0	4.0	

B. Biological characteristics:**1. Phytoplankton -**

<u>Sampling Date</u>	<u>Dominant Genera</u>	<u>Algal Units per ml</u>
05/09/75	1. <u>Cryptomonas sp.</u>	286
	2. <u>Chroomonas (?) sp.</u>	24
	Total	310
08/13/75	1. <u>Gloeotrichia sp.</u>	231
	2. <u>Chroomonas (?) sp.</u>	103
	3. <u>Anabaena sp.</u>	51
	4. <u>Microcystis sp.</u>	26
Total	411	
09/25/75	1. <u>Chroomonas (?) sp.</u>	970
	2. <u>Aphanocapsa sp.</u>	562
	3. <u>Cryptomonas sp.</u>	357
	4. <u>Staurastrum sp.</u>	153
	5. <u>Gloeotrichia sp.</u>	102
Total	2,144	

2. Chlorophyll a -

<u>Sampling Date</u>	<u>Station Number</u>	<u>Chlorophyll <u>a</u> ($\mu\text{g/l}$)</u>
05/09/75	1	2.7
08/13/75	1	5.1
09/25/75	1	8.9

C. Limiting Nutrient Study:

Significant nutrient changes occurred in the samples prior to the beginning of the algal assays, and the results are not indicative of conditions in the reservoir at the times the samples were collected (05/09/75 and 09/25/75).

The reservoir data indicate phosphorus limitation in May and nitrogen limitation in August and September (the mean inorganic nitrogen/orthophosphorus ratios were 14/1, 8/1, and 4/1 respectively).

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VI. APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

LAKE RANKINGS

LAKE DATA TO BE USED IN RANKINGS

LAKE CODE	LAKE NAME	MEDIAN TOTAL P	MEDIAN INORG N	500- MEAN SEC	MEAN CHLORA	15- MIN DO	MEDIAN DISS ORTHO P
0408	LAKE POWELL	0.010	0.410	339.830	3.081	13.800	0.007
4901	BEAR LAKE	0.011	0.040	253.167	0.945	9.200	0.003
4902	LOWER BOWEN'S RESERVOIR	0.031	0.040	336.000	5.567	9.400	0.006
4903	DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	0.038	0.215	430.333	9.078	14.800	0.006
4904	ECHO RESERVOIR	0.047	0.170	450.333	6.967	14.000	0.012
4905	LYNN RESERVOIR	0.121	0.200	417.667	39.600	10.400	0.052
4906	FISH LAKE	0.023	0.040	152.000	12.483	10.400	0.004
4907	HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVOIR	0.013	0.040	392.000	1.900	7.800	0.005
4503	JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR	0.012	0.045	400.000	2.483	11.200	0.003
4909	MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR	0.192	0.060	445.000	33.583	8.600	0.107
4910	MOON LAKE	0.008	0.040	381.000	2.700	9.600	0.002
4911	NAVAJO LAKE	0.016	0.040	368.000	2.000	6.000	0.003
4912	NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR	0.051	0.040	428.667	12.467	13.600	0.009
4913	OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR	0.067	0.040	453.667	11.767	10.600	1.033
4914	PANQUITCH LAKE	0.071	0.040	426.500	45.950	14.200	1.010
4915	PELICAN LAKE	0.044	0.050	438.500	6.350	8.400	0.004
4916	PINEVIEW RESERVOIR	0.028	0.300	435.083	5.692	14.600	0.006
4917	PIUTE RESERVOIR	0.047	0.150	482.625	25.329	11.600	0.007
4918	PORCUPINE RESERVOIR	0.025	0.110	440.000	7.860	12.400	0.011
4919	PRUESS RESERVOIR (GARRIS)	0.057	0.140	491.000	4.533	8.800	0.008
4920	SEVIER BRIDGE RESERVOIR	0.026	0.355	449.778	18.222	12.400	0.008
4921	STARVATION RESERVOIR	0.016	0.040	394.583	5.675	13.200	0.004
4922	STEINAKER RESERVOIR	0.011	0.040	316.750	1.844	12.600	0.005
4923	TROPIC RESERVOIR	0.021	0.050	425.000	7.200	8.400	0.006
4924	UTAH LAKE	0.132	0.320	490.583	72.012	11.400	0.012
4925	WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR	0.044	0.060	457.182	7.567	11.000	0.009
5605	FLAMING GORGE RESERVOIR	0.011	0.690	285.636	2.500	10.400	0.003

PERCENT OF LAKES WITH HIGHER VALUES (NUMBER OF LAKES WITH HIGHER VALUES)

LAKE CODE	LAKE NAME	MEDIAN TOTAL P	MEDIAN INORG N	500-MEAN SEC	MEAN CHLORA	15-MIN DO	MEDIAN DISS ORTHO P	INDEX NO
0408	LAKE POWELL	96 (25)	4 (1)	81 (21)	73 (19)	15 (4)	42 (11)	311
4901	BEAR LAKE	90 (23)	87 (19)	96 (25)	100 (26)	77 (20)	90 (23)	540
4902	LOWER BOWN'S RESERVOIR	46 (12)	87 (19)	85 (22)	65 (17)	73 (19)	50 (13)	406
4903	DEER CREEK RESERVOIR	42 (11)	19 (5)	42 (11)	35 (9)	0 (0)	58 (14)	196
4904	ECHO RESERVOIR	31 (8)	27 (7)	19 (5)	50 (13)	12 (3)	13 (3)	152
4905	LYNN RESERVOIR	8 (2)	23 (6)	58 (15)	8 (2)	62 (15)	4 (1)	163
4906	FISH LAKE	62 (16)	65 (16)	100 (26)	23 (6)	62 (15)	79 (20)	391
4907	HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVOIR	77 (20)	65 (16)	69 (18)	92 (24)	96 (25)	69 (18)	468
4908	JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR	81 (21)	58 (15)	62 (16)	85 (22)	46 (12)	96 (25)	428
4909	MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR	0 (0)	44 (11)	27 (7)	12 (3)	85 (22)	0 (0)	168
4910	MOON LAKE	100 (26)	87 (19)	73 (19)	77 (20)	69 (18)	100 (26)	506
4911	NAVAJO LAKE	69 (18)	87 (19)	77 (20)	88 (23)	100 (26)	85 (22)	506
4912	NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR	23 (6)	87 (19)	46 (12)	27 (7)	19 (5)	27 (7)	229
4913	OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR	15 (4)	87 (19)	15 (4)	31 (8)	54 (14)	8 (2)	210
4914	PANQUITCH LAKE	12 (3)	65 (16)	50 (13)	4 (1)	8 (2)	23 (6)	162
4915	PELICAN LAKE	37 (9)	54 (14)	35 (9)	54 (14)	90 (23)	73 (19)	343
4916	PINEVIEW RESERVOIR	50 (13)	15 (4)	38 (10)	58 (15)	4 (1)	58 (14)	223
4917	PIUTE RESERVOIR	27 (7)	31 (8)	8 (2)	15 (4)	38 (10)	46 (12)	165
4918	PORCUPINE RESERVOIR	58 (15)	38 (10)	31 (8)	38 (10)	33 (8)	19 (5)	217
4919	PRUESS RESERVOIR (GARRIS)	19 (5)	35 (9)	0 (0)	69 (18)	81 (21)	37 (9)	241
4920	SEVIER BRIDGE RESERVOIR	54 (14)	8 (2)	23 (6)	19 (5)	33 (8)	37 (9)	174
4921	STARVATION RESERVOIR	73 (19)	87 (19)	65 (17)	62 (16)	23 (6)	79 (20)	389
4922	STEINAKER RESERVOIR	85 (22)	87 (19)	88 (23)	96 (25)	27 (7)	65 (17)	448
4923	TROPIC RESERVOIR	65 (17)	50 (13)	54 (14)	46 (12)	90 (23)	58 (14)	363
4924	UTAH LAKE	4 (1)	12 (3)	4 (1)	0 (0)	42 (11)	13 (3)	75
4925	WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR	37 (9)	44 (11)	12 (3)	42 (11)	50 (13)	31 (8)	216
5605	FLAMING GORGE RESERVOIR	90 (23)	0 (0)	92 (24)	81 (21)	62 (15)	90 (23)	

LAKES RANKED BY INDEX NOS.

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23	4917	PIUTE RESERVOIR	165
24	4905	LYNN RESERVOIR	163
25	4914	PANQUITCH LAKE	162
26	4904	ECHO RESERVOIR	152
27	4924	UTAH LAKE	75

APPENDIX B
CONVERSION FACTORS

CONVERSION FACTORS

Hectares x 2.471 = acres

Kilometers x 0.6214 = miles

Meters x 3.281 = feet

Cubic meters x 8.107×10^{-4} = acre/feet

Square kilometers x 0.3861 = square miles

Cubic meters/sec x 35.315 = cubic feet/sec

Centimeters x 0.3937 = inches

Kilograms x 2.205 = pounds

Kilograms/square kilometer x 5.711 = lbs/square mile

APPENDIX C

PHYSICAL and CHEMICAL DATA

STJRET RETRIEVAL DATE 76/08/12

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LOWER BOWN'S RESERVOIR
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0022 FEET DEPTH CLASS 00

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00010 WATER TEMP CENT	00300 DO MG/L	00077 TRANSP SECCHI INCHES	00094 CONDCTVY FIELD MICROMHO	00400 PH SU	00410 T ALK CAC03 MG/L	00610 NH3-N TOTAL MG/L	00625 TOT KJEL N MG/L	00630 NO2&NO3 N-TOTAL MG/L	00671 PHOS-DIS ORTHO MG/L P
75/05/09	10 10	0000	7.7	9.2	204	156	8.65	75	0.070	0.600	0.030	0.006
	10 10	0005	7.7	9.6		156	8.65	76	0.060	0.500	0.030	0.006
	10 10	0018	7.4	9.8		179	8.65	79	0.070	0.500	0.030	0.008
75/08/13	09 00	0000	16.3	7.2	132	120	9.00	70	0.020K	0.600	0.020K	0.005
	09 00	0005	17.2	7.2		119	9.00	70	0.020K	0.600	0.020K	0.004
	09 00	0018	16.2	5.6		120	8.75	70	0.020K	0.600	0.020K	0.005
75/09/25	09 45	0000	17.2	8.6	156	99	8.90	120	0.020K	0.400	0.020K	0.020
	09 45	0005	17.2	7.6		98	9.30	67	0.020K	0.400	0.020K	0.008
	09 45	0015	17.0	7.4		99	9.10	65	0.040	0.400	0.020K	0.009
	09 45	0025	16.7			98	9.20	67	0.020	0.400	0.020K	0.007

DATE FROM TO	TIME OF DAY	DEPTH FEET	00665 PHOS-TOT MG/L P	32217 CHLRPHYL A UG/L	00031 INCDT LT REMNING PERCENT
75/05/09	10 10	0000	0.034	2.7	
	10 10	0005	0.033		
	10 10	0018	0.041		
75/08/13	09 00	0000	0.024	5.1	
	09 00	0005	0.025		
	09 00	0018	0.029		
75/09/25	09 45	0000	0.068	8.9	
	09 45	0005	0.025		
	09 45	0015	0.068		
	09 45	0025	0.026		

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LESS THAN INDICATED