

Cooperative Conservation Alternative

The Environmental Pieces

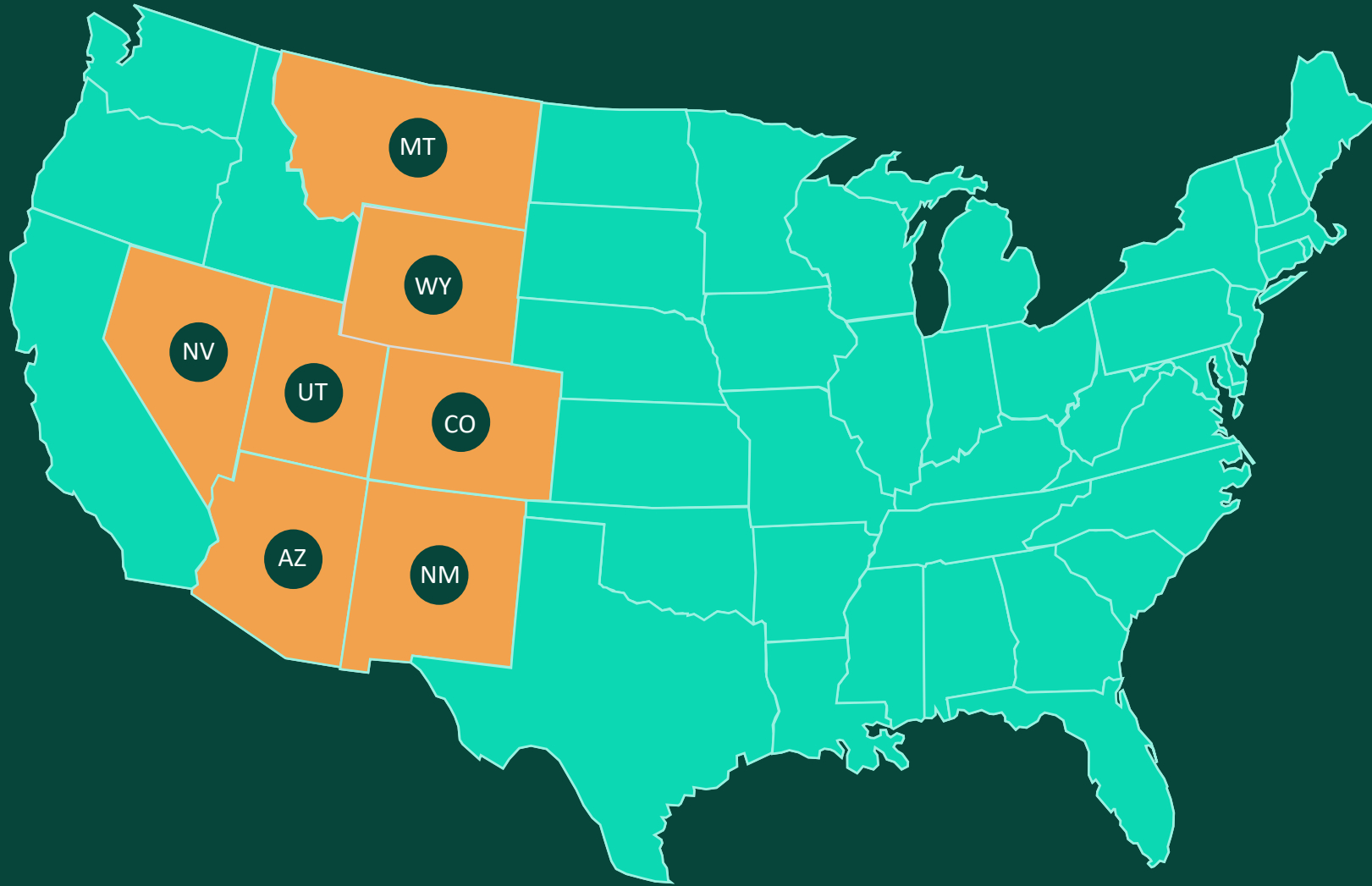
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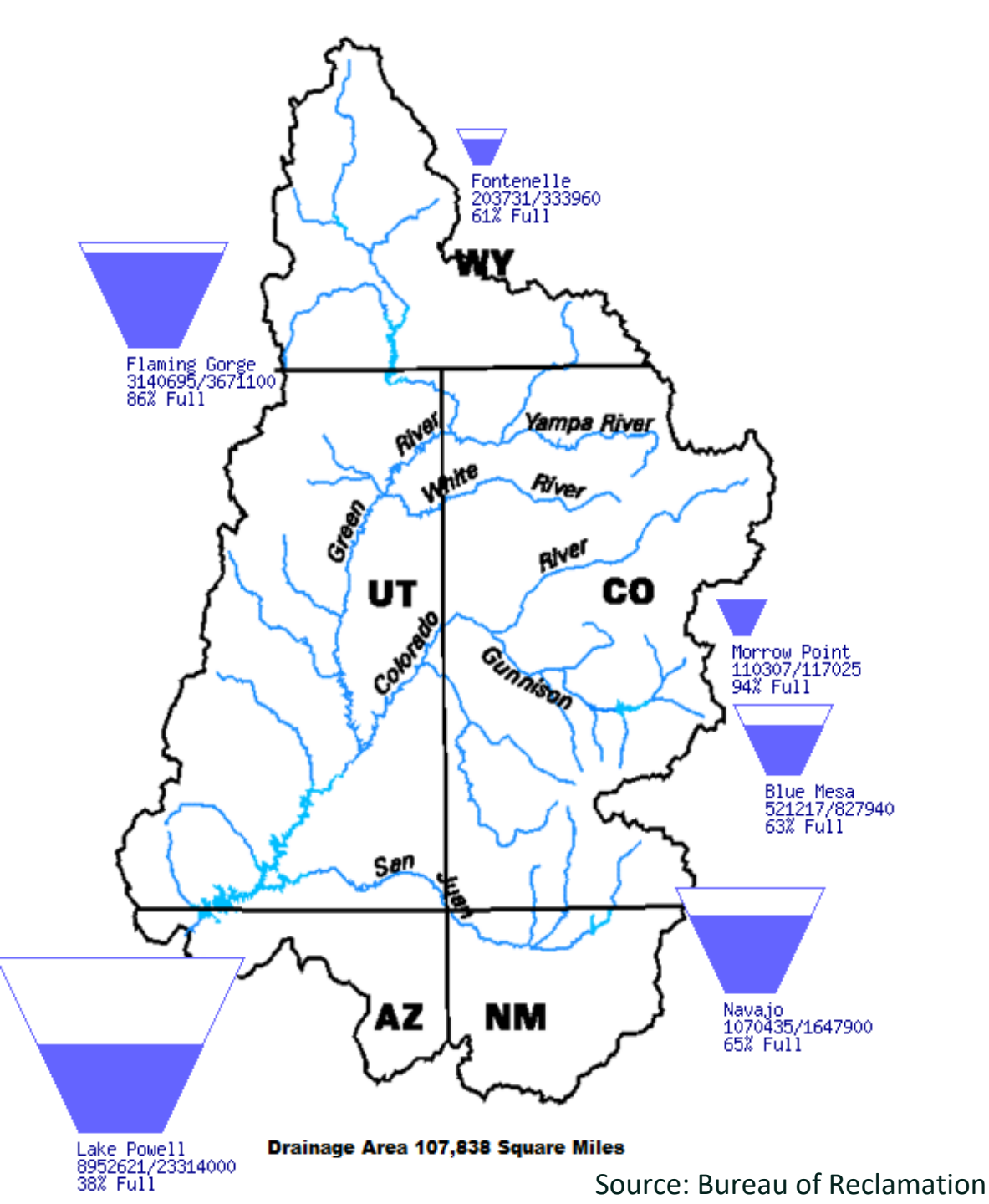
- Federal & Regional Collaboration
- State Legislatures
- State Agencies & Commissions
- Local Governments
- Electric Utilities
- Diverse Coalitions & Communities

WRA works across seven states in the **Interior West** to **protect our climate**, land, air, and water.



What is the Cooperative Conservation Alternative (CCA)?





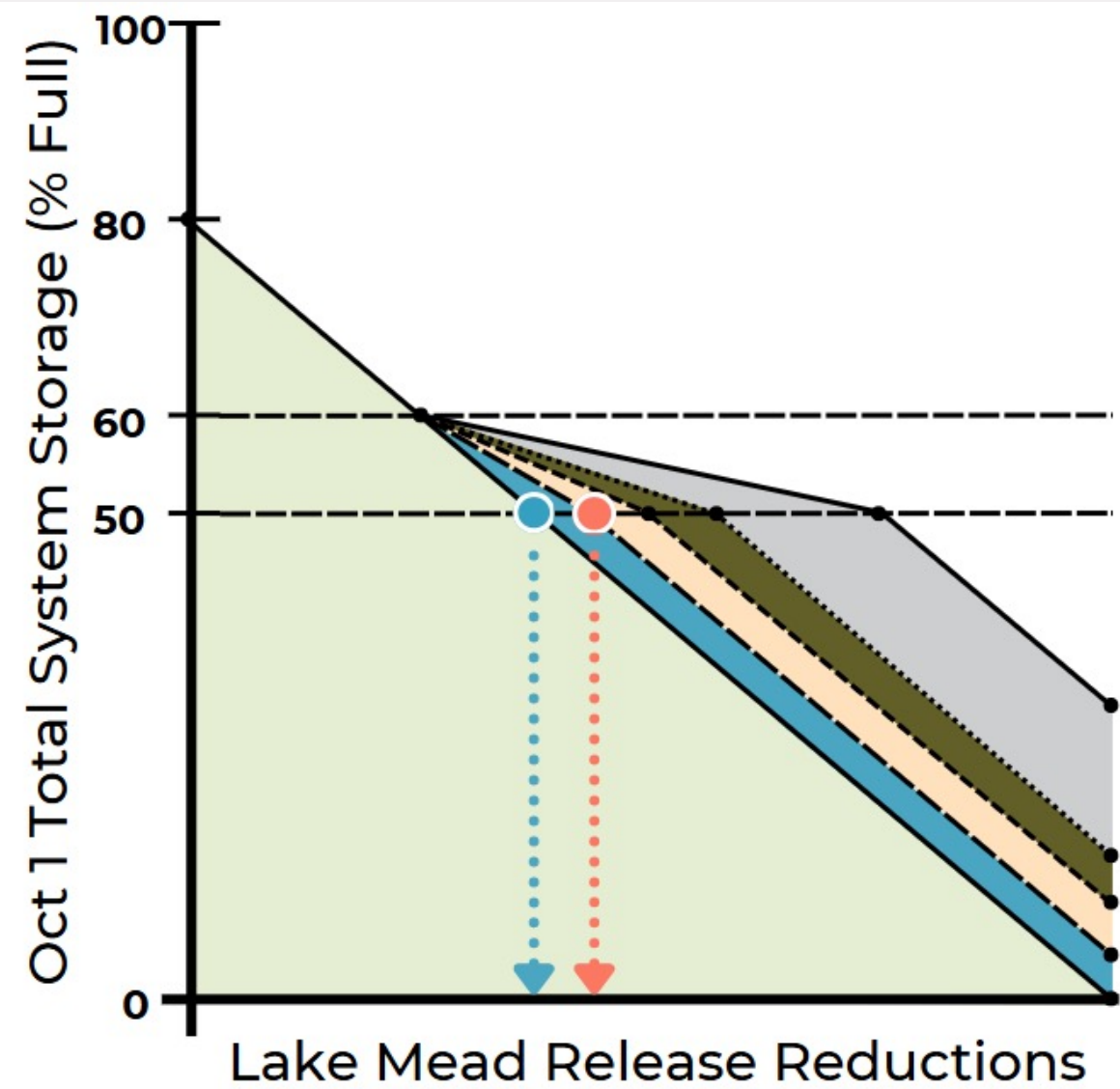
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For Powell, look at Upper System Storage

For Mead, look at Total System Storage





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Climate Response Indicator

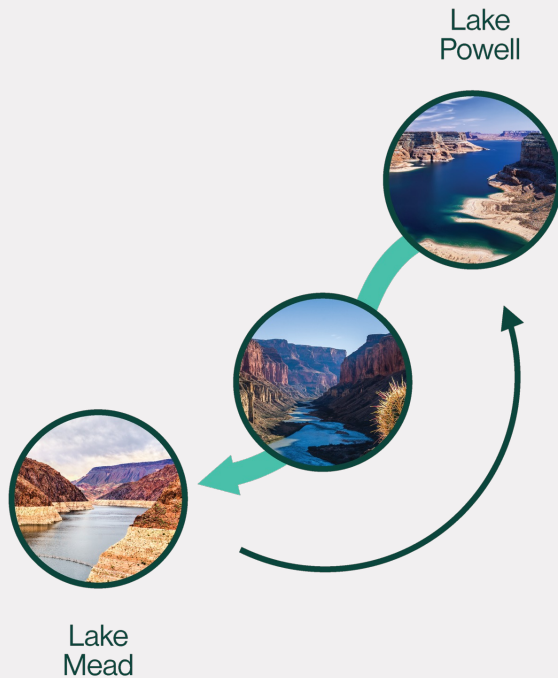
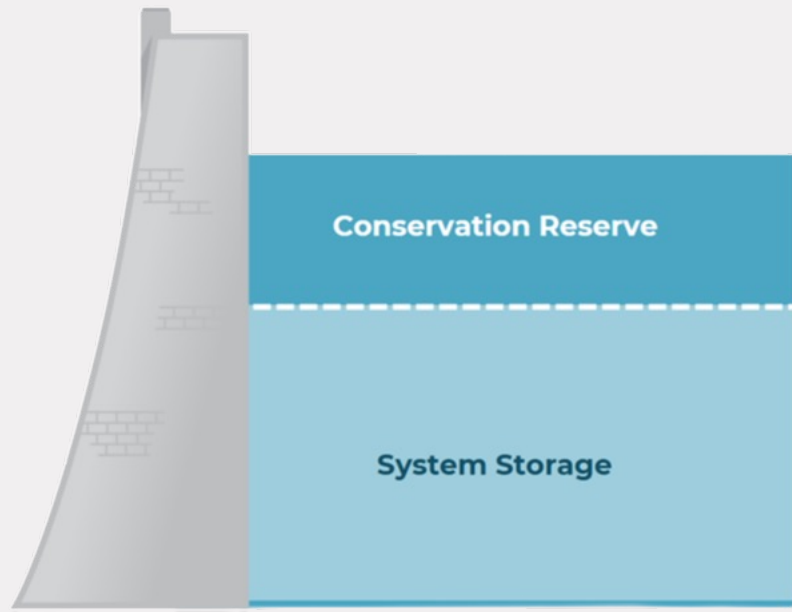




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Conservation Reserve Tool





Source: Jennifer Pitt, Audubon



Source: Claudio Contreras Koob, Audubon

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- Preserves binational opportunities for Delta restoration



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- Improves reservoir operations
- Integrates environmental stewardship and emphasizes mitigation
- Creates a new flexible tool for conservation
- Preserves binational opportunities for Delta restoration
- Broadens the range of options



Thank You!

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