



Guide to the Bureau of Reclamation Photographs of the Hoover Dam and Boulder City, Nevada

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Summary Information

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Historical Background

The Hoover Dam, also known as the Boulder Dam, was constructed on the Colorado River in Black Canyon near Las Vegas, Nevada from 1931 to 1936 during the Great Depression. The dam impounds Lake Mead, the country's largest reservoir, and it provides hydroelectric power to Nevada, Arizona, and California. The dam was built by workers employed by the joint venture of construction companies called Six Companies, Inc. Six Companies was chosen by the Bureau of Reclamation after winning a bid to construct the dam. Workers for Six Companies also built Boulder City, Nevada as housing for workers during the dam's construction. The Hoover Dam was dedicated in 1935 and began operations in 1936.

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Scope and Contents Note

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