

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

# Aquatic Nuisance Species



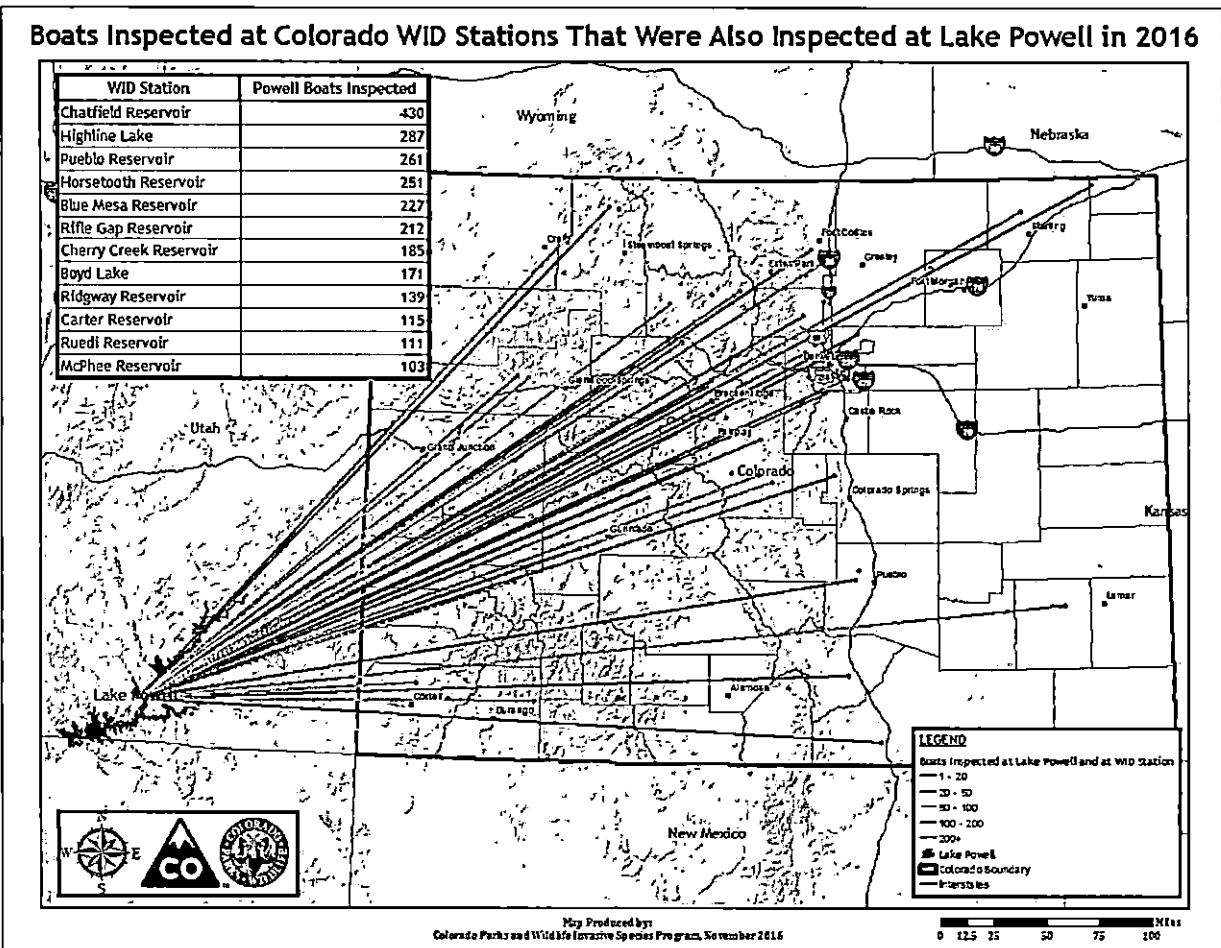
## The Threat to Colorado's Waters is Growing!

When the Colorado ANS Program was authorized by the General Assembly in 2008, the only infested waters in the West were in Kansas, Oklahoma, Lake Mead and downstream of Mead in the Lower Colorado River.

Today, Arizona, California, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas and Lake Powell in Utah are all infested. Montana had veliger detections last year. The infestations in the Eastern U.S. continue to spread.

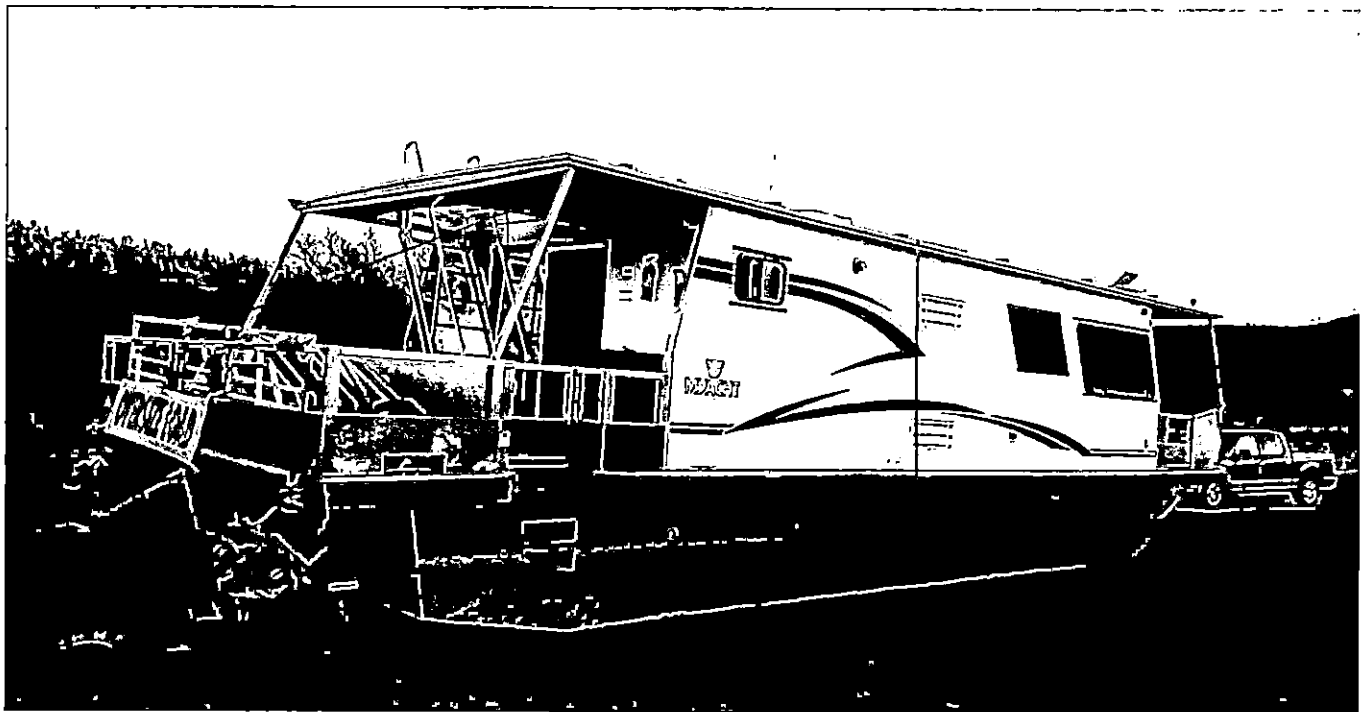
Lake Powell is a major game changer for the State of Colorado. The infestation there has greatly increased the demand for prevention in the state, as many of our resident boaters go to Lake Powell routinely. The State of Utah spends \$800,000 per year to contain Powell on their end, but is only getting 10% of the boats. The primary users are Utah boaters, followed closely by Colorado boaters. Arizona has only one technician on their end of the lake, and the NPS is not currently doing inspection or decontamination.

The following map shows watercraft that has been inspected at Lake Powell prior to coming into Colorado. This is a statewide problem that puts us at great risk, and Powell is only on infested water around us.



# INTERCEPTED MUSSEL BOATS

This is an example of a 52 foot houseboat from Lake Powell that was intercepted by CPW's ANS Program on the side of the road in Colorado. It is completely encrusted with live quagga mussels.



Colorado has intercepted 122 boats infested with quagga or zebra mussels since 2008. These boats are coming from all across the nation. Without the watercraft inspection and decontamination program, we would surely be infested.

CPW intends to continue their aggressive watercraft inspection and decontamination program to protect natural resources, recreation, and water infrastructure of the state from irreversible harm.

To learn more, visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/>

