

Elephant Butte Dam bathtub rings

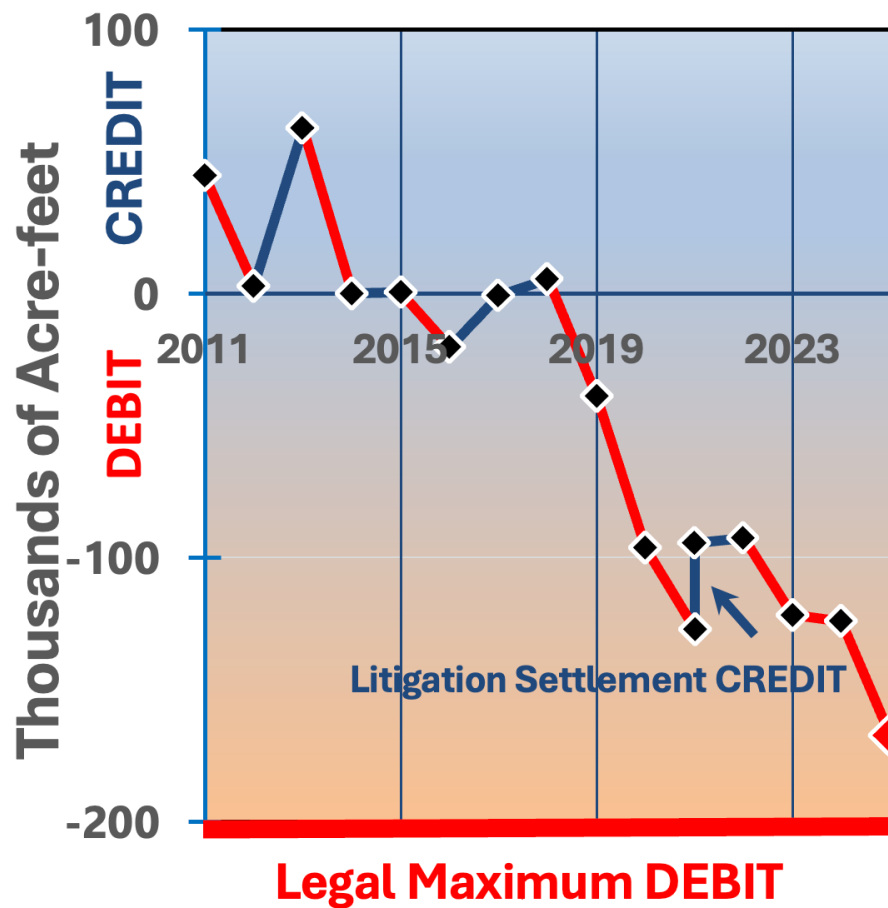
100% full 2,100,000
acre-feet (1995)

Sept. 20, 2025 – Elephant Butte is 4% full, about 50,000 AF. The water level after a Sept block release is lower than shown.

*N Gaume photo
August 27, 2025*

April 2025

**If 167,600 acre-foot
Middle Rio Grande
water debt were
magically satisfied**



Middle Rio Grande Compact Status

Coming soon (2026): new compact violation triggering new SCOTUS litigation in 2027.

-167,600 acre-feet as of September 1, 2025





Elephant Butte Reservoir – August 2022



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Annual Rio Grande Flow at Otowi Bridge Jan-May and June-Dec Volumes (1975-2025)

