

# Dam it all

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Founded in 1957, Page, Ariz., represents the ultimate debacle of Western expansion and progress. Located in the heart of Colorado River country near the Utah border, the small town of 7,000 casts a shadow much greater than its size or age. So closely here do the wilds and beauties of pristine canyon country interlace with the industrial monster. Here's a look:



Burning 8 million tons of coal annually, and contributing to countless health issues within local communities, the Navajo Generating Station in Page, Ariz., casts its filthy haze across the landscape.



"Lake Lice," also known as house boats, are a perfect vessel to experience one of the most delicate ecosystems on the continent.



Completed in 1963, Glen Canyon Dam destroyed nearly 200 miles of the Colorado River, as well as the lower ends of more than 100 major tributaries. Resulting Lake Powell is seen by some as one of the West's greatest travesties.



Safe from the reservoir below, the healthy upper ends of flooded canyons near Page offer a glimpse of what lies beneath the silt and stagnant waters of Lake Powell.