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Irrigation



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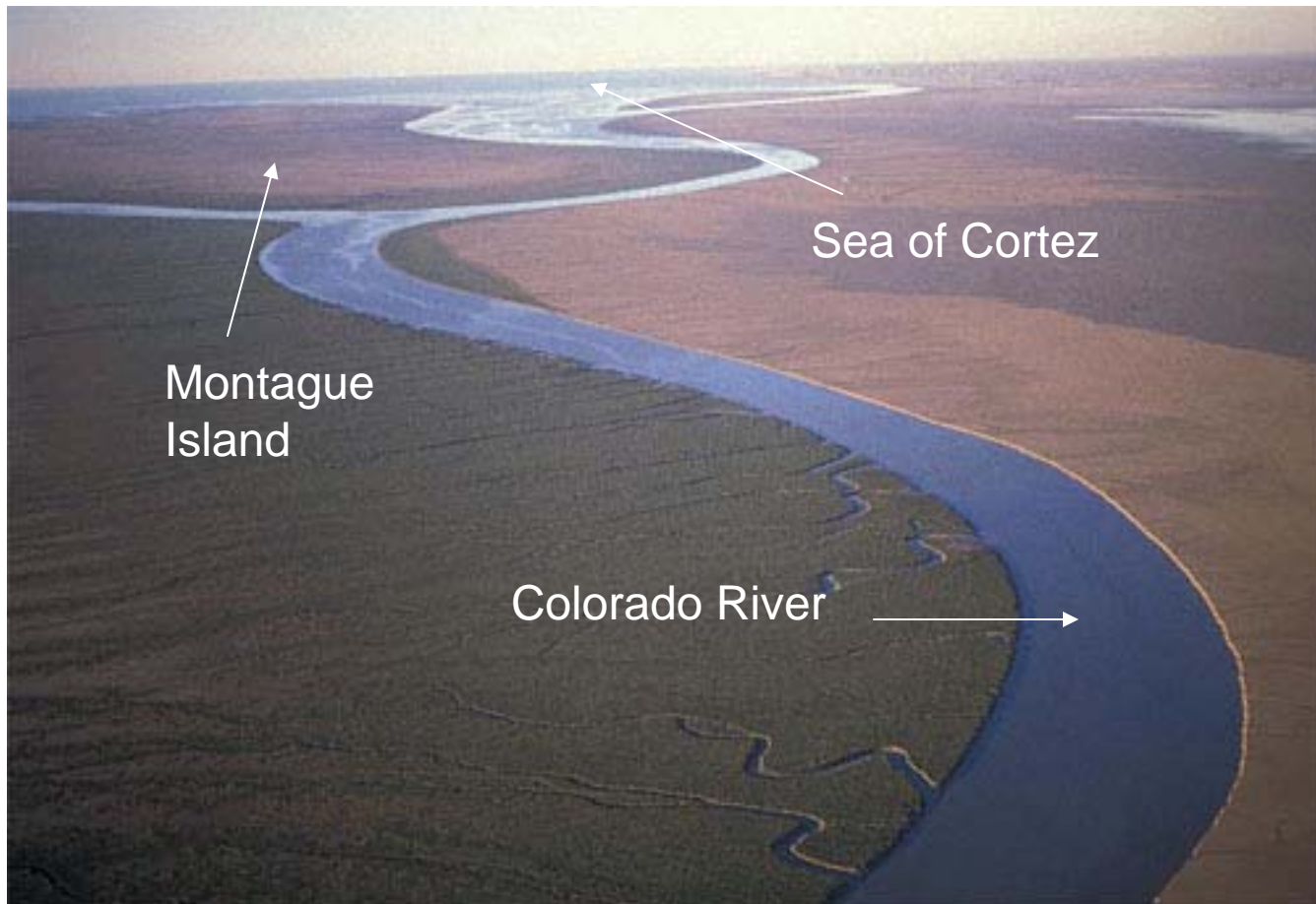
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Deltas



River Delta



The Confluence: Two Rivers Meet



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This photograph of Roaring Fork in North Carolina's Great Smoky Mountains was taken in 1992.

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Nebraska's Niobrara River displays several terraces as it digs its channel deeper.

Irrigation



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The Green River is tapped for irrigation water here near Bronx, Wyoming.

Helping Crops



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Here near its mouth, the Colorado River helps to sustain verdant cropland.

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In the arid southwest of the United States, streams, swollen by sudden rains, cannot fit in their sediment choked channels and must make new channels causing the pattern seen at Utah's Paria River near Tropic.

Meandering Rivers



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Here at Arizona's Imperial Wildlife Refuge south of Blythe, California, the Colorado River meanders toward the sunset.

Oxbow



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These sloughs and oxbow lakes on the flood plain of the Mississippi River south of Hannibal, Missouri reveal the river's previous courses.

Oxbow Meander



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The Colorado River forms an oxbow meander as if reluctant to cut westward through Colorado's Gore Range to form Gore Canyon near Kremmling.

Carving the Landscape



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Colorado's Dolores River has carved a deep valley near Bedrock.

Carving through Mountains



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The Green River carves its way through Split Mountain anticline in Utah's Dinosaur National Monument.

River Canyons



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Glenwood Canyon is on I-70 in western Colorado, about 150 miles west of Denver and 90 miles east of Grand Junction. The 16 mile-long canyon is on the Colorado River between the towns of Glenwood Springs and Gypsum. A huge engineering challenge was undertaken starting in the 1980s to complete one of the last stretches of Interstate Highway through the canyon. Transportation, environmental, recreational and economic considerations all had to be taking into account before the completed highway opened in 1992.

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Between Bluff and Mexican Hat, Utah's San Juan River makes its way along Comb Ridge.

Flood



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In flood stage, Utah's Sevier River reclaims part of its floodplain.

Floodplain



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Navajo Creek meanders across its floodplain south of Arizona's Navajo Mountain.

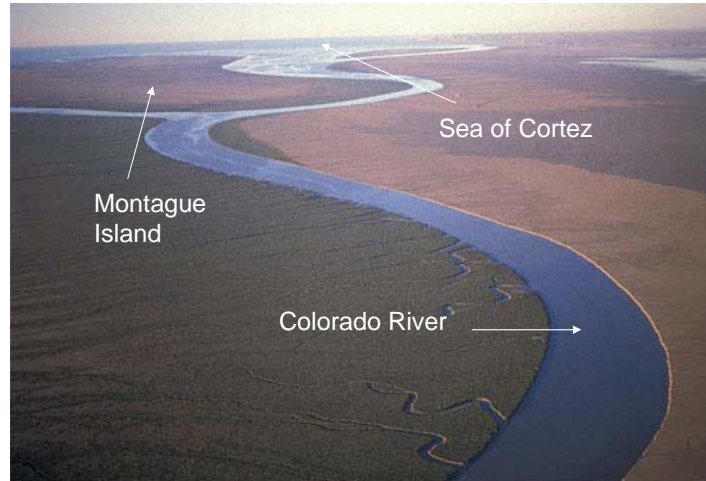
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The Colorado River forms a delta as it enters Lake Havasu.

Deltas



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At its delta the Colorado River divides to encompass the eighteen square mile, alluvial Montague Island prior to reaching the Sea of Cortez.

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This is an aerial view of the Colorado River Delta.

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This is the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers near Paducah, Kentucky.

Stream Meeting the Ocean



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A stream enters the Pacific Ocean along the coast of California's Big Sur south of Monterey and feeds its load of sediments to the long shore drift.