

News Release

Pathfinder Irrigation District Announces Inland Lakes Transfer

Mitchell, Nebraska, April 14, 2021: The Pathfinder Irrigation District will begin the transfer of Inland Lakes water from Guernsey Reservoir to Lakes Alice, Winters Creek and Minatare through the Interstate Canal on April 19th. Water should reach Lake Alice late on April 21st and Lake Minatare by April 22-23. Water levels in the Lakes will begin to rise on these dates. People using the lakes for recreation should be aware of the changing water levels and plan accordingly.

At this time, the District anticipates starting deliveries of early irrigation water to its customers around May 10th, depending on the District's ability to get laterals cleaned for delivery and the demand for water. At this time, we anticipate having water available for delivery for approximately 15-20 days, depending on demand and water levels in the lakes.

The Bureau of Reclamation is currently projecting a full water supply for 2021. Irrigators should keep in mind that much of the projected water supply will come from the spring snowmelt and runoff and it is not yet accounted for in the reservoirs. Should conditions change the District will adjust its plans accordingly. While the water supply outlook is good, irrigators are encouraged to work with the District to manage and conserve as much water as possible.

Information concerning water operations can also be found on the District's website at www.pathfinderirrigation.com.