

News Release

Pathfinder Irrigation District to Begin Irrigation Deliveries

Mitchell, Nebraska, June 20, 2022: The Pathfinder Irrigation District will start filling its larger irrigation canals on Friday and Saturday, June 24, 2022, and June 25, 2022. Water will be available for delivery on the first part of the week of June 27, 2022. Irrigators must place their order with their ditchrider 48 hours in advance of delivery.

The starting allocation has not been issued yet by the Bureau of Reclamation. We are expecting the initial allocation will be lower than forecasted. An official allocation will occur when the Bureau Reclamation releases the first storage water to meet irrigation demand. The initial allocation will be based on the water available as of that date and include any water diverted before the allocation. Reclamation will release updates to the allocation weekly after the initial allocation and distribute the gains for that week to each district.

All irrigation deliveries this year will count towards the allocation, including any water received in May. Orders for water will need to be placed 48 hours in advance of any water changes. If an irrigator fails to take his water ordered, the water will be charged against his account until it is removed from the system. The District will go on limit from the beginning of delivery to ensure we can provide water to all users throughout the season. The initial limit will be 1cfs/80. As canals reach capacity, delivery rates will be reduced to .90cfs/80 acres if needed to make the water last as long as possible.

Irrigators are encouraged to manage their irrigation wisely and work with the District to conserve as much water as possible. This season will be another water-short season, but with proper management by both the user and the District, we can provide the water needed to have a successful growing season.

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