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# News Release

## **Pathfinder Irrigation District Announces Inland Lakes Transfer and Early Water Run**

Mitchell, Nebraska: The Pathfinder Irrigation District has begun the transfer of Inland Lakes water from Guernsey Reservoir to Lakes Alice, Winters Creek, and Minatare through the Interstate Canal.

It has been difficult for the District to get ready for the early run. The District's employees have worked hard and many long hours to prepare for the early run. The District anticipates starting deliveries of early irrigation water to its customers around May 23<sup>rd</sup>, depending on the District's ability to get laterals cleaned for delivery and the water demand. Some laterals may start later depending on the District's ability to get the laterals and canals ready. If the need for water is there, we will make deliveries available for 10 to 14 days. Please be patient with the District's employees, for they have worked hard to make this early run possible.

Pathfinder Irrigation District wants to empathize that all water irrigators use during the early run will be charged to the user's accounts. Irrigators should keep in mind also that much of the projected water supply will come from the spring snowmelt and runoff and is not yet accounted for in the reservoirs. With the current forecast put out by the Bureau of Reclamation, the District is expecting to have water available for 75 to 80 days. Should conditions change, the District will adjust its plans accordingly. Because the water supply is allocated, irrigators are encouraged to work with the District to manage and conserve as much water as possible. With conservative management, we can stretch the supply out.

Information concerning water operations can also be found on the District's website at [www.pathfinderirrigation.com](http://www.pathfinderirrigation.com).