

Pathfinder Irrigation District – 2025 Water Outlook Update

On April 9, 2025, I attended the Yonts Water Conference, where the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) delivered a detailed presentation on the water supply forecast for the 2025 irrigation season.

The forecast is developed using a 30-year average of snowmelt behavior, combined with anticipated precipitation. As with any forecast, the actual outcome may vary depending on how the snowpack melts and what additional moisture we receive. Historically, final results tend to fall somewhere between the best- and worst-case scenarios presented.

At this time, based on the BOR's current data, there is *no indication of an allocated water year* for the Pathfinder Irrigation District. However, if the snowmelt comes in at the lower end of projections, there remains a possibility of allocation. Should that occur, it would likely result in only a modest reduction below the levels of a typical non-allocated year.

It is important to focus on factual, up-to-date information. I encourage all water users to avoid giving weight to rumors or speculation that may be circulating informally. We are committed to keeping you informed with accurate, timely updates as conditions evolve.

With the near-normal carryover storage from last year and near-normal snowpack levels in the mountains, we are currently positioned for what appears to be a near-normal water supply for the 2025 irrigation season.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you have questions or would like to review the data and slides presented by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Sincerely,

Rick Miller
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Guernsey Reservoir Outflow / Demand

Water Year	Outflow (acre-feet)	30-yr Average Outflow (acre-feet)
2020	1,260,000	1,099,800
2021	889,400	1,098,600
2022	879,600	1,102,800
2023	890,100	1,101,600
2024	1,131,870	1,103,740



Current Ownership Conditions

As of April 6, 2025

Ownership	Content (AF)	% of Full
North Platte*	639,359	57
Kendrick	819,283	68
Glendo	125,401	73

*Includes:

Pathfinder 597,242 AF + Guernsey 42,117 AF.



2025 Expected Water Supply Summary

No allocation expected at this time.

Trigger for allocation:

Forecasted Supply less than (<) 1,100,000 AF.

Forecasted Supply was 1,364,035 AF as of April 1.

North Platte River Basin Above Seminole April 1st April – July Runoff Forecast



Wyoming SNOTEL

Percent NRCS 1991-2020 Median

