

# **REPORT OF WATER ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES IN NEBRASKA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008**

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January 3-25, 2008

Seventeen (17) closing notices were issued to water users that failed to comply by reporting their required annual water reports. These are to be filed by December 31 of each year. These water users were not allowed to divert water during the 2008 calendar year.

May 28, 2008.

Letters were sent to all surface water users notifying them that if Harlan County Reservoir contains more than 130,000 acre-feet of surface water, then appropriations with a priority date junior to February 26, 1948, that are located between Harlan County Reservoir and the Guide Rock Diversion Dam will be allowed to pump the natural flow to the extent that natural flow is available.

June 26-30, 2008

Two notices (pump schedule) were sent to water users notifying them that they were not allowed to divert water in excess of the amount given in their appropriation without prior consent.

July 2-3, 2008

Regulating notices were sent to all water users notifying them that they were not allowed to divert water in excess of the amount given in their appropriation without prior consent.

Totals for the canals listed in regulation notices:

Courtland Canal = 15.92 CFS

Superior Canal = 45.26 CFS

Franklin Pump Canal = 16.92 CFS

Naponee Canal = 15.72 CFS

Franklin Canal = 94.11 CFS

Red Willow Canal = 29.97 CFS

July 3, 2008

Seven (7) closing notices were issued to water users stating that they shall not divert water until further notice.

August 9, 2008

Seven (7) opening notices were issued to water users previously ordered closed. The letters again stated that the water user may not divert water in excess of their appropriated amount without prior consent.

August 14, 2008

A notice was given to cease and desist storing and retaining all water in Hayes Center Lake located on Red Willow Creek because the outlet works are unsecure, which allows for unauthorized adjustments to the storage content.

October 17, 2008

Letters were sent to all water users notifying them that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's October 2008 estimate for the 2009 irrigation water supply from Harlan County Reservoir is greater than 130,000 acre-feet.

November 18, 2008

Letters were sent to all water users reminding them that they had to report by December 31 of each year the amount of water diverted and the acres irrigated. The reporting forms were included with the letter.