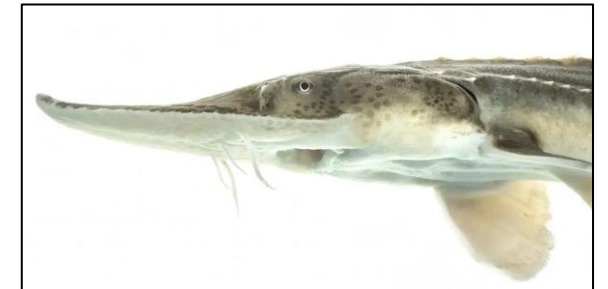


Release Requirements for Threatened and Endangered Species

- Required by Endangered Species Act through FERC License
- Whooping Cranes, Least Terns, Piping Plovers, and Pallid Sturgeon
- Minimum Diversion Requirements
 - Wintertime Flows at NPPD Keystone and CNPPID North Platte Diversions
 - Required Outflows Vary with Water Supply
- Environmental Account
 - Under Control of US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Receives Ten-Percent of Winter Inflows



2026 Water Year FERC Mandated Outflows

- Winter Outflows
 - 147,225 af
 - More than Half of all Natural Flow Outflows for the Year
 - Includes Both FERC Requirements and NPPD Winter Operations
- Environmental Account Release
 - 93,066 af

Total McConaughy Outflow



9/30/2026



Daily Releases

YTD Releases

782,748.6 AF

● Natural Flow ⓘ

252,035.4 AF

● Storage Water ⓘ

437,647.38 AF

● Environmental Account ⓘ

93,065.82 AF

FERC – Water Requirement

- Minimum Diversion Requirements

Lake McConaughy Winter Release Requirements							
Year Type	Condtion Criteria		Keystone Diversion Dam		CNPPID Diversion Dam Flows, cfs		
	Oct 1 Mac Storage, AF	Oct 1 AF + Predicted Oct thru Apr inflows	Dates	Min Average Flow	Dates	Min	Avg
Very Wet		greater than 2.1 MAF	Oct 1 - March	700-875	Oct 1 - Nov 15	1000	1600
					Nov 16 - Feb 14	800	1000
					Feb 15 - Irr Season	1100	1400
Wet	Equal to or exceeds 1.5 MAF	Between 1.85 MAF to 2.1 MAF	Oct 1 - March	700	Oct 1 - Nov 15	900	1200
					Nov 16 - Feb 14	800	1000
					Feb 15 - Irr Season	1000	1240
Transitional	Between Wet and Dry	Between Wet and Dry	Oct 1 - March	450-900	Oct 1 - Nov 15	900	1000
					Nov 16 - Feb 14	800	950
					Feb 15 - Irr Season	850	1100
Dry	Less than 800,000 AF	less than 1.55 MAF	Oct 1 - March	250-700	Oct 1 - Nov 15	700	900
					Nov 16 - Feb 14	700	850
					Feb 15 - Irr Season	800	800
Very Dry	Less than 650,000 AF	>2.1 MAF	Oct 1 - March	250	Oct 1 - Nov 15	NA	NA
					Nov 16 - Feb 14	NA	NA
					Feb 15 - Irr Season	NA	NA
Notes:	There are storage and release goals in each condition.						
	There are many provisions that allow for operational flexibility and for flow rates to be modified.						
	Keystone Diverion Dam and CNPPID Diversion Dam requirements are independent of each other and each must be met.						

