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APPENDIX B

PROJECT LANDS AND WATERS
DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL USE

***THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FERC PROJECT NO. 1417***

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Article 421 requires that the LSMP address public recreation uses within the Project, including a designation of lands and waters that may be used for certain types of recreation.

Generally, almost all Project lands and waters are available for public recreation. Public recreation within the project includes such things as boating, canoeing, swimming, fishing, hiking, hunting, campgrounds, and recreational vehicles. It should be noted that in some cases these activities may overlap (for example, fishing sometimes takes place from a boat, and canoeing is a specific form of boating). Likewise, some other more specific recreational uses are logically contained within or can be accommodated within these general categories (for example, jet skiing and water skiing can be considered to be a part of boating, bird watching and photography can be accommodated from a boat or while hiking, etc.). While this list is not all inclusive, it is representative of the majority of public recreational uses.

Table B-1 identifies Project lands, shorelines, and waters that are generally designated as available for these public recreational uses¹⁰. Exceptions to this general availability would be those specific cases where such public uses may be restricted for public safety, Project operations, dam safety and security, for resources protections, or where a conveyance for exclusive use has been granted (such as a residential lease).

¹⁰ Article 421 only requires designation for campgrounds, recreational vehicles, fishing, hunting, boating, and canoeing. Central has added swimming and hiking to the designations because of the frequency of such uses within the Project.

Though certain of the Project lands and waters are not specifically designated for certain of the public recreational uses, this does not mean that such uses are necessarily prohibited at those locations. For example, hunting may currently take place in undeveloped portions of Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir, but because of the likelihood for continued residential development in close proximity to the reservoir, a designation for such use would not be appropriate. Similarly, although some hunting might occur along stretches of the canal away from the lakes, it is so infrequent and difficult to monitor or control that it has not been designated for such use.

While these general recreational uses of the Project lands and waters are fairly stable over time, details regarding how such uses are provided (i.e., the locations of access points, what specific facilities provided at different locations, which entities are managing certain recreational sites, etc.) can and do change. A more detailed description of public recreational opportunities throughout the Project is provided in Appendix G, and is updated by Central from time to time as may be warranted.

Table B-1: Project Lands and Waters Designated for Public Recreational Use

Shading Indicates Designated Use.

		Project Lands and Waters								
		Lake McConaughy	Lake Ogallala	Jeffrey Lake	Midway Lakes	Gallagher Canyon	Plum Creek Canyon	Johnson Lake	Other Supply Canal Lakes	Supply Canal other than Lakes
Public Recreational Use	Boating [1] [2]									
	Canoeing [2]									
	Swimming									
	Fishing [2]									
	Hiking									
	Hunting [2]									
	Campgrounds									
	Recreational Vehicles									

1. Boating may be restricted to wakeless boating in some locations for safety or erosion concerns.
2. Though designated, these activities are further controlled and limited by other local, state, or federal regulations.