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News Release

No Drawdown at Supply Canal Lake in August

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) — Due to upstream water supply conditions, the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District does \underline{not} plan to lower water levels at any of its lakes associated with the Supply Canal (including Jeffrey, Midway, Plum Creek and Johnson lakes) in August/September to complete the irrigation season.

Lake McConaughy's elevation has declined only half a foot in July (from elevation 3,263.3 feet on July 1 to elevation 3,262.8 on July 30), largely due to higher than normal inflows during the month, as well as good flows in the South Platte River.

South Platte flows were sufficient to meet many downstream demands, reducing the need for releases from Lake McConaughy, which is situated on the North Platte River.

Lake McConaughy is considered full for operational purposes at elevation 3,265.0 feet.

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