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## **News Release**

(MILLS, Wyo.) - The Bureau of Reclamation has prepared the April snowmelt runoff forecasts and operating plans for the North Platte River Basin.

The April forecasts indicate the spring snowmelt runoff will be below average. Total April through July runoff in the North Platte River Basin above Glendo Dam is expected to be 565,000 acre-feet (af), which is 62% of the 30-year average.

The total conservation storage capacity of the North Platte Reservoir System is approximately 2,815,800 af. As of March 31, 2022, the combined storage content in the North Platte Reservoirs was approximately 1,481,500 af, which is 87% of the 30-year average.

Pathfinder Reservoir is not expected to spill this spring. Based on our current forecasts, an allocation is expected for our North Platte contractors.

Based on these projections, Central anticipates that inflows to Lake McConaughy will be below normal this spring and summer.

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