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**To:** Kenneth Nelson  
**Subject:** RE: Closing notices  
**Attachments:** 20131231\_RRB\_Forecast\_for\_2014\_and\_2024.pdf

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Kenny,

No problem. I do not know the exact status of the Lincoln Co Farms project, but I do understand that it is substantially complete and that they will likely begin to operate it soon. The NRDs are required to provide us specific plans by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, so I should have all of the details by then. In the meantime the upstream reservoirs have begun to release their inflows. These inflows will also be boosted by the operation of the Colorado pipeline, which I believe is slated to begin running very soon as well (at least for one year). I've attached our final forecast for your information. Please let me know if you have any other questions and we will continue to work with you and USBR on the arrangements for Harlan County Lake.

Thanks,  
Jim

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**From:** Kenneth Nelson [<mailto:kbid@courland.net>]  
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Jim,

Thanks for copying me with this. We are working with the Bureau on a WA contract similar to last years. We also desire to put the water the State is providing to beneficial use. We are hopeful for a successful 2014 irrigation season if the necessary arrangements can be worked out and desire to be cooperative to do so.

We are experiencing difficulty in moving water in the winter months. We also have maintenance problems on the canal system that will have to be addressed requiring a dry canal for several weeks. Storage in Harlan is most desirable for our ability to use the compact water.

What is the status of the Lincoln Co Farms project?

Once again thanks for informing us.

Kenny

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Aaron,

You and/or your staff will be receiving closing notices for the Republican River Basin shortly. These notices do not allow for the temporary impoundment of Compact water. I understand from previous conversations that the Bureau would be interested in retaining Compact water in Harlan County Lake this winter and spring and providing that water to the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District this summer, and that you are currently working out the contractual arrangements to be able to do so. Therefore, if/when you have entered into a contract with KBID please let me know and we can review that contract and consider how we may be able to modify the closing notice for Harlan County Lake to facilitate that arrangement. We are extremely hopeful that we can get something in place so that the Compact water can be put to the most beneficial use. Give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Jim

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