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Subject: Forecast of Allowable Depletions in the Republican Basin

Dear NRD Managers:

Pursuant to Nebraska State Statutes 46-715.5 in consultation with the affected Natural Resources Districts the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) is providing an annual short-term and long-term forecast of allowable surface water and ground water depletions to stream flow that will ensure Nebraska in the future will be in compliance with interstate compacts. The short-term is for the year 2008; the long-term forecast is for the year 2018. The estimated forecast is provided for both average and dry conditions, which we have defined as precipitation at the 50th and 35th percentiles, respectively. The estimated allowable depletions are summarized in Table 1:

Table 1. Estimated Allowable Depletions to Stream Flow in the Republican Basin

Scenario	2008 (Acre-feet)	2018 (Acre-feet)
Average Precipitation	270,000	230,000
Dry Precipitation	230,000	200,000

The NDNR appreciates the efforts of your resource districts in working to keep the state compliant with our interstate agreements.

Sincerely,

Ann Bleed
Director

cc: The Nebraska Legislature

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in-box on or about 24 March 2008.

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in a plain manila folder.

James R. Williams
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