



## News Release

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(HOLDREGE, Neb.) -- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will release water reserved in the Environmental Account from Lake McConaughy through April. The water is being released to achieve target flows in the Platte River during the spring migration of whooping cranes, sand hill cranes and other birds. Central's Civil Engineer Cory Steinke said the releases could take up to two feet out of Lake McConaughy.

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Water in the Environmental Account is reserved strictly for FWS use and is not available to the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District for irrigation use. The Environmental Account was established in 1999 and stores water for targeted flows to benefit threatened or endangered species.

For more information, follow this link to see news release from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Plate River Recovery Implementation Program.

<https://www.platteriverprogram.org/PubsAndData/ProgramLibrary/EA%20release%202014%20press%20release.pdf>

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