

**From:** Kenneth Nelson <kbid@courtland.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2013 1:05 PM  
**To:** Dunnigan, Brian; Schneider, Jim; Bradley, Jesse  
**Cc:** David Barfield; Thompson, Aaron M  
**Subject:** FW: Excess Capacity Water

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Just to inform you, we have given the BOR orders to release all the compact water by 12-19 assuming the flows will be manageable in the river and canal. We intend for the flow at Guide Rock to be natural flow unaffected by releases by the 23<sup>rd</sup> which is our last day to work this year.

This water is very beneficial to us in Lovewell. We are upset that we had to purchase from the BOR practically all the water you furnished to Kansas through Harlan County. I don't believe that was your intent. I also don't like all this ice. Just another stage of water to deal with I guess.

Kenny Nelson

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**From:** Kenneth Nelson [<mailto:kbid@courtland.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 8:26 AM  
**To:** 'Bradley, Jesse'  
**Subject:** RE: Excess Capacity Water

Jesse,

Please inform the team that we have completed our repairs of the lining and started water in the Courtland Canal on Friday, took a release on Saturday and increased it on Sunday. We are currently releasing 100 cfs and will not likely increase until that until next weekend whereas we are closed on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Kenny Nelson

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**From:** Bradley, Jesse [<mailto:jesse.bradley@nebraska.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2013 7:31 AM  
**To:** Thompson, Aaron  
**Cc:** Craig Scott; Schneider, Jim; Kenneth Nelson; Mike Delka  
**Subject:** RE: Excess Capacity Water

Aaron,

The meeting in McCook did represent the new projections. Keep in mind that many inputs have changed since we met in October. Those changes would include a new groundwater model run, updated streamflows through November 15<sup>th</sup>, updated Fed reservoir evap, updated Federal canal diversions and deliveries, updated estimates of small canal and small pumper use, release of 13,025 acre-ft of the Compact water in Harlan, and more. The forecast presentation is on the website at the following link:

<http://dnr.ne.gov/IWM/Presentations/BradleyPreliminaryForecastPresentation20131120grayscale.pdf>

Jesse

**From:** Thompson, Aaron [<mailto:athompson@usbr.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2013 9:07 AM  
**To:** Bradley, Jesse  
**Cc:** Craig Scott; Schneider, Jim; Kenneth Nelson; Mike Delka  
**Subject:** Fwd: Excess Capacity Water

Jessie, please see the attached letter from Kansas Bostwick. We appreciate you making it out to McCook for your forecast presentation at yesterday's meeting. After talking with Kansas Bostwick this morning we have some follow-up about the "Compact Water" currently stored in HCL. As we discussed in our last meeting in Lincoln the DNR was going to need about another 20,000 acre feet of water to cross Guide Rock by the end of the year. The projections at that time required the remaining "Compact Water" in Harlan County to be released by the end of the year. I'm sure you have noticed that the stream flow below HCL has picked-up since then and you indicated yesterday that you had updated your projections. It looks like with the additional stream flow we will be able to meet that 20,000 acre foot target without releasing all of the remaining "Compact Water" in HCL. I realize it will still require the majority of "Compact Water" to be released to meet this target, but any water that is not released (even if a small amount) would be preferred by both the Kansas and Nebraska Bostwick irrigation districts. As indicated in the letter from Kansas Bostwick they are seriously considering purchasing that water, but any water that could remain would be their preference. So to keep as many options on the table as possible, does the State of Nebraska's have updated projections on the amount of "Compact Water" from HCL that needs to be released prior to the end of the year? At the meeting in Lincoln, you had indicated that you would have new projections available by mid-November which would incorporate estimates of use based on groundwater pumping estimates. Can you provide those updated projections? Also were you able to get with the attorneys on my request to provide us with a copy of the spreadsheets you used during our meeting in Lincoln?

Please provide these updates by COB tomorrow, so that Kansas Bostwick can deliberate on their needs prior to calling for any releases.

Aaron

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**From:** Kenneth Nelson <[kbid@courtlund.net](mailto:kbid@courtlund.net)>  
**Date:** Thu, Nov 14, 2013 at 10:04 AM  
**Subject:** Excess Capacity Water  
**To:** "Thompson, Aaron M" <[AThompson@usbr.gov](mailto:AThompson@usbr.gov)>  
**Cc:** David Barfield <[David.Barfield@kda.ks.gov](mailto:David.Barfield@kda.ks.gov)>, "Dunnigan, Brian" <[brian.dunnigan@nebraska.gov](mailto:brian.dunnigan@nebraska.gov)>, "Scott, Craig D" <[CScott@usbr.gov](mailto:CScott@usbr.gov)>

Aaron,

The attached letter is being mailed to you today.

