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## **NATRONA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



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## **PLATTE RIVER WILL BE HIGHER THAN PREDICTED**

The Natrona County Emergency Management Office would like to inform the public of the following updated information in regards to the North Platte River.

**All of Natrona County will be under a Flood Watch beginning Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM through Friday morning June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

- Current releases from Grey Reef are at 6,550 Cubic Feet per Second (CFS)
- Pathfinder Reservoir is flowing over the spillway
- Releases from Grey Reef will be increased this week. The releases will be increased daily as follows;
  - June 2nd to 6850 CFS.
  - June 3rd to 7100 CFS.
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> to 7150 CFS
  - June 7<sup>th</sup> to 7350 CFS
  - June 8<sup>th</sup> to 7500 CFS
  - June 17<sup>th</sup> to 7750 CFS
  - June 21<sup>st</sup> to 8000 CFS
- When the release reaches 8000 CFS, the depth of the river may increase by as much as 1 foot to 1 ½ feet.
- We are predicting that the river may be 1 foot to 1 ½ feet higher than it was last year.
- Precautionary sandbagging operations to protect the Mills Water Treatment Plant and other areas were completed on Tuesday, May 31, 2011.
- The National Guard has **NOT** been deployed in Natrona County. There are **NO evacuations** in Natrona County at this time.
- This is a very dynamic situation. All of the above information may change.

Further information may be found at [www.natrona.net/flood](http://www.natrona.net/flood) or [www.casperwy.gov](http://www.casperwy.gov) or by calling the Natrona County Emergency Management Office at 307-235-9205.

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