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PLATTE RIVER FLOWS WILL BE HIGHER EARLIER THAN EXPECTED.

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

- Current releases from Gray Reef are at 7350 Cubic Feet per Second (CFS)
- The current flow measured in Casper is 7650 CFS with a depth of 7.29 feet.
- Action stage for the Platte River in Casper is 7 feet and flood stage is at 8 feet.
- Pathfinder Reservoir is flowing over the spillway
- Due to the increased runoff, releases from Gray Reef will be increased this week. The releases will be increased daily as follows;
 - This evening, June 6 to 7600 CFS
 - Tuesday Night June 7 to 7800 CFS
 - Wednesday Night June 8 to 8000 CFS
- When the release reaches 8000 CFS, the depth of the river may increase by as much as 1 foot .
- The increase will be present in the Casper area around 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM each day following the releases
- We are predicting that the river may be 1 foot to 1 ½ feet higher than it was last year.
- After meeting with United States Army Corps of Engineers, parts of the sand bag levee at the Mills Water Treatment Plant will be heightened as well as lengthened.
- 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 or www.casperwy.gov or by calling the Natrona County Emergency Management Office at 307-235-9205.

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