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## **Reclamation announces temporary water release using Alcova Spillway for maintenance**

**MILLS, Wyoming** -- The Bureau of Reclamation will temporarily use the spillway at Alcova Dam instead of Alcova Power Plant to make scheduled water releases to the North Platte River. This action is necessary to accommodate scheduled maintenance activities in the power plant. The river flow below Alcova and Gray Reef Dams will continue to be at about 450 cubic feet per second (cfs), as it has been all winter.

This water operation will begin on January 12, and last until the end of March. All releases from Alcova Dam will be stored in Glendo reservoir. When repairs are completed, the releases will again be made through the Alcova Power Plant.

Alcova Dam is on the North Platte River about 35 miles southwest of Casper, Wyoming. The dam forms a reservoir from which water is diverted into Casper Canal for irrigation of lands in the Kendrick Project near Casper. Winter releases from Alcova Reservoir generally provide power generation and relocate storage water into Glendo Reservoir for delivery the following spring and summer. Alcova Power Plant is located just downstream of Alcova Dam and has two 20.7 megawatt generating units.

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