

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Preliminary Republican River Basin Forecast (2014)

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Preliminary Accounting Results (2013)

2013 Projection with Management Actions

	Annual Balance		
Year	LRNRD	MRNRD	URNRD
2012	2,610	8,820	2,470
2013 (Projected)	-2,610	-6,160	-2,470
2-Year Balance	0	2,660	0

Preliminary 2013 Accounting

Year	Item	Information Source
Provisional Data for T = 0 (Current Year or Immediate Past Irrigation Season)	Pumping	2012 Pumping
	Surface Water Use	Estimated from preliminary data and previous years values
	Stream flow	Available provisional records end of year estimated
	Evaporation	T – 1 records and provisional data

Estimated 2013 Basin-Wide Balance of approximately -10,940 AF

NRD Annual Balances

(2012-2013)

	Annual Balance		
Year	LRNRD	MRNRD	URNRD
2012	3,542	12,751	4,926
2013 (Preliminary)	-6,670	-6,390	2,120
2-Year Balance	-3,128	6,361	7,046

Includes 2013 management actions and LRNRD/MRNRD agreement

Preliminary Dry-Year Forecast (2014)

Dry-Year Forecast

Year	Item	Information Source
Forecast Year T + 1 (Coming Irrigation Season)	Groundwater Consumptive Use and Imported Water Supply Credit	Average values for T = 0 and T - 1
	Surface Water Consumptive Use	Colorado: Average of T - 1 and T - 2 use Kansas: + (.1858 x HCL content) + 9,575 Nebraska: - (4x10 ⁻⁷) x (NE lake volume) ² + (0.52) x (NE lake volume) - 42,000
	Streamflow	(5-year average of state line flows) x 0.41 + 0.23 x HCL content - 27,450

Estimated 2014 Basin-Wide Balance of approximately -32,400AF

Guide Rock Annual Balances

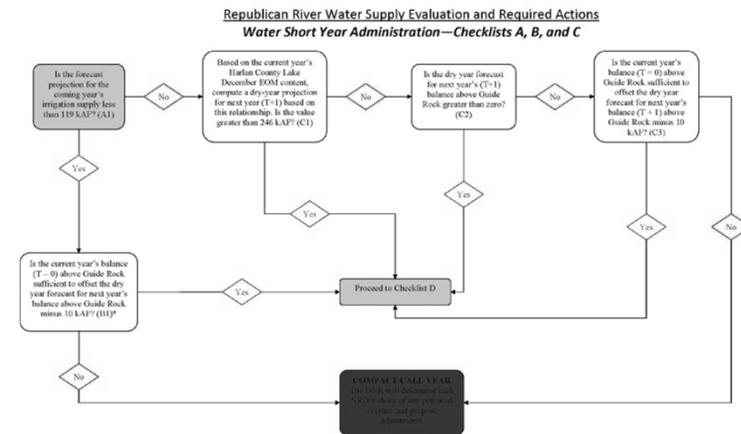
Year	Guide Rock
T = 0 (2013)	-10,940 (preliminary)
T = + 1 (2014)	-32,400 (forecast)
Forecast Balance	-43,340

Compact Call Year Evaluation (Checklist A.)

Is the forecast projection for the coming year's irrigation supply less than 119 kAF?

YES

Proceed to Checklist B.



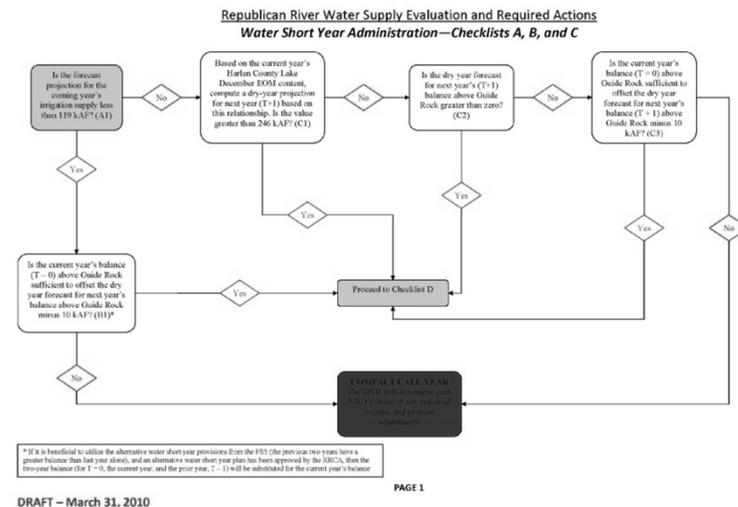
* If it is beneficial to utilize the alternative water short year provisions from the PFS (the previous two years have a greater balance than last year above), and an alternative water short year plan has been approved by the SRCA, then the previous balance (for T-0, the current year, and the prior year, T-1) will be substituted for the current year's balance.

Compact Call Year Evaluation (Checklist B.)

- Is the current year's balance ($T = 0$) above Guide Rock sufficient to offset the dry year forecast for next year's balance above Guide Rock minus 5 kAF?

NO

Compact Call Year is Forecasted.



Forecasted NRD Specific Balances

NRD Annual Balances

(2013-2014)

Year	Annual Balance		
	LRNRD	MRNRD	URNRD
2013 (Preliminary)	-6,670	-6,390	2,120
2014 (Forecast)	-13,100	-3,850	-15,450
2-Year Balance	-19,770	-10,240	-13,330

Includes 2013 management actions and LRNRD/MRNRD agreement and Riverside credit to MRNRD for 2014 and debit to LRNRD

Summary

- ❑ Preliminary 2013 accounting balance, approximately -10,940 ac-ft
- ❑ Preliminary Dry-year forecast balance currently forecasted at approximately -32,400 ac-ft
- ❑ Total Projected shortfall for 2013-2014 of 43,340 ac-ft
- ❑ Based on the preliminary forecast, the IMP checklist indicates that a Compact Call Year will be in place in 2014

Next Steps

- ❑ Each NRD will take actions to achieve a zero balance or in the alternative wells located in the rapid response will be curtailed
- ❑ The Department will issue an order and closing notices to all surface water natural flow appropriations as well as closing notices to prevent additional storage of waters until such time as Compact compliance is ensured
- ❑ The Department will complete its final forecast prior to January 1, 2014

Thank you

Questions?



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