

Summary of Lower Platte, Elkhorn, and Missouri Rivers

Initial Ice Report 1/18/2026 through 1/24/2026:

On January 22, 2026, an ice jam was reported on the Loup River at Columbus upstream of the Highway 81 bridge.

Platte River

PM7 - Douglas County

Submission Date: 1/21/2026 10:22:27 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 10 ft

Air Temperature (F): 24 °F **Percent of Channel Open:** 50%

Wind Speed (mph): NW 10 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:**

Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

Platte/Elkhorn River

E1 - Sarpy County

Submission Date: 1/21/2026 10:14:54 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 10 ft

Air Temperature (F): 23 °F **Percent of Channel Open:** 100%

Wind Speed (mph): NW 10 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:** Frazil Slush

Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

Elkhorn River

PM6 - Douglas County

Submission Date: 1/21/2026 10:19:01 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 20 ft

Air Temperature (F): 10 °F **Percent of Channel Open:** 10%

Wind Speed (mph): NW 24 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:** Frazil Slush

Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

Platte River

LS2 - Cass County

Submission Date: 1/23/2026 8:28:45 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 4.7 ft
Air Temperature (F): 1 °F **Percent of Channel Open:**
Wind Speed (mph): NE 8 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:**

Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

Froze solid except for some little pockets of water. 95 percent frozen. LPs NRD Alex Lautenschlager



Platte River

LS1 - Saunders County

Submission Date: 1/21/2026 2:41:22 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 4.9 ft
Air Temperature (F): 28 °F **Percent of Channel Open:**
Wind Speed (mph): S 9 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:**

Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

Ice covered most of the waterway but there was evidence of ice breakup on edges of bank



Elkhorn River

PM2 - Douglas County

Submission Date: 1/21/2026 10:20:44 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 15 ft
Air Temperature (F): 24 °F **Percent of Channel Open:** 100%
Wind Speed (mph): NW 10 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:** Frazil Slush

Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

Elkhorn River

PM3 - Douglas County

Submission Date: 1/21/2026 10:24:04 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 10 ft
Air Temperature (F): 24 °F **Percent of Channel Open:** 50%
Wind Speed (mph): NW 10 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:**
Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

Platte River

LS2 - Cass County

Submission Date: 1/20/2026 9:38:27 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 4.8 ft
Air Temperature (F): 28 °F **Percent of Channel Open:**
Wind Speed (mph): S 10 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:**

Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

Water is flowing through channel mostly on the south side of the channel. NRD, Cole Demuth, 402-432-5732



Platte River

PM4 - Douglas County

Submission Date: 1/21/2026 10:17:02 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 10 ft
Air Temperature (F): 24 °F **Percent of Channel Open:** 10%
Wind Speed (mph): NW 10 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:** Frazil Pans
Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

Platte River

LS1 - Saunders County

Submission Date: 1/23/2026 8:07:36 PM **Feet Less Than Bankfull:** 4.7 ft

Air Temperature (F): 3 °F **Percent of Channel Open:**

Wind Speed (mph): NE 8 m.p.h. **Type of Moving Ice:**

Ice Jam Initial Condition:

Additional Comments

This area is frozen solid with a 15 foot wide channel through the center. Lower Platte south Alex Lautenschlager

