

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF NONUSE
OF SURFACE WATER APPROPRIATION A-13731**

WATER DIVISION 2-F

1. Department records show that Surface Water Appropriation A-13731 is held by **Darrell Hoelsing**.
2. Appropriation A-13731 has a priority date of **August 12, 1975**, and authorizes use of water for irrigation on **120 acres**, described below. Water may be diverted from **Antelope Creek** at a point of diversion located on the left bank of the stream in the **SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 33 North, Range 01 West of the 6th P.M. in Cedar County**. The maximum diversion rate shall not exceed **1.72 cubic feet** per second (cfs).

Township 33 North, Range 01 West of the 6 th P.M. in Cedar County		Acres
Section 25:	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	2
Section 26:	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	40
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	20
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	34
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	10
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>14</u>
TOTAL		120

3. Based on information received and records reviewed, the Department has determined that Appropriation A-13731 has not been used for irrigation for **more than five consecutive years**, as required by Nebraska law.
4. At this time, the Department is unaware of any sufficient cause for nonuse under **Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-229.04**.
5. Pursuant to **Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-229.02**, this Notice serves as preliminary notification that Appropriation A-13731 will be **cancelled** unless this determination is successfully contested.
6. Landowners with a legal interest in the land under this appropriation may:
 - A. Take no action. If no response is received by the deadline, the Department will proceed with cancellation of Appropriation A-13731.

B. Contest this determination by submitting the enclosed **contest form** to the Department's Lincoln office (245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68521) no later than **January 8, 2026. No filing fee is required.**

7. Enclosed with this Notice are:

- Copy of applicable statutes (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 46-229 to 46-229.05)
- Blank contest form
- Report of Field Investigation (basis for this determination)
- Partially completed Full Relinquishment of a Surface Water Appropriation form

8. Additional information about cancellation laws can be found at the Nebraska Legislature's website: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws>

9. Questions may be directed to the Department's Permits Section at (402) 471-2186. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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December 9, 2025

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Chief Water Officer

A copy of this Notice was posted on the Department's website. A copy of this Notice was provided to the Department's docket clerk and field office in Norfolk, Nebraska. Copies of this Notice and enclosures were mailed by certified mail to the following:

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