

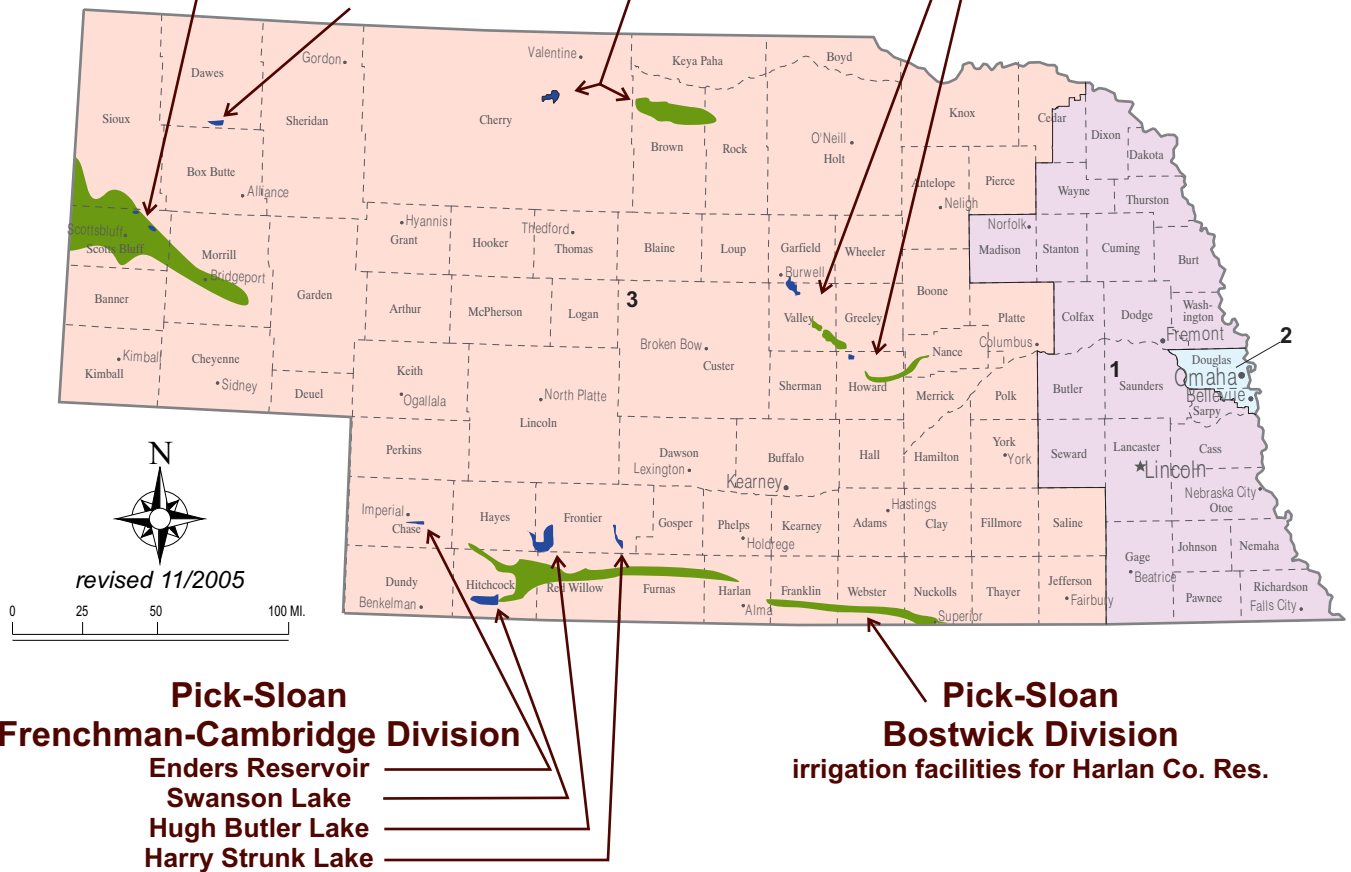
Map of Nebraska Reclamation Projects and Congressional Districts

North Platte
Lake Alice & Lake Minatare
major storage reservoirs in Wyoming
managed by Wyoming Area Office

Mirage Flats
Box Butte Reservoir

**Pick-Sloan
Sandhills Division**
Merritt Reservoir

**Pick-Sloan
North Loup Division**
Calamus Reservoir
Davis Creek Reservoir



**Pick-Sloan
Frenchman-Cambridge Division**
Enders Reservoir
Swanson Lake
Hugh Butler Lake
Harry Strunk Lake

**Pick-Sloan
Bostwick Division**
irrigation facilities for Harlan Co. Res.

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1. Jeff Fortenberry (R)
2. Lee Terry (R)
3. Adrian Smith (R)

Reclamation in Nebraska

The Bureau of Reclamation has an active program in the state of Nebraska. Facilities in the state provide water to over 400,000 acres of farmland which provide about \$170 million worth of crops each year. About one million recreationists use Reclamation reservoirs in the state each year.

Reclamation's work in Nebraska began soon after the agency was created in 1902. Studies were started in 1903 and construction began in 1905 on the North Platte Project which includes facilities in both Nebraska and Wyoming. The North Platte Project is managed by the Wyoming Area Office in Mills, Wyoming.

Following construction of the North Platte Project, the Mirage Flats Project in the northwest corner of the state was built in the 1940's. Work followed on five divisions of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program (see "What We Do," page 7) which were built over a 40-year period. The first was the Frenchman-Cambridge Division in the southwestern part of the state which includes four storage dams along Frenchman Creek and the Republican River. Next came the Bostwick Division just downstream.

Work on the Middle Loup Division in the north central part of the state commenced in 1955 and continued into the 1960's. Title to facilities of the Middle Loup Division was transferred to the Middle Loup Reclamation District November 22, 2002 by the Bureau of Reclamation. The transfer was authorized by Public Law 106-366, enacted on October 27, 2000.

The Sandhills Division of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin

Program is near the confluence of the Snake and Niobrara rivers. The last Reclamation project built in Nebraska was the North Loup Division along the Loup and North Loup rivers.

With the exception of the North Platte Project, the Reclamation projects in Nebraska are managed by the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Reclamation projects in Nebraska are managed by two area offices.

The Wyoming Area Office is responsible for the North Platte Project which is provided water from reservoirs in Wyoming and the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office manages six other projects or units of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program.



Trenton Dam and Swanson Reservoir.

Reclamation Project / Unit	State	Date Authorized	Reservoir Names	Storage Dam Storage Dam Names	Project Flood Benefit through 2006 (\$1000)	Diversion Facility Names	Number of Pumping Plants	Irrigated Acres
North Platte Project*	WY / NE	1903/25	Guernsey Reservoir *	Guernsey Dam *	see Wyoming data	Whalen Diversion Dam *	0	see Wyo. data*
			Lake Alice 1	Lake Alice Dams 1 and 1.5	0	Horse Creek Diversion Dam*		
			Lake Alice 2	Lake Alice Dam 2	0	Dry Spotted Tail Div. Dam		
			Lake Minatare	Minitare Dam	0	Tub Springs Creek Div. Dam		
			Pathfinder Reservoir *	Pathfinder Dam and Dike *	see Wyoming data			
Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program (P-S)								
P-S Frechman-Cambridge Division	NE	1944	Enders Reservoir	Enders Dam & Dike	3,281	Culbertson Diversion	-	66,161
			Harry Strunk Lake	Medicine Creek Dam	5,037	Red Willow Creek Diversion		
			Hugh Butler Lake	Red Willow Dam	2,665	Bartley Diversion		
			Swanson Lake	Trenton Dam	19,157	Cambridge Diversion		
P-S Bostwick Division (Franklin, Superior-Courtland, Courtland)	NE / KS	1944				Superior-Courtland Diversion	1	22,935
P-S Middle Loup Division (Farwell & Sargent)	NE	1944	Sherman Reservoir	All project facilities were transferred to the respective irrigation districts 11/22/2002.				
Mirage Flats	NE	1940	Box Butte Reservoir	Box Butte Dam	n/a	Mirage Flats Diversion Dam		11,262
P-S Sandhills Division (Ainsworth)	NE	1954	Merritt Reservoir	Merritt Dam	n/a		-	34,539
P-S North Loup Division	NE	1972	Calamus Reservoir	Virginia Smith Dam	n/a	Kent Diversion Dam	2	32,216
			Davis Creek Reservoir	Davis Creek Dam	n/a			20,784
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NEBRASKA TOTALS			10 reservoirs	12 storage dams & 1 dike	\$ 30,140 flood benefits	9 diversion dams	3 pump plants	187,897 acres*

* The North Platte Project extends into Nebraska and is managed by the Wyoming Area Office. Facilities marked * are in Wyoming and a portion of the statistics associated with them are accrued from Nebraska.

More than 200,000 acres of irrigation in Nebraska is supplied by Reclamation storage reservoirs in Wyoming.

** Reclamation administers irrigation from Harlan County Lake (built by the Corps of Engineers) as part of the Bostwick Unit.

n/a indicates that there is no flood control assigned to the project and the Corps of Engineers does not compute flood benefits.

Definitions: A dam is a significant barrier across a stream to impound and/or divert water and has outlet works. A dike is a low embankment along the rim of a reservoir or stream to limit the extent of flooding and has no outlet.



Box Butte (upstream face)



Calamus



Davis Creek (upstream face)



Enders



Lake Alice



Medicine Creek



Merritt



Minitare (upstream face)



Red Willow



Trenton

Images of Great Plains Region Dams in Nebraska