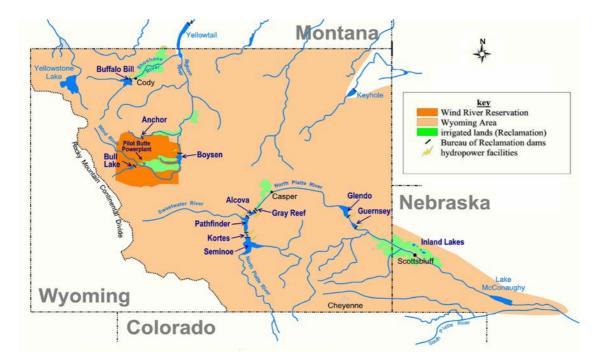


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The Wyoming Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for the operation of Reclamation reservoirs in Wyoming east of the Continental Divide except for Keyhole Reservoir. Four off-stream reservoirs in Nebraska commonly referred to as the Inland Lakes also fall within the Wyoming Area. The North Platte River Basin Reservoirs have a combined storage capacity of 2,800,000 acre-feet. The major reservoirs in the Shoshone and Wind/Bighorn Basins have a combined storage capacity of 1,600,000 acre-feet.



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# Report for July 2015 WATER SUPPLY AND UTILIZATION REPORT NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN WYOMING AREA OFFICE

This report concerns the operation of Reclamation facilities in the North Platte River Basin.

Reclamation defines a water year as the time period of October 1 through September 30. Water year is abbreviated in this report as W. Yr.

Other organizations furnished information for the Water Supply and Utilization Report. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated.

This report is available on the Internet and can be accessed by following these steps:

- 1. Log on to the Great Plains Home Page at: <u>http://www.usbr.gov/gp</u>
- 2. On left side of page Select Water Operations.
- 3. Under Water Operations Select Water Management Information.
- 4. Under Water Management Select Water Supply Report.
- 5. Under North Platte River Basin, select Current Month or reports from the previous 12 months.

## NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN INFLOW

The July inflow was above average for Glendo, and Guernsey Reservoirs.

	(1000 acre-feet										
			July Inflow		July Historical Inflow			Accumulated Inflow (October - July)			
Reservoir		W. Yr. 2015	30 Yr. Avg. ⁵	% of Avg.	W. Yr. 2014	W. Yr. 2013	W. Yr. 2012	W. Yr. 2015	30 Yr. Avg. ⁵	% of Avg.	
Seminoe		93.0	94.3	99	109.8	23.5	25.5	911.2	890.3	102	
Pathfinder	1, 2	-1.9	7.4	N/A	-0.6	2.6	-1.8	83.9	107.2	78	
Glendo	3	3.5	-0.6	N/A	5.2	1.4	-0.5	252.1	194.2	130	
Guernsey	4	4.8	-0.5	N/A	0.0	-0.6	-3.9	69.3	28.7	241	

It is assumed that there is no gain between Seminoe and Kortes Dams. 1

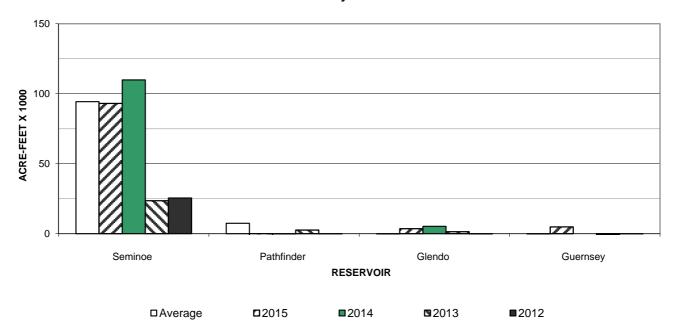
2 River gain between Kortes and Pathfinder Dams.

3 River gain between Pathfinder and Glendo Dams.

4 River gain between Glendo and Guernsey Dams.

5 30 year average. (1985-2014)

### NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN **RESERVOIR INFLOW** July



## NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN OUTFLOW

		(1000 acre-feet									
		July			July			Accumulated Outflow			
	Outflow			His	Historical Outflow			(October - July)			
Reservoir	W. Yr.	30 Yr.	% of	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	30 Yr.	% of		
	2015	Avg. <sup>2</sup>	Avg.	2014	2013	2012	2015	Avg. <sup>2</sup>	Avg.		
Seminoe	85.9	124.4	69	139.7	146.3	81.9	672.2	773.3	87		
Kortes	85.9	124.4	69	139.8	146.4	81.9	672.0	773.1	87		
Pathfinder	102.8	179.9	57	188.9	181.3	211.3	512.1	761.1	67		
Alcova	85.0	159.3	53	170.0	162.5	190.5	478.3	710.1	67		
Gray Reef	84.8	159.1	53	169.7	162.4	190.3	478.1	709.5	67		
Glendo	<sup>1</sup> 192.0	316.3	61	294.7	294.0	311.5	397.9	712.8	56		
Guernsey	227.8	320.7	71	294.2	292.9	307.7	472.3	693.7	68		

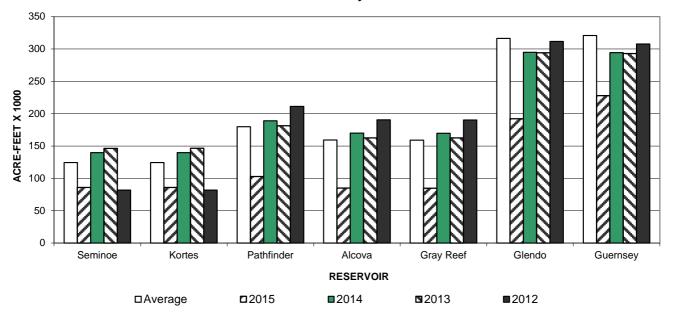
The July outflow was below average for the North Platte Reservoirs.

1 In 1993 an outlet was constructed at Glendo Dam which is used to provide a flow of approximately 25 cubic feet per second, 21 year average (1994-2014).

2 30 year average (1985-2014).

## NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN RESERVOIR OUTFLOW

July



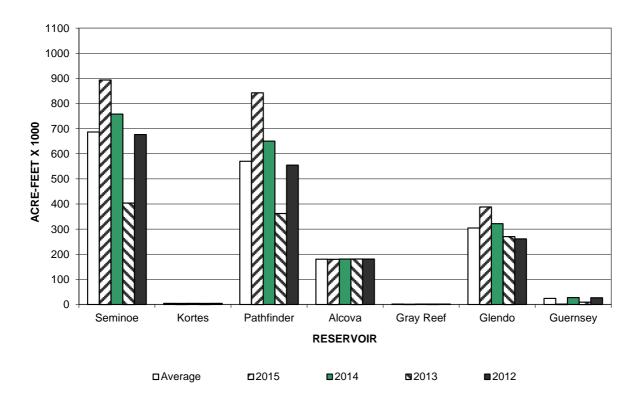
#### NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN RESERVOIR STORAGE

	-							(1000 acre-feet)
	1	otal Storag	e		End of July	/	Total	Percent
		End of July	/	His	torical Stor	age	Conservation	of
Reservoir	W. Yr.	30 Yr.	% of	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	Storage	Capacity
	2015	Avg. <sup>1</sup>	Avg.	2014	2013	2012	Capacity	
Seminoe	894.0	686.5	130	758.1	404.2	676.8	1017.3	88
Kortes	4.7	4.7	100	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	100
Pathfinder	842.8	570.1	148	650.3	362.4	555.1	1070.0	79
Alcova	179.9	180.5	100	181.0	181.1	181.1	184.4	98
Gray Reef	1.2	1.5	80	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	67
Glendo	388.5	304.9	127	321.5	270.2	261.3	492.0	79
Guernsey	1.6	24.6	7	27.5	9.3	26.7	45.6	4
Total	2312.7	1772.8	130	1944.9	1233.6	1707.4	2815.8	82

The July storage was below average for Gray Reef and Guernsey Reservoirs. Guernsey Reservoir was well below average due to the annual silt run being delayed later than usual.

1 Average is based on the 1985-2014 period.

## NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN RESERVOIR STORAGE End of July



#### NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN RESERVOIR STORAGE OWNERSHIP

							(10	000 acre-feet)
	0	wnership of w	ater		End of July		Percent	
		End of July	1	Historical Ownership			Total	of
Ownership	W. Yr.	30 Yr.	% of	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	Storage	Capacity

2014

899.0

869.6

159.3

0.0

2.3

2.0

0.0

12.8

2013

876.3

247.0

104.3

0.0

1.7

2.0

0.0

2.2

2012

1003.6

533.0

157.8

0.0

2.3

2.0

0.0

8.7

Capacity 1201.7

1115.6

171.7

46.0

10.0

2.0

N/A

N/A

96

88

98

0

N/A

100

N/A

N/A

The Kendrick, North Platte, Glendo, Cheyenne and Pacificorp Ownerships were above average for July.

Avg.

128

142

117

N/A

180

111

N/A

35

1 This includes North Platte Guernsey and North Platte Pathfinder.

2015

1152.7

976.5

168.5

0.0

3.6

2.0

0.0

9.4

1

2

3

4

6

Kendrick

Glendo

North Platte

Inland Lakes

Cheyenne

PacifiCorp

WWDC

Other

2 Water stored temporarily in mainstem facilities for later transfer to the Inland Lakes. This table does not reflect that water currently stored in the Inland Lakes.

3 The City of Cheyenne has a storage contract to store water in Seminoe Reservoir by exchange of Upper North Platte Basin water through a system of trans-basin diversions

4 PacifiCorp has a storage contract to store water in Glendo Reservoir for Dave Johnston Powerplant.

5

Avg.

903.5

688.9

144.4

0.0

2.0

1.8

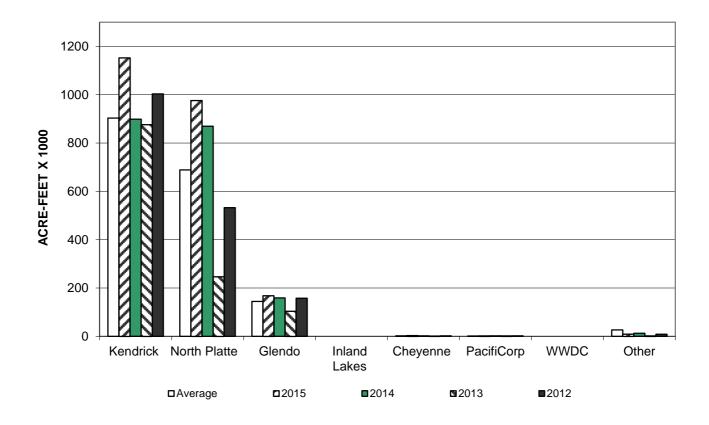
N/A

27.0

5 Average is based on the 1985-2014 period.

6 Water which is captured in the re-regulation space of Glendo in addition to storage rights, operational water account, and replacement of evaporation losses is labeled as "Re-regulation of Natural Flow" per Wyoming Board of Control Order Docket Number I-2000-3-8 in water Division Number One. In accordance with 2015 Natural Flow and Ownership Procedures, the operational account July contain up to 15,000 acre-feet. On July 31, 2015, the Operational account contained 9,420 Acre-feet, and the Re-Regulation space contained 0 Acre-feet.

## NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN OWNERSHIP OF WATER End of July



## INLAND LAKES RESERVOIR STORAGE

				( acre-feet)
	Total	30 Year	Percent of	Total
Reservoir	Storage	Average <sup>₅</sup>	Average	Storage
	End of July			Capacity
Lake Alice	5,800	4,600	126	11,034 <sup>1</sup>
Little Lake Alice	300	<b>300</b> <sup>6</sup>	100	1,166 <sup>2</sup>
Lake Winters Creek	1,300	800 6	163	1,746 <sup>3</sup>
Lake Minatare	46,200	30,300	152	<b>58,795</b> ⁴

1 At Elevation 4182.0

2 At Elevation 4139.0

3 At Elevation 4125.0

4 At Elevation 4125.0

5 30 year average. (1985-2014)

6 24 year average. (1991-2014)

### NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN GROSS GENERATION

								(Energy in g	iga-watt hours)
	July			July			Accumulated Gross Gen.		
	Gr	oss Genera	ation	Histo	Historical Generation			October - J	uly)
Powerplant	W. Yr.	30 Yr.	% of	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	W. Yr.	30 Yr.	% of
	2015	Avg. <sup>2</sup>	Avg.	2014	2013	2012	2015	Avg. <sup>2</sup>	Avg.
Seminoe	12.6	16.9	75	21.5	19.6	9.5	97.0	107.6	90
Kortes	13.8	17.8	78	16.8	24.7	12.4	89.0	112.1	79
Fremont Canyon <sup>1</sup>	30.3	35.0	87	41.5	18.4	22.4	128.1	167.7	76
Alcova	12.1	19.5	62	24.4	23.2	26.7	57.8	92.3	63
Glendo	20.7	21.9	95	23.4	23.6	21.0	40.1	57.0	70
Guernsey	2.3	2.1	110	1.5	1.8	2.0	11.2	11.4	98

1 The powerplant for Pathfinder Dam is Fremont Canyon.

2 Average is based on the 1985-2014 period.



