

**2018 Water & Natural Resources Tour**  
***Organized by the Nebraska Water Center and***  
***The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District***

**Day 1, June 26, 2018**

- 8:00 a.m. **CDT** Assemble at UNL West Central Research & Extension Center, 402 W. State Farm Rd., North Platte. Light breakfast will be available at WCRE. Start presentations at 8:15 a.m. (Begin with introductions of tour personnel.)
- Jason Farnsworth, executive director, Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, overview of PRRIP and recent activity.
- 9:00 a.m. Kelly Bruns, WCRE director, welcome and overview
- Presentations by WCRE staff: Daran Rudnick (TAPS), 308-696-6709; Greg Kruger (wind tunnel and aerial tractor demonstrations) 308-696-6715; Chuck Burr and/or Doug Hallam (308-696-6743) (groundwater transducers, etc.?)
- 11:30 a.m. Depart for South Platte NRD, Sydney
- 12:30 p.m. **MDT** Arrive SPNRD. Lunch delivered by Sonny's Super Foods, 2020 10th Ave., to SPNRD's office. Rod Horn and/or Shelly Gerk will give presentation during lunch (Phone: 308-254-2377).
- 1:45 p.m. Depart Sydney for Cheyenne, Wyo.
- (Comfort stop at the rest area near Pine Bluff, Wyo.)
- 3:45 p.m. Arrive Cheyenne, meet with Harry LaBonde, Wyoming Water Development Commission, 6920 Yellowtail Rd. Phone: (307) 777-7626.
- 4:45 p.m. Depart for lodging at Laramie, Wyo.
- 5:45 p.m. Arrive at Fairfield Inn & Suites Marriott, 1673 Centennial Dr. Phone: (307) 460-2100
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Altitude Chop House & Brewery, 320 S. 2nd St., (307) 721-4031 (Italian buffet dinner).
- Presentation after dinner by Randy Ray, executive director, Central Colorado Water Conservancy District.
- 8:30 p.m. End Day 1

**Day 2, June 27, 2018**

- 7:00 a.m. Depart Fairfield Inn, Laramie.
- 9:00 a.m. Rest stop near Ft. Steele, just east of Sinclair, Wyo.
- 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Sinclair Oil Refinery; stop first at truck-loading facility on northwest edge of Sinclair. Divide into two groups. Contact: Annette Penman, (307) 321-7319.

11:15 a.m. Depart for Seminoe Reservoir.

12 noon Arrive Seminoe State Park recreation area (on N. Red Hills Rd.) for lunch.

1:00 p.m. Arrive Seminoe Dam overlook. Spend about 20 minutes at site.

1:20 p.m. Depart for Fremont Canyon Hydroplant.

2:30 p.m. Arrive Fremont Canyon Hydroplant. Spend 50-60 minutes touring power plant.

3:30 p.m. Depart for Pathfinder Dam.

3:45 p.m. Arrive Pathfinder Dam.

4:45 p.m. Depart Pathfinder Dam for Casper, Wyo.

6:00 p.m. Arrive Sleep Inn & Suites, 6733 Bonanza, Evansville, (suburb of Casper) Phone: (307) 235-3100

7:00 p.m. Dinner at Hilton Garden Inn, 1150 N. Poplar St., (307) 266-1300; Dahlia Meeting Room (2-meat buffet).

8:30 p.m. End Day 2

**Day 3, June 28, 2018**

7:45 a.m. Depart Sleep Inn & Suites  
(Box lunches from The Cottage, 116 S. Lincoln St., Casper, will be delivered to motel by 7 a.m. Phone: (307) 234-1157.

8:00 a.m. Arrive Wyoming Area USBR office, Mills, 705 Pendell Blvd., Phone: (307) 261-5671

9:30 a.m. Depart USBR office

9:45 a.m. Arrive Casper Public Water facility, 1500 SW Wyoming Blvd., Casper.  
Phone: (307) 265-6063. Water Plant Operations Manager Brian Schroeder, cell phone: (307) 277-9297

11:30 a.m. Depart for Glendo Reservoir

1:00 p.m. Arrive Glendo Recreation Area; box lunch at campground  
(View dam and hydro – from outside – after lunch.)

2:00 p.m. Depart Glendo recreation area

3:00 p.m. Arrive Whalen Diversion Dam near Ft. Laramie. Meet Pathfinder Irrigation District Manager Dennis Strauch [office phone: (308) 623-1022; cell phone: (308) 631-0031]; Farmers Irrigation District Manager Kevin Adams [(308) 632-4921]; and Gering-Ft. Laramie Irrigation District Manager Rick Preston, [(308) 436-7144]

4:00 p.m. Depart for lodging at Scottsbluff

5:15 p.m. Arrive Hampton Inn & Suites, Scottsbluff, 301 West Highway 26, (308) 635-5200

- 6:15pm Depart for UNL Panhandle Research & Extension Center, Scottsbluff, 4502 Ave I, Phone: (308) 632-1480. David Ostdiek, communication and technology associate, will meet group upon arrival.
- 6:30 p.m. Barb Cross, North Platte NRD assistant manager, will present in the auditorium. NPNRD phone: (308) 632-2749
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner at Panhandle PR&EC, buffet catered by El Charito. Phone: (308) 632-3534
- 8:30 p.m. End Day 3

**Day 4, June 29, 2018**

- 7:30 a.m. Depart Hampton Inn for irrigation canals east of Minatare on County Road 34 for discussion of return flows from area canals to the North Platte River.
- 7:45 a.m. Arrive canal site near Nine-Mile Creek
- 8:15 a.m. Depart for Chimney Rock National Historic Site, 9822 County Rd 75, near Bayard, Phone: (308) 586-2581
- 8:30 a.m. Arrive Chimney Rock
- 9:30 a.m. Depart for Prairie Winds Community Center in Bridgeport, 428 N Main St., Phone: (308) 262-1825
- 10:00 a.m. Arrive Bridgeport community center for discussion on administration of water in Nebraska with Tom Hayden of NDNR, cell phone: (308) 279-0474.
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch at Bridgeport Community Center, catered buffet by Steel Grill 64 Steakhouse & Bar, 401 N. Main St., Bridgeport, Phone: (308) 262-7100
- 12 noon Depart for Kingsley Dam/Lake McConaughy
- 1:30 p.m. Arrive Kingsley Dam, tour outlet structures (not Kingsley Hydro)
- 2:30 p.m. Depart for North Platte
- 4:30 p.m. CDT Arrive UNL WREC, North Platte, End of Tour