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