



**TO:** PRRIP WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** PRRIP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE  
**SUBJECT:** AUGUST 2021 WAP LEASING AND RECHARGE PROJECTS UPDATE  
**DATE:** JULY 20, 2021

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This document provides a summary of recent activities related to Program water leasing and recharge projects. Unless otherwise specified, reports are based on invoices, data files, or other information provided by the districts.

**CPNRD Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Lease Projects**

Thirty Mile, Cozad, and Orchard-Alfalfa canals

- Groundwater Recharge
  - No recent recharge diversions at CPNRD canals.
- Surface Water Lease
  - The Program signed a one-year agreement to lease up to 15,000 AF from CPNRD at \$90/AF.

**NPPD Groundwater Recharge and Surface Water Lease Projects**

Gothenburg and Dawson County canals

- Groundwater Recharge
  - No recent recharge diversions at NPPD canals.
- Surface Water Lease
  - The Program signed a one-year agreement to lease up to 3,306 AF from NPPD at \$90/AF.

**CNPPID Groundwater Recharge Projects**

Phelps County Canal, Elwood Reservoir, and Cottonwood Ranch

- Groundwater Recharge
  - Phelps: No recent recharge diversions at Phelps County Canal.
  - Cook recapture well: Pumped 140.5 AF between April 20 and June 21.
  - Elwood: Excess flow diversions for recharge between May 19 and June 2, with 50% allocation to the Program. Volume diverted TBD.
  - Cottonwood Ranch: No recent recharge diversions to Cottonwood Ranch.



### **Pathfinder Reservoir**

- **Municipal Account (capacity = 20,000 AF or 1.87% of Pathfinder ownership)**
  - In a letter dated May 19, Wyoming estimated that there would be no water available for the Program to lease this year (this was confirmed again by email on July 12). The volume in the Pathfinder Municipal Account peaked at 11,601 AF on June 12; by July 18, the volume dropped to 11,480 AF due to evaporation losses.
- **Environmental Account (capacity = 33,493 AF or 3.13% of Pathfinder ownership)**
  - The volume in the Pathfinder Environmental Account peaked at 10,072 AF on June 12; by July 18, the volume dropped to 9,975 AF due to evaporation losses. For comparison, 2012-2020 releases from the Pathfinder EA for the Program ranged from 14,471 AF to 33,222 AF, with an average of 27,982 AF.