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## **NATRONA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



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## **PLATTE RIVER WILL BE HIGHER THAN PREDICTED**

The Natrona County Emergency Management Office would like to inform the public of the following updated information in regards to the North Platte River.

- Current releases from Grey Reef are at 6,500 Cubic Feet per Second (CFS)
- Pathfinder Reservoir is flowing over the spillway
- Releases from Grey Reef will be increased on Wednesday June 1, 2010. The releases will be increased daily as follows;
  - June 1<sup>st</sup> to 6850 CFS.
  - June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7200 CFS.
- When the release reaches 7200 CFS, the depth of the river may increase by as much as 1 foot to 1.5 feet.
- We are predicting that the river may be 1 foot higher than it was last year.
- Precautionary sandbagging operations to protect the Mills Water Treatment Plant and other areas will begin on Tuesday, May 31, 2010
- This is a very dynamic situation. All of the above information may change.

Further information may be found at [www.natrona.net/flood](http://www.natrona.net/flood) or [www.casperwy.gov](http://www.casperwy.gov) or by calling the Natrona County Emergency Management Office at 307-235-9205.

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