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Republican River Irrigators Provided Access to Stored Water

On December 23, 2013, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources notified the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that all water being held in Enders Reservoir, Harry Strunk Lake, Harlan County Reservoir, Swanson Lake, and Hugh Butler Lake will be considered legally stored water. The total amount of water being stored in the above-mentioned reservoirs is approximately 14,000 acre-feet.

Department Director, Brian Dunnigan, said, *"I am confident that water required by the Republican River Compact for Kansas' use will cross the state-line by year's end. Thus, we will be able to make available excess water that remains in Nebraska's Republican River Basin reservoirs. This stored water should benefit Nebraskans in the upcoming growing season."*

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