

Enders Lake water release began Thursday

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The Frenchman Creek is running higher than normal water levels due to the release of water from Enders Lake. The picture above was taken along Highway 6 east of Enders. The Bureau of Reclamation began releasing water from Enders on Thursday after the Middle Republican NRD purchased the water to satisfy a contract with Kansas. The water is being released at a rate of 150 cubic feet per second.

As of Tuesday morning the water level in Enders Lake was at an elevation of 3,087.1 feet above sea level. The water level has dropped 1.46 feet. The drop can be seen by the Morning Glory pictured below. Bill Peck, a supervisory civil engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation, said he expects release of the total 4,380 acre feet to take approximately two weeks. The release will take Enders Lake down to the bottom of the active conservation pool which is at an elevation of 3,082.4 feet above sea level. The lake level is expected to drop just over six feet. (Photos by Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

