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DATE: November 17, 2025

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MEMORANDUM

To: WY-6040, Casper Control Center

From: WY-4104, Water & Civil Works Branch, Mills WY

/s/ George Finnegan

SUBJECT:

## WATER RELEASE ORDER

NPR 5-26k maintenance bypass

### **GENERAL**

Bypass at Kortes Dam is required to perform maintenance at Kortes Powerplant.

### **SEMINOE POWERPLANT**

Operate Seminole Powerplant as necessary to accommodate the Kortes releases below.

### **KORTES POWERPLANT**

Wednesday November 19, 2025

0700 hours – Begin raising reservoir elevation to commence spill of 630 cfs through the Kortes spillway. Keep reservoir release rate ~630 cfs by further reducing power plant release. Have spill release reach 630 cfs and power plant release shutoff by 0800 hours.

1200 hours or upon completion of maintenance but not before maintenance clearance is released – Lower reservoir elevation to end bypass spilling. Return power plant release to 630 cfs.

Maintain this release until further notice.

At no time is the instantaneous release below Kortes Dam to be less than 500 cfs.



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