

# Nebraska-Kansas Area Office **Missouri Basin Region**



*Red Willow Dam, Nebraska  
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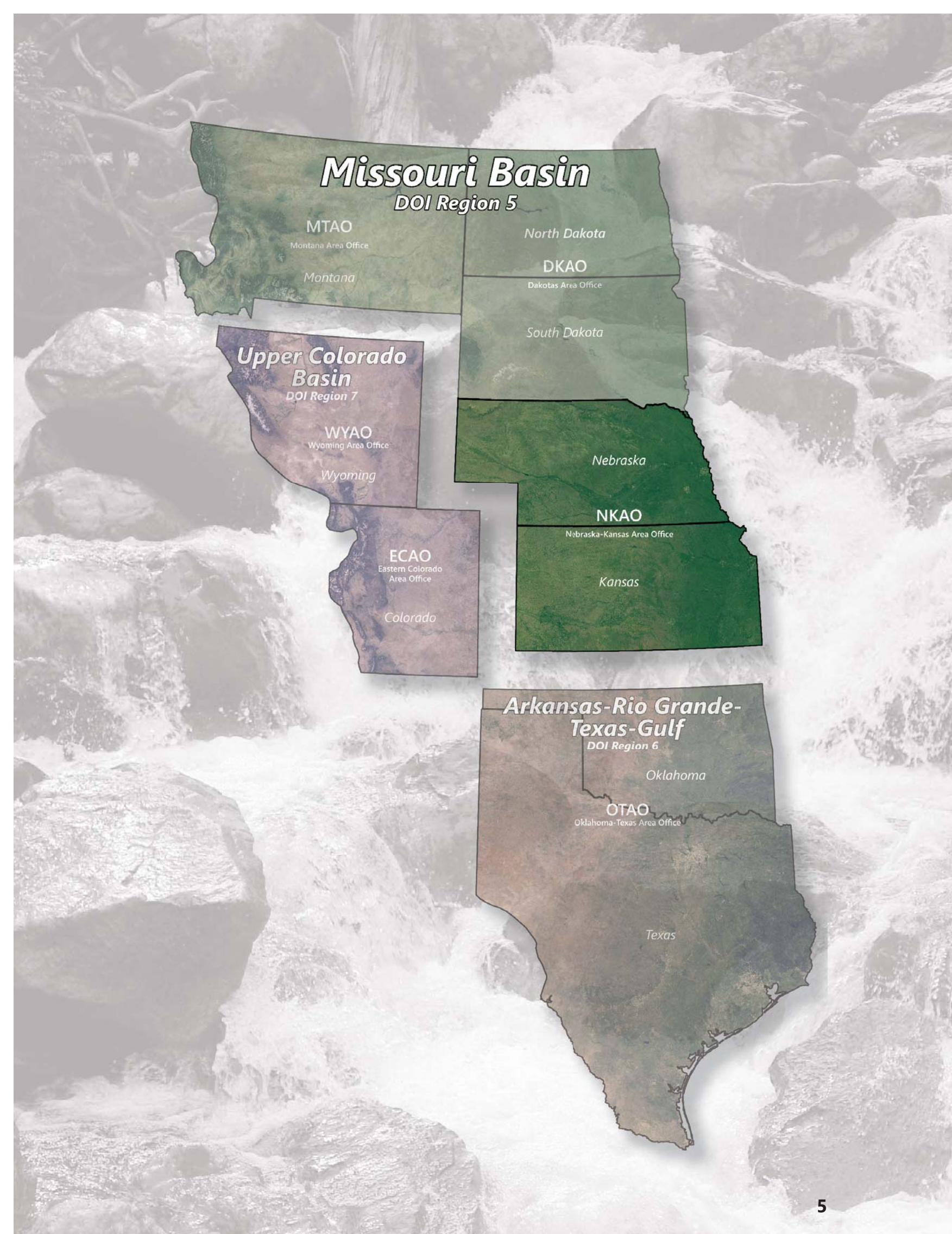
Aaron Thompson represents the Missouri Basin Regional Director with various private, public and government stakeholders, pertaining to the management, development and protection of water and related issues. He carries out these responsibilities with a 45-person employee workforce managing Reclamation projects in Nebraska, Kansas, and a portion of eastern Colorado.

Thompson entered federal service in 2001 as a Mechanical Engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation at Hoover Dam. He later held positions as Facility Manager at Davis Dam, southeast of Las Vegas, Nevada, and as Deputy Area Manager for the Wyoming Area Office. Thompson became the Nebraska Kansas Area Manager in August 2007.

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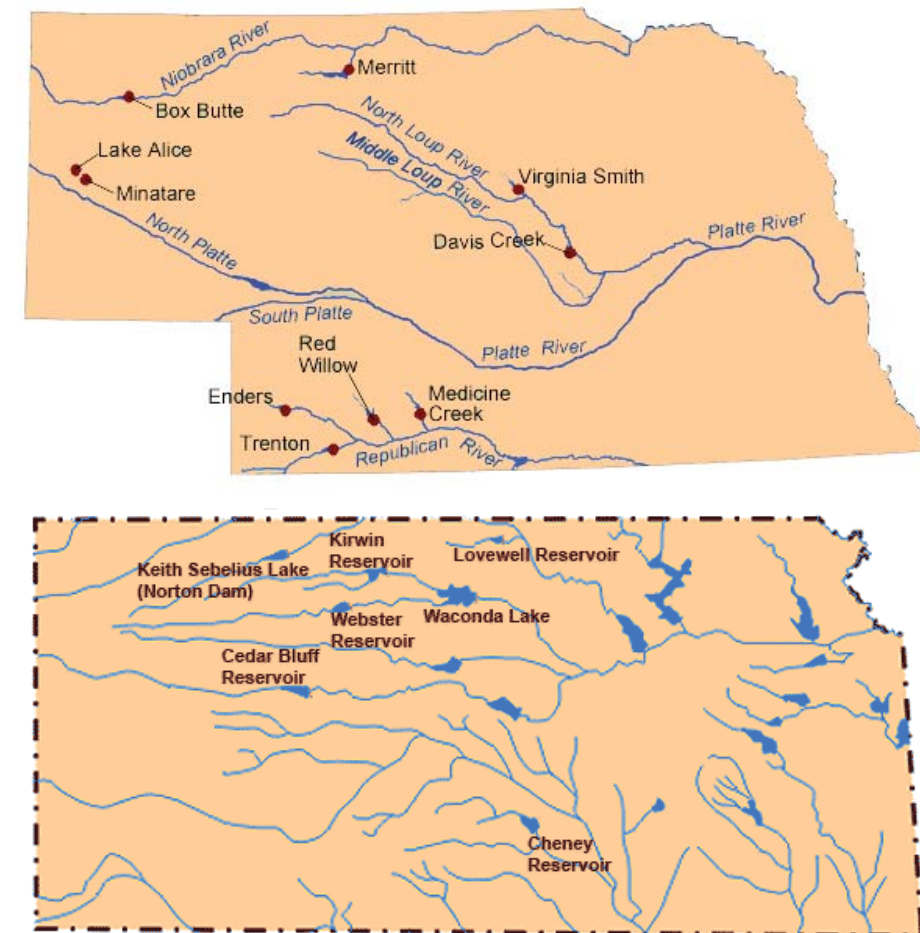
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Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 1998 from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and a Master's in Business Administration in 2005 from the University of Phoenix.





# NEBRASKA-KANSAS AREA OFFICE



The Nebraska-Kansas Area Office (NKAO) is in McCook, Nebraska with a field office in Grand Island, Nebraska. NKAO manages Reclamation projects in Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado. The management area for NKAO includes all of Nebraska, except the North Platte Project Area, the northern portion of Kansas within the drainage basin of the Missouri River, and a portion of northeast Colorado that encompasses Bonny Reservoir.

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Reclamation's work in Nebraska began soon after the agency was created in 1902. Facilities in Nebraska provide water to over 250,000 acres of farmland which provide about \$170 million worth of crops each year.

Located in the country's heartland, Kansas was settled during the late 1880's primarily by farmers. Today, about 95 percent of the state is devoted to agricultural production. Dryland farming was marginally successful, but farmers were soon digging wells and banding together to sink deep wells for irrigation. The Bureau of Reclamation's first involvement in Kansas came in the mid-1940's as projects were started to provide storage for irrigation and to protect the land from devastating floods.

## PROJECTS

## DAMS

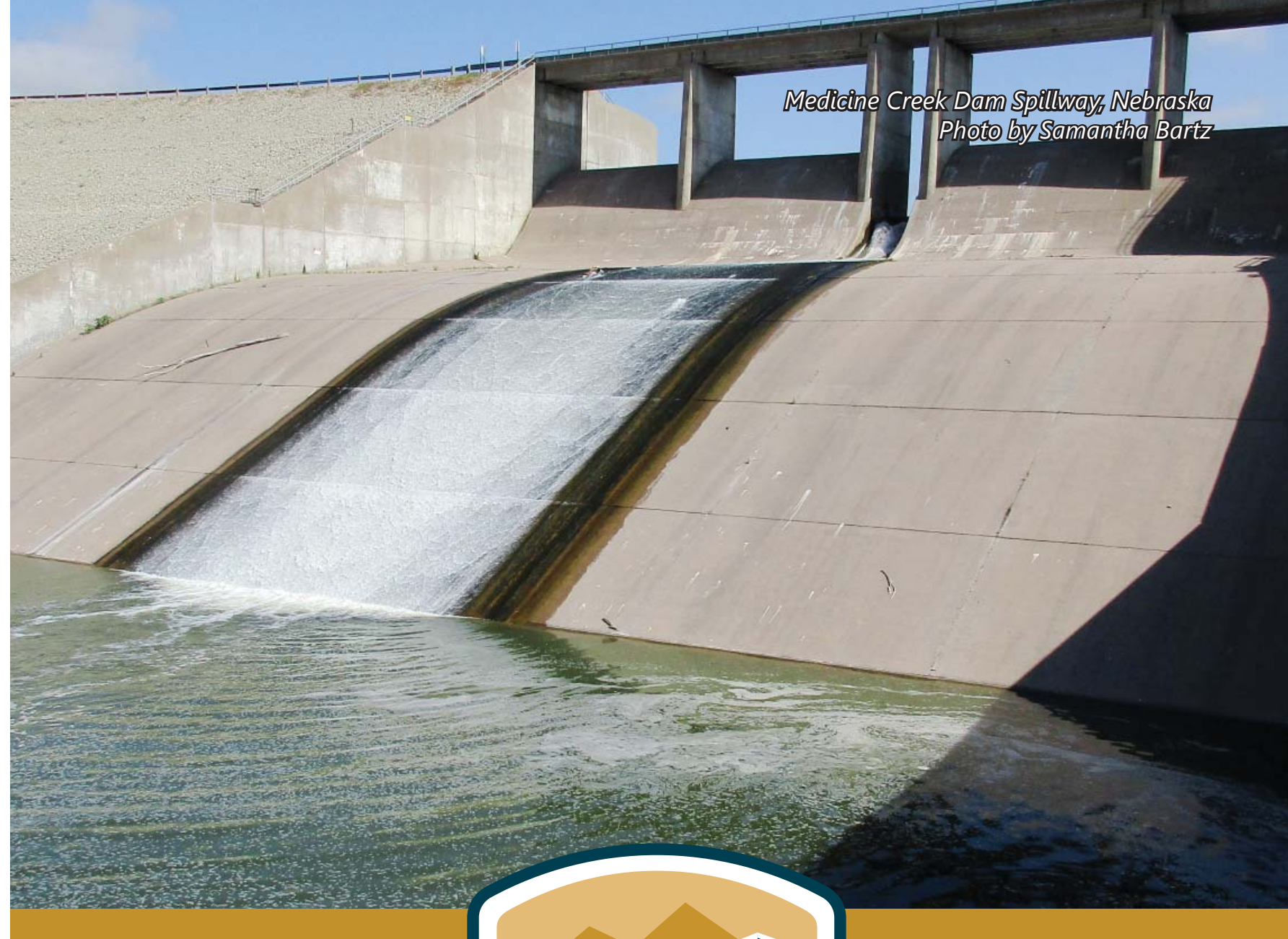
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Ainsworth Unit	Bartley Diversion	Trenton
Frenchman-Cambridge Division	Box Butte	Tub Springs Creek Diversion
Mirage Flats	Cambridge Diversion	Virginia Smith
North Loup Division	Culbertson Diversion	
KANSAS	Davis Creek	
Almena Unit	Dry Spotted Tail Diversion	
Cedar Bluff Unit	Dunlap Diversion	
Glen Elder Unit	Enders	
Kirwin Unit	Kent Diversion	
Wichita Project	Lake Alice No 1	
	Lake Alice No 1 and 1 Half	
	Lake Alice No 2	
	Medicine Creek	
	Merritt	
	Minatare	
	Red Willow Creek Diversion	
	Red Willow Dam	
	Superior Courtland Diversion	

Gloryhole Spillway at Cheney Dam, Kansas  
Photo by Adam Milligan



Glen Elder Spillway, Kansas  
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