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NOTICE OF SHUTOFF ORDER

July 17, 2012

TO:

FROM: GARLAND ERBELE, Chief Engineer
SD DENR Water Rights Program

SUBJECT: Keya Paha River Shutoff Order for Junior Priority Date Water Rights

Shutoff Order for Water Right Nos!

The flows in the Keya Paha River are below 15 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the USGS gaging station at Wewela, SD. Therefore to protect domestic use which includes livestock watering, the department is issuing shutoff orders for the Keya Paha River from the Todd-Tripp county line to the South Dakota-Nebraska border. Effective immediately, no diversions of water from the Keya Paha River is authorized under your Keya Paha River water rights.

Flow in the Keya Paha River has dropped to the point where domestic use of water, which includes livestock watering from the river, has become a concern. This order will be rescinded as soon as conditions improve.

If conditions do not improve, this order will remain in effect until **December 31, 2012**.

The USGS maintains a website where you can view real-time stream flow measurements at several sites along the river, the web address is:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/sd/nwis/rt>

I am asking for your cooperation in complying with this shutoff order. The ongoing drought is creating hardship for all the water right holders along the river.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Rath or Lynn Beck (605- 773-3352) with the Water Rights Program. Thank you.