

Assistant Manager's Report

July 2, 2026

My report is being put together FAR in advance of our July board meeting. I'm taking some time to get a family summer road trip in, probably our last one as a full family, and to take my kids to New England for a couple weeks. With this road trip, we will have visited to Lower 48 (Contiguous 48) as a family, and it will be my second time road-tripping to the states! With record heat anticipated in Philadelphia and New York City, we're not looking forward to navigating the concrete jungles that are unfamiliar to us, but we are looking forward to upstate New York, and Maine!

I will present the 2026 spring static water levels at the board meeting. It shouldn't be any surprise that we continue to see declines, and I will highlight some of our problem areas where we are working on phase management. Spoiler alert, we won't be talking about any changes within the next year, and likely nothing in the following year, however we're on a fuzzy edge of concern that 2028 could be our breaking point, IF current trends continue as they are now. I'll touch on that during the report.

I also will show our first real-time monitoring well is nearly ready to go 'live'. The equipment is installed and we are working with Upper Republican technician Dwain Curtis (former USGS staff) to get everything put together. Dwain spent a day with Pat and I, plus the interns, going over the equipment and software, so we are well trained in what we need to be doing. When I get back from my trip, we will continue installing equipment and bringing new locations online!

Since I'm writing my report so early, I don't have much additional information to share at this time. I look forward to seeing you all after a much anticipated trip and a little time with my family.