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(Neb.)-Chunks Of Ice In Platte River Pose A Flooding Threat



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LINCOLN, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - A hydrologist says local flooding remains a threat along the Platte River in Nebraska.

David Pearson with the National Weather Service said that tons of ice made it through the Ashland and Louisville (LOO'-is-vihl) areas over the weekend, reducing the possibility of ice jams.

But Pearson says "we're not totally out of the woods yet," citing ice upstream of the U.S. Highway 6 bridge near Ashland. This time last year most rivers had little or no ice remaining.

Minor lowland flooding was reported last weekend near North Bend and Schuyler as ice moved down the Loup and Platte rivers.

Pearson also says that because of the deep ground freeze, snowmelt from new storms would just run off into streams, raising the threat of flooding.