



DITCH DIRT

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THE 2021 WATER SEASON IS OFFICIALLY UPON US. HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- A reduced water allotment of 1.5 acre-feet, instead of 2
- 1/2 price water will be available while spilling
- Availability of excess water will be determined at a later date
- A possible shortened season ending mid to late August
- A start-up date around mid-May

CURRENT SNOWPACK AS OF APRIL 15th—91% OF NORMAL

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Make sure to complete your Irrigation Plan, and your 960-acre limitation certification, if you were asked to, as this is necessary before you are able to receive water.
- If you have any delinquent real estate taxes or outstanding invoices owed to GID, please remember that you will not be able to receive water until paid.
- 24 hours required for off orders and 48 for on orders. Cut off time to put in daily water orders is 4 p.m.

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SRWG & NRCS Seek Input for Muddy Creek & Natural Resource Concerns

On April 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Ambulance Barn, the Sun River Watershed Group (SRWG) will be holding a kick-off meeting for the proposed Muddy Creek Master Plan. The first phase of the Plan will be to review and analyze on-going erosion and sedimentation issues, as well as other natural resource concerns along the Muddy Creek drainage in Cascade and Teton counties. A summary report will be prepared and presented later by the SRWG that identifies possible corrective and preventative remediation efforts.

Also, the Teton Conservation District will be joining NRCS at a table for interested parties to identify their resource concerns for Teton County. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), as part of the Montana Focused Conservation efforts, needs local input on identifying and prioritizing resource concerns which can be addressed with future conservation efforts and funding opportunities. This community-led feedback aids NRCS is identifying goals and priorities.

Sun River Watershed Group Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- April 30th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.— SRWG and Lewis & Clark Conservation District are hosting an open house to present Phase II of the Channel Migration Zone project. This report will describe past and projected movement for Elk Creek and includes further analysis of the Adobe Creek reach, which was identified as "high risk" for movement in Phase I last Spring.
- May 24th from 5 to 8 p.m.— SRWG is hosting Suds for the Sun, a Raise-a-Pint event at the Mighty Mo brewery. Mighty Mo will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to SRWG.
- July 10th is the 2021 Weed Whacker Rodeo. Last year's event was scaled back due to COVID, but hope to be back to full-strength this summer! Come help pull weeds in the Sun Canyon, then lunch & prizes.



Manager's Column brought to you by District Manager, Erling A. Juel, P.E.

Last year we experienced a failure of the Pishkun Supply Canal (PSC) within a week of start-up. A patch was applied that allowed us to resume operation with negligible impact to water users. We then developed and prepared a permanent solution that was successfully implemented in the off-season.

Another issue has recently been discovered on the PSC. A portion of the roof section of Tunnel #3 had collapsed over the winter. Tunnel #3, near Tunnel Lake, is 2,200 feet in length, approximately 11 feet in diameter, comprised of unreinforced concrete built in 1913. GID crews are again scrambling to apply a short-term repair that will allow us to use the PSC this season and give us time to design and prepare for a long-term solution.

More O&M Projects Completed this Spring.



New bridge crossing before & after pictures.

After 37 years of service, Richard Schmidt will be retiring from GID. Open House planned for his last day, May 28th. Time and details to be announced in the newspaper. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



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