



North Unit Irrigation District

Water Supply Update

The District anticipates the Crooked River and Deschutes River flows will taper off beginning this week/weekend resulting in insufficient supplies to maintain the delivery system and the drawdown of Haystack Reservoir. As a result of these diminished supplies on Tuesday, September 25 the District will temporarily shut down deliveries to all patrons. Water orders will be taken until Sunday, September 23 for delivery on Monday, September 24.

Minimal flows will remain in the delivery system to keep the system

“primed” but with no deliveries. On Tuesday, October 2 the District anticipates Haystack to be filling/full again, picking up the additional natural flow in the Deschutes River. The District believes this action will allow for another week or more of irrigation. The District will begin taking water orders again on Monday, October 1 with anticipated deliveries on Tuesday, October 2. The District wants to remind patrons that the above operations are subject to ongoing review of supply conditions.

The District can’t emphasize enough that water only be used as necessary and not simply because water remains in a water users account. The District also discourages marketing of water to other patrons who have used their allotment. Everyone’s cooperation is needed to extend the season.

Water supply updates as well as the water turn off date “once determined” for the season will be posted on the District website at: www.northunitid.com

District Industrial Hemp Policy

During the July District board meeting District board members unanimously adopted a new Industrial Hemp Growing and Cultivating Policy. This policy conforms with the 2014 Farm Bill which allows the growth and cultivation of industrial hemp only in accordance with an agricultural pilot program to study the growth, cultivation or marketing of industrial hemp as administrated by the Oregon Department of Agriculture Industrial Hemp Program. District patrons who intend to irrigate industrial hemp using the United States Bureau of Reclamation federal

water must provide a written copy of their current, valid Industrial Hemp Grower Registration to the District office, prior to receiving water. Failure to comply will result in the withholding of District water.

Federal water delivered by the District for purposes of cultivation or propagation of marijuana is not allowed and a violation of the Controlled Substance Act of 1970. The United States Bureau of Reclamation will refer any inconsistent uses of federal resources, including the use of federal water for cultivation of marijuana,

of which it becomes aware to the Department of Justice and coordinate with the proper enforcement authorities.

Fish Relocation

A collaboration of groups will gather together for what has become a yearly effort to save stranded fish in the Deschutes River with the ramp down of water. Since 2014 the fish relocation operation consisting of Deschutes basin irrigation districts and other interested parties has been successfully performed to protect fish.

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Crop Reports

The District's ditchriders have been collecting annual crop information from patrons and waterusers. The ditchriders will be requesting information about the types of crops grown, numbers of acres, population, and total acres irrigated by sprinkler. We would like to thank you for your cooperation with this process and hope you had a productive and successful season.



Canal Right-of-Ways

Title to most of the District's facilities are held in the name of the United States, by the Bureau of Reclamation. These right-of-ways were acquired under "The Reclamation Act of 1902, as amended and supplemented". In some cases the United States holds title to the land itself, but in most cases the United States has an easement or right-of-way for operation and maintenance of canals and laterals.

Please keep in mind before you build any structure, fence, put up a haystack, park equipment, plant trees or vegetation, irrigation lines, etc. near a canal or ditch that you check with the District office to obtain the size and location of the District's easement/right-of-way. The District's easement/right-of-way

can vary from 10 feet from the center of a canal/ditch up to 250 feet on both sides of the canal/ditch.

It is also important to remember that canal roads exist solely for the purpose of operating and maintaining the District. In some circumstances the property owner may use the canal road, but only for purposes which do not interfere with District operation. In no circumstance may the roads be used as a means of public access. Easements and the lands that contain the District's service roads are nearly all privately owned. Therefore permission to walk or ride on many of the District's service roads may be required from the underlying landowner to avoid trespass.

Job Vacancy Announcement

The North Unit Irrigation District (District) located in Central Oregon is currently recruiting for the position of District Watermaster/Construction Superintendent (DW/CS). The District serves irrigation water to approximately 58,900 acres in Jefferson County, Oregon around the Cities of Madras, Metolius and Culver. The District is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the irrigation distribution system, which consists of approximately 65 miles of main canal, 235 miles of laterals, a pumping plant and two reservoirs, Wickiup and Haystack Reservoir. The District has an annual operating budget just over \$4.0 million and employs 27 employees. The District is part of the Deschutes Project, a federal reclamation project, and is under contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR).

Reporting to the Operations Manager the DW/CS will, plan, direct, manage and oversee the activities and operations of the District's water operations, including water delivery systems, water operations and associated construction projects for the delivery of irrigation water; coordinate assigned activities with other District departments and outside agencies; and to provide highly responsible and complex administrative support to the Operations Manager. The DW/CS will also assist with implementing Board policies and programs as well as budget development and review.

Individuals interested in applying for this position can submit a cover letter, resume and completed District employment application no later than Friday, September 28, 2018 to the District office at 2024 NW Beech St, Madras, Oregon, 97741, by fax (541) 475-3905 or email to nuid@northunitid.com. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the District website <http://www.northunitid.com/jobs>

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Irrigation Season
Monday - Friday 8:00 - 5:00
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The District office will be closed for Thanksgiving beginning at noon on November 21 - November 25, 2018



Tree/Vegetation Removal on District Easements

In the coming months the District will be performing tree and woody vegetation removal from its canals and easements as part of its routine O&M operations. Removing trees and woody vegetation will improve canal integrity and minimize the likelihood of canal failure due to vegetative degradation. This removal is part of the recommendations from canal inspections performed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Maintenance Season

When the irrigation season ends the District's maintenance season begins. To keep things running smoothly please make sure that all irrigation equipment (wheel-lines, pipe, etc.) and any other equipment are removed from the District's easements. Equipment and items left in easements interfere with maintenance operations and

could cause damage to District equipment as well as the equipment left in the easement. As such the District is not responsible for irrigation or other equipment, remaining in the easement, that is damaged as a result of District operation and maintenance. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Irrigation System Changes?

If you have an existing pivot, are planning to install a pivot or changing your irrigation practices, please check with the District office regarding the water rights on the property. The place of use and the location of water rights are crucial when proving beneficial use.

Ownership, Lease and Billing Changes

Water rights are appurtenant to the land and as such it is important to keep the District informed of any ownership changes. The ownership records determine who is responsible for the charges of the District and also who is allowed to vote on District matters. Recorded documents resulting from changes in ownership due to a sale of the property, putting property into a trust, estate, marriage, divorce or death must be provided to the District.

Please notify the District of any lease and/or rental changes on your proper-

ty. This information is used to determine who is allowed to order water on your property and who is allowed to bunch the water for excess purposes. The District as a courtesy will bill the responsible parties, but the landowner is ultimately responsible for all charges. If you have an agreement with a lessee or renter, please notify the District to enable us to bill the appropriate person. Statements are mailed the first part of December; it would be extremely helpful if you would provide the District with all changes before the end of November.

Email Communication

District patrons can receive newsletters, water delivery information such as water turn on and off dates, notifications of system problems or delivery interruptions and changes in policy by email. Please contact the District office to be added to the email notification list by calling (541) 475-3625 or by sending an email to nuid@northunitid.com.



Board of Director Election

The North Unit Irrigation District Board of Directors consists of five landowners with water rights within the boundaries of the district and represent five geographical divisions. Each board member serves a three year term, which expire on a rotational basis.

The term for Division 4 will expire on December 31, 2018, therefore the district is now accepting nominations for this position, now being held by Richard Macy. Division 4 covers the Culver area South of Eureka and Dover Lanes to Highland and Iris Lanes be-

tween Baldwin Drive and Lake Billy Chinook. The term begins January 1, 2019. To determine if you are in this division a map of the divisions can be viewed at the District office or online at the District's website. To be eligible as a director a candidate must be 18 years of age or older, be a owner of water right land situated within the boundaries of the District from their respective division, be a resident of the State of Oregon and must submit a petition, signed by 10 landowners with North Unit Irrigation District water rights, to the District office before 5:00 pm on October 9, 2018. Peti-

tions can be obtained from the District office or online at the District's website.

If only one petition is received for this division, that petitioner will be certified as having been nominated and elected for that division. The receipt of two or more petitions will require an official election to be held November 13, 2018.