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NMID IRRIGATION CANAL FLOWS TO END OCTOBER 1

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The Treasure Valley's largest irrigation district will shut down flows in its 500 miles of canals on October 1 marking the end of the annual irrigation season that looked bleak in April but, thanks to good carry over water and strong conservation efforts by users, ended up being a relatively normal water year, water managers with the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District said today.

“The carry over from last year really saved the irrigation year but we had to use just about every bit we had to be able to meet the needs of our users. Right now it appears we will have limited carry over for next year and that means we are going to need a ‘real Idaho’ winter to replenish supplies for next year,” said Greg Curtis, NMID Water Superintendent.

The canal water cutoff means residential water users using pressurized urban irrigation systems managed by the District will need to switch to another water source such as a municipal system if they want to continue to irrigate lawns and landscaping.

The Nampa & Meridian Board of Directors made the decision to end water deliveries at its last regular board meeting. Last year the NMID system was shut down on October 6.

District employees will close the headgates on the Boise River in early morning of October 1st to let the system slowly bleed down. It could take up to two to three days for the canal system to empty completely in its furthest reaches.

The Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District is a water storage, conveyance and distribution system founded in 1904. The District supplies irrigation water to some 69,000 acres of farmland, residential and commercial lands, including pressurized irrigation for nearly 16,000 individual parcels of land in Ada and Canyon counties. More information is available at the District's website: www.nmid.org

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