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NMID IRRIGATION CANAL FLOWS TO END OCTOBER 4

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Canal flows with the Treasure Valley’s largest irrigation district will be shut off the morning of October 4th which marks the end of the 2018 irrigation season, water managers with the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District announced today.

“We will close the headgates of our Boise River diversions that morning which will bring to an end what we feel has been a good, full irrigation season for our water users,” said Greg Curtis, NMID water superintendent.

Still, Curtis cautioned that the valley has been going through a rather long dry spell and that means the irrigation district will have only a very modest amount of water left in the reservoir system as carryover water for use next year.

“The exact numbers will not be finalized for a few weeks. Hopefully, Mother Nature will send us a change going into the winter and restock our supplies for next year. Now everybody needs to ‘think snow’,” he added

After NMID workers close the headgates of the Ridenbaugh Canal on the Boise River near Barber Park it will take two or three days for the 500 miles of canals to empty completely in the furthest reaches of the system.

The Nampa & Meridian Board of Directors made the decision to end water deliveries at a recent regular board meeting. Last year the system was shut down on October 11th.

The canal water cutoff also means more than 16,000 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.

Water managers now plan a series of maintenance and improvement projects as soon as the system is empty. The projects over the coming months will both improve the efficiency of the water delivery system and help conserve water.

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 more than 16,000 individual parcels of land in Ada and Canyon counties. More information is available at the District’s website: www.nmid.org



Workers will close these headgates at the head of the Ridenbaugh Canal near Barber Park the morning of Oct. 4 which will shut off all Boise River water flowing into the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District’s canals. (NMID Photo)