

# News Release

## Pioneer Irrigation District

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### **Water Deliveries Begin About April 15 For Pioneer Irrigation District Customers**

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Irrigation water deliveries to Pioneer Irrigation District patrons should begin about April 15 as the 2011 irrigation season gets underway, PID water superintendent Mark Zirschky said today.

Pioneer will actually start filling its main canals from the Boise River on April 8. However it takes several days for the 350 miles of canals to completely fill. PID crews also have other duties such as debris removal that cannot be completed until water is actually flowing in the canals delaying the start of irrigation water deliveries until approximately April 15.

PID patrons should contact their local ditchrider after April 12 to find out exactly when water will be available in their area. Contact Pioneer's business office at 459-3617 to get ditchrider contact information.

High snowpack levels combined with ample precipitation that has filled local reservoirs should mean an ample water supply for the entire 2011 irrigation season, Zirschky said. Pioneer also has approximately 18,000 acre feet of water in Boise River reservoirs left in carryover from last year if it should be needed. Irrigation water deliveries typically end about the middle of October.

Water being turned into the canals also marks the start of the traditional canal safety season for Pioneer. Parents should take special care to keep their children completely away from canals. Young people, even adults, regularly drown in Idaho irrigation canals. Canals are also situated on private property which makes it trespassing for people to go near canals.

“This is the start of an intense few months of close monitoring of our canal properties to make sure no one is putting themselves or their loved ones at terrible danger by letting them go anywhere near a canal,” Zirschky said.

Pioneer Irrigation District is a non-profit irrigation district based in Caldwell, that has provided irrigation water to more than 34,000 acres of farm and residential lands in Canyon County and extreme western Ada County for 109 years.

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