

News Release

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Pioneer Carryover Water Figures **Bode Well for 2010 Irrigation Season**

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Pioneer Irrigation District ended the 2009 irrigation season with approximately 21,000 acre feet of carryover water left in Boise River reservoirs, a third of its total yearly storage water allocation and a figure that bodes well for the 2010 irrigation year, PID water managers announced today.

“As always, we cannot predict what the 2010 irrigation supply will be like. We still need a good snowpack this winter, but the carryover certainly means we will have a good supply of water in ‘the bank’ that can be used if 2010 proves to be a drier year,” said Jeff Scott, Pioneer’s Water Superintendent.

Pioneer has water rights to approximately 60,000 acre feet of storage water in all three Boise River reservoirs: Lucky Peak, Arrowrock and Anderson Ranch. Pioneer also holds rights to natural flow water from the Boise River, and uses the storage water to augment its supply to Pioneer water users when the natural flow rights are exhausted.

Scott attributes the carryover water to both an abundant snowpack a year ago that kept natural flows available longer, and to strong conservation efforts by the District and its patrons.

For more information about Pioneer’s water supply outlook, contact Jeff Scott at 459-3617. Information on the District is also available on its internet website: www.pioneerirrigation.com

Pioneer Irrigation District is a non-profit irrigation district based in Caldwell, that since 1901 has provided irrigation water to more than 34,000 acres of farm and residential lands in Canyon County and extreme western Ada County.

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