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## October 2021 Water Supply Update and District Start-up/Shutdown

I would like to take a bit of time to update you on North Unit Irrigation Districts (NUID) plans for the October 2021 start-up and shutdown. Thankfully, we received a little rain last weekend and expect a little more this weekend.

As of September 14, Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) will be shutting down both of their main canals on October 1, 2021. NUID will immediately begin taking available water once COID shuts off. Based on current conditions, I expect approximately 500 CFS will be available for irrigation and refilling of Haystack Reservoir.

NUID Board of Directors voted to re-allocate .10 of water for the short October irrigation season. With that being said, NUID plans to begin priming the main canal below Haystack on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and anticipate water being available to deliver on October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are below Haystack and want water delivered October 6<sup>th</sup>, please call our office, or place your online order before 5pm October 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you are above haystack, we anticipate water being available for delivery October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please place your online order before 7am October 6<sup>th</sup> or call your ditch rider to place your order.

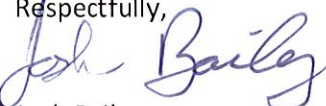
At this time, I do not expect NUID instituting an order cap during the October irrigation season. The only exception to this would be if district patrons ordered more than the available 500+/- CFS. If the demand is greater than available water, NUID will be forced to cap delivery amounts. We will not know the true demand until after 7:30 am on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

NUID is tentatively planning to turn off Haystack on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We may continue to run water in the main canal above Haystack after October 20<sup>th</sup> in order to raise Haystack reservoir level to approximately 4500+/- acre-feet. Please bear in mind that the shutoff date may be changed based on demand. NUID Board of Directors is very cognizant of the need to begin storing water in Wickup for next year's irrigation season.

Please keep in mind that these are unprecedented times and conditions. The district will do its best to get water to water users as quickly as possible, please be patient if there are any delays.

I will prepare a water update after the October 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting to update district patrons on shut down timing and procedures etc.

I hope and pray that you are all faring well during this historically difficult time, please know that the NUID Board, Staff, and Management are doing our very best to keep the water flowing. Pray for Rain!

Respectfully,  
  
Josh Bailey  
NUID General Manager

*"Conserve Water – The Supply is Limited"*