

## 2023 Water District 37 Storage Water Delivery February 22, 2024

The *Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area (BWRGWMA) Management Plan – April 29, 2022* (Management Plan), requires participating ground water users to annually acquire and deliver storage water from the Snake River to members of the Big Wood Little Wood Water Users Association (BWLWWUA) using the Milner-Gooding Canal. The Management Plan requires annual storage delivery of 1,500 AF and 1,100 AF to BWLWWUA members respectively on the Little Wood and Big Wood Rivers. *Management Plan at 9*. Delivery of these storage volumes is identified as a ‘baseline management activity.’ Additional storage deliveries are required in dry years. *Management Plan at 11*. The Management Plan requires Water District 37 to annually report these storage water deliveries to the BWRGWMA Advisory Committee, IDWR, and IWRB, including the amount of storage water delivered to each user and the locations of delivery. Maps showing the approximate locations are attached to this report.

The Management Plan describes an adequate irrigation season water supply if the April to September forecasted water supply volume at the Big Wood River Hailey gage exceeds 210 KAF. Additional ‘dry year’ storage water deliveries and other ‘dry year’ management actions are required if the forecasted volume is less than 210 KAF. On June 1, 2023, the observed April-May and forecasted June-September water supply volume at Hailey exceeded 385 KAF. Pursuant to the Management Plan, no additional ‘dry year’ water storage deliveries were required. Due to above average runoff conditions sustained during the 2023 irrigation season for both the Big Wood and Little Wood Rivers, no ‘baseline’ storage water was acquired or delivered. At a September 5, 2023 BWRGWMA Advisory Committee meeting, “committee members unanimously agreed that the surface water supply was adequate to finish the 2023 irrigation season without the storage water contemplated by the management plan. *Committee Meeting Notes, September 5, 2023*.

In 2023, Water District 37 made no priority cuts to natural flow water rights on either the Big Wood River below Magic Reservoir, or Silver Creek and Little Wood River. See Water District 37 Priority Cut Tables attached. Water District 37 delivered a total 6,494 AF of natural flow<sup>1</sup> from the Big Wood River below Magic Reservoir from April 26 to September 25, to the following BWLWWUA members: 4L Farms, Sabala (Robertson), Sabala (Dry Creek), Sabala (Simms), Sabala (No. Gooding), and M & M Farms.

Also in 2023, Water District 37 delivered a total 7,186 AF<sup>2</sup> of natural flow from the Little Wood River from April 29 to September 30, to the following BWLWWUA members: Hubsmith, Matheney, 7 Mile Ranch, Ritter, Taber Farms, Huyser, Newell, Arkoosh, and Barbara Farms.

AFRD2 (Milner-Gooding Canal) deliveries were turned on April 21, 2023, and turned off October 10, 2023. Magic Reservoir deliveries were turned on April 26, 2023, and turned off September 25, 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> WD37 provisional data. Final natural flow and total delivery data will be added to this report later.

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**Water District 37 2023 Priority Cuts**

BIG WOOD RIVER ABOVE MAGIC RESERVOIR

Date Priority Cut Made	Date of Priority Cut to and including:	Remarks
July 31, 2023	June 3, 1887	
August 2, 2023	May 31, 1887	
August 4, 2023	All 1887	
August 5, 2023	reinstate 50% May 31, 1887	
August 10, 2023	June 12, 1886	
August 12, 2023	50% May 1, 1886	
August 14, 2023	October 15, 1884	
August 21, 2023	All decrees reinstated	
September 14, 20213	October 15, 1884	

BIG WOOD RIVER BELOW MAGIC RESERVOIR

Date Priority Cut Made	Date of Priority Cut to and including:	Remarks
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SILVER CREEK & LITTLE WOOD RIVER

Date Priority Cut Made	Date of Priority Cut to and including:	Remarks
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