

D. Snake River Storage Delivery

Ground water users will contribute funds annually to the CIEF for the purpose of acquisition and delivery of storage water from the Snake River to the BWLWWUA. Storage water from the Snake River will be delivered via the Milner-Gooding Canal and injected into 1) the Little Wood River for re-diversion from the Little Wood River by BWLWWUA members holding senior priority water rights from the Little Wood River, and 2) laterals within American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 for re-diversion by BWLWWUA members holding senior priority water rights from the Big Wood River. Delivery of this storage water will directly benefit holders of downstream senior surface water rights, thereby reducing some demand for delivery of available natural flow to fill downstream senior water rights. Any reduced demand for available natural flow downstream is intended to benefit holders of upstream senior surface water rights.

Before the end of April each year, the CIEF and representatives from BWLWWUA will review the water supply predictions for the watershed and consult BWCC managers regarding the potential season length of BWCC deliveries to gage the potential need for storage water. Following the recommendations of BWLWWUA and the BWCC, the CIEF Committee shall secure a source for the potential storage water volume needed no later than 15 calendar days after the "Date of Allocation"¹ on the Snake River system. The CIEF Committee and BWLWWUA shall continue to evaluate the need for storage water after the Date of Allocation and the CIEF shall purchase storage water from the secured source on an as-needed basis upon request from BWLWWUA representatives.

Storage water may be delivered during the irrigation season between May 1 and September 30, subject to Water District 01 (Snake River) storage water allocation procedures and available delivery capacity in the Milner-Gooding Canal. The amount of storage water delivery shall be as follows:

1. The amount of storage water delivery to the Little Wood River shall be up to 3,500 AF/yr (4,095 AF/yr total purchased with 17% conveyance loss) on an as-needed basis.
2. The amount of storage water delivery to the Big Wood River shall be up to 913 AF/yr. (1,100 AF/yr. total with 17% conveyance loss).
3. Purchased but unused storage water can be marketed after September 30. Proceeds of any unused storage water purchased through the CIEF that is marketed at the end of the irrigation season shall return to the CIEF.
4. Water District 37 shall report annual storage water deliveries to the BWRGWMA Advisory Committee, IDWR, and IWRB each year by December 1. The report shall show the amount of water delivered to each user and the locations of delivery.

¹ The Date of Allocation typically occurs between late May and early July and represents the date when streamflow in the Snake River system is no longer sufficient to supply the demand and the use of supplies of storage water begins. On this date, suppliers of Snake River storage water will have high confidence regarding the water year and how much water is available for purchase.