

MVID News for the week of June 1, 2015

INDIVIDUAL WELL CONVERSIONS ON SCHEDULE

MVID's well conversion project—to switch some MVID members receiving water from the piped distribution system now under construction to individual wells—is on schedule. About 80 MVID members, mostly on the West Canal system, are participating in the program. Two well-drilling companies and one pump installer are working on the conversions, at sites along the Twisp-Carlton Road. They are working toward completion dates agreed to by MVID and the Washington Department of Ecology in order to reduce Twisp River diversions this summer.

Of approximately 80 members eligible for conversion, about 30 landowners have already been converted to wells or have opted to be excluded from the MVID without their MVID water right. About 50 members are in the process of irrigation system planning or installation or will be contacted in the near future to begin the process. Compensation for the cost of conversions, including new wells and new pumps, if needed, is being provided as part of the MVID Instream Flow Efficiency Project.

If you have any questions regarding individual well conversion please contact: Roger Rowatt at (509) 699-8141.

TWISP-CARLTON ROAD CROSSING WORK

Work on the West Canal Piping Project will begin on June 2nd on the Bill White property. Bianchi Construction will then begin excavating south along the Twisp-Carlton Road, starting above the Schulz Orchard. The work will include two Twisp-Carlton Road crossings to be completed in mid to late June. The crossings will require one-lane traffic while the work is underway; it is expected to take 3-4 days.

WEST CANAL INDIVIDUAL TAKEOUT LOCATIONS

MVID water users to be served by the new West Pipe system must identify where they want to locate their individual irrigation water service along their property boundary. Users along the Twisp-Carlton Road should identify their service locations by June 19, 2015 and the remainder of the West Pipe MVID members should identify their location by July 31. ***To identify your service location please contact Michael Notaro at (509) 429-2939.*** Michael will also be contacting MVID members individually to make certain everyone eligible for service gets hooked up in the proper location. If you do not identify your service location, we will choose your location for you where we think best.

Landowners are once again reminded that they will be responsible for hooking into the new system at their property line. An owner-provided shutoff valve after the MVID service valve is highly recommended to allow landowners to shut off their system if a break in the irrigation piping on their own property occurs.

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