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Dear North Unit Irrigation District Patrons,

I want to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the proceedings that took place during the Emergency NUID Board of Directors meeting on July 6, 2021 at the Madras Airport.

1. NUID Board of Directors opened the possibility of district patrons working out alternative solutions to irrigate their crops while still under the 1.5% order cap. The abbreviated version to the discussion is as follows. If you, as a water user are unable to run your irrigation equipment on the minimum order of .20cfs for example, you can opt to pool your daily water into a multiple day irrigation set. For example, .20cfs daily allotment times 7days = 1.40cfs for one day of irrigation, or 2 days of irrigation at .70, or 3 days at .45. That said, and if you choose to operate in this fashion, you must not exceed your total weekly allotment of 1.5%. Please work closely with your ditch rider to accomplish this, as each ride is vastly different.
2. NUID recently received the latest monthly storage report from the Oregon Water Resource Department. Based on the report and current water supplies, we are anticipating Wickiup Reservoir reaching the artificial ending pool of 2,500 acre-feet on or around August 18, 2021. At that time, we will begin losing the ability to deliver water above Haystack Reservoir on or around August 20, 2021. These dates noted are subject to change due to the ever-changing conditions over the next month and a half. Simply put, natural conditions and supplies in the Deschutes River is around 400cfs lower than the long-term averages.

NUID management and staff will continue to monitor the situation daily, and update patrons as quickly as possible to changing circumstances. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the district office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josh Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Josh Bailey
North Unit Irrigation District Manager