



Midvale Irrigation District

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WATER FORECAST & FLUSHING SCHEDULE

As of this writing, according to the USDA's National Water and Climate Center (NWCC), the snow water equivalent for the Upper Wind River Basin is at 85% of the 30-year average. The US Bureau of Reclamation has forecasted inflows of over 130,000 acre-feet for Bull Lake during runoff for April – July, which is approximately 96% of normal.

The tentative start date for ordering water is April 27th with a beginning allotment of .5 acre foot per irrigable acre. The Commissioners will determine the restriction basis at the April 9th regular Board Meeting. Flushing is scheduled to begin April 6th in the main canals and lateral flushing will then be scheduled by request. Please ensure that gates are opened and any obstructions in the laterals and canals are removed to ensure a complete and successful flush. Please remove any fences, gates, panels, etc. on the easements, and open gates on lateral operation and maintenance roads. District policy requires that all roads remain open to Midvale personnel during the irrigation season (April 1st through October 15th each year). We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Ditch riders will soon be stocking ticket boxes, locating check boards, and doing anything else they can to ready their rides for the irrigation season. Once flushing begins, it will take 3-4 weeks to totally flush the system. Ditch riders will not be making their full rounds until flushing has been completed. ***Please remember that there is a 48-hour notice for water order "on" tickets and 24-hour notice for "off" tickets once water season is underway. Online requests need to be in by 9:00 a.m. When submitting online tickets on WEEKENDS, please be aware that those tickets are not received until Monday morning, therefore, the 48-hour and 24-hour notice does not begin until Monday and water will be turned "on" Wednesday and "off" tickets will be effective on Tuesday.***

EASEMENTS

Midvale Irrigation District's Rules, Policies and Procedures, Rule 8 (Use of Easements) is written to help explain the Federal and District guidelines for use of Easements to water users. District easements are not open for public use. More and more people are using Midvale's easements for private drives, hunting and joy riding. You may have seen signs posted along the District easements. Midvale's easement is typically 50 feet on each side of the facility from the top inside of the canal or lateral. Any private improvement built within 50 feet is subject to authorization through requesting and approval of a permit from Midvale. Please review the above-mentioned rule and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

NEW WATER PROGRAM

We are in full swing with our new water program with new water user features online. The website is still the same at www.midvaleirrigation.net. Please contact the office for a PIN number for account set up that will allow access to your water account and enable the ability to submit online water requests and view your usage.

CROP REPORTS

If you owned and/or leased 40 acres or more of irrigable acres *last* season, you received a crop report census form from us last November. **If you have not completed and returned the form, you will not be eligible to receive water this year until the form is submitted to the office.** Please contact the office for more information.

TICKET AUTHORIZATION FORMS

Water order ticket authorization forms are available at Midvale's office or online at our website (midvaleirrigation.net). All persons authorized to order water for your property must be listed on this form before ordering water. If nothing has changed, there is no need to file a new form each year.

PERMITS REQUIRED

All of Midvale's canals, laterals, open drains, and underground drains are located on Federal easements. Anyone wishing to do any work on these easements must have approval & permission to do so in the form of a formal request and permit issued by the District. Examples of work requiring permits include bridges, pumps, crossing pipes, buildings, fences and water gaps. Please consult Midvale's Policy Handbook or call the District office (307-856-6359).

"CERT" FORMS

Now that our contract is completed with the US Bureau of Reclamation, we will not have to fill out the Certification of Landholdings forms anymore. **If you lease other property and plan on transferring water between the places, you will need to fill out a Farming Operation Summary** (see below).

FARMING OPERATION SUMMARY / WATER ALLOTMENT TRANSFER

If you are leasing a property, or properties and wish to receive the water usage information, you need to fill out a Farming Operation Summary. You then may transfer all or part of a water allotment between farms within your farming operation as listed on the *Farming Operation Summary*. **The Farming Operation form must be received in the District office by May 1 in order for you to be eligible for transfers.** The Release and Consent to Transfer Allotment form will be filled out if and when you are going to transfer water between the farms listed on your Farming Operation Summary. The *Release and Consent to Transfer Allotment* and *Farm Operation Summary Forms* are available on the District's website under the "Publication" tab (then go to "Forms" and select the appropriate form). If you do not have access to the internet, please call the office and all necessary forms will be mailed to you. Please note: *It is not necessary to complete the Farm Operation Summary if you are not leasing irrigated ground to or from someone else.*

WATER DELIVERY ISSUES

Due to the below average snow pack, the Board of Commissioners will decide on the basis of restriction for this year at the April 9th Regular Board meeting, which will most likely be 1cfs per 70 irrigable acres. Careful irrigation management will be required of every water user, along with good communication with ditch riders. Any changes to ordered water, i.e. head gate to head gate will need a change ticket submitted in a timely manner in order for your ditch rider to track water usage and water location. The SEO, (State Engineer's Office) has stated this year will be in "Accounting", meaning all diverted water will be accounted for, first appropriation, percentage of surplus (if any), etc. Please help your ditch rider to account for your water usage. Any usage without a ticket submitted is unacceptable and will be immediately dealt with.

WASTE WATER

Under provisions of Wyoming state law and Midvale policy, it is the responsibility & duty of the water user to return waste water to a natural drain. You are responsible for your water until it reaches the appropriate location, as dictated by the Midvale Board of Commissioners. Once again, during the past season we were notified by the Fremont County Road and Bridge Department and the State Engineers office of numerous violations within the Midvale system. Flood irrigation is not the only culprit; we have center pivot sprinklers that are irrigating county roads. If you are applying water to unadjudicated lands, it is likely we will be contacting you about resolving the problem. The basic precept of Wyoming water law: "*Beneficial use shall be the basis, measure and limit to the right to use water at all times.*"

TRESPASS ON BUREAU OF RECLAMATION LANDS

If you own or lease lands adjacent to USBR lands, please be aware of your property boundaries and keep away from trespassing by, 1) Not utilizing USBR lands for stack yards or storage of equipment, and, 2) Not irrigating/farming USBR lands without a water right or legal contract, or they will be contacting you. These areas include, but are not limited to, Ocean Lake, 5-Mile Creek, Muddy Creek and Boysen Take Lands.

TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHTS

A reminder to land owners installing center pivot systems or changing systems around, you need to check with the Midvale office to make sure that your new system is not irrigating ground that is classified as Class 6 land. In February of 2008 the final adjudication of the 7300 Permit was complete, assigning water rights to specific lands. Class 6 land did not receive an adjudicated right because it was deemed incapable of producing an adequate crop to be economically viable. Legally, you cannot put 7300 Permit water on Class 6 land.

WATER USER CONTACT INFORMATION

We are still in the process of setting up an automated messaging system utilizing email and/or text messages to replace costly postal mailings. If you have not yet done so, please provide current phone numbers, email addresses, and mailing address. Note: This information is for Midvale information only and *is not shared*. Please detach and return the following form, OR email midvale@wyoming.com, OR call the office 307-856-6359. If you prefer to receive water notifications via U.S. mail, please let us know that, as well.

Thank you to all who have responded with updated information! We're doing our best to get the messaging system up and running for this water season.

NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	CELL #	CELL #

MAILING ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

MIDVALE IRRIGATION CONTACT LIST

Manager – Steve Lynn – 307-850-5441
 Construction/Maintenance Manager – Hank Osborne – 307-709-2195
 Water Master & Supervisor of Wyoming Canal – William Wolfe – 307-850-2852
 Supervisor of Pilot Canal – Jim Yoder – 307-850-2017
 Office – Cindy M. & Cheyenne – 307-856-6359
 Office Manager – Cindy Staskiewicz – 307-856-6359