

## **WATER REPORT – May 23, 2017**

Spilling of excess water past Milner Dam ceased on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. All inflows exceeding irrigation demand are currently being captured in the reservoir system. Releases from Palisades, Island Park, Ririe, and American Falls Reservoirs have been reduced over this past week to maximize the amount of water stored in reservoirs. Jackson and Palisades Reservoirs are still under flood-control operations. If high temperatures and/or rain cause an increase in inflows to those reservoirs, additional water may need to be released in the upcoming days/weeks to maintain sufficient flood-control space.

American Falls Reservoir is currently 99% full and its contents are increasing. If irrigation demand doesn't significantly increase over the next week and/or Palisades releases are increased exceeding irrigation demand, American Falls Reservoir could reach the full mark and necessitate spilling additional water past Milner Dam. However, if irrigation demand accelerates over the next few weeks, it's possible additional water may not be spilled past Milner Dam for the remainder of this year. Weather and irrigation demand will determine if Milner Spill will resume again in the upcoming week(s).

The ceasing of Milner Spill denotes a few things:

- Usage of the Idaho Water Resources Board recharge water right and delivery to temporary water permits issued earlier this year for recharge have been suspended.
- Any excess water diverted above a diversion's water rights after Milner Spill ceases for the final time will be subtracted from the diversion's upcoming storage allocation.
- Leased storage diverted after Milner Spill ceases shall be deducted from the lessor's upcoming storage allocation, and the space evacuated to provide the leased storage shall become last-to-fill for next year.

If Milner Spill resumes at any time within the next few weeks, the IWRB recharge water right and the temporary permits for recharge may be reinstated for a short period of time until Milner Spill ceases again. Any storage usage, including leased storage, used prior to Milner Spill ceasing for the final time shall be cancelled.

Currently, all water right priorities are being filled except for the IWRB recharge water right and temporary permits issued for recharge. Current water right priorities being filled and information concerning Milner Spill are posted under the PROJECTED WATER RIGHTS tab of the [www.waterdistrict1.com](http://www.waterdistrict1.com) webpage, updated each weekday afternoon. Storage allocations will be issued after the reservoir system has reached its peak contents, probably sometime in late-June.

### **CALENDAR**

The Idaho Water Users Association's (IWUA) annual Summer Water Law and Resource Issues Seminar will be held June 12-13 in Sun Valley. More information concerning reservations and seminar agenda can be found on the [www.iwua.org](http://www.iwua.org) website.

The next Committee of Nine Meeting will be held on June 12 immediately following the afternoon session of the IWUA seminar in Sun Valley.

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