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Ditch Doings Fall 2020

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There are still some things that change slowly!



Emergency repair to the low head dam, early October: we pressure washed the old surface so that new concrete would adhere better.



Cover up the holes. Note the exposed rebar and the fact that the structure is hollow



Rough patch of cement to cover the exposed rebar and holes. This will make it safer to leave as is while we develop a plan to address it more permanently.



Replacing the old chunks of riprap back up against the lower side of the dam. This is also a very temporary "clean-up" simply done to buy us a little more time to come up with a long term repair.



Trout Unlimited carried out numerous fish rescues on their way to relocating over 10,000 fish back into the Bigwood.



Every Fall I'm reminded what a significant part the Cottonwoods play in holding our banks together. In places where the Cottonwoods were eliminated the gravel banks are continually sloughing down into the canal creating an ever-widening and very shallow canal.



A typical monthly meeting while enjoying the Fall sun.



Intermountain Gas is placing their conduit, which is attached to the bridge, under the canal. The hanging conduit belongs to Century Link. I've asked Century Link to reroute theirs in order to hang it along the side of the bridge to neaten it all up and reduce risk.



Tour of the southern portions of the Triangle and an involved discussion of how our surface water effects the artesian springs, most flowing into Silver Creek. This garners significant public interest. This tour was hosted by the Woodriver Water Collaborative.





Good progress on ROW and ditch bank access. This is just south of Glendale Road near Hiway 75.

I've got several similar sections where this work will continue, weather allowing. The recent snow has us stopped at the moment.

All the Fall budget prep and special meetings have been completed, for now, I think. I've completed the ROW education brochure and it is being passed round to many in our community. I am getting calls as new people buy or are moving into places adjacent to the Canals and are asking about related issues.

NRCS meeting at the Dam tomorrow at 11:00, as our work to replace or repair the Dam continues.

Its good to see the snow

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