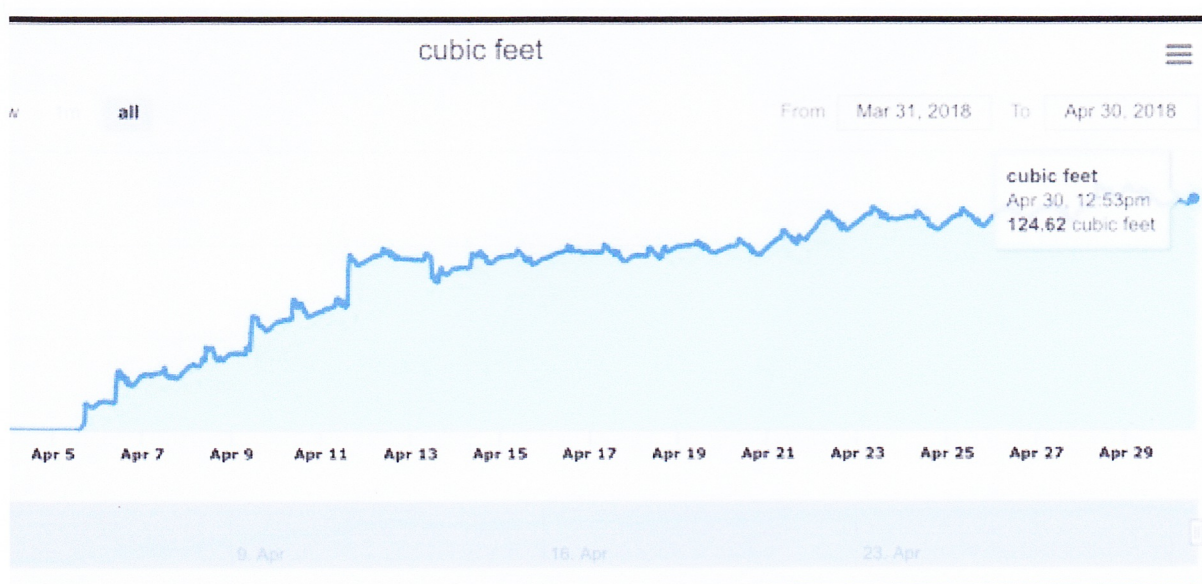


Ditch Doings! 4/30/18

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This is our Pivotrak display It depicts, not only canal flow, but some of our work, and even past weather. The little vertical sections indicate exactly when we visited the Main Headgate, on the edge of the Bigwood, and changed the gate settings. The rhythmic variations are daily fluctuations in the river, itself; most prominent when we are having warm sunny days and cool clear nights. Smaller variations in flow indicate periods where there was less temperature spread.

We spent about a week getting everything ready and opened the canal late on April 5th.

After last years bank-scuoring high flows, the river has been running very clean. Coupled with our Fall and Spring canal work, the canal water has been running unusually clean, for this time of year.



April 2 One of those early season, cold days, on my summer job, split between my last few days of my winter work on Baldy.



Early April ditch cleaning at the top of the East Lateral, and the nicely finished drivable and mowable ROW Leaving the little patch of willows was decided upon in order to provide bank protection from flow coming around the corner above.



This is a reconstructed fork just north of Greg Anderson's house on Pero Road We are still learning how to manage the new flow thru here to various destinations, and struggling with unstable bank conditions.



Right of Way clean up just below Ed's Drop at Matt Thornton's We doubled the amount of easily accessible bank on this stretch, which will make any nearby maintenance much easier.



Top of the East Lateral where it passes under Gannet Road Some will question why I had the ditch and ROW cleaned, but left some willows. My reason: to provide protection to keep the bank from continually sloughing off and eroding; to provide a marker for the otherwise invisible precipice for passing motorists; and, well, at least a little bit of continued nesting opportunity for the little birds!





Last day of large volume gravel removal Early April and then, yesterday. Upper Kingsbury.
Donated equipment.



Cold, high winds, in mid April



...and the resultant large tree down into the Upper Canal Luckily, this was right out Keith's backdoor! All he had to do was start his engine, practically.

One of our last-minute efforts, before allowing water into the canal, was to bring Alpine Tree Service in to the Upper Canal and Preserve, to remove several monstrous Cottonwoods that we felt presented too much risk of falling, either into the canal or onto neighbor's fences.

This was work that was started last Fall, but was added into the current budget, for continuation. It has made significant improvements to safety and maintenance thru out the system, due to a large reduction in deadfall and debris needing to be pulled from the water.

It looks better too, but we will have to follow up with removal of the resultant regrowth.



Old slash cleanup near top of 75 Where Intermountain Gas buried the long exposed remnant of piped gas line, last Fall. This length of ROW is now readily mowable.



Our Fall improvement in The Preserve Just below the Mains

Any questions or ideas, don't hesitate to call or stop by, where ever you see me, out there.

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