

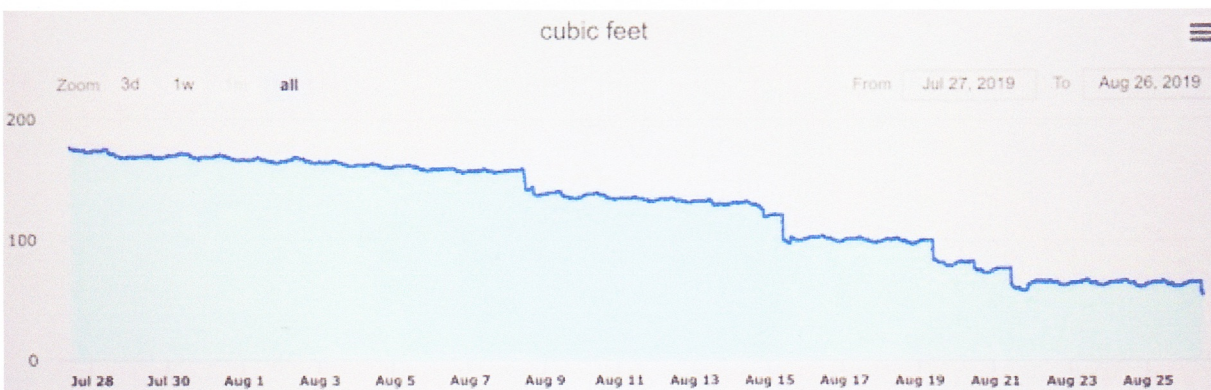
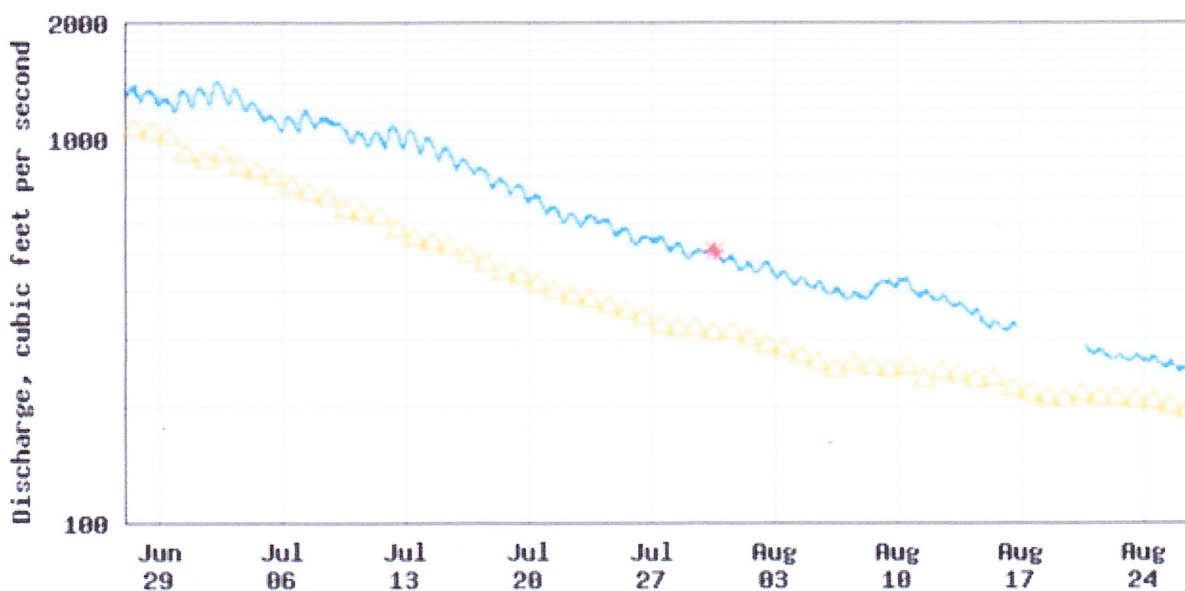
Ditch Doings August 26

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USGS 13139510 BIG WOOD RIVER AT HAILEY ID TOTAL FLOW



No one can argue with this Our most recent cut was to 6/1/84, this morning. Our flow is down to a meager 51 cfs, from a high of 218 cfs, on July 10. We've had a long season, having our first cut on Aug 8. By comparison: last year, our first cut was on July 11, and 6/1/84 was cut on July 27. No one is complaining. I think irrigators are tired and ready to get started on Fall endeavors.



The cheering section Everyone does better when there's good water.

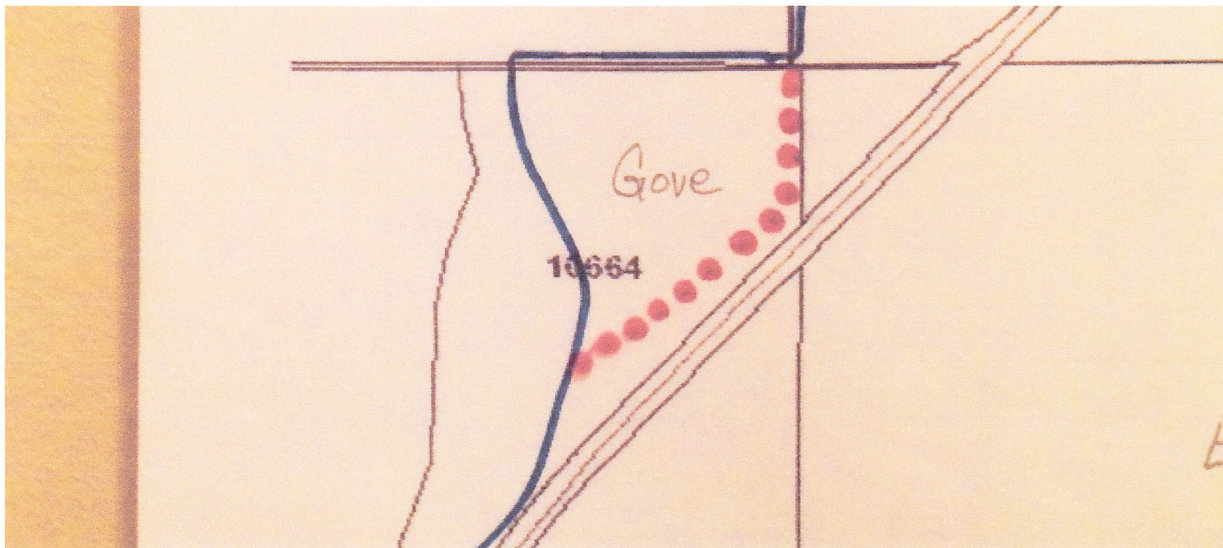


Another developing difficulty with the neighbors This guy has responded well to my insistence that he cannot continue with this fence construction across the Canal. He has stopped for now and will be presenting the board with an appeal. I've spoken to him about what we need. Stay tuned.

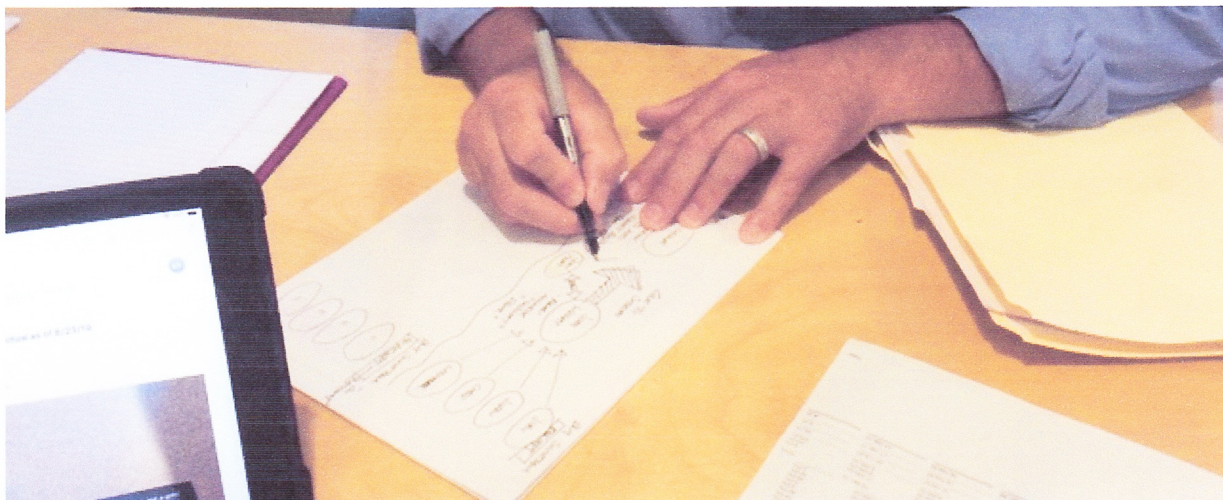


Above is the view from our meeting office It's very easy to find Justin at this time of year and his office is one of the best there is. It's pleasant, clean, cool, and quiet. Climbing on board reminds me of walking into the cabin of an airliner. In some ways the machine seems to drive itself.





Establishing a new route for this section of the Walker Lateral, around the nursery The stretch we hope to abandon runs along the top of a narrow ridge above Walker's gravel pit. It is becoming increasingly tenuous. The land owner has been exceptionally easy to work with in establishing this alternative. This requires meeting with the land owner, the adjacent business owner, downstream water users, construction help, a surveyor, the county, and Idaho Hiway Department, to name a few....





Do you read Jolyanese? Our annual budgeting process always starts with a refresher course from Jolyan. Due to the need for coordinating approvals, re-approvals, etc., between the two irrigation districts and the managing entity, the BOC, the process to arrive at the final desired result isn't something I run around maintaining clearly in my head. The only guy that can actually do that is Jolyan. He whips out these diagrams in seconds! If you can read this then you will know exactly when to participate in your district's budget process and when you will be done with it. Good luck!





To the rescue Turning down the Canal has the negative impact of stranding the fish. With prior warning, Trout Unlimited volunteers show up en force. In general, they have ample enthusiasm and energy. This rescue from Rinker Pit, near Pero Road, yielded 200+ fish. They will move up stream to more receding ponds over the next several weeks. Last year their efforts saved over 8000 fish by the end of the season.



In-river retaining wall This photo is 2 years old but this wall remains the same. We've recently received a grant from the Idaho Water Resource Board to help with the removal and replacement of this 60 year old, 150 foot long wall, directly above our Main Headgate, in the Big Wood. We will be finishing up with any necessary permitting and construction plans, with

hope of starting on this in October. A lot of moving parts still need to be coordinated but I'm encouraged by recent progress.

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A quick tribute:

"You know what the good thing is, by what the good man does." (Eric Greitens, former Navy Seal, Rhodes Scholar, and author)

I've always believed that my father was a good man. Therefore, as the quote above implies: I believed that whatever he did was a good thing, so I wanted to do it, too. I'll never be able to say that I accomplished all that he did, or that I did anything as well as he did. But I can comfortably say that anything I've done well, it was something that I learned from him.

