

Ditch Doings April 13, 2019

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Happy New Year!!

It was mid November, when I last shared a few photos and news regarding the Canal. It was dry, and cool, with snow in the forecast. We had dried up the Main Headgates, and put finishing touches on reestablishing the old concrete floors and gate seals. We also finished placing protection on the outside of the large curve in the canal, across from the Fire Station, south of town.



November 13

Much has happened since, and with the welcome return of Spring and water, we have the opportunity to put our work to the test. I already have well over 100 photos, starting only a month ago. No, I won't show them all here, but what's not here can be seen on <http://www.wrvid45.com/> along with all photos from last year and prior.

Here are two other websites that may be of interest: for immediate flow in the Big Wood, [USGS Current Conditions for USGS 13139510 BIG WOOD RIVER AT HAILEY ID TOTAL FLOW](#)

The Big Wood, near us, ran about 150 CFS, through the winter, with very little ice. After a week of warm nights and rain, it reached 925 CFS, briefly. It is currently (April 13) at 576 CFS.

and, for flow in our canal: <http://pivotrac.com/> Currently at 46, on our way to 200, on July 4th!



March 19



March 20 The Upper Canal is on the left, full of snow, pushed in by snowplows from Bellevue streets and parking lots.



April 2 Removing the gravel bar that is keeping the rising river from reaching the Main gates.

The river side retaining wall, in the background, is due for replacement. The Cottonwood roots are holding it intact, for now. The first step for replacing it is currently being arranged.



April 3 Pero Rd



April 5

We added water slowly on a rainy April 4 and 5, and it quickly washed out all the snow, including the snow plowed plugs, in the Upper.



Testing our new seals (the far right gate is open)



April 13 Near 50 CFS



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Baseline Road, lower end of our longest lateral. The water reached here, night of the 12th.

Canal is unusually clean. Chris doesn't have enough to do!

We will begin opening all the laterals, next week, and burning.

Going skiing, at the moment!

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