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### **Approval to Cross Canals**

It is the policy of the Board of Directors that any crossing of canals by power line, bridge, culvert, pipeline, fence, pivot or any other items must be pre-approved in writing by the BLRID Board and General Manager. This is to assure there is no obstruction or interference in performing maintenance on a canal. A “Request to Cross Waterway” form can be found on the website.



#### **Big Lost River Irrigation District**

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## **2018 Big Lost River Irrigation Season**



***All Users:  
Please give your ditchrider 48  
hours notice before turning on/off***

## Measuring Devices

Over the years, there have been significant improvements in compliance. Patrons should be proud of their accomplishments in helping conserve and control water. The District congratulates and thanks you. Measurement and control devices will continually be enforced and evaluated for improved accounting of water usage and to determine better shrink numbers.

The ditch riders will be inspecting all measuring devices again this year before water is delivered. Idaho Code 42.701 and Code 42.903, requires adequate measuring devices before water is delivered. If the measuring device is not satisfactory when inspected, then no water will be delivered until the measuring device has been fixed and approved. Call and meet with your ditch rider when you are ready for water.

Checks should be minimized and removed when not in use.

## Head Gates

Big Lost River Irrigation District – Water Season begins May 1, 2018. All head gates will be locked. All measuring devices will be inspected before water is delivered. Flow meters at the pivot point must be at the pumping station. If you have questions, please contact the BLRID General Manager 208-390-1447 or your BLRID Board member.

## Obstructions

This has been a big problem. Obstructions in the canal increase shrink and need to be removed, especially fences or boards that hang down in the canal as well as protruding screens. By law, water flow cannot be impeded and obstacles need to be removed before the water is put into the canal. Please remove any items that can impede the water flow before irrigation season starts.



## Storage Water Use

Please inform the office if you are renting or buying new ground so we know exactly how much storage water you have for the current year.

Storage transfers must be submitted to BLRID for approval. Forms are available on the website.

## Roads Along the Canals

In order to perform more timely maintenance and reduce costs, the Irrigation District will continue building roads along the canals to provide better access for maintenance and ditch riders. The District, by law, has a right of way along both sides of the canals for maintenance. We will try to get by with just a road on one side. We will continue to cut trees and remove bushes on the banks for better access and less shrink. Any fences parallel with the canal need to be at least 20 feet away from the bank. Fences crossing the canal need to have gates so they do not have to be cut to provide maintenance to the canal.



## Web Information

The BLRID web page....

[www.blrid.com](http://www.blrid.com)

provides current information:

- Reservoir Status
- Decree
- Scheduled meetings and agendas
- Storage Balances by Canal
- Forms
  - Storage Transfers
  - Call for Water
- Contact information
- Links to other information sites