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BMID SCOTTY CREEK SERVICE AREA STAGE 2 DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS – IRRIGATION & DOMESTIC USERS

The Black Mountain Irrigation District is advising all customers in the Scotty Creek service area that Stage 2 water restrictions are now enacted. (see corresponding service area map)

This is necessary due to the extreme drought conditions experienced over the winter at the lower elevation watersheds. James Lake Reservoir servicing the Scotty Creek area only filled to 55% of full pool. BMID also relies on two groundwater wells on Weston Road and an interconnection from the main system to the Scotty Creek area which provides supplemental flow.

Please see the BMID web page for details. The target reduction for a Stage 2 drought restriction is a 20% reduction in overall water usage. The restrictions apply to all water users including agricultural irrigation. As it is only early May, cutting back all unnecessary water use is the first objective and will allow for water supply later in the summer.

For our domestic customers, automatic sprinklers are permitted only two days per week: for odd-numbered addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays; and even numbered addresses on Wednesday and Sunday. Automatic sprinklers are to run only between midnight and 6:00 am. Manual/hand sprinklers can be used between 6:00 and 10:00 am and again between 7:00 pm and midnight on the same days as automatic sprinklers.

For our agriculture irrigation customers, the maximum permitted flow rate per acre for your parcel has not changed, but the total allocation of water to your parcel is being reduced to share the water that is available. Please reduce your duration for watering. For most crops, there is still sufficient water allocated. Please check your sprinklers, nozzles and flow rates to make sure you are within your allocation. BMID bailiffs will be patrolling the District to check on conformance. If you have questions in this regard, please contact the office at (250) 765-5169.

For details of the Stage 2 Drought Restriction for Scotty Creek, please visit www.bmid.ca.

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