



The "glory hole" at the Owyhee Reservoir funnels excess water into the spillway and out into the river below the dam.

Work on Owyhee Reservoir 'glory hole' set this fall

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Owyhee Reservoir's unusual spillway system is slated for improvement, partly because this year's lower inflows made it more accessible. Exterior concrete improvements to the structure that houses the ring gate or "glory hole," which sits in the southeastern Oregon reservoir just above Owyhee Dam, are expected to start in late September and conclude by early November.

"It has been postponed about two years because of high water and carryover storage in the reser-

voir," Owyhee Irrigation District Project Manager Jay Chamberlin said. "This year, we pulled the reservoir down. We're shooting for good weather and for a window that allows us to get in and get done."

Lower spring inflows left the reservoir holding less water. Volume was 419,598 acre-feet Aug. 10, down from 583,685 a year earlier, he said. The 28% decrease left the pool 15.2 feet lower.

"It's in a difficult, hard-to-get-to, spot," Chamberlin said. The district continues to develop the scope of work for the approximately \$75,000 project, including deciding equipment-access routes and scaffolding placement.

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College football uncertainty impacts Idaho Potato Commission spending plan

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The Idaho Potato Commission will adjust its planned marketing spending as a result of several college football conferences canceling their fall seasons.

The commission is title sponsor of the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in Boise and has regular-season sponsorships tied to Boise State University and University of Idaho football.

The state is the top U.S. producer of potatoes. The commission markets Idaho potatoes as a national brand.

Fall-season cancellations were announced by the Big Sky (UI), Mountain West (BSU) and Mid-American conferences in light of COVID-19 concerns. Teams from the Mountain West and MAC traditionally meet in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, though the game occasionally features a team from outside these conferences. A spring season was possible as of Aug. 10.

"Obviously these decisions are being made in the best interest of the health and safety of student athletes, and we support the decisions that the administrators are making," Idaho Potato Commission President and CEO Frank Muir said in



an interview.

Any commission funds tied to these events likely will be reallocated to national television advertising if the events do not occur as planned, he said.

If football seasons and the bowl game occur in the spring and early summer, the spending remains possible as part of same fiscal year's budget, Sept. 1-Aug. 31 — essentially the crop year.

"The commission is not going to rush to spend that money," Muir said. "We will hold it in reserve until there are further details as to what a spring season will look like."

"We will have flexibility as we get closer" to a go or no-go decision on a spring season, he said.

Muir has talked to leaders of with college football conferences and the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl as well as representatives who work on BSU and UI sports marketing.

"It's day-to-day," Muir said early Aug. 11. He expects final plans for college football to be

known within two weeks.

The commission spends about \$450,000 to sponsor the bowl game, owned and operated by ESPN Events, and a combined \$130,000 on BSU and UI regular-season campaigns.

Muir said potential alternatives include holding these funds until a spring season is confirmed, or re-allocating them — such as by extending planned advertising on national television by one or two weeks, subject to commission approval.

Commissioners in July approved a new fiscal-year budget that retained football sponsorships but allowed for a shift in those dollars to other promotion opportunities as conditions warrant. About 80% of the \$15.5 million budget is tabbed for research and marketing.

"We have had to anticipate some of these things likely happening," Muir said.

The Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, last held Jan. 3, generates nearly \$1 million in direct economic impact for the facilities and charities involved, according to the event's website.

Anna Negron of ESPN Events said the organization "continues to evaluate the next steps for our owned-and-operated bowls as conferences make decisions on their college football seasons."



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For Brian and Laurel Field, FFA really is all in the family

By Abbey Nickel, National FFA

The Field family's ties to FFA span multiple generations — a legacy that they say has led them into becoming lifelong supporters of the organization.

In addition to supporting the Oregon FFA Foundation, Brian is the chair of the National FFA Foundation's President's Advisory Council and sits on the National FFA Board of Trustees. And if you ask the Field family why they continue to serve and give year after year, the answer is simple: They want future generations to have the same opportunities they've had.

"FFA has become the lifeblood of this family," Brian says. "You can truly see the way FFA works through somebody's life if you look hard enough. If any family can testify to that, we can."

The FFA family tradition started when Brian's father, Robert, became involved in the 1940s. Brian, his brother John, and sister Kelley (Field) Sanburg were all involved in FFA and became state officers in Colorado.

Brian met his wife Laurel, also a former FFA member, in college. Their three daughters were in agriculture classes in high school; Bailey and Madison were very active in Oregon FFA leadership programs. Bailey was state sentinel, earned her American FFA Degree, is now teaching agriculture and is FFA advisor in Medford, Ore.

After watching the impact the organization had on their children, Brian, president of Harvest Capital Company, and Laurel started donating both time and finances to the Oregon FFA Foundation to help more students across the state fulfill their potential.

"We wholeheartedly believe in the opportunities they pursue," Brian says. "That's why we continue to do what we do. FFA is still having the same effect on young people as it did when my dad was in FFA. That's an amazing legacy."

Brian and Laurel also help judge public speaking contests and mentoring state officers.

"To see students transform into confident, well-rounded individuals during their time in FFA makes every minute worthwhile to us," Laurel says.



The Field family attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the CoBank Center for Agricultural Education at Colorado State University. Pictured are, left to right, Brian Field, 1980 Colorado FFA president; Laurel (Simpson) Field, former FFA member from Golden, Colo.; Robert W. Field, 1948 Colorado FFA secretary; and Bailey (Field) Corcoran, past Oregon FFA sentinel.

The Fields have reminders just about everywhere of how FFA has shaped their family. A wall in their home embellished with FFA keepsakes they've accrued over the years is one of those reminders — along with knowing that they are continuing to invest in the future of agriculture with their contributions.

"We are preparing leaders to change the world," Brian says. "The experiences these kids get through FFA are life-changing, and we want to see that continue for as long as we can."

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