

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE

Naches, Wash., March 15, 1913.

TO ALL WATER USERS OF THE TIETON:

There were times during the year 1912 when the Tieton canal was carrying three-fourths of its full capacity; and less than one-half of the ultimate area to be irrigated was receiving water.

This statement is made, not to convey the impression that the capacity of the canal and system is insufficient, but to show the absolute necessity of a definite scheme in the delivery of water and more care as to the time of applying water to the land. The average use of water during the past season was in general, not excessive, but the demand is not balanced and it appears necessary to adopt a definite schedule as to the time and amount of water delivered to each tract, This schedule will be made up after careful study of the requirements on each lateral, and will be closely adhered to unless it is shown that there is good reason for departing from it in special cases. Any suggestions from individual water

users or from the Tieton Water Users' Association will be gladly received and so far as practicable incorporated in the schedule to be used, provided that they are received at the Tieton Headquarters not later than April 10th.

In this connection, your attention is directed to the great advantages of early irrigation as a means of storing up moisture in the soil to tide over the period of extreme heat and drought, and in some degree to provide for plant requirements during the period of greatest demand. Land which is well irrigated in the month of May, or earlier if possible, invariably shows better plant growth during July and August than land which is allowed to dry out in the spring. If possible, water will be furnished for irrigation during the latter part of April; and liberal use at this time and during the fore part of the month of May is recommended.

For your information and convenience, the following statement of the organization of the Tieton Project is furnished:

C. H. Swigart, Supervising Engineer,  
Federal Building, North Yakima, Wash.

R. K. Tiffany, Project Manager Sunnyside and Tieton Units, Sunnyside, Wash.

Mr. Tiffany's time will be divided between Sunnyside and Tieton Units, as necessary.

G. C. Finley, Assistant Manager, Tieton Headquarters, will be in active charge of operation and maintenance work on the Tieton Unit, and all communications, excepting those concerning water right payment, should be addressed to him at Naches, Washington.

WATER RIGHT COLLECTIONS,

R. K. Cunningham, Fiscal Agent, Federal Building, North Yakima, Wash., will receive water right applications and collect all moneys due the Government on water rights or otherwise; and will be the disbursing agent and bookkeeper for the Tieton Unit.

In closing, we would respectfully urge that in every case of misunderstanding or trouble relative to water service or other business you may have with the Reclamation Service, you will promptly bring the matter to the attention of one of the officers of the Service named above. To quote the words of a great and successful merchant: "If you are pleased with your service, tell your neighbors; if you are not pleased, tell us."; and it will result in better service and satisfaction to all.

Very respectfully,

R. K. Tiffany,  
Project Manager

Approved:

G. C. Finley,  
Assistant Manager

Chas. H. Swigart,  
Supervising Engineer.