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Goshen Irrigation District Emergency Canal and Tunnel Repair Update

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TORRINGTON, WY—The Goshen Irrigation District, along with the Gering-Fort Laramie Irrigation District releases its weekly update for the emergency tunnel collapse and canal project to keep landowners and the public aware of its ongoing repair efforts which began on July 27, 2019.

Canal Repair and Restoration Project

The bank sides of the Fort Laramie Canal have been rebuilt up to a final target height of 15-20 feet. The canal is considered almost complete, with final and finishing dirt work happening this week. This project utilized five bulldozers, three graders, two scrapers, three compactors and forty dump trucks of hardpan. Five-hundred yards of canal bank were repaired.

Tunnel Repairs

Last week, the tunnel crew secured the tunnel to approximately 625 feet from the entrance. After excavating and removing nearly 500 cubic yards of dirt and debris from the first sinkhole, the crew has progressed ahead to the second sinkhole located 675 feet inside the tunnel. The tunnel is also being secured above with additional grouting to stabilize the ceiling. Nearly 200 yards of grout has been used in this project. Until a majority of this dirt and debris is removed, the full extent of the damage to the tunnel still remains unknown.

Sinkhole Excavation and Stability Efforts

The excavation crew is in the process of installing large trench boxes to surround the collapsed tunnel ceiling from above. Once completed, the above ground crew will begin to analyze the tunnel for safety and stability.

The emergency repairs continue and landowners will be notified once any information is known. Any official tunnel updates and notifications will be released via GID's Facebook and website, GoshenIrrigation.com

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