

# COMMISSIONER REPORT FOR WATER YEAR 2005

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Dear Mr. Jerry D Olds;

This was a record year for water. I have been told in the past that mill canyon can never get to much water. This year it was a problem.

I had to divert the water around the mill canyon weir to prevent it and Raymonds headgate from washing out. I had problems from there to eldridge headgate with washing and flooding. The 4' culvert on Paridise road was running over and part way washed out. I cleaned and straightened the creek into the pipe and solved that problem. Above Wilkerson/Young headgate (and below) the creek kept washing to the north and tring to get out of it's banks. It was quite a battle for awhile. I wasn't sure what would be left.

One morning after crossing the cattle guard on Treaty line road I discovered that the west side was washed out. A thin bridge of dirt was all that held me up. I called the county and they closed the road and later fixed it.

On a better note. I replaced the culvert at Huber's diversion with a plastic one that never plugged or gave a bit of problem this year. I had to repair several spots on the canal from there to the Lapoint hwy that were trying to wash back into deepcreek or flood over where it was not supposed to.

With all the water, I didn't have much problem with beaver dams. I didn't have any problem with keeping the water up to duty this year. I went on rotation for a 2 week time in August only.

Overall, it was an excellent water year. People got lot's of water and to much water is easier to deal with than not enough.

Sincerely,

Bryan J Smith  
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