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CITY WATER DEPARTMENT CHANGES TO SUMMER WORK SCHEDULE
Four-Ten Days Begin March 29, 2010

The Pocatello Water Department announced today that their summer working hours will begin March 29, 2010. Scheduled working hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The 10-hour shift schedule is expected to improve efficiency, control labor cost, and fuel cost.

Summer work scheduled is, concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk replacement caused by water service line and meter box repairs; street patching from water line damage during the winter; mainline replacement projects at McKinley Avenue from Alameda to Z Street, Park Avenue from Poplar to Alameda, Jane Street, Charles Place and Willow/Lincoln Avenue from Sublette to Fremont; automatic meter reading improvements through out the city; pressure zone adjustments; continued valve and hydrant repairs; and various other projects.

The summertime 10-hour per day work schedule is beneficial for Water Department customers and City of Pocatello citizens because of the following factors:

- Traffic control days are reduced resulting in significant set-up and take down labor savings.
- Fewer traffic control days are a benefit for residents and businesses reducing inconveniences due to street blockage and altered traffic times.
- Equipment utilization time per working day is improved resulting in greater efficiency and work productivity.
- Fuel use related to employee and equipment travel to job sites is reduced by 20%.
- Fuel use for employees to drive to and from work is reduced by 20%.
- Labor utilization time is increased because of one less lunch period per work week.
- Increased labor efficiency and fuel savings for projects related to pumping facilities and water storage infrastructure improvements.

Emergency personnel are available at all hours at 234-6181 or 234-6182. The Water Department Service shop is located at 306 West Pine Street. Service personnel are available during normal working hours at 234-6181 or 234-6182. Water Department Engineering Services are located at City Hall, 911 North 7th Avenue and can be reached at 234-6176 or 234-6174.

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