

## **FIRE MOUNTAIN CANAL HEADGATE POLICY**

**Headgates:** The canal has approximately 100 headgates. Shareholders receive their water through a headgate. Headgates are set to correspond to the number of shares the shareholder(s) owns. Most Rogers Mesa shareholders do not have headgates .

**Headgate Settings:** The canal superintendent and/or ditch rider set and tag each headgate. The tag indicates the proper setting of the headgate. A shareholder must have the permission of the superintendent or ditch rider to change the headgate setting or to flush the headgate. Closing a multiple user headgate could cause damage to others; if there is a problem with the headgate setting, the shareholder must contact the superintendent or the ditch rider. Closing a headgate in the event of an emergency shall not be considered a violation of this policy.

**Silt Boards:** Silt boards are used on many headgates to prevent silt from building up and clogging the gate. Silt boards will not be tampered with, altered or removed with permission from the superintendent or the ditch rider.

**Violations:** Shareholders that change headgate settings without proper permission will receive a warning from the superintendent or the ditch rider. The warning will be in the form of a tag showing the proper setting. In cases of repeated violations, the Fire Mountain Canal Board of Directors will decide on a remedy. Remedies may include locking the headgate at the proper setting, closing the headgate temporarily, contacting the sheriff and charging the shareholder for the time involved to reset the headgate. A locked headgate will be flushed at the discretion of the superintendent or the ditch rider. The Board of Directors of the Fire Mountain Canal will have the final say in headgate disputes.

**Access:** The superintendent and ditch rider have the right to access the complete ditch system, check measurements, inspect boxes and adjust headgates. Water levels fluctuate throughout the irrigating season due to time of the year, floodwater, rain, return flows, evaporation and other factors.

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