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PRESS RELEASE.....

Due to construction in the Pima Lateral and Florence-Casa Grande Canal (FCG), the San Carlos Irrigation Project (Project) will have two extensive dry-up periods on the canal system this year and continuing to next year, 2012.

The first dry-up will last five (5) weeks and begin Sunday, October 30, 2011 through Sunday, December 4, 2011.

Releases from Coolidge Dam will cease Friday, October 28, 2011 at 08:00 hours and resume as water is requested and available for release on Friday, December 2, 2011.

Diversions at Ashurst-Hayden Dam will cease Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 08:00 hours and resume with any and all available flows from the Gila River on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 08:00 hours. Irrigation will resume as canals and reaches are filled under direction of Project personnel.

Irrigation on the Project will resume for three (3) weeks, from December 5, 2011 to December 26, 2011.

The Project's second five (5) week dry-up will begin Sunday, December 25, 2011 and continue through Sunday, January 29, 2012.

Releases from Coolidge Dam will cease Friday, December 23, 2011 at 08:00 hours and resume as water is requested and available for release on Friday, January 27, 2012.

Diversions at Ashurst-Hayden Dam will cease Sunday, December 26, 2011 at 08:00 hours and resume with any and all available flows from the Gila River on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 08:00 hours. Irrigation will resume as canals and reaches are filled under direction of Project personnel.