

Wannamaker Ditch Company “WDC” Laterals

- WDC is only responsible for maintaining, operating and the legal representation of the Wannamaker Ditch “WD”.
- WDC legally cannot get involved in lateral issues.
- WDC is responsible to ensure water is delivered to the lateral headgate only.
- Laterals are independently owned, and are to be operated and maintained independent of the WDC. Many times laterals are registered within the state of Colorado as an LLC or Corp, similarly to the WDC.
- Every lateral should consider legal counsel and insurance to protect against issues that may arise on their specific lateral. In other words, if a lateral ditch floods a property and causes property damage, the lateral company (and or users) are legally liable for the damage.
- Lateral headgates will be locked by WDC and will remained locked under 2 conditions:
 - If the lateral is not organized and has not provided a responsible lateral contact to the WDC.
 - By definition the lateral contact should be a responsible individual that is available at all times (24/7) to respond to an emergency when water is being diverted from the WD into the lateral. This individual shall also be fully capable of operating the lateral headgate @ the WD as well as any operational issues that may arise along the length of the lateral ditch. If a lateral contact will not be available for a vacation, etc., the WDC must be notified of a capable alternate lateral contact.
 - If the lateral is not maintained or we receive notice that the lateral is flooding or is damaged.