



# Happy 4th of July

**July** is a wonderful (although *HOT* and *DRY*) month with two great holidays to celebrate!

As we celebrate **Independence Day** on the **4th** and **Pioneer Day** on the **24th**, let's give thanks for all those that came before us and the sacrifices they made in settling this nation and this state.

In the late 1840's the Utah pioneers were the first to practice irrigation on an extensive scale in the United States. Being a desert, Utah contained much more cultivable land than could be watered from the incoming mountain streams. It has been said that the Pioneers' practices of irrigation and agriculture were perhaps the greatest contributions to nation building of their era.

Utah's average annual precipitation is only 14 inches, making it the second driest state in the nation. The Pioneers had no experience with Utah's dryness, therefore, they had to develop a system of irrigation and land management that not only allowed them to survive, but to grow and prosper. We are the beneficiaries of their dedication and foresight. We've heard that hindsight is 20/20 or perfect vision, let's make the rest of 2020 a vision of remembering the past as we plan for the future and those that will come after us. Let's be conservative in our water use this summer while honoring our ancestors and still maintaining the beauty that is all around us.



As a reminder the BRWCD office will be closed Friday July 4th and Friday July 24th so our employees can also celebrate these wonderful holidays.