

Wylie, Allan

From: Wylie, Allan
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 9:28 AM
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Subject: Re: Rexburg Bench

Perhaps I am missing some key element in the discussion. I was hoping that through word of mouth you could locate unused wells, ie very little field work. The Department would provide the transducers, download them, and manage the data. Just like we do almost everywhere else. You see we have trouble locating unused wells, I presume because we are supposed to have the owners plug them.

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Allan -

I'm not so sure they are asking for the bench to be out of the model, but to be represented as correctly as possible, within constraints of budgets.

While it is a generous offer to provide transducers, someone still has to pay for the field work. I think there is some push back against the idea that to have Eastern Idaho concerns represented in the model, Eastern Idaho has to start spending money like Idaho Power.

I agree 100% that current water levels would be a grand supplement to the historical water levels in the report, and could be used to constrain calibration. And I'll push in that direction. However I also strongly assert that with or without additional data gathering, incorporating the geologic knowledge in the report would still be an improvement to the model, and would go a long ways towards satisfying the Department's obligation to serve all the stakeholders.

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On Fri, Oct 8, 2010 at 3:43 PM, Wylie, Allan <Allan.Wylie@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

Bryce

If I recall correctly, I read this and another paper by a U of I grad student that made a ground water model of the Bench for a thesis (or part of the Bench, or an area near the Bench or something) and then went and talked with Glen Embry and Mark Lovell. As I recall, I pointedly asked them to tell me to keep the bench out of the model, because once included, it would be hard to come back later and take it out. They wouldn't and now it is in.

I believe I can convince Rick to come up with some transducers. Coincidentally we were just this week talking about where to place transducers. I think few inside and a few outside should tell a compelling tale, one way or another. All we need are some unused wells.

Allan

From: bcontor.rm@gmail.com [mailto:bcontor.rm@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Bryce Contor
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 10:51 AM
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Allan and Rick -

Today I'm wearing my Rocky Mountian Environmental hat.

In the past Roger's clients have requested more careful representation of the Rexburg Bench. Allan's response has been to require field work, which may be currently beyond financial reach. However in working on something else I came across this study which provides geological information. These data ought to at least be given equal consideration to the input of consultants whose clients have larger budgets.

While it is true that geology unconstrained by detailed GW hydrographs is not as good as if we had long time series of water level data on multiple wells, even a crude representation of known geology would be superior to the current assumption of uniform porous media.

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