Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA)
Framework for a Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan

Draft Outline for Framework Report to be Presented to the Idaho Legislature in 2007

1. **Executive Summary**

2. **Introduction and Project Description**
   a. Background (including Legislative direction)
   b. Purpose of ESPA Management
   c. ESPA Needs

3. **Goals and Objectives**
   a. Proposed goals/objectives
   b. Standards and timeline to determine whether goals and objectives are being met
   c. Actions to pursue if goals and objectives are not being met

4. **Management Alternatives**

   a. Alternative categories –water supply, water management and water demand

   b. **Definition of Alternatives**
      i. CREP
      ii. Recharge
      iii. Water rights acquisition
      iv. Groundwater to surface water conversions
      v. Acquire high-lift water rights
      vi. Others… increase in storage (inside and outside ESPA)

   c. **Potential Affect of Alternative on Water Budget**
      i. CREP
      ii. Recharge
      iii. Water rights acquisition
      iv. Groundwater to surface water conversions
      v. Acquire high-lift water rights
      vi. Others…. Increase in storage

   d. **Cost of Alternatives**
      i. CREP
      ii. Recharge
      iii. Water rights acquisition
      iv. Groundwater to surface water conversions
      v. Acquire high-lift water
      vi. Others… increase in storage

    e. Role of Water Rights Administration – Involuntary Curtailment

5. **Funding Mechanisms**
   a. Funding principles
   b. Funding Options
      i. State funding (surplus, tax, etc.)
      ii. ESPA water user funding (Per acre, by volume, per well, etc.)
   c. Evaluation of Funding Options

6. **Framework Interim Measures (Actions to be taken while Comprehensive Aquifer Management plan is under development)**
   a. Recharge
   b. Increased well monitoring
   c. Groundwater model refinements

7. **Mitigation approaches**
   a. Market-based water bank or mitigation bank
   b. Others

8. **Next Steps and Implementation**
   a. Timeline and strategy for developing Comprehensive Management Plan
   b. Comprehensive Management work plan -- tasks and budget