

## **Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Framework Process**

### **Management Alternatives Working Group**

**Purpose:** To develop ESPA management alternatives for inclusion in the Framework. Opportunities and impediments identified in the Management Alternatives Working Group (MAWG) will be included in the Framework report to the 2007 legislature.

#### **Topic Areas (may be refined with help from MAWG attendees):**

- **Recharge** – Given the context and background of recharge on the Eastern Snake Plain, what opportunities and obstacles exist in the 2007 water year and beyond? What is the range of benefit that recharge can generate? Meeting date: December 4, 2006.
- **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)** – What issues have arisen during the implementation of the Eastern Snake Plain CREP program? What could be done to encourage greater participation? Is there a way to increase the benefit of CREP or different type of involuntary curtailment program? (December 13 and 14, 2006)
- **Mitigation Strategies** – What funding/other mechanisms can be established to provide predictable mitigation to senior water rights holders to avoid curtailment? (December 13 and 14, 2006)
- **Groundwater Model** – Identifying refinements and ways to improve the outputs of the model. (December 18 and 19, 2006).