

Public Meeting Minutes
Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Draft Management Plan
Blaine County Community Campus, Hailey, Idaho
March 23, 2022

The meeting started at approximately 6:00 p.m. with IDWR employees Shelley Keen, Tim Luke, Corey Skinner, and Director Gary Spackman in attendance. Approximately 85 people were in attendance, including several members of the Big Wood Ground Water Management Area Advisory Committee (“Committee”). See the attached sign-in sheet listing attendees, but note that not everyone in attendance signed in.

Shelley Keen welcomed those in attendance and presented background information relating to the Big Wood Ground Water Management Area and events over the last 30 years that led to the creation of the Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Draft Management Plan (“Draft Management Plan”).¹ Tim Luke then presented an overview of the Draft Management Plan, including details of key components of the plan.

The meeting then transitioned into a question-and-answer session, with Tim Luke and Shelley Keen fielding questions from members of the public. Approximately 15 questions, plus follow up questions, were asked during this session. Topics included water right enforcement, monitoring water use, obligations of small users (including de minimis use), the reduced irrigation season of use for ground water users, whether non-consumptive ground water rights need to participate in the Draft Management Plan, the 2021 curtailment of ground water rights in the Bellevue Triangle area, fallowing irrigated land per the Draft Management Plan, pumping reductions, potential CIEF fund projects, and why some senior surface rights may be curtailed while junior groundwater users are still diverting.

The meeting then transitioned into a public comment session. The following individuals offered comments:

- Sharon Lee wanted to ensure that the Groundwater Districts’ written comments are preserved.
- Lyle Ege commented that last year the pressure in his well in the southern end of the valley was way down and that he appreciates the efforts being made to address the issue(s).
- Pat Purdy commented that during the Committee’s meetings there were disagreements, and compromises were necessary. In particular, the 210,000 acre-foot forecast flow value and the 32 cfs stream flow target at Station 10 outlined in the Draft Management

¹ <https://idwr.idaho.gov/water-rights/groundwater-management-areas/big-wood-ground-advisory-committee/>.

Plan were negotiated values. Pat also emphasized that the Draft Management Plan was a three-year agreement and was not necessarily intended to be “set in concrete”.

- Jim Speck wants the Draft Management Plan to address requirements for non-consumptive ground water users (such as heating & cooling uses), groundwater users with ground water rights that originated as surface water rights, and users with ground water rights mitigated by surface water rights.
- Briana Swette of Lookout Farm commented that she grows vegetables and sells them at a farmer’s market. To maximize her ability to grow vegetables, she wants to irrigate outside of the shortened irrigation season outlined in the Draft Management Plan.
- Nick Purdy thanked the Committee and the IDWR for their efforts preparing the Draft Management Plan.

After the public comment period, Shelley Keen outlined the next steps in finalizing the Draft Management Plan, including submitting petitions requesting additional actions as outlined in the Draft Management Plan, the continued ability to submit written public comments by March 31, and the Director making his decision regarding the Draft Management Plan in April.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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