

**Proposal for Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Plan
Submitted by the South Valley Ground Water District and Galena Ground Water
District**

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Objective: Mitigate the effects of ground water pumping within the Wood River Valley on the resource.

Actions: Follow enough acres with surface water rights, and likely supplemental ground water rights, to mitigate the impact.

The water will be used for mitigation by

- Leaving it in the Big Wood or Silver Creek
- Putting it in the ground as recharge

The specific parcels and their rights will be run through WRV 1.1 to verify that the water rights will be sufficient to mitigate the average impact (based on the period of record 1995-2014) during the irrigation season. Water will be used for mitigation in the same region as its POU.

Rollout: The plan may be phased in over 3 years. In the interim, ground water users will submit a plan for other things such as reduction in pumping, purchase of Snake River water and possibly other actions to satisfy the balance of the obligation.