

# **Presentation to the Idaho Water Resource Board**

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## **ESPA Model Status**

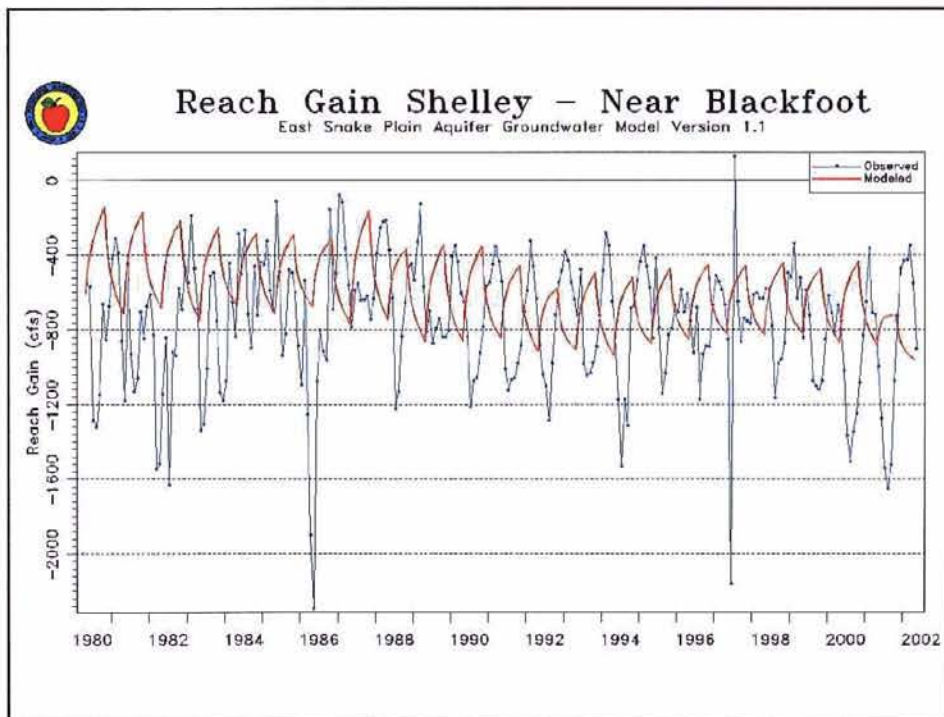
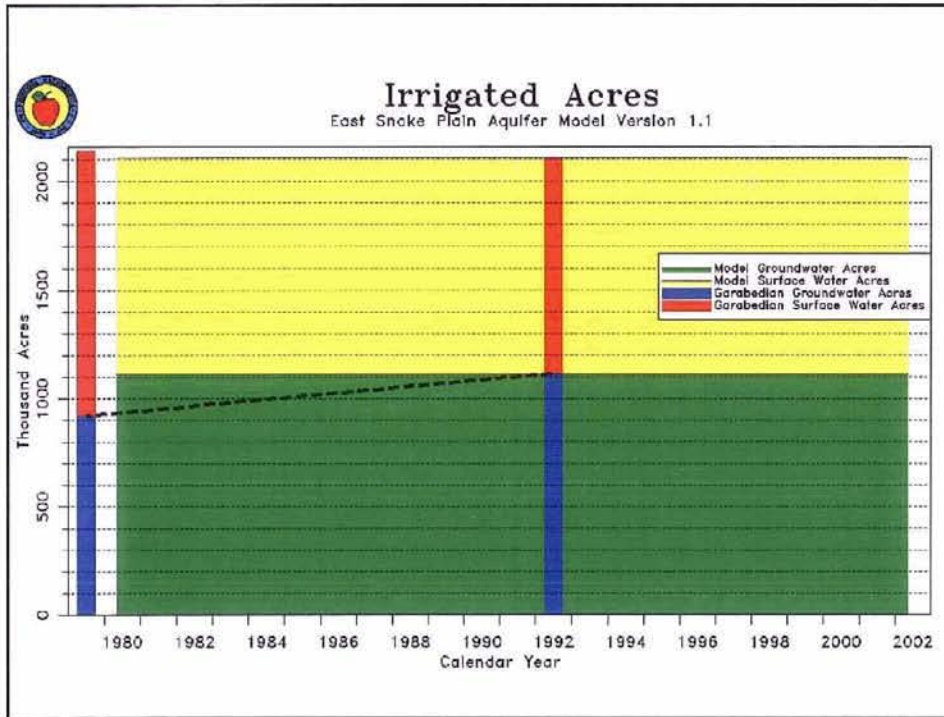
- Significant progress in data collection and model assembly
- Not yet ready for widespread application
  - More work is required in order to get the model ready for use in long term, basin wide planning process
- With cooperative efforts, the ESPA model can be brought to a standard comparable to similar planning models within a year

## Examples of Similar Uses of Groundwater Models

- Republican River Compact Administration Groundwater Model
  - Used for compact administration of impacts of groundwater wells on streams by Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska
- Rio Grande Decision Support System Groundwater Model
  - Used for planning and management of the San Luis Valley (Colorado) Aquifer System
  - Used for administration of the Confined Aquifer System

## Specific Shortcomings of the ESPA Model Version 1.1

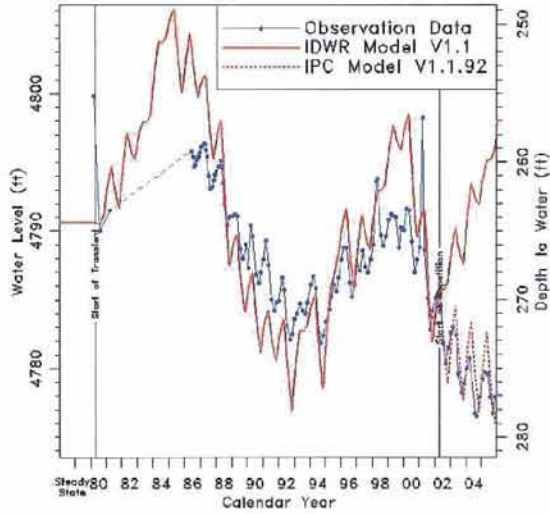
- Model inputs assert equilibrium
  - Fails to account for changes 1980-2002 and beyond
- Poor match between observed reach gains and model predictions
  - Summer-Winter trends are reversed
- Poor match between known trends in the aquifer and model predictions
  - Base Case trends wrong for 2002-2005





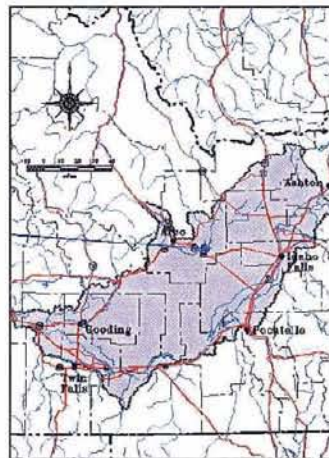
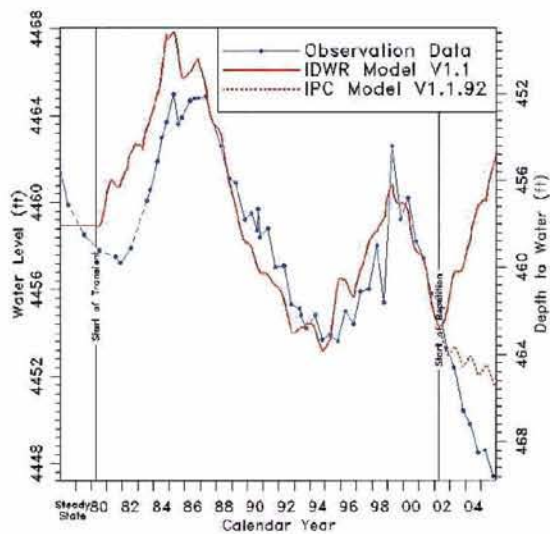
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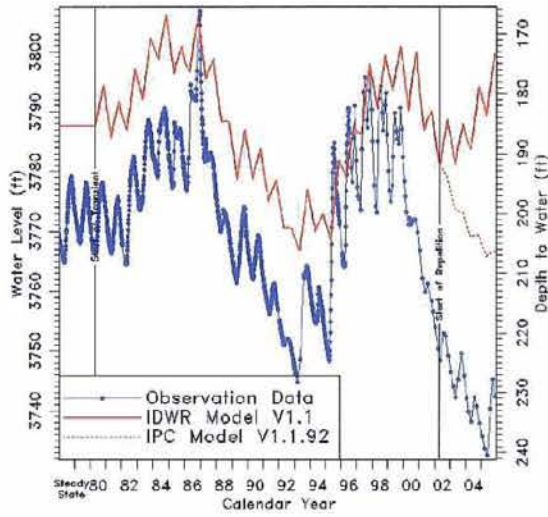
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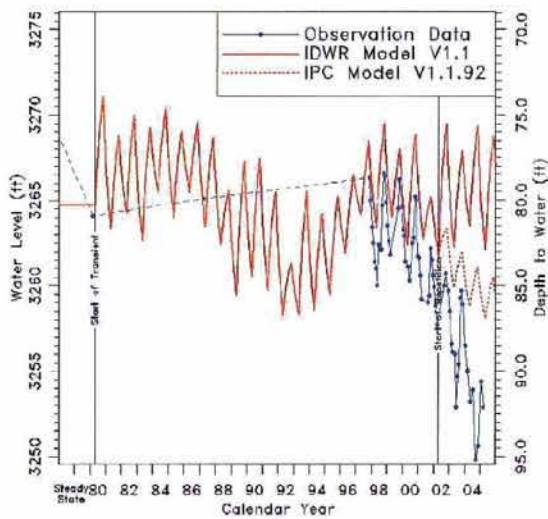
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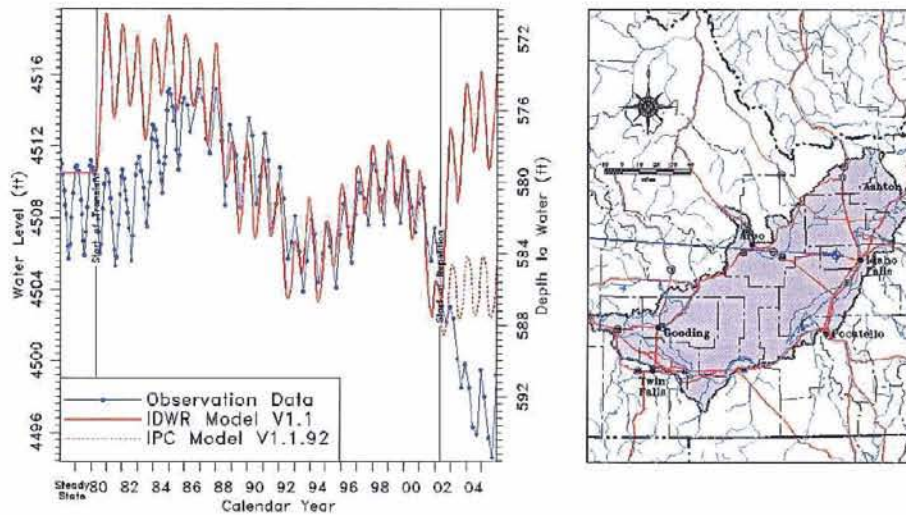
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## Conclusions

- Current model is a good starting point
- Limitations in current version makes it inappropriate to use for planning purposes
- With cooperative efforts, the ESPA model can be brought to a standard comparable to similar planning models within a year