

**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

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d. Cost of Alternatives

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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