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Proposed Fish and Wildlife Elements for the CAMP

CAMP General Policies and Provisions:

Establish a general goal to sustain the springs and link it to adaptive management.

Evaluate, explain, and address environmental effects of ESPA actions

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Protect ESPA and Snake River surface water quality.

Adopt a plan that balances increasing supply and reducing consumptive use.

Platform:

Integration: Integrate environmental considerations into decision-making by assessing environmental effects and developing measures to address impacts. Enhance conditions for fish and wildlife where possible. Include environmental issues in any future CAMP implementation processes.

Implementation and Coordination: Establish an annual coordination process to help inform river and reservoir managers on how to optimize outcomes for fish and wildlife, recreation, irrigation, aquifer management, and other uses. Involve key interested parties.

Incentives and Banking: Develop a system that provides financial incentives for voluntary reductions in water consumptive use that is flexible, market-based, adequately funded, and that allows irrigators a choice of options.

Tributary Recharge: Permit conversion of water rights for surface irrigation outside the ESPA to downstream aquifer recharge to further ESPA management objectives and instream flows with no injury to other water rights.

Storage: Fully evaluate the benefit, cost, impact, and alternatives (including aquifer storage) and provide for public involvement before endorsing new dams.

Measurement: Accurately measure all withdraws and diversions

Education and Outreach: Develop a program to educate the public about how it can and should contribute to sound management of Idaho's limited water supply.

Conservation: Pursue water conservation opportunities that are consistent with ESPA recharge goals.