

AWEP – Demand Reduction Components (2010)

- **Aquifer Demand Reduction Incentives**
 - Intended to utilize AWEP funds to encourage and assist producers in transitioning to PERC.
 - Probably a range of expected technical assistance \$\$ based upon types of practices/plantings
 - PERC timeline implications for AWEP schedule
 - Payment rates vary by year, so there may be some opportunity for a stand-alone program until PERC comes online. Thoughts?

- **Conversion to Dryland Farming**
 - Utilize AWEP funds to facilitate the conversion from surface irrigated to dryland farming or rangeland use in areas upstream of the ESPA in order to transfer the surface water to ESPA water supply projects such as recharge.
 - Peter Anderson indicates there is interest in the Teton and Wood. He is continuing to explore interest. NRCS could potential assist in outreach.
 - Downstream Transfer Policy – difficult but could have potential in some instances. Discussion of potential was held on Nov 30th.
 - Potential projects: Teton to Egin Bench, Wood to Magic Reservoir, Big/Little Lost

- **Crop Mix Modification**
 - Utilize AWEP funds to pay producers for income forgone in transition to low water crops
 - Project Area: potentially 2-3 different geographic areas in order to get broad sense of long-term success/potential/limitations
 - Lynn Tominaga plans to work with growers, farm bureau, DC's to explore interest/willingness-to-participate, and potential sideboards and criteria.

- **Potential for additional funding for Thousand Springs System Improvement Projects**

Anticipated AWEF Schedule for 2010

Jan –

Organizing interest with DC's, outreach

Feb –

Develop screening and ranking criteria for DC's

Developing payment schedules with NRCS

Defining practices

Fully flushed-out description of the programs

March-

News release/application period/sign-ups, have a fully flushed out

Board staff holds conference calls with DC's to clarify programs

April-

NRCS ranking

Plan Development

May-

Sign contracts with NRCS

June-

Reallocate excess \$\$ back to Washington DC