



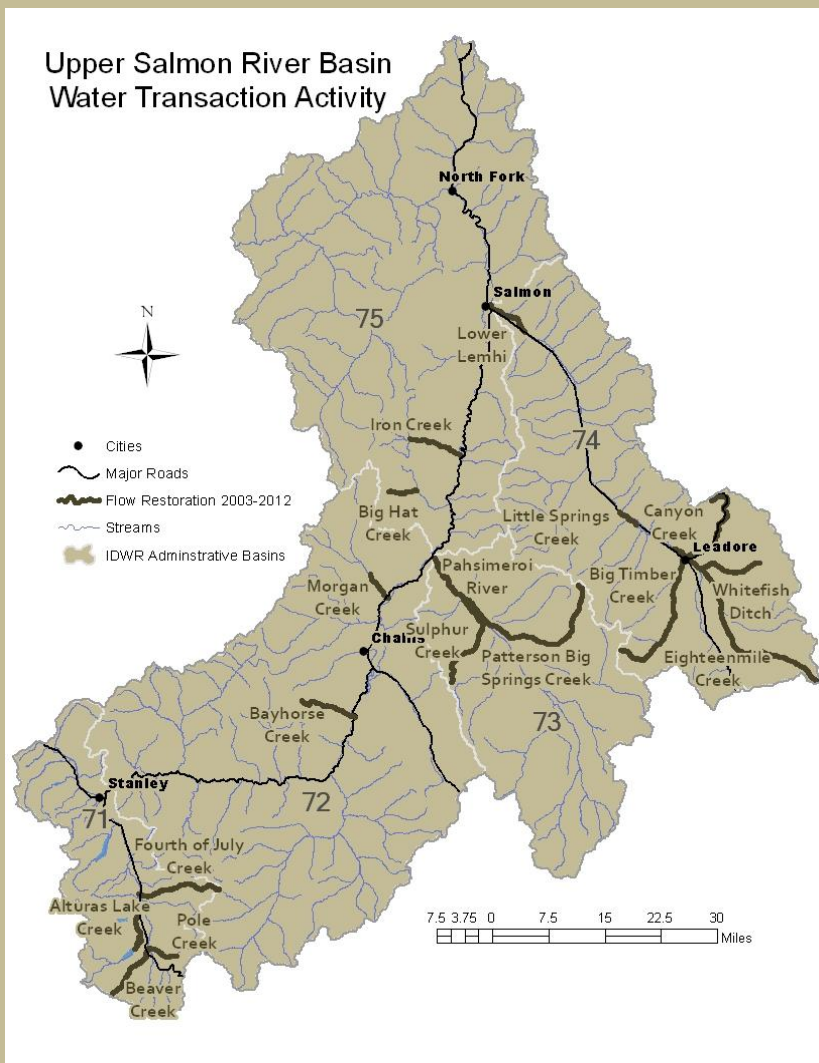
IDAHO Water Transactions PROGRAM

Progress Report: Overview and Accomplishments 2003-2012

Introduction and Background:

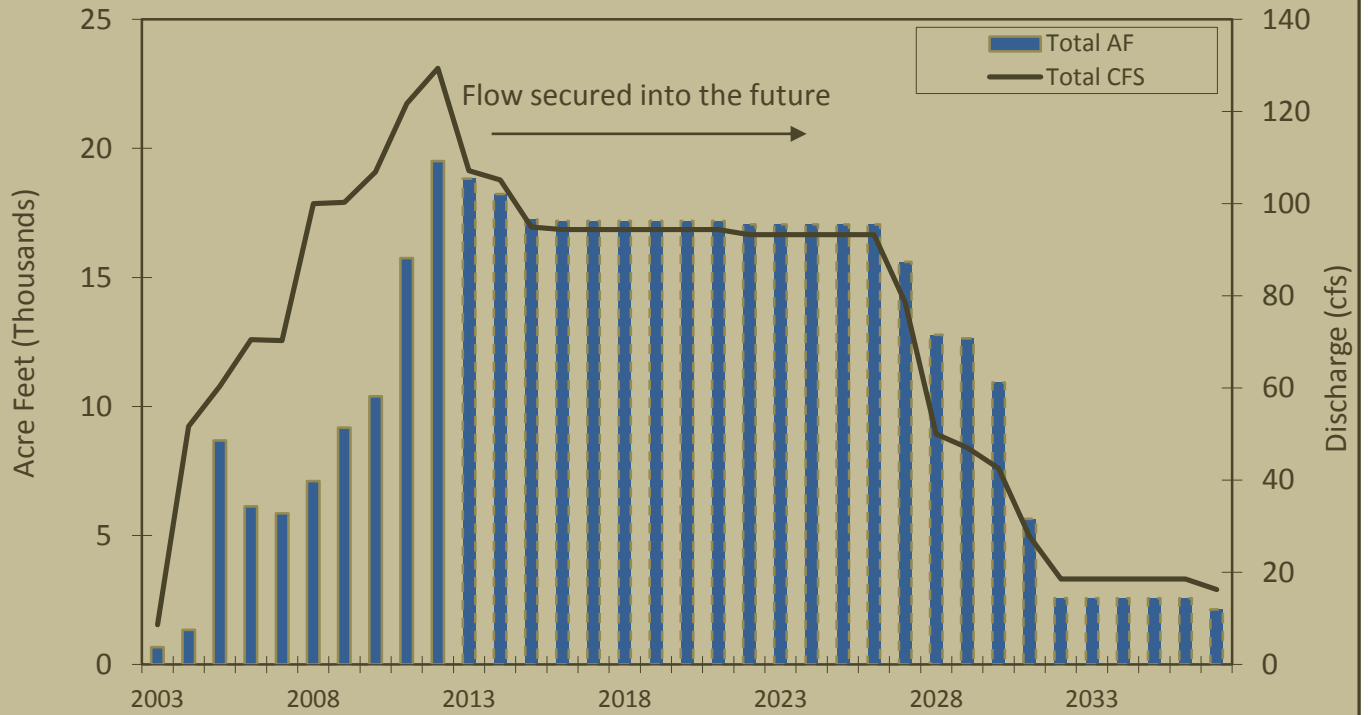
With committed partners in the Upper Salmon River Basin, the Idaho Water Resource Board implements the Idaho Water Transactions Program. The program is restoring water to our streams and rivers, revitalizing the habitats that imperiled salmon, steelhead, and native trout need for survival and recovery, and building resilience in tributaries facing a changing climate, while protecting the local agricultural community.

Mission: To support innovative, voluntary, grassroots water transactions that improve flows to tributary streams and rivers in the Upper Salmon River



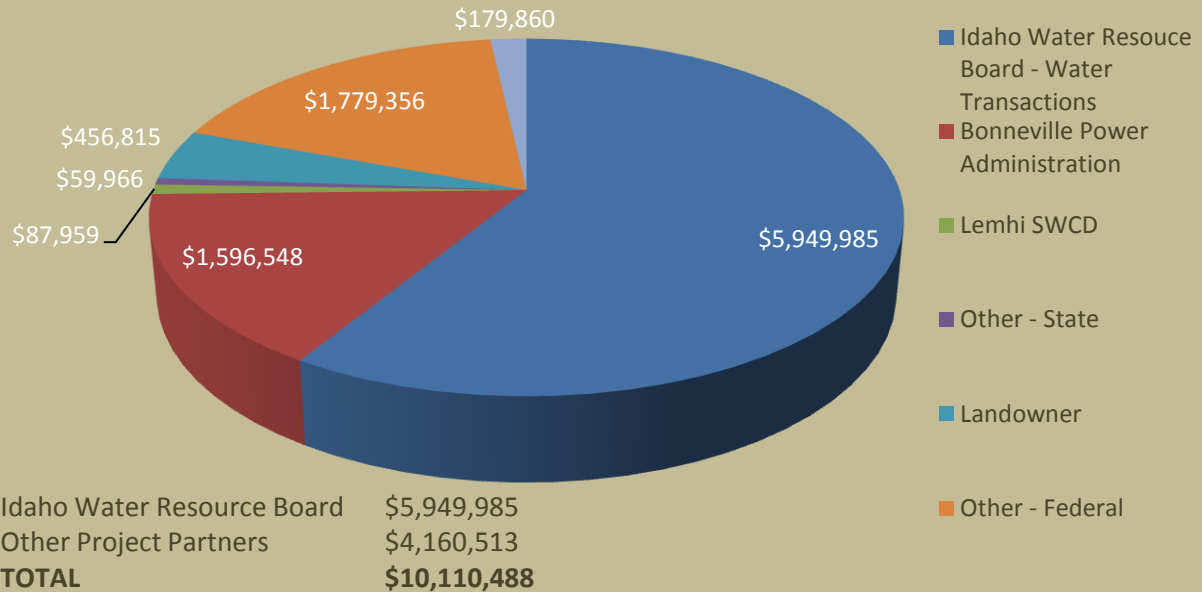
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Idaho Water Transaction Protected Flow 2003-2012



The Idaho Water Resource Board has completed 66 transactions protecting almost 130 cfs of flow and 19,500 AF annually.

Idaho Water Transaction Project Funding by Source (2003-2012)



In addition to the \$5.9 million the Board has used to fund water transactions, over \$4.1 million has been spent by project partners from a variety of Federal, State, private, and non-profit sources. Those funds are often used to install on-the-ground infrastructure as part of improved irrigation systems.

2012 Highlights

In 2012, the Board completed 5 transactions that protected 32.5 cfs of flow and 3931 AF in Upper Salmon tributaries.



Lemhi River: Six one-year minimum flow agreements ensured that the State met its commitment to maintain 25-35 cfs in the Lower Lemhi River.



Patterson Big Springs Creek: Working with the Custer Soil and Water Conservation District, Idaho Fish and Game, the National Resource Conservation Service, and the water user, a diversion on Patterson Big Springs Creek was removed and a new pump was installed in a small non-fish bearing creek. A 20-year source switch agreement will protect 6 cfs in Patterson Big Springs Creek for high quality Chinook salmon spawning habitat.