



AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Finance Committee Meeting No. 6-23

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

10:00 a.m. (MT) / 9:00 a.m. (PT)

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1. Introductions and Attendance
2. Raft River Pipeline Project
3. Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement Project
4. Mackay Dam Repair Project
5. Elmore County/Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer Water Supply Project
6. Other Items
7. Adjourn

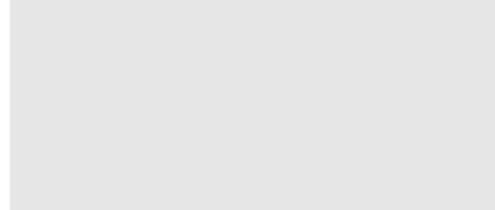
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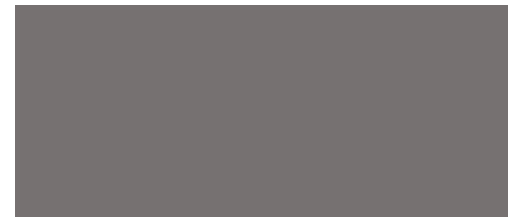
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RAFT RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

Regional Water Sustainability List
Project Overview and Needs





Project Background



Raft River Basin



Funding Review



Raft River Irrigation District



Project Status Update



Support Needed



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Raft River Watershed Project

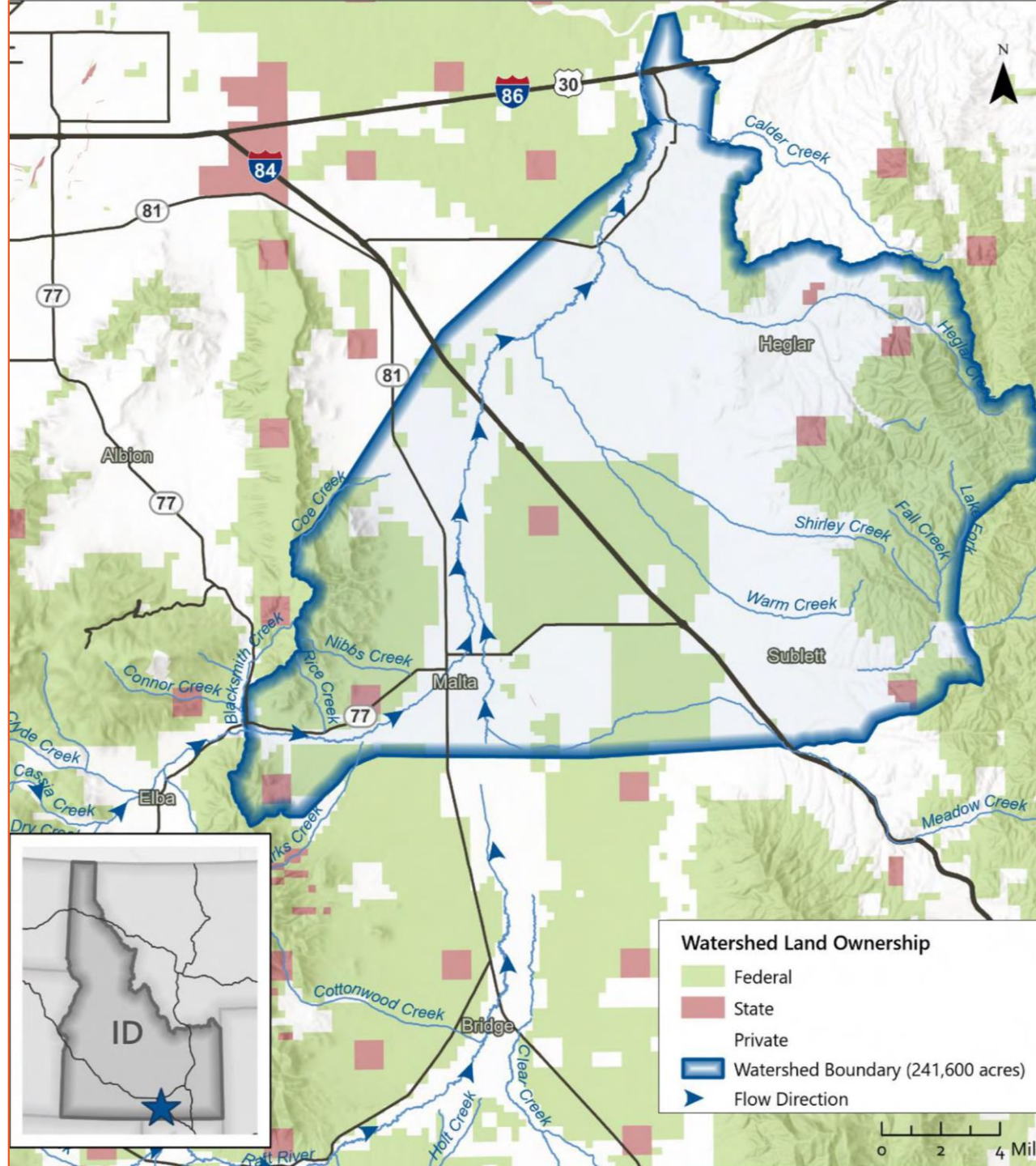


RAFT RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

- ❑ Raft River Flood District
 - ❑ *Raft River Recharge Group LLC*
 - ❑ *Raft River Electric*
- ❑ Raft River Groundwater District
- ❑ Raft River Irrigation District (in formation)

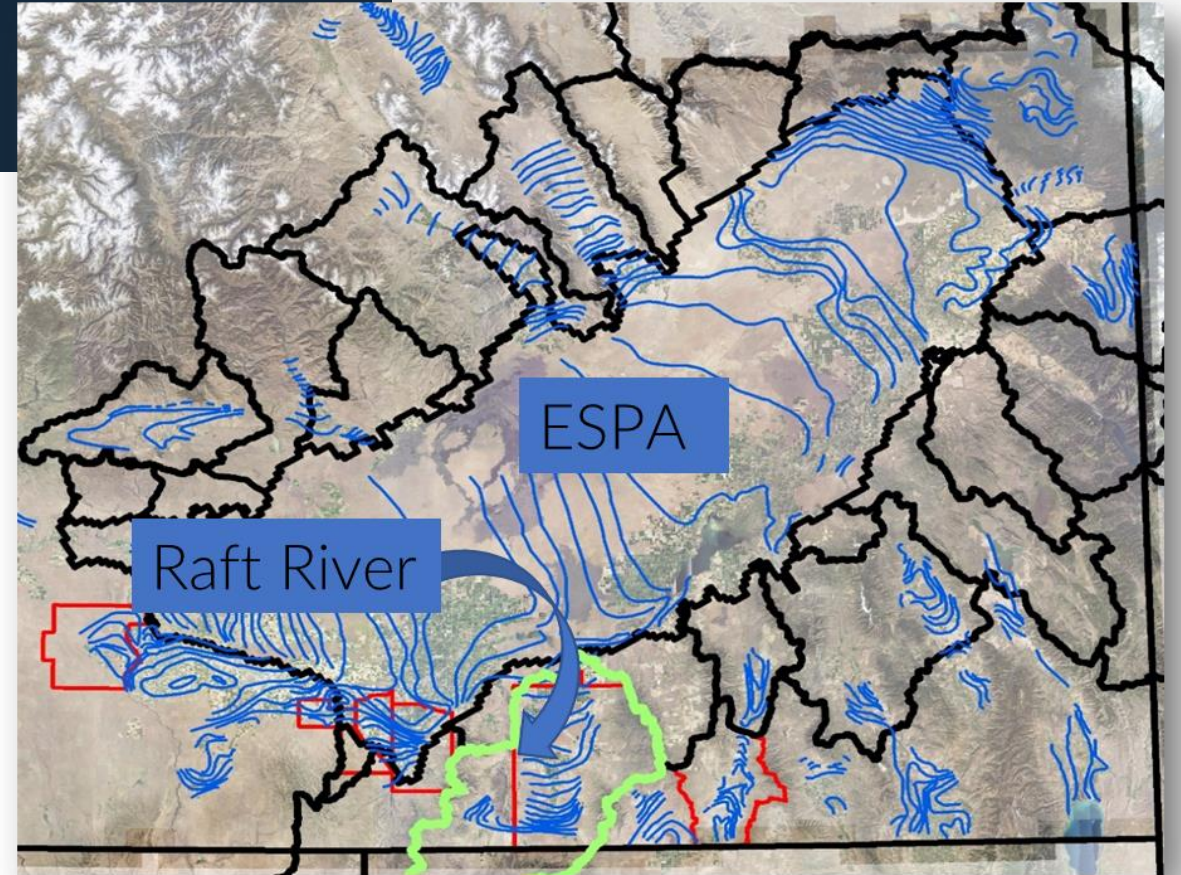
RAFT RIVER WATERSHED

The proposed project will rehabilitate a portion of the Raft River basin that will be designated as the Raft River Watershed



RAFT RIVER USDA NRCS PL 83-566 WATERSHED PROJECT

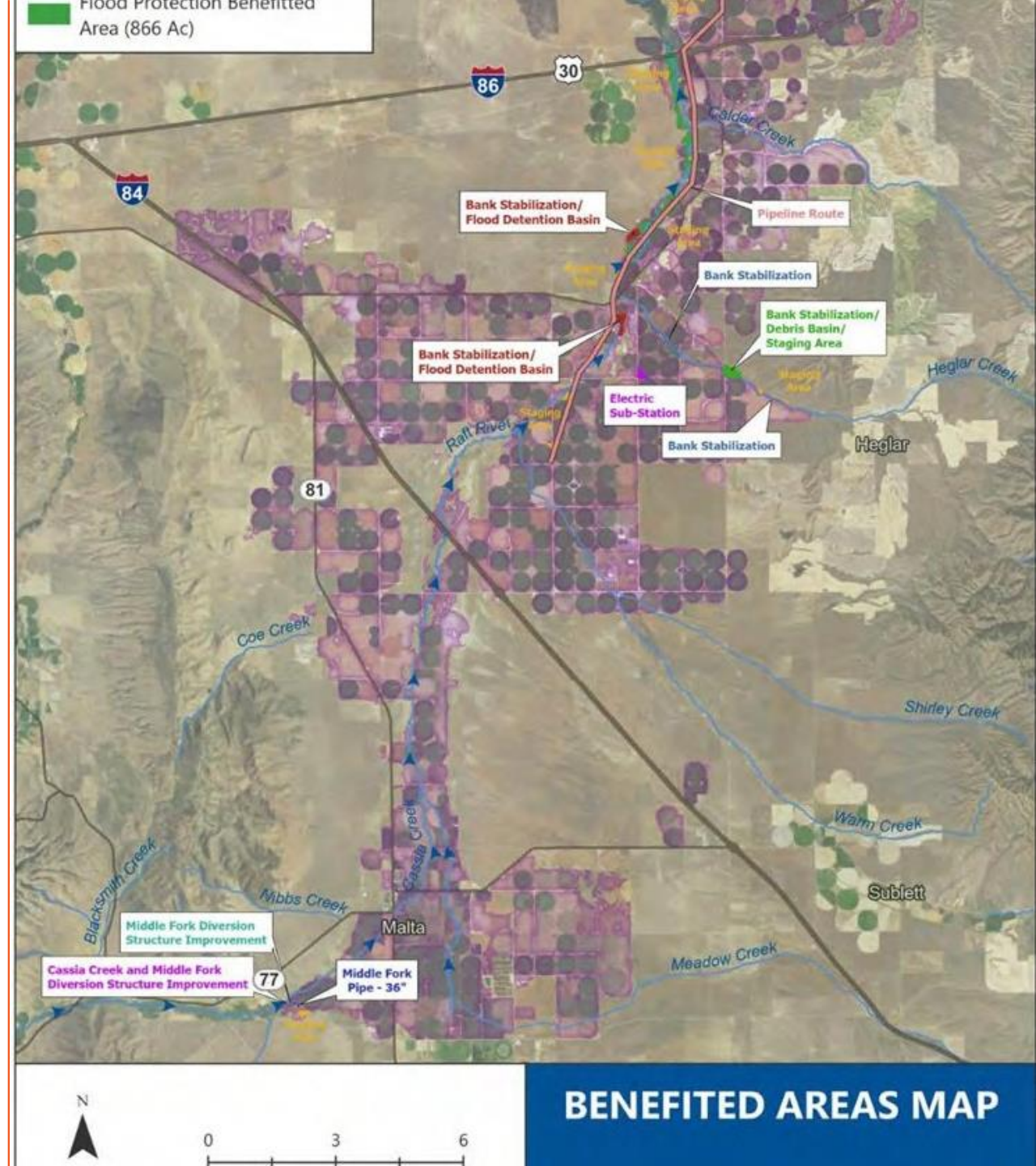
- Flooding has caused damage to crops, highways, animals and housing
- Yearly floods carry sediment loads that exceed total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the Raft River
 - *Sediment is carried to Snake River and is deposited in the sensitive wetland of the Wildlife Refuge*
- Declining groundwater levels are a risk to sustaining agriculture and the economy of the Raft River Basin



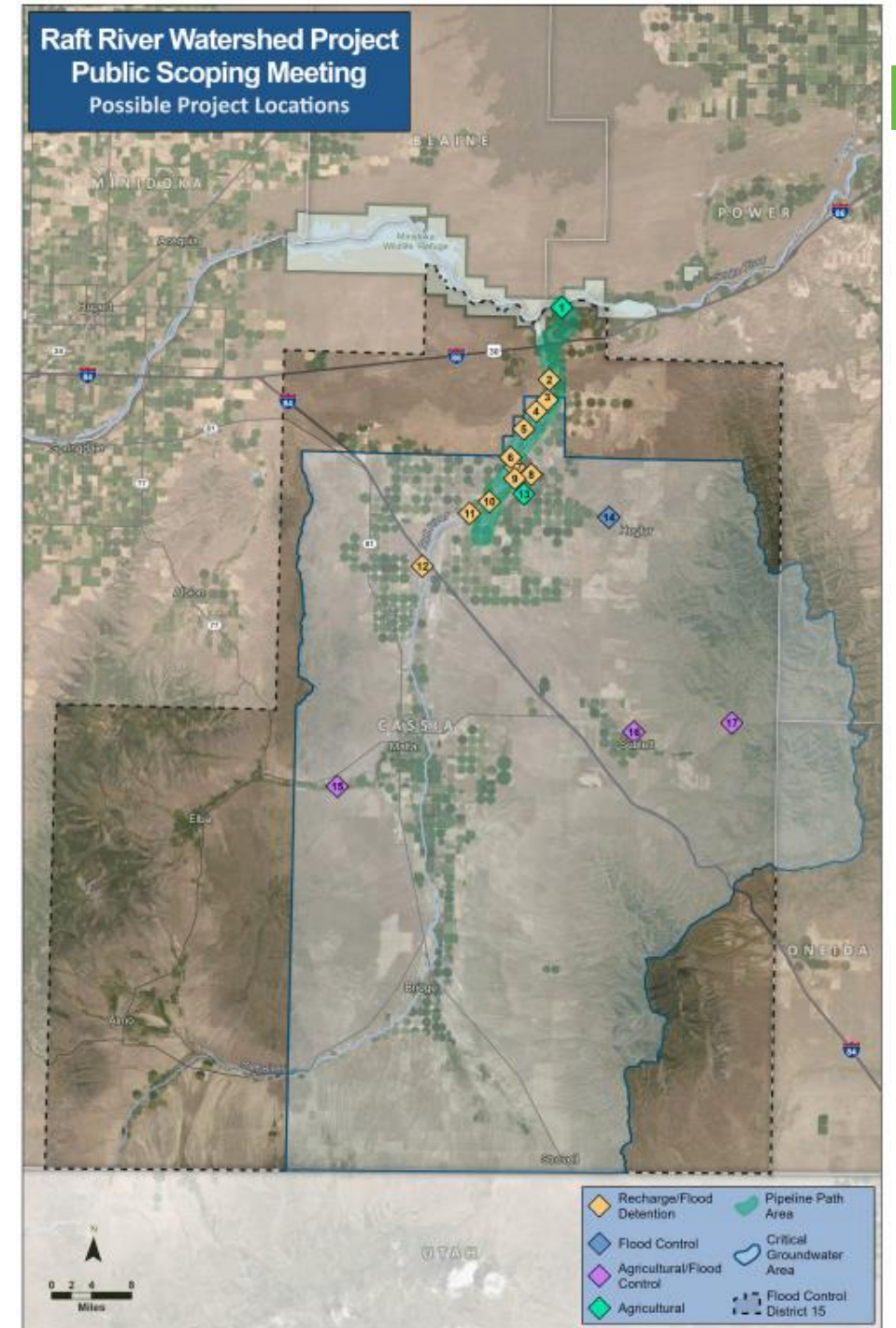
RAFT RIVER WATERSHED

This project, which would provide:

- Flood protection for the Raft River Basin
- Provide recharge to a designated CGWA aquifer
- Provide a sustainable source of irrigation water for agricultural producers
- Improve water quality in Raft River before it flows into the snake River



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RAFT RIVER FLOOD DISTRICT

Extensive flooding in 2017

- Overtopped freeway
- Flooded Raft River corridor
- Loss of crops and livestock

Raft River Flood District partnered with the Raft River Recharge Group and Raft River Electric to sponsor the project.



RAFT RIVER ELECTRIC

Continued decline in groundwater levels necessitates more power each year

Substation upgrade included in agricultural portion of the project



RAFT RIVER RECHARGE GROUP

The Raft River Recharge Group is committed and engaged to achieve aquifer recovery

- Developed and secured permit for groundwater recharge WR 1-10644
- Evaluated Pipeline Feasibility
 - Recharge benefit
 - Engineers Opinion of Cost for construction and operation
 - Snake River Water Availability

WATER RIGHT NO. 1-10644

<u>Owner Type</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>
Current Owner	RAFT RIVER RECHARGE GROUP LLC 246 E 300 S BURLEY, ID 83318
Attorney	MICHAEL C CREAMER GIVENS PURSLEY LLP PO BOX 2720 BOISE, ID 83701-2720 2083881200
Representative	BROCKWAY ENGINEERING PLLC C/O CHARLES G BROCKWAY 2016 N WASHINGTON ST STE 4 TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 2087368543

Priority Date: 01/25/2017

Status: Active

<u>Source</u>	<u>Tributary</u>
SNAKE RIVER	COLUMBIA RIVER

<u>Beneficial Use</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Volume</u>
GROUND WATER RECHARGE	01/01	12/31	70 CFS	
Total Diversion			70 CFS	

RAFT RIVER GROUNDWATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Data and Analysis Provided by Well
Water Consultants

- The pipeline project will be critical to sustain irrigation in the valley.
 - *More effective if the recharge is accomplished ½ mile from the river*
 - *Soft conversions need to be an integral part, if not the main focus, of the pipeline*

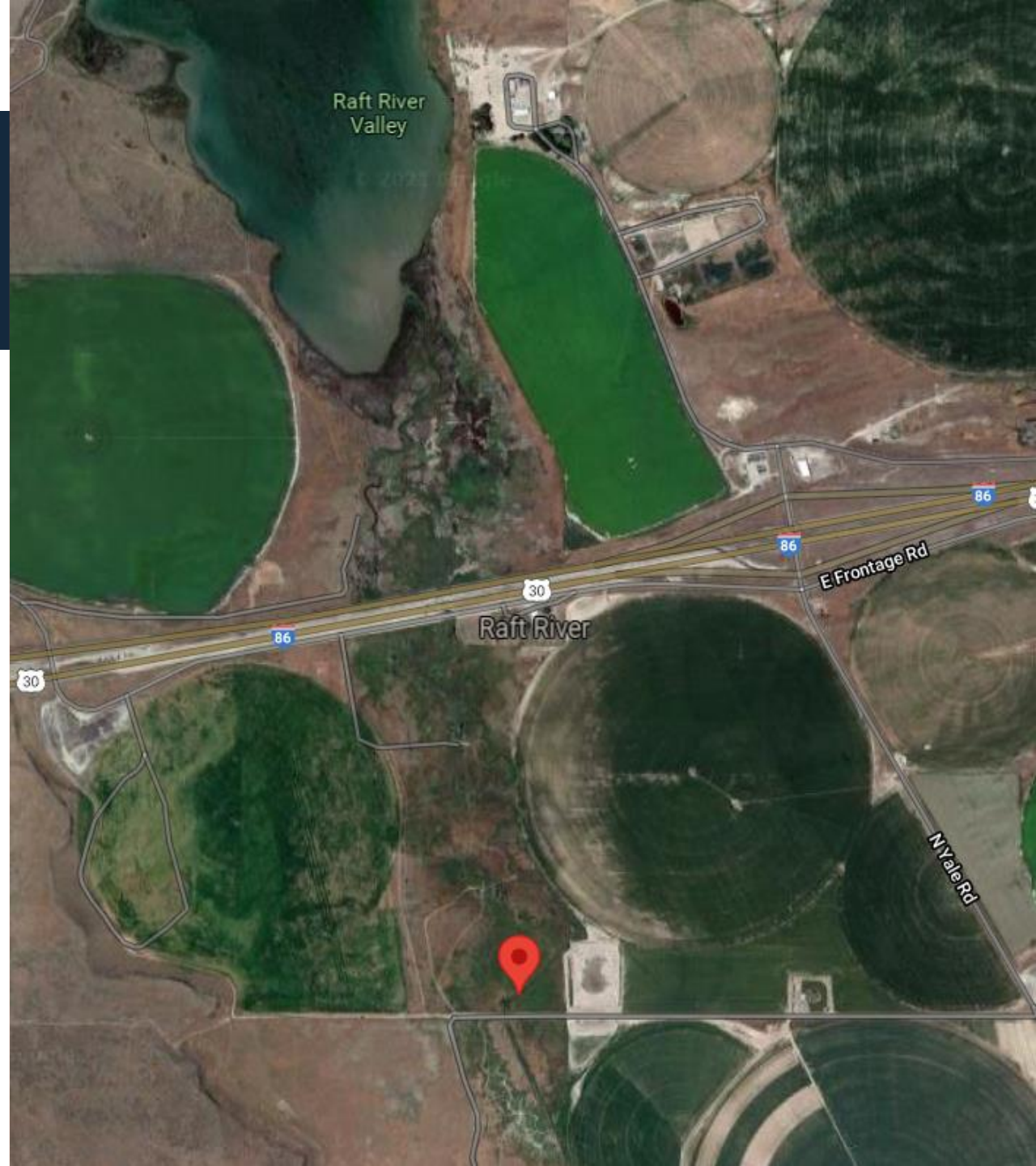


RAFT RIVER BASIN

Aquifer and Curtailment

RAFT RIVER

- Previously perennial stream
- Now intermittent and subterranean
- Loss of habitat for wildlife
 - *Impacts the Minidoka Wildlife Refuge*



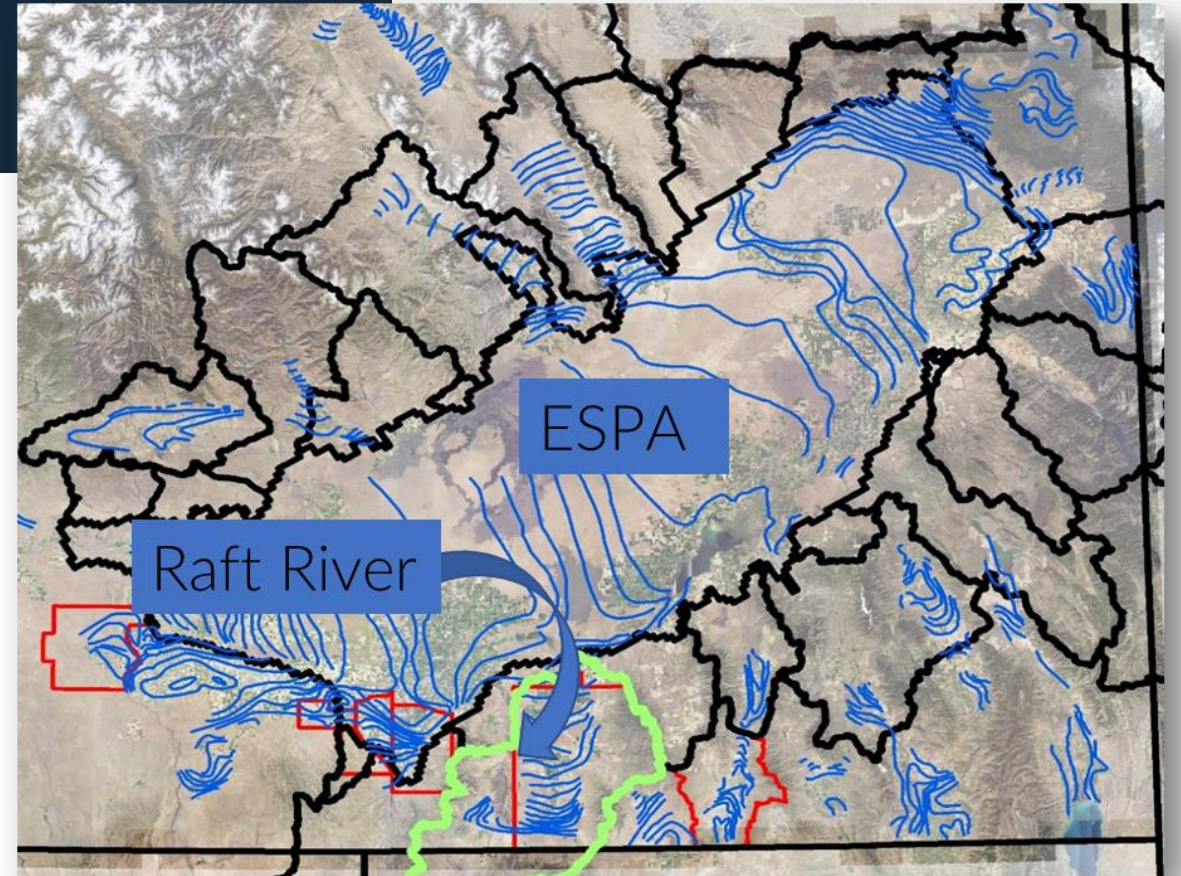
RAFT RIVER AQUIFER

Raft River Critical Groundwater Area
Designated in 1963

- Original investigation by USGS in 1970

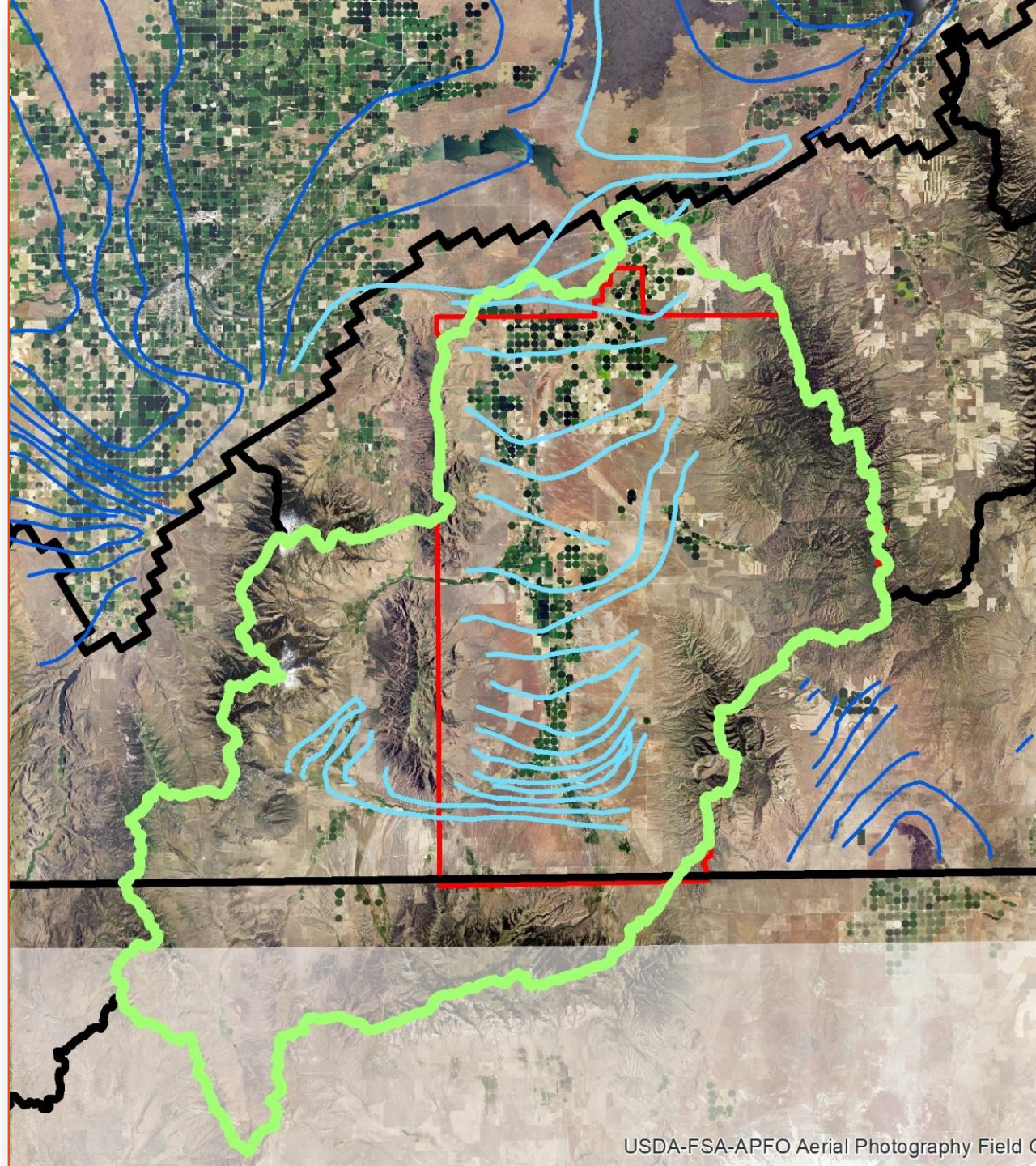
Recent investigation started in 2019 by the
IDWR and USGS as part of larger groundwater
modeling effort

- Hydrologic Characterization



RAFT RIVER AQUIFER

- Modified boundaries to remove Yost-Almo, Elba, Albion, and Cottler Regions in 1966, 1970, and 1977 respectively
- Expansion Acres curtailed in 2016 due to requirements of IC 42-1416B requiring Critical Groundwater Areas to curtail expansion acres unless:
- “Average annual withdrawals...equal to average annual recharge”

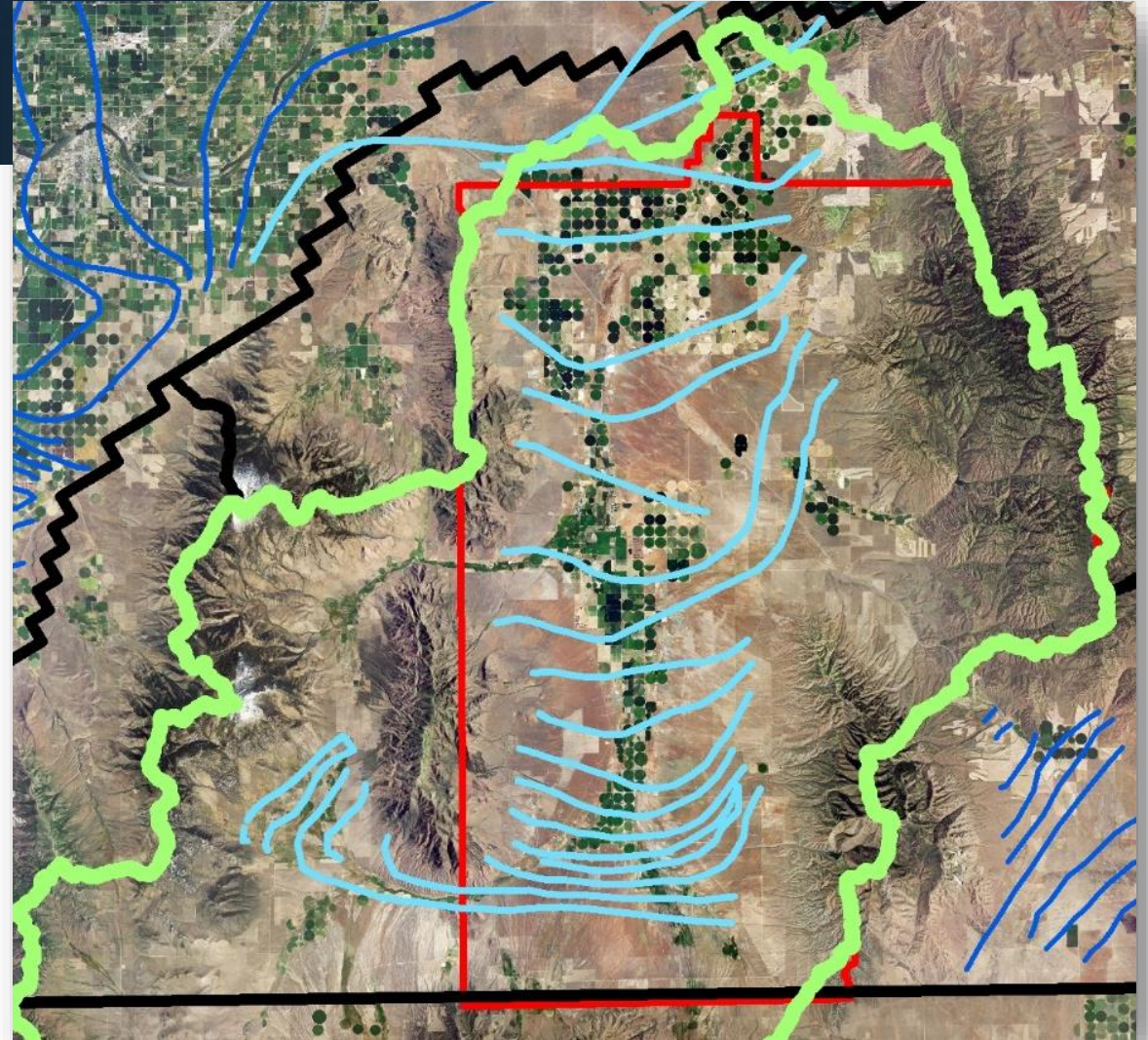


RAFT RIVER AQUIFER

Raft River Critical
Groundwater
Area expansion
acres are
curtailed

Curtailment prevents water from being applied to acreage during a year regardless of

- Efficiency improvements
- Crop consumptive use or farming practices



CURTAILMENT = ECONOMIC IMPACT

Final Curtailment Order Issued for Expansion Acres in September of 2016

- Curtailment of 7,800 acres over a 3-year period
- IDWR monitors curtailed acreage for irrigation
- Future curtailment possible if the aquifer remains unbalanced

Cassia County decreased the assessed value of curtailed acreage

- Dry Graze Land is 1/10th of Irrigated Land Value
- Affects farmers ability to operate
- Affects land tax basis

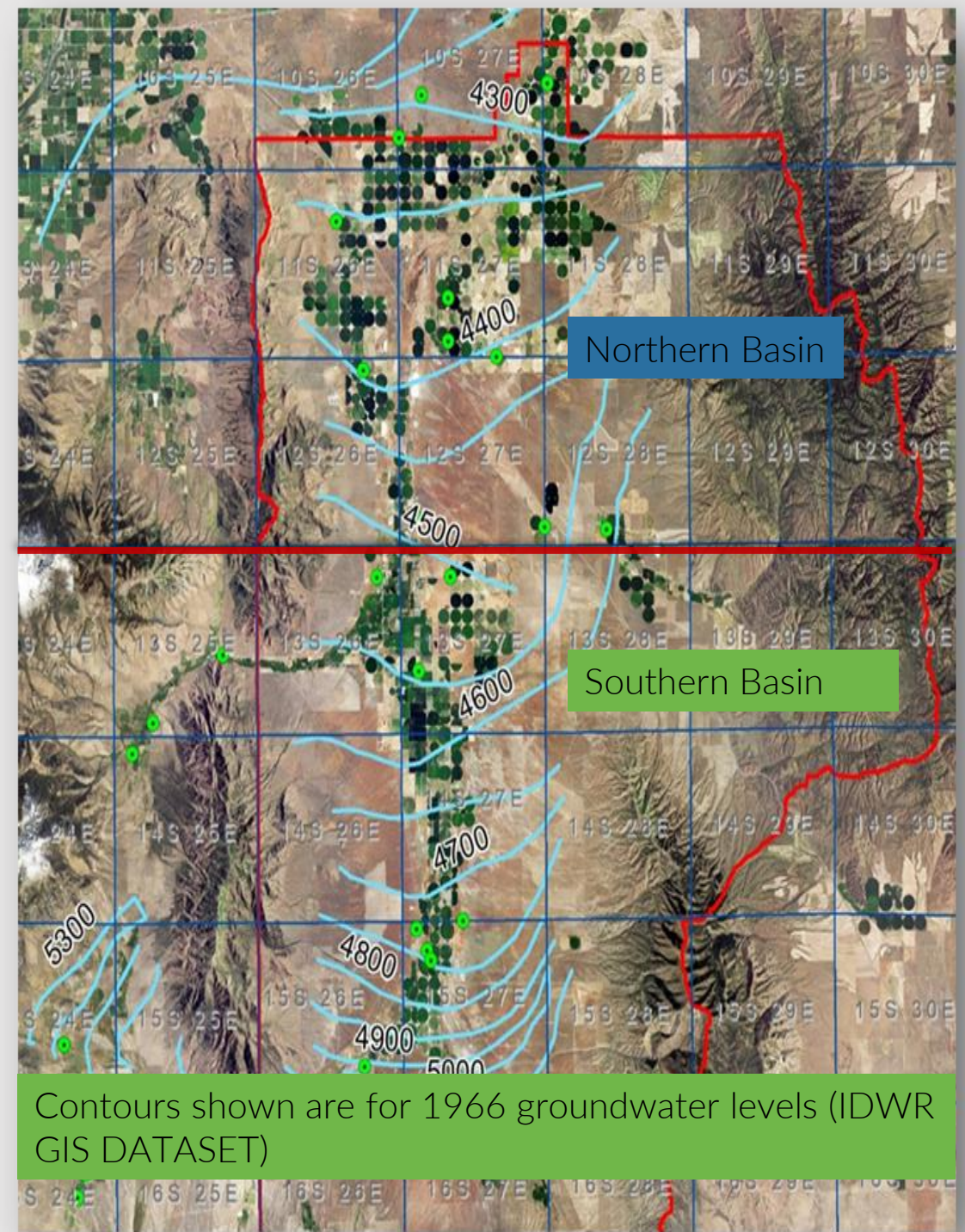
RAFT RIVER BASIN

Groundwater declines average 1.7 feet per year (Neeley 2015)

Aquifer deficit unknown. Last estimate was 103,000 afa in 1966 and assumes no salvage of outflow from basin (Walker et al. 1970).

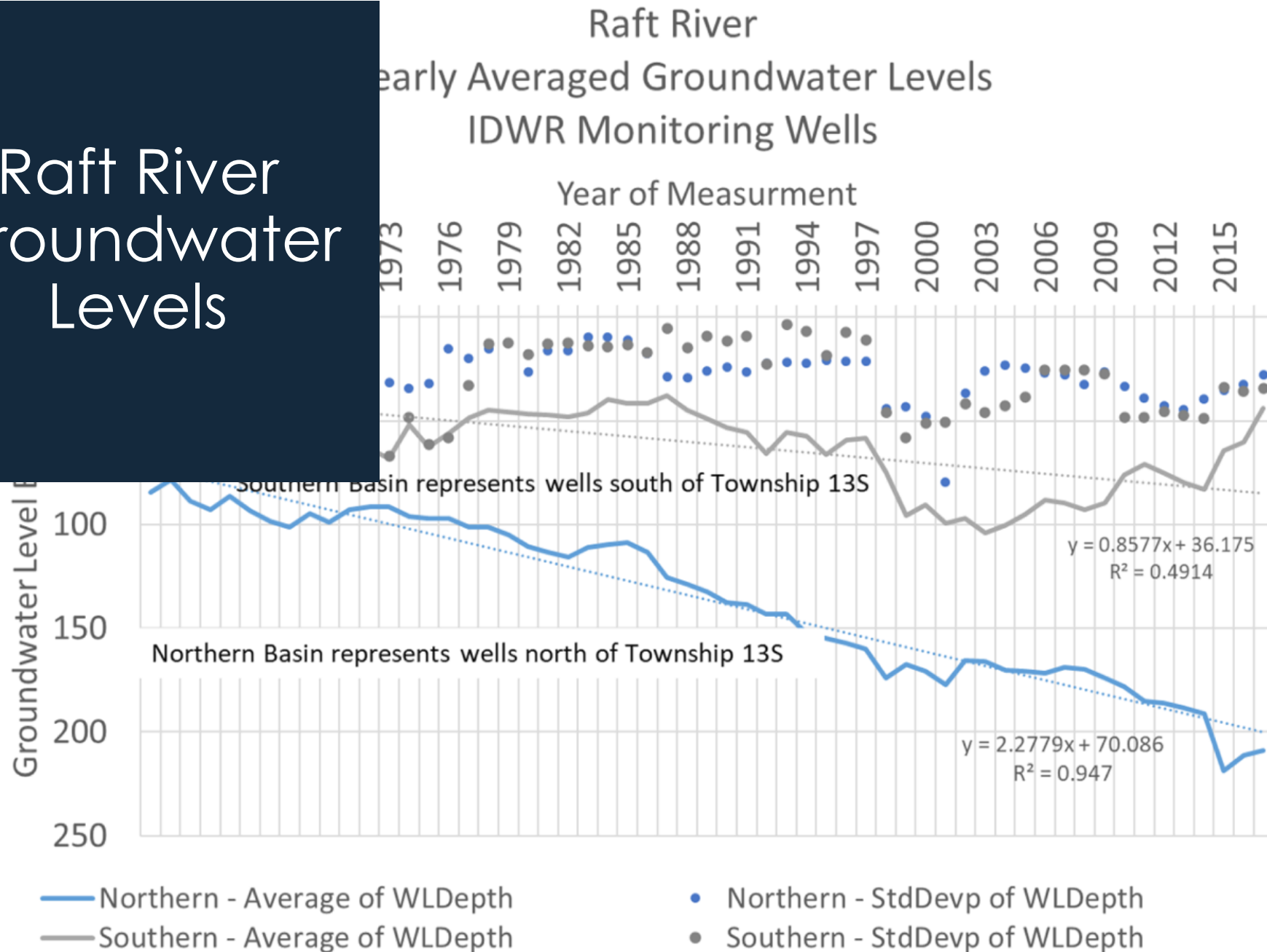
Estimated aquifer deficit likely between 36,000 afa and 120,000 afa annually

Estimate of deficit based on McVay and Higgs water balance models (Zobott 2017)





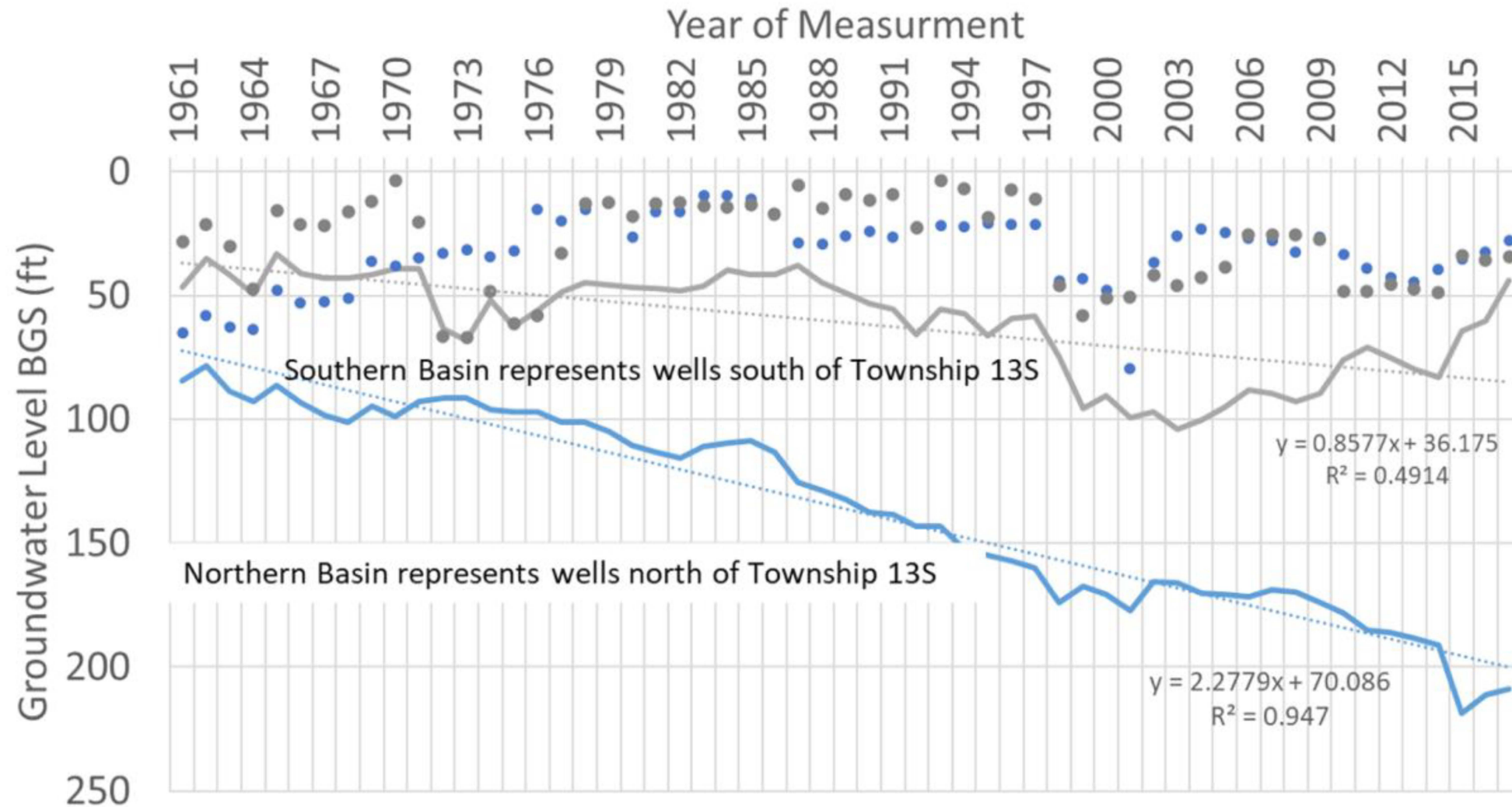
Raft River Groundwater Levels



Raft River

Yearly Averaged Groundwater Levels

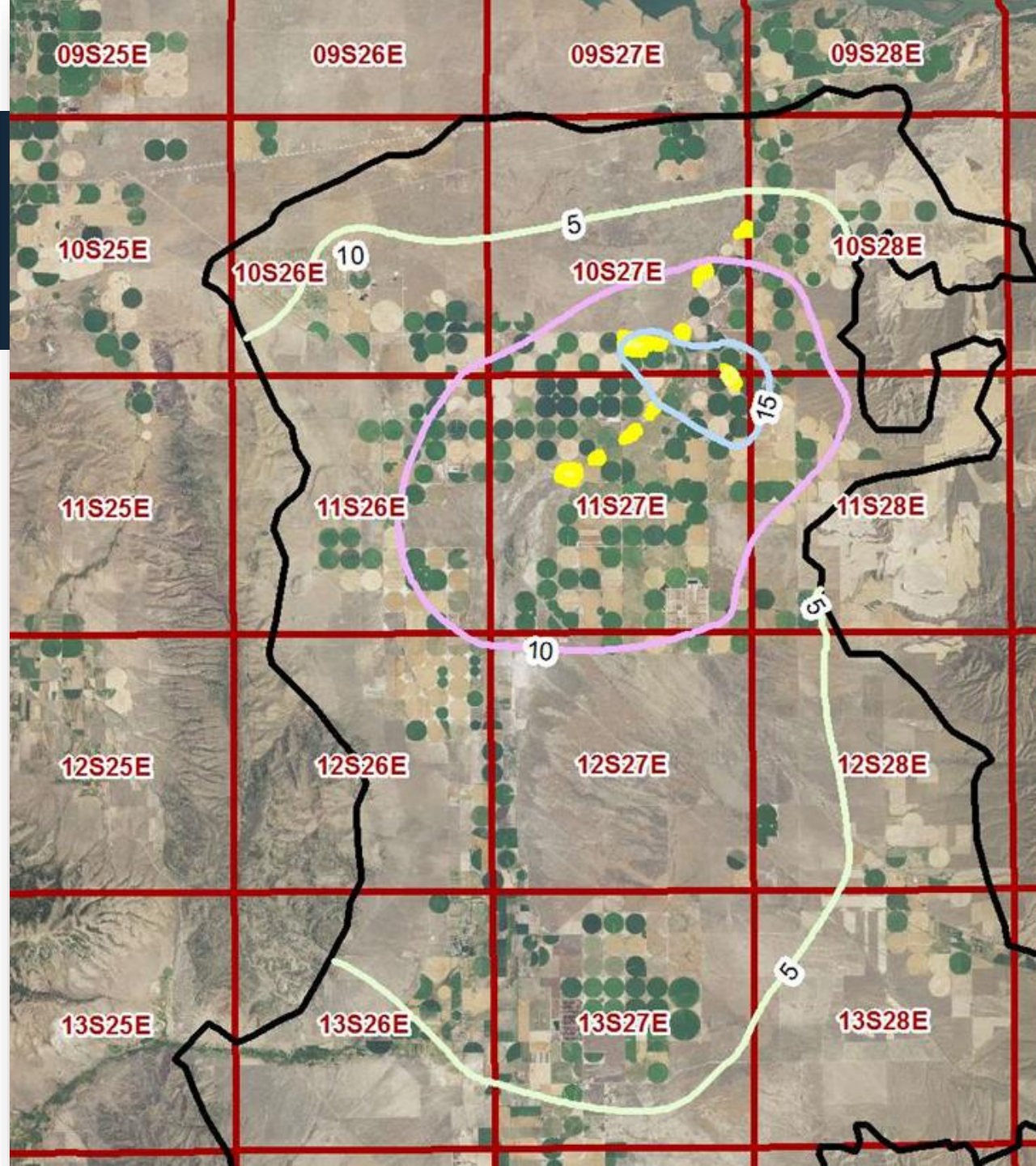
IDWR Monitoring Wells



GROUNDWATER RECHARGE

Increases water levels in the Northern Basin

Maximum recharge years are expected to provide significant impact



CONSERVE WATER THROUGH GROUNDWATER RECHARGE

The RRRG and partners proposes to build a pipeline to divert water from the Snake River to reduce groundwater declines

Improve access to groundwater

Provide opportunity for soft conversion

Prevent future curtailment

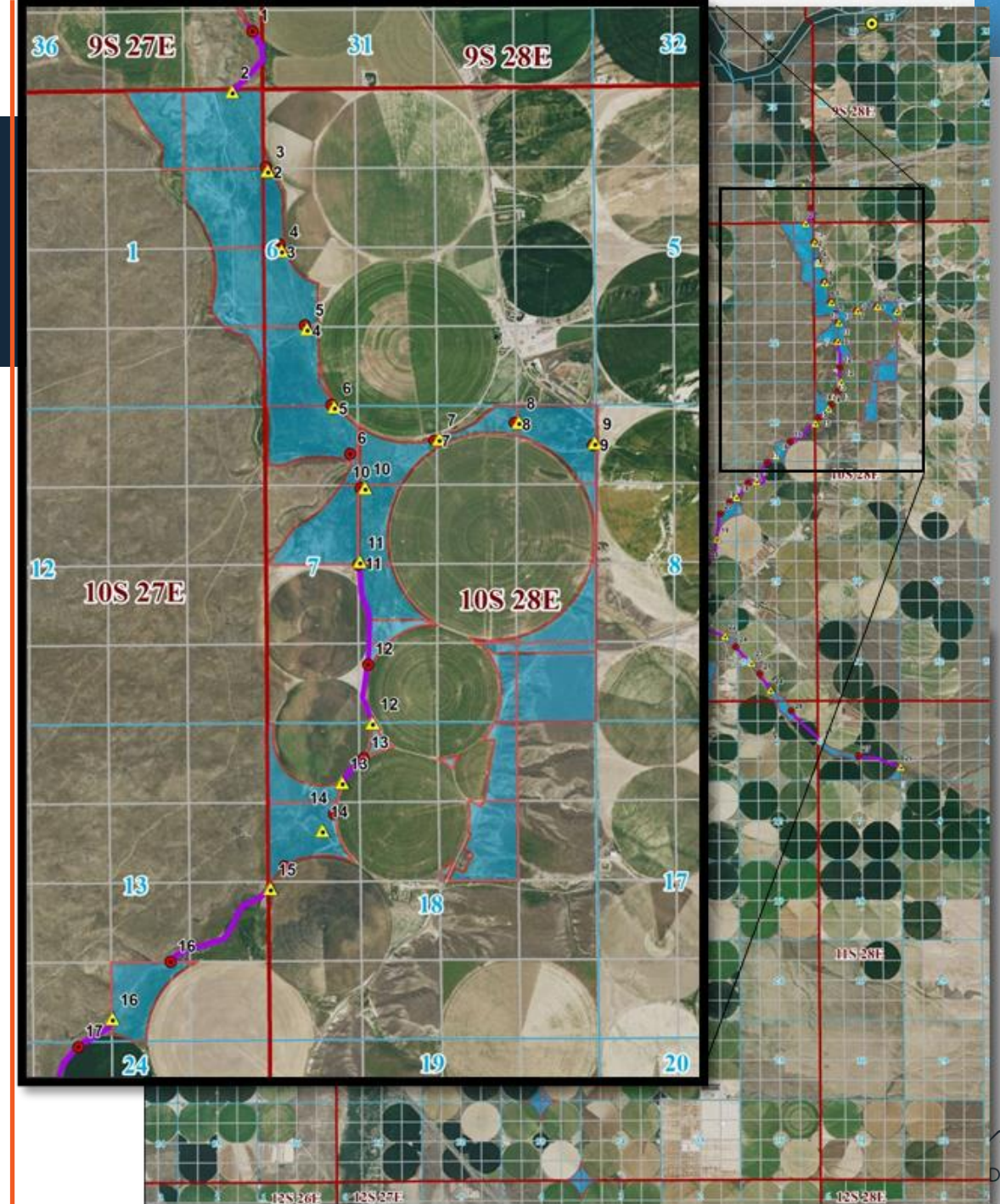


RAFT RIVER WATERSHED PLAN

- ❑ Construct suction lines or an open channel from the Snake River, a pump station located on private property near the Snake River, and a 13-mile-long (68,872 feet), north to south, buried pipeline to deliver 70 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water for groundwater recharge and 30 cfs for irrigation.
- ❑ Construct flood control and recharge basins along the Raft River floodplain to provide for 620 acre-feet (ac-ft) of floodwater detention while reducing flood risk and recharging the aquifer.
- ❑ Construct an 85 ac-ft debris and storage facility along Heglar Creek for flood and sediment control.
- ❑ Construct a 25 megawatt substation that includes a control building and associated equipment on a 1.5-acre site to supply power to the proposed pump station.
- ❑ Improve existing diversions to flood channels of the Raft River, Cassia Creek, and the Middle Fork of Cassia Creek.
- ❑ Provide bank restoration and stabilization to protect against erosion and degradation and to decrease sediment load during flood events on Heglar Creek.

RAFT RIVER RECHARGE PIPELINE PROJECT

- Recharge Areas:
- Along the Raft River Corridor in permeable soils
- Within areas of highly permeable soils outside of the Raft River Corridor
- Recharge to rotate within the Place of Use



RAFT RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT BENEFITS

- Improving delivery of surface water sources to reduce groundwater diversions for irrigation will decrease demand on the aquifer.
- Stabilize groundwater levels by recharging the aquifer.
- Decrease sediment loads in the Raft River and tributaries to prevent damage to Minidoka Wildlife Refuge wetlands.





FUNDING REVIEW

Raft River Recharge Group Efforts



RAFT RIVER RECHARGE FUNDING

- USDA-NRCS through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program PL 83-566 (WFPO PL 83-566)
- *Three Phases*
 - Environmental (100% funded)
 - Design (100% funded)
 - Construction (Funding depends on category)
 - Will fund up to 25 M in construction
 - Requires 6.25 M in match for agricultural projects
- *Sponsored by: Raft River Flood District,*
- *Cosponsored by:*
 - Raft River Recharge Group LLC,
 - Raft River Electric



RAFT RIVER RECHARGE GROUP FUNDING

- Idaho Water Resources Board
- Water Projects Loan Program
 - *20 year repayment*
 - *4.75% interest rate*
 - *\$14.1 M loan approved by IWRB in January*
 - Formation of the Raft River Irrigation District

PROJECT FUNDING SUMMARY

Source of Funding	Amount	% of Project Total
NRCS Phase 3 (Construction)	\$25,000,000	51%
NRCS Phase 2 (Design)	\$3,250,000	7%
Raft River Recharge Group (cash)	\$6,250,000	13%
Raft River Electric (cash)	\$1,500,000	3%
IWRB Loan	\$14,111,000	29%
Total Estimated Project Costs	\$48,602,142	100%

FLOOD CONTROL COST ESTIMATE AND BUDGET

Item	Description	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
	Flood Control				
1	Mobilization	LS	\$50,000	1	\$50,000
2	Flood Recharge Basin Excavation	CY	\$2	1,410,430	\$2,820,860
3	Basin Structure	EA	\$15,000	3	\$45,000
4	Heglar Flood Control Basin	LS	\$750,000	1	\$750,000
5	Diversion at Middle Fork - Cassia Creek	LS	\$120,000	1	\$120,000
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7	36" PVC Pipe (South Fork of Cassia Creek)	FT	\$250	2,640	\$660,000
8	Stream Bank Protection (Heglar Creek)	FT	\$100	11,110	\$1,111,000
9	48" Culvert Upsize	Ft	\$250	60	\$15,000
	Construction Subtotal				\$5,621,860
	Construction Contingency			10%	\$562,186
	Construction Total				\$6,184,046
	Engineering (8% Design, 8% Construction)			16%	\$899,498
	Project Administration (NRCS)			2%	\$112,437
	Project Administration (Sponsor)		\$4,000.00	1	\$4,000
	Permits		\$15,000.00	1	\$15,000
	Total Flood Control				\$7,214,981

AGRICULTURAL AND WATER MANAGEMENT COST ESTIMATE AND BUDGET

Item	Description	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
	Pipeline				
1	Mobilization	LS	\$200,000	1	\$200,000
2	Traffic Control	LS	\$20,000	1	\$20,000
3	SWPPP	LS	\$8,000	1	\$8,000
4	30" C900 PVC Pipe (DR 25, 165 PSI)	LF	\$145	1,132	\$164,140
5	42" C900 PVC Pipe (DR 51, 80 PSI)	LF	\$140	22,025	\$3,083,500
6	54" C900 PVC Pipe (DR 32.5, 125 PSI)	LF	\$375	45,715	\$17,143,125
7	Rock Excavation	CY	\$150	1,960	\$294,000
8	Trench Excavation, 4.5'-Width	LF	\$17	1,132	\$19,244
9	Trench Excavation, 5.5'-Width	LF	\$21	22,025	\$462,525
10	Trench Excavation, 6.5'-Width	LF	\$25	45,715	\$1,142,875
11	Trench Support and Stabilization	TON	\$14	23,280	\$325,920
12	Pipe Bedding (8" Pea Gravel)	TON	\$12	49,890	\$598,680
13	30" D.I. Reducers, Elbows, and Caps (5% Length Estimate)	LS	\$8,207	1	\$8,207
14	42" D.I. Reducers, Elbows, and Caps (5% Length Estimate)	LS	\$154,175	1	\$154,175
15	54" D.I. Reducers, Elbows, and Caps (5% Length Estimate)	LS	\$857,156	1	\$857,156
16	Secondary Road Crossing, Gravel	CY	\$30	800	\$24,000
17	Secondary Road Crossing, Asphalt	SF	\$100	400	\$40,000
18	6" Gate Valve	EA	\$2,000	12	\$24,000
19	6" Combination Air-Vacuum Valve	EA	\$10,000	12	\$120,000
20	Service Connection Turnout	EA	\$30,000	4	\$120,000
21	Service Connection Meter and SCADA	EA	\$20,000	4	\$80,000
	Pipeline Subtotal				\$24,889,547

Item	Description	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
	River Pump Station				
22	Phase Cable Upgrades by RRRE	LF	\$16	18,500	\$296,000
23	Electrical Substation	LS	\$3,000,000	1	\$3,000,000
24	Construction Water Control/Dewatering	LS	\$100,000	1	\$100,000
25	Concrete Foundation	LS	\$25,000	1	\$25,000
26	Vertical Turbine Pump (11,225 GPM at 330 FT TDH)	EA	\$450,000	5	\$2,250,000
27	1300 HP 3 Phase Motor	EA	\$150,000	5	\$750,000
28	Pump Column and Discharge Head	EA	\$10,000	5	\$50,000
29	Pump Controller	EA	\$185,000	2	\$370,000
30	Soft Start	EA	\$22,000	2	\$44,000
31	Transformers and Service	LS	\$100,000	1	\$100,000
32	Electrical Disconnects, 800 AMP	EA	\$4,000	6	\$24,000
33	Electrical Cabling and Supplies	LS	\$10,000	1	\$10,000
34	Electrical Labor, Installation, and Testing	MH	\$100	320	\$32,000
35	24" x 20" D.I. Reducer	EA	\$3,000	5	\$15,000
36	24" D.I. Spool (3'-0" Length)	EA	\$2,500	5	\$12,500
37	Pressure Gauge (0-200 PSI Range) w/ Isolation Ball Valve	EA	\$1,000	10	\$10,000
38	24" D.I. Restrained Flange Coupling Adapter	EA	\$2,000	5	\$10,000
39	24" Check Valve	EA	\$15,000	5	\$75,000
40	24" Butterfly Valve	EA	\$12,000	5	\$60,000
41	24" D.I. Spool (10'-0" Length)	EA	\$6,000	5	\$30,000
42	54" D.I. Suction Manifold (w/ (2) 54" D.I. Tees & (5) 54" x 24" D.I. Tees)	LS	\$55,000	1	\$55,000
43	54" D.I. Discharge Manifold (w/ (5) 54"x 24" D.I. Tees)	LS	\$40,000	1	\$40,000
44	54" Steel Suction Intake Pipe	LF	\$200	600	\$120,000
45	Wedge-Wire Steel Screen Intakes W/ Airburst Cleaning	EA	\$43,000	8	\$344,000
46	Cinder Block Pump Station Building	SF	\$300	2,000	\$600,000
47	Ventilation Equipment	LS	\$10,000	1	\$10,000
48	Site Grading and Restoration	LS	\$25,000	1	\$25,000
49	Excavation	CY	\$30	3,500	\$105,000
	River Pump Station Subtotal				\$8,562,500
	Construction Subtotal				\$33,452,047
	Construction Contingency			10%	\$3,345,205
	Construction Total				\$36,797,252
	Engineering (7% Design, 7% Construction)			14%	\$4,683,287
	Project Administration (NRCS)			2%	\$669,041
	Project Administration (Sponsor)	LS	\$4,000.00	1	\$4,000
	Permits	LS	\$15,000.00	1	\$15,000
	Total Agricultural Water Management				\$42,168,580



RAFT RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

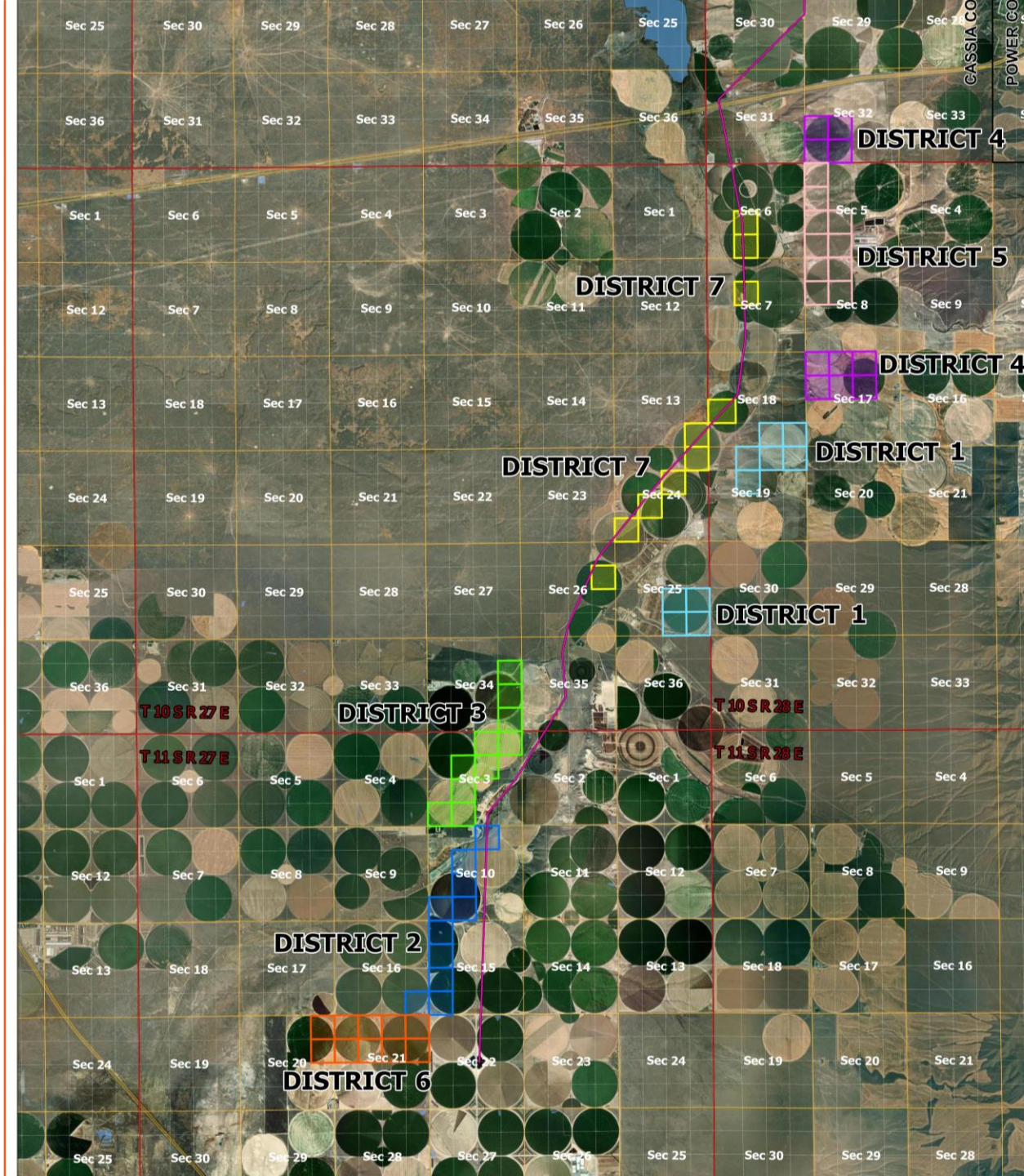
Raft River Recharge Group

CURRENT IRRIGATION DISTRICT FORMATION STATUS

- Hired legal counsel to represent the district
- Prepared and submitted petition to form the district in Cassia County
- Special election will be in August for district formation

RAFT RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT FORMATION

- Equal districts for each member
- Limited to 3,000 acres total for directors to live outside of district
- 7 districts will be formed





PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Raft River Recharge Group



CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

- Secured water right permit for groundwater recharge
- Preliminary environmental review with Bureau of Reclamation and US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Project selected for funding through NRCS PL 83-566 Watershed Program.
- Project loan earmarked for Raft River Irrigation District
- Working with USDA NRCS, Bureau of Reclamation, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to complete an Environmental Assessment.
- Draft Preliminary Plan EA submitted to Idaho NRCS State Office
- PENDING Submittal to the National Watershed Management Center

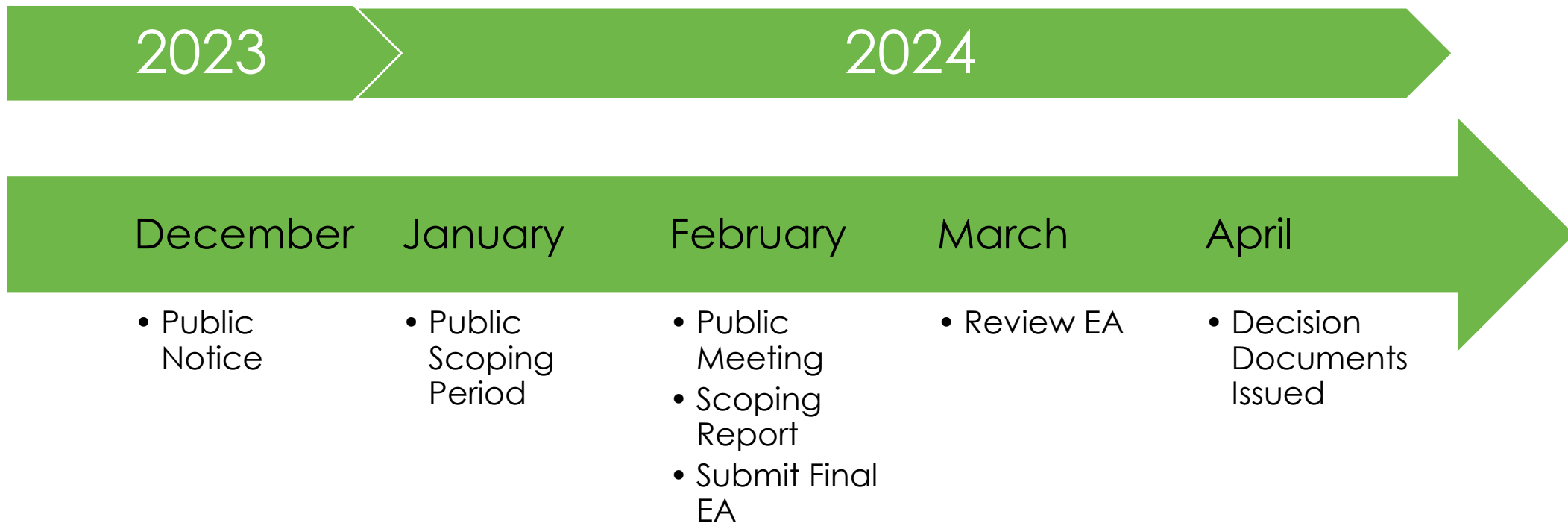
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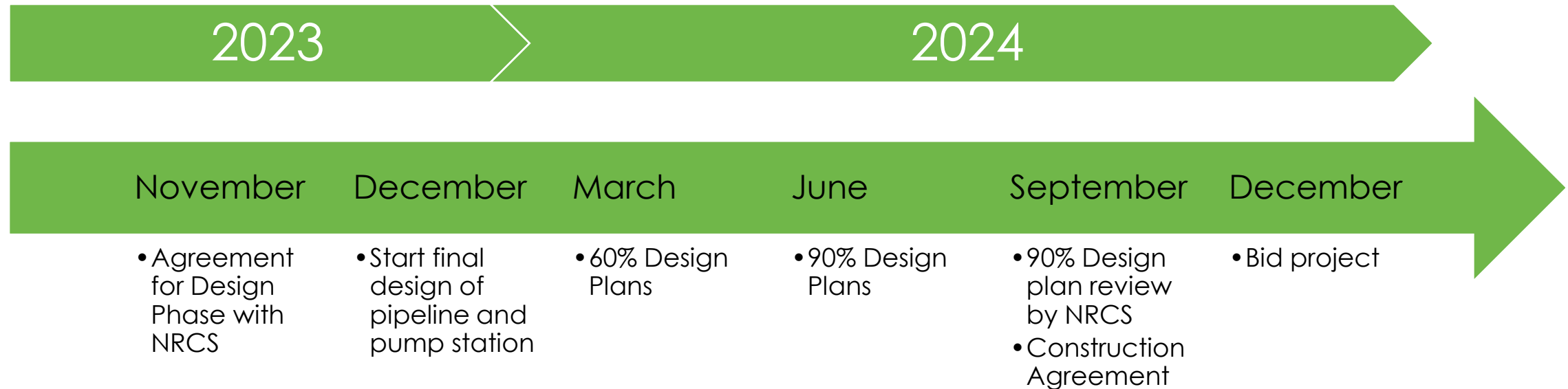
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FINALIZE EA SCHEDULE



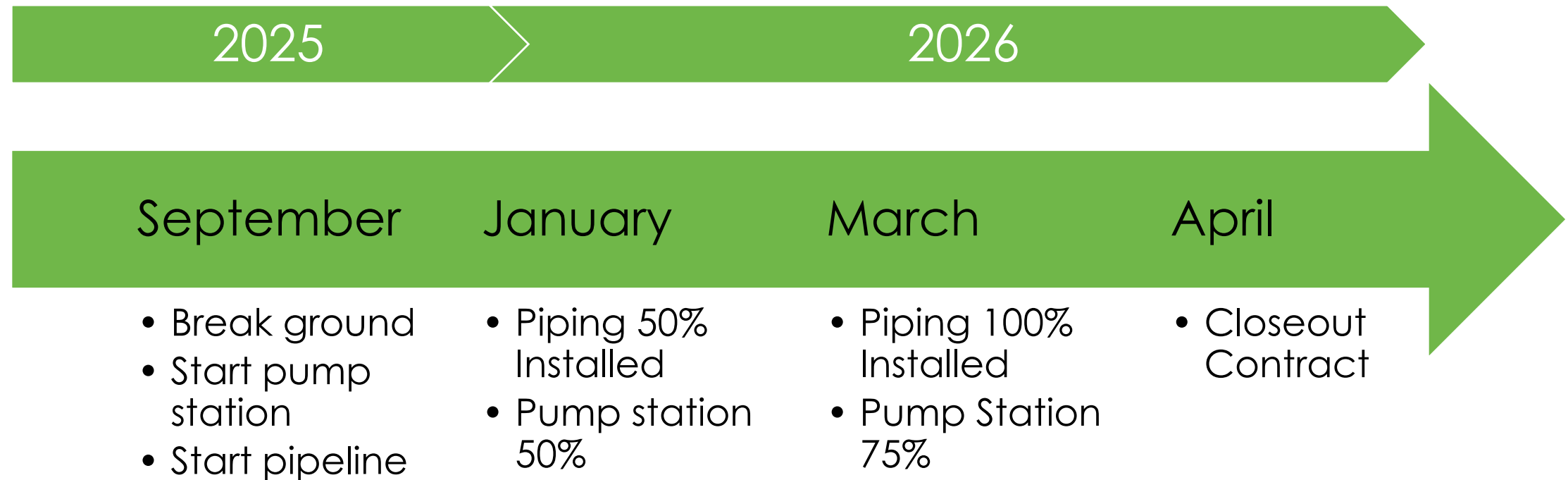
DESIGN PHASE SCHEDULE



CONSTRUCTION PHASE SCHEDULE-BIDDING



CONSTRUCTION PHASE SCHEDULE-CONSTRUCTION





SUPPORT NEEDED

Raft River Irrigation District



REGIONAL WATER SUSTAINABILITY LIST

- Maintain project on Regional Water Sustainability List
- Upgrade as a priority by the IWRB for the list
- Review of project as ARPA fundable by IDWR
 - *Tributary aquifer to ESPA*
 - *Pending groundwater hydrologic framework and groundwater modeling*
- Provide grant funding for project through IWRB
 - *Disqualified as aging infrastructure*
 - *Currently on the list for Regional Water Sustainability*
 - *May be fundable as groundwater recharge if qualified for ARPA funding*

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IWRB GRANT FUNDING

- Investigate ARPA funding for groundwater recharge as a tributary to the ESPA and water supply for region
 - *Rely on IWRB to determine if qualified*
- Provide opportunity for loan forgiveness or grant conversion of the loan through Regional Water Sustainability Program
 - *Guidance on program requirements and opportunities will guide this process*
 - *Must match with non-federal dollars*
 - *The loan is a backstop to grant funding efforts to ensure the project is built*
 - *Pursuing grants in the amount of the loan to complete the project: \$14.1 M*

QUESTIONS

Thank you!



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Idaho Water Resource Board
Finance Committee
Regional Water Sustainability Priority List
Presentation

**Lost Valley Dam Replacement
and Enlargement**

The Most Cost Effective New Storage Project in Idaho

Lost Valley Reservoir Board

Dale Barton Doug McAlvain Irv Leen

Idaho Water Engineering

Hal Anderson

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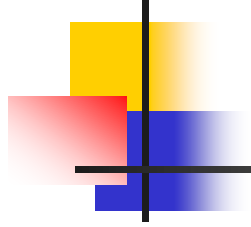
Why Lost Valley Enlargement ?

- 100 year old Dam that needs to be replaced for Public Safety and Sustainability of future water supply.
- Project has long been a supported priority for the IWRB.
- Lowest Cost new Storage Project in Idaho.
- Project is fully supported by Local Water Users, Legislators, County Commissioners and Farm Bureau.

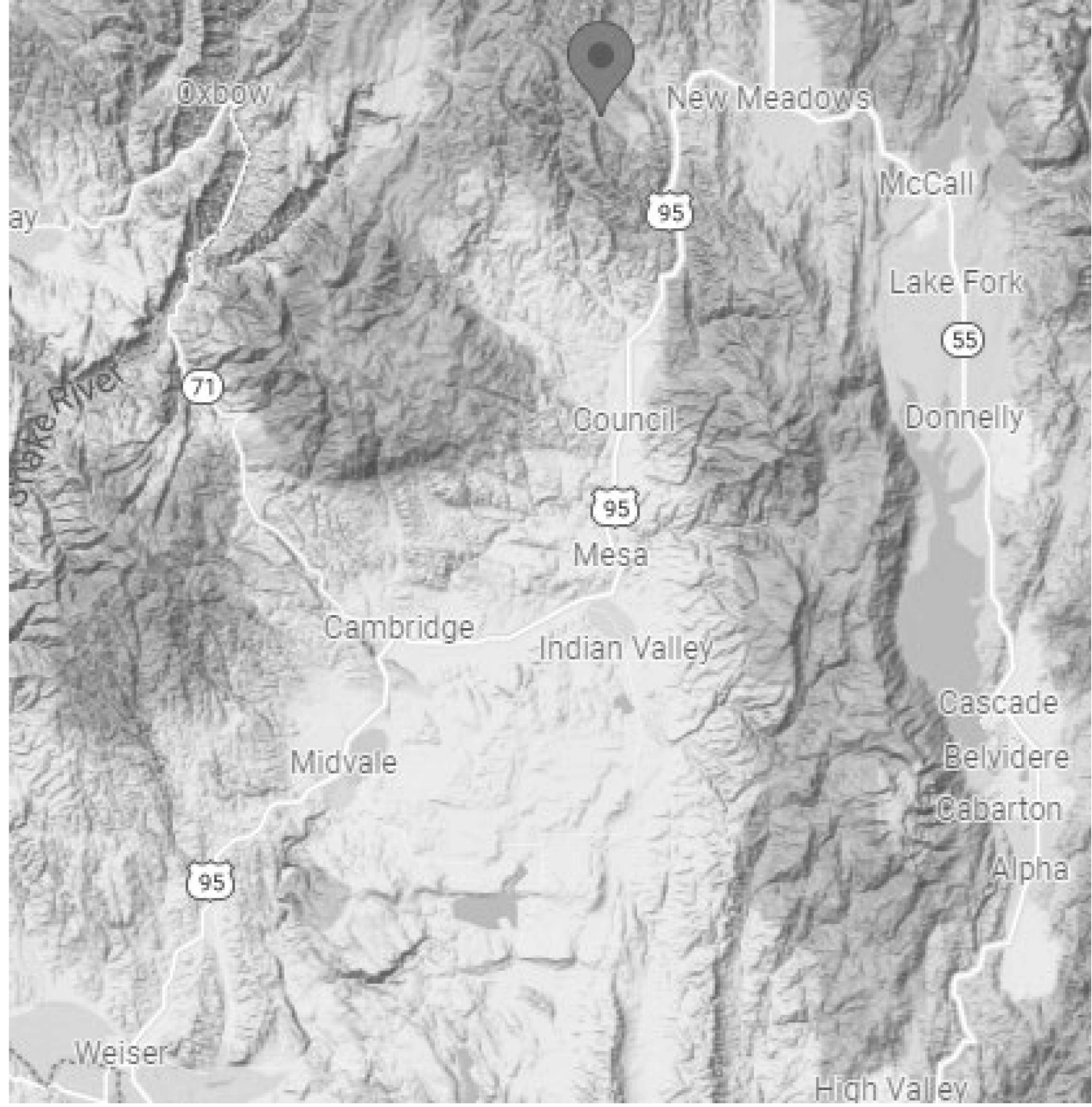
Project Sponsor

Lost Valley Reservoir Company

- Private Reservoir Company
- Three person board
 - Dale Barton, Chair
 - Doug McAlvain
 - Irv Leen
- Fourth seat to be created to represent the Class D (Enlargement) shares
- Initially created 6/19/1925
- LVRC owns some of the land under the reservoir the remainder is USFS.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND





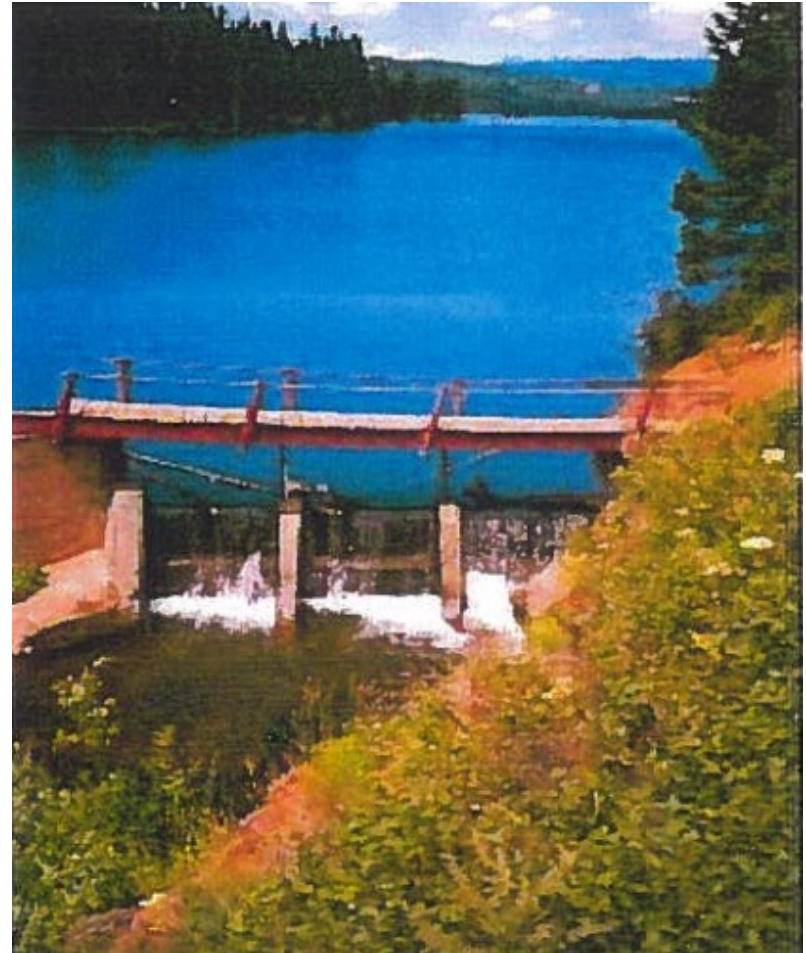


Proposed Enlargement

- Raise water level by 30 feet.
- Increase storage from 10,000 acre-feet to 30,000 acre-feet.
- 110 year old dam and outlet works are in need of replacement (cost of replacement estimated to be \$3,700,000 in 2023 dollars).
- This project provides opportunity to provide additional storage water and to replace the dam and outlet works and to provide a sustainable future water supply for Weiser Basin.



100 Year Old Dam needs to be Replaced !



Timeline of Lost Valley Reservoir



- Jun 2, 1993 Application filed
- Dec 20, 1993 Protest filed by US Forest Service
- Mar 5, 1999 IDWR Prehearing Conference
- Apr 1, 2013 Lost Valley Reservoir Company (LVRC) signs Agreement with Idaho Water Engineering (IWE)
- Sep 14, 2014 Presentations before the Idaho Water Resource Board Water Storage Project Committee Meeting in Weiser
- 2018 Study on Northern Idaho Ground Squirrel (NGIS)
- 2020 IWRB Signed a Subordination Resolution



Subordination

- Lost Valley Reservoir Board requested subordination of Galloway by the IWRB.
- Advantages stated:
 - Beneficial to summer flows.
 - Carry-over storage will enhance the fishery in Lost Valley Reservoir and downstream.
 - Additional storage to work in tandem with Galloway, if built.
 - This is a low-cost storage project for Idaho, and provides an opportunity for the IWRB or other water users to acquire some of the storage.
 - Without this subordination further studies for Lost Valley Reservoir would not have been warranted.
- Subordination signed on July 20, 2020



Support for this Project

- **Idaho State Water Plan** recognizes that surface water development will play a key role in meeting Idaho's future water needs; it supports assessment and development of new high potential storage facilities, and supports the creation of collaborative partnerships with private entities, concerned stakeholders, local governments, and federal agencies to evaluate, design and construct water storage projects.
- **Idaho State Water Plan** identifies Lost Valley Reservoir as a reservoir site with high potential for development.
- **House Joint memorial No. 8 (HJM 8)** passed and approved by the 2008 Idaho Legislature encouraged the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB), in coordination with other public and private entities, to initiate and complete the study of additional water storage projects in the state of Idaho and identified potential projects such as the Minidoka Dam enlargement, Teton Dam replacement, Twin Springs Dam, Galloway Dam and Lost Valley Dam.



Idaho Water Resource Board Support for the Project

- 1992: The IWRB funded in part the initial feasibility study for the enlargement of Lost Valley Dam and Reservoir, in the amount of \$7,500.
- 2017: The IWRB funded Lost Valley Reservoir Measuring Devices in the amount of \$16,253.51.
- 2019: The IWRB funded the Northern Idaho Ground Squirrel Study in the amount of \$30,000.



Public Support of this Project

- Letters of Support
 - Adams County Commissioners
 - Washington County Commissioners
 - Snake River Development Alliance



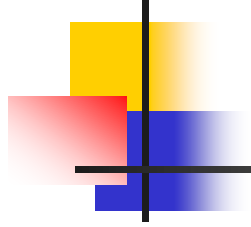
Idaho Farm Bureau Support for the Project

Idaho Farm Bureau Policy 16.

16. Dams

We support:

1. The Northwest Power Planning Council focusing its efforts on issues that will provide the region with its current and future power needs;
2. The construction, improvement and increased size of storage facilities that provide beneficial multiple uses of Idaho's water;
3. Municipalities, federal agencies, and tribes advocating for and funding additional storage projects to help meet the increasing demand for water, and avoid taking irrigation water from agricultural purposes;
4. The continued existence and current usage of all dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. We oppose any efforts to destroy or decrease production of those dams;
5. Construction of the Galloway Dam on the Weiser River; and
6. **Raising of the Lost Valley Reservoir Dam.**



COST ESTIMATE, BUDGET AND FUNDING PLAN



Lost Valley Reservoir Projected Construction Costs, for 20 KAF of Additional Storage

- 1992 -- \$2 to 2.4 M
- 2020 -- \$9 M
- 2026 -- \$13.5 M (Including anticipated inflation)

Per former IWRB Chairman Joe Jordan:

“Enlargement of Lost Valley Reservoir is the least cost new storage in Idaho”

Cost Estimates for 2026

(multiply 2020 costs by 1.5)

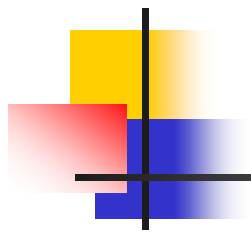
Anticipated Costs for Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement

	1992 Est.	2020 Est.	2026 Est.
Construction and Mitigation Costs			
A&B Eng.	\$2M to \$2.4M		
Quadrant Construction Cost Estimate		\$ 6,402,000	\$ 9,603,000
Lost Valley Estimate of Additional Cost for Mountain Operations (25%)		\$ 1,600,500	\$ 2,400,750
Total Estimated Construction Cost		\$ 8,002,500	\$ 12,003,750
Mitigation		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,500,000
Total		\$ 9,002,500	\$ 13,503,750
Pre-Construction Costs			
EIS and Federal Consultation Cost Estimate		\$ 400,000	\$ 600,000
USFS Cost Estimate		\$ 150,000	\$ 225,000
Preliminary Engineering Estimate		\$ 70,000	\$ 105,000
Legal Work Estimate		\$ 25,000	\$ 37,500
Contingency		\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000
Total		\$ 745,000	\$ 1,117,500
Total Estimated Project Costs		\$ 9,747,500	\$ 14,621,250



Preliminary Estimate of Cost Per Share

- For the 16,000 shares, the construction funds needed are estimated to be \$13,500,000. This results in a construction cost of around \$840/af.
- IWRB will typically provide bonding for the project.
- If the interest rate is around 3% (Municipal Bond Rate adjusted by IWRB incentives), then the annual cost per af is \$36, for a 40 year bonding period.



FUNDING PLAN



Shares to be Offered

- Class A, B and C shares total around 10,000.
- 20,000 Class D shares to be created.
- Each share is for 1 acre-foot (af) of space in the reservoir. Annual fill is not guaranteed. The average basin yield is around 26,000 af. In the relatively dry year of 2021, around 20,000 af were available for fill, so the Class A, B and C shares plus half fill of the Class D shares would have been available.



Offerings of the Additional Storage

1. Existing shareholders
2. Other water users in the Weiser River Basin
3. IWRB
4. Others



Preliminary Estimate of Cost Per Share

- 4,000 shares for project development
- 16,000 shares to share in costs
- Pre-Construction funds needed are \$1,120,000
- IWRB is requested to provide matching funding for Pre-Construction costs
- The remaining preliminary investment will be around \$35/share for Class D Shares. This investment does not guarantee success but reserves shares.

Currently Reserved Shares

Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement Interested Parties				
As of June 14, 2023		No. of shares reserved by 50 individuals and entities.		
Last Name or Business Name	First Name or Organization Contact	Telephone No.	email	No. Shares
Total				10326
			Originally available	16000
			Remaining	5674

The 4,000 shares reserved for the developers have been offered to the State of Idaho. If not acquired by the State of Idaho they will be marketed elsewhere.

Unreserved shares can be marketed out of basin. American Falls – Aberdeen Ground Water District has expressed an interest in acquiring the remaining shares.



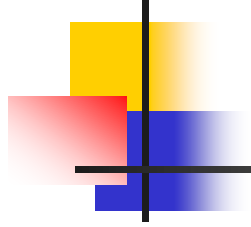
What is the Expectation of Fill?

- Three assessments of average annual fill have been computed using different techniques:
 - 29 KAF (A&B Engineering)
 - 25 KAF (Steve Lipscomb, USGS, Method 1)
 - 28 KAF (Steve Lipscomb, USGS, Method 2)
- Fills in recent years have verified these estimates.
- If the reservoir is raised to 30 KAF, and ABC shares total 10KAF, then the average fill of the D shares is estimated to be about 15 KAF plus carry-over, so actual estimated average will be greater.



Where Can this Water Be Used?

- In the Weiser River Basin.
- Upstream in the Snake River Basin by exchange, replacing flows for Salmon flush.
- For this reason, the water is highly desired by others in the Upper Snake Basin.



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement as of June 14, 2023

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED COST	PLANNED START DATE
Collect funds from interested spaceholders and IWRB	Obtain \$560K from the IWRB and \$560K from the Shareholders	1-Aug-23
Initiate Pre-Construction Activities		1-Aug-23
Complete Pre-Construction Activities		1-Aug-24
Arrange for financing for final engineering and construction.	\$13.5M additional minus grants from IWRB and Federal Govt.	1-Aug-24
Prepare and distribute final engineering RFP with IWRB Staff and Lost Valley Team		1-Sep-24
Prepare and distribute construction RFP with IWRB Staff and Lost Valley Team		1-Mar-25
Select construction company and contract for		1-Jun-25
Construct the Project		2025-2026
Store and deliver water		Spring 2027

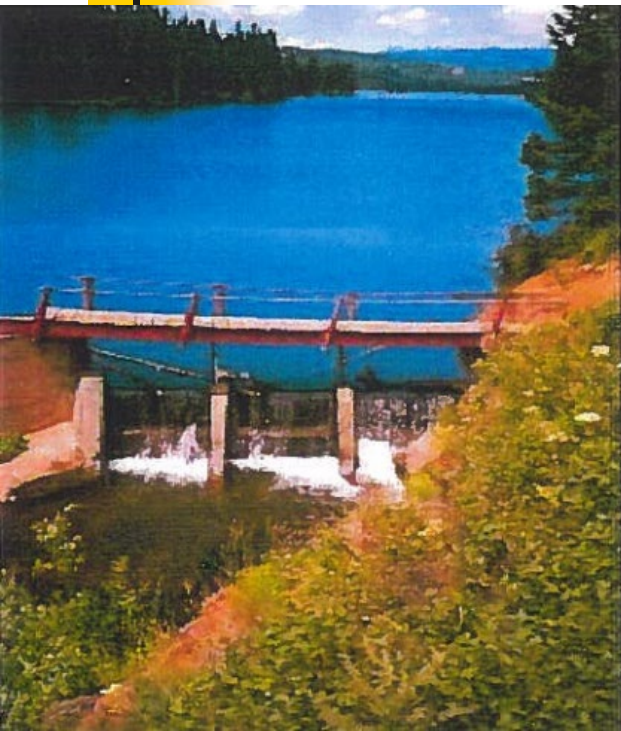


TYPE OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED BY THE IWRB AT THIS TIME

- Provide matching funds for next steps (including EIS) of \$560K.
- Decide if the State of Idaho should acquire the remaining available 5,674 of Class D shares and the 4,000 project development shares, or if these should be offered to other entities.



Thank you.



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Mackay Dam Spillway and Tower Improvements
Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate

Line Existing Spillway Channel

<u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Ext. Cost</u>
1	mobilization	1	lump sum	\$197,432	\$197,432
2	demo existing bridge and dispose	1	lump sum	\$15,000	\$15,000
3	remove sections of wall and floor due to failure (15% of total flume area)	3,456	square feet	\$10	\$34,560
4	restore removed sections of wall and floor	128	cubic yards	\$1,200	\$153,600
5	new walls and floor within existing walls and floor with walls 2' higher and 1' thick	948	cubic yards	\$1,200	\$1,137,600
6	construct new bridge across flume 30' wide x 24' span with 2' tall parapets each side	1	lump sum	\$400,000	\$400,000
7	blast mountain side and regrade to discourage future falling rock	1	lump sum	\$700,000	\$700,000
8	haul off blasted rock and dispose on dam site nearby	18,519	cubic yards	\$15	\$277,778
9	Install rock catch system along face of mountain	1	lump sum	\$500,000	\$500,000
10	6 ft chain link fencing	700	linear feet	\$100	\$70,000
11	Keep Out signage on fencing	10	each	\$200	\$2,000
Subtotal					\$3,487,970

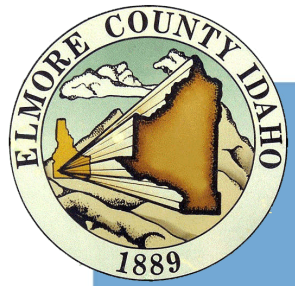
Rehabilitate Tower & Gates

<u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Ext. Cost</u>
1	mobilization	1	lump sum	\$107,825	\$107,825
2	install cofferdam at tower base	1	lump sum	\$200,000	\$200,000
3	demolition of miscellaneous aspects of the existing tower to make ready for new construction	1	lump sum	\$50,000	\$50,000
4	new gate brass bushings	5	each	\$25,000	\$125,000
5	new gate stems	5	each	\$25,000	\$125,000
6	motors	5	each	\$18,000	\$90,000
7	new 1' thick concrete wall pinned to existing exterior wall from top to bottom of existing tower	192	cubic yards	\$1,200	\$230,400
8	raise the existing tower 9' to avoid flooding motor room at high water	27	cubic yards	\$1,200	\$32,400
9	blast mountain side and regrade to discourage future falling rock	1	lump sum	\$400,000	\$400,000
10	haul off blasted rock and dispose on dam site nearby	9,259	cubic yards	\$15	\$138,889
11	Install rock catch system along face of mountain	1	lump sum	\$250,000	\$250,000
12	new electrical, wiring, controls and lighting in control room	1	lump sum	\$60,000	\$60,000
13	vent in tower top, 36" dia	1	lump sum	\$10,000	\$10,000
14	electricity to site including transformer on pole and power to meter base	1	lump sum	\$60,000	\$60,000
15	SCADA system for gate motors	1	lump sum	\$15,000	\$15,000
16	6 ft chain link fencing	100	linear feet	\$100	\$10,000
17	Keep Out signage on fencing	2	each	\$200	\$400
Subtotal					\$1,904,914

Total Construction Costs	\$5,392,884
Contingency	\$1,887,500
Total Estimated Construction Costs	\$7,280,384







SFBR DIVERSION PROJECT

www.sfbrdiversion.com

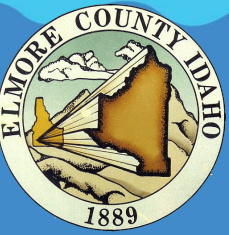
South Fork Boise River Diversion Project Review and Update

Presented to the IWRB Finance Committee

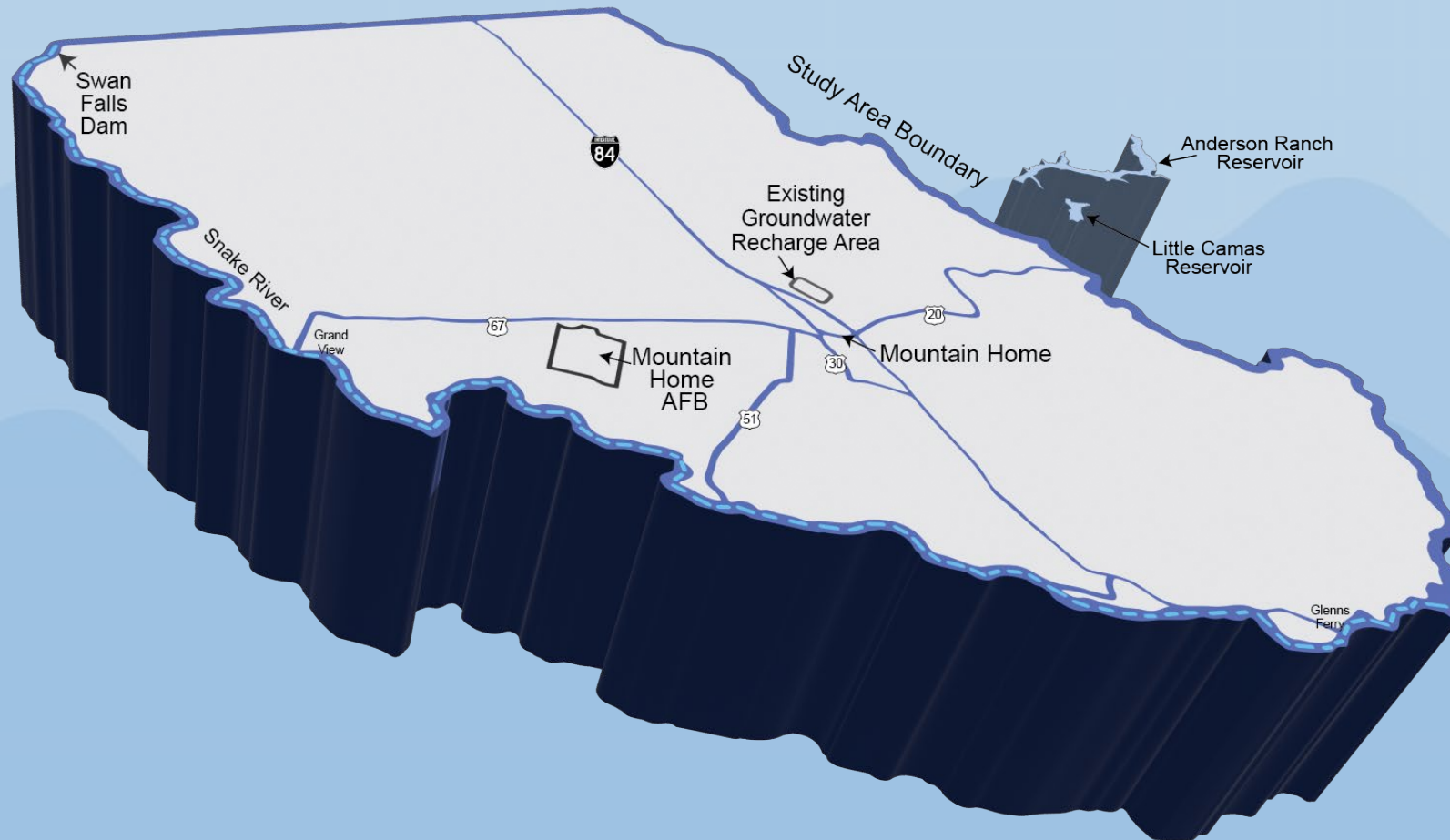
June 14, 2023

Agenda

1. Project Setting & History
2. Project Overview
3. Elmore County Actions
4. Project Background
5. Estimated Cost and Funding
6. Conceptual Schedule
7. IWRB Needs



Project Setting



Aquifer Declines and Project Need

Longstanding: Groundwater pumping exceeds recharge

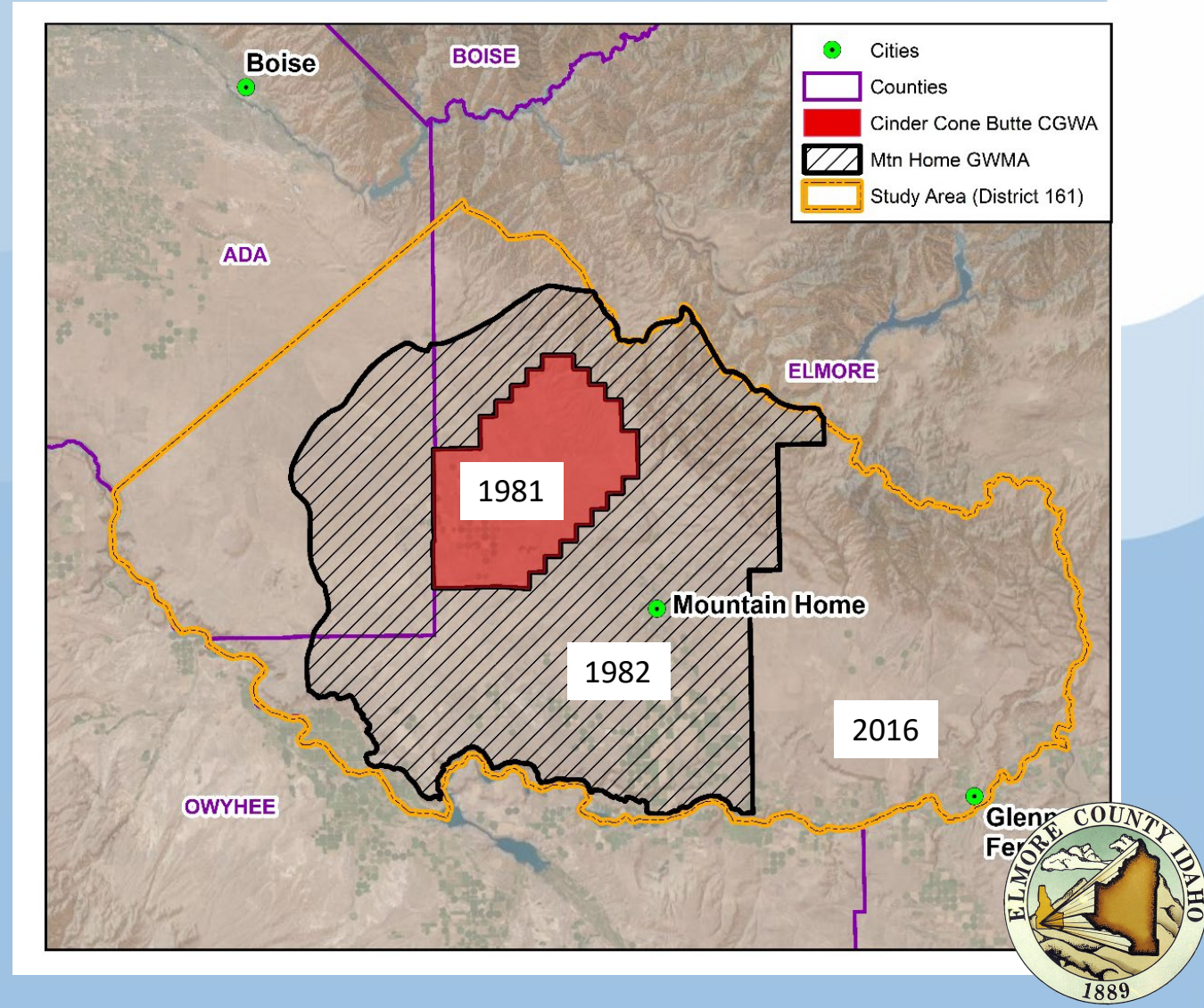


Annually:

-80,000 af pumped

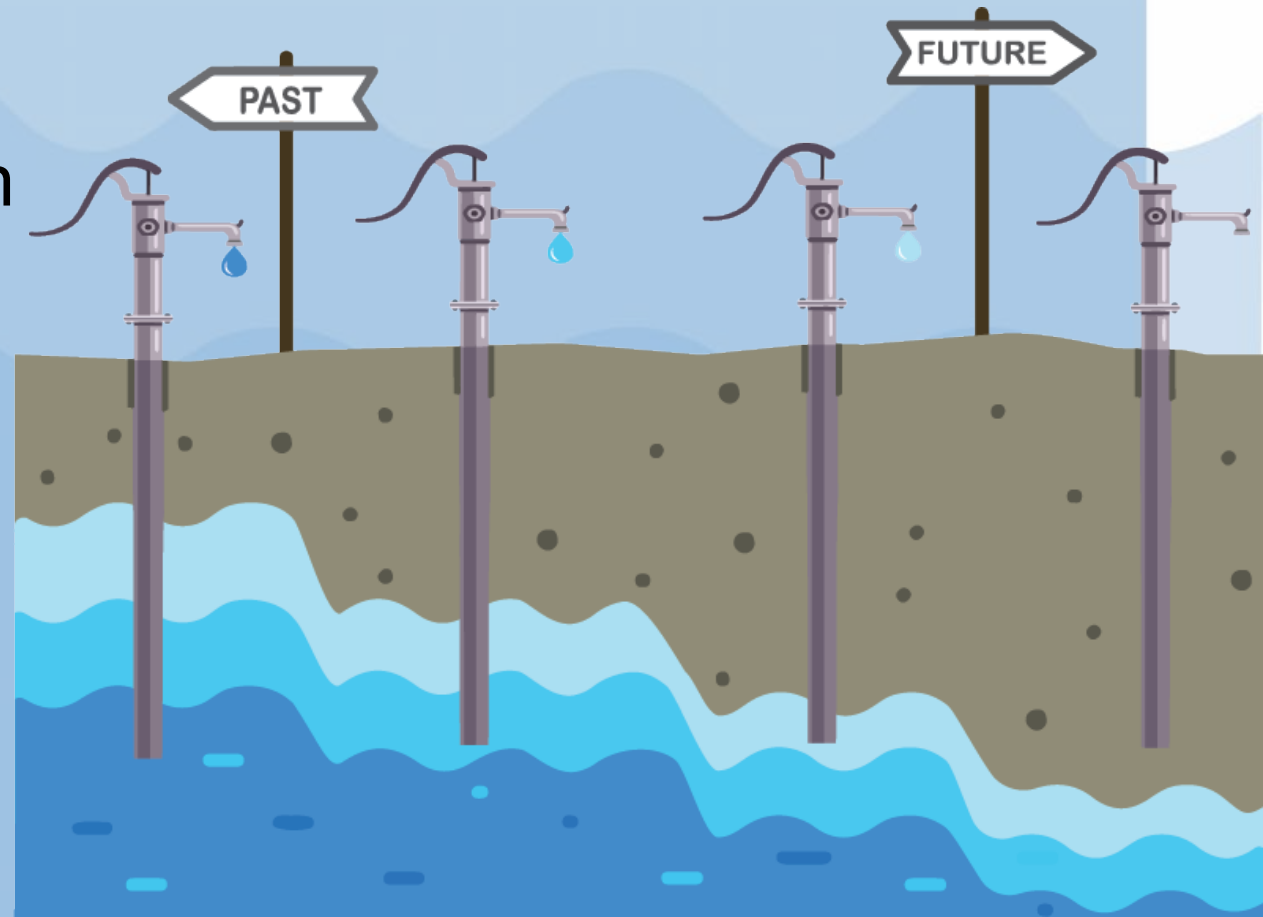
+40,000 af recharged

-40,000 af deficit



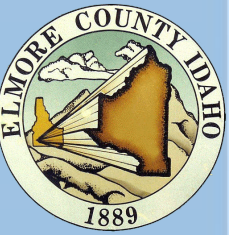
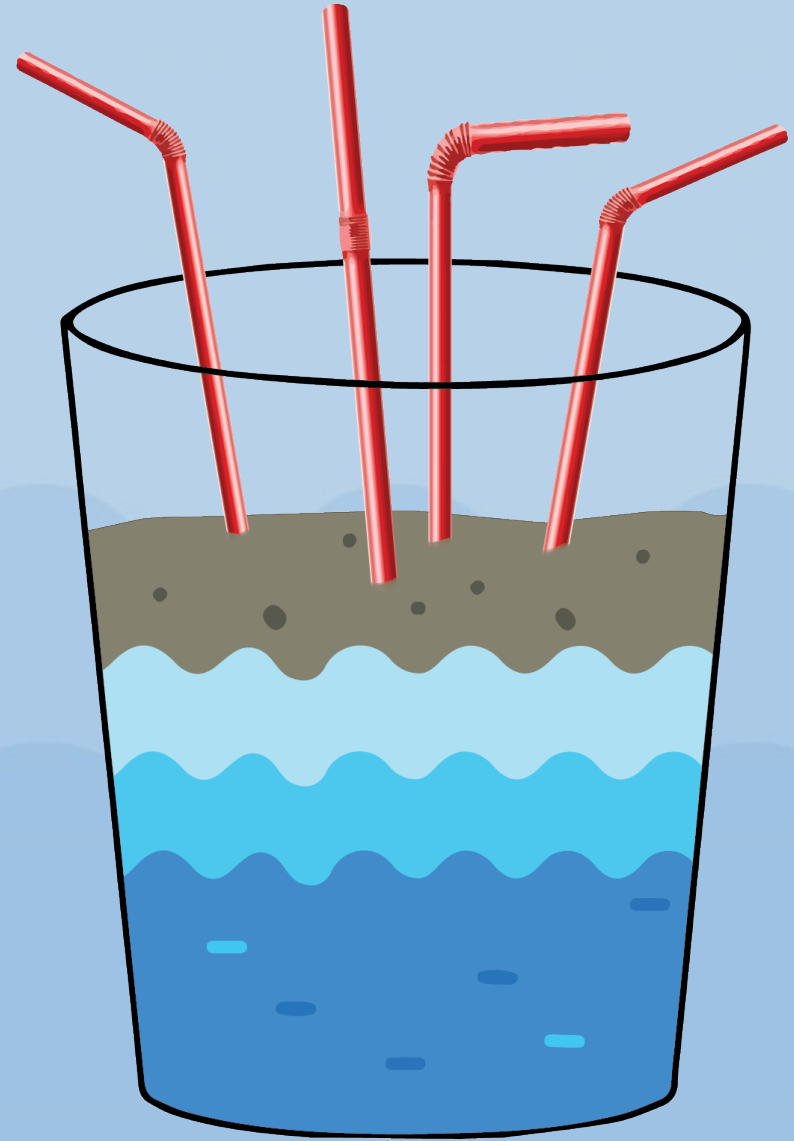
Cumulative Water-Level Decline Varies By Area

- 100 to 200 feet at Cinder Cone Butte
- 75 to 100 feet south of Mountain Home
- 70 to 90 feet at MHAFB
- No decline north of Mountain Home or near Mayfield



Project Background

- South Fork Boise River (SFBR) Diversion Project resulted from the 2017 Water Supply Alternatives Study
 - *2/3 funded by IWRB*
- South Fork Boise River Floodwater Permit (200 cfs) approved for irrigation and recharge



Project Overview

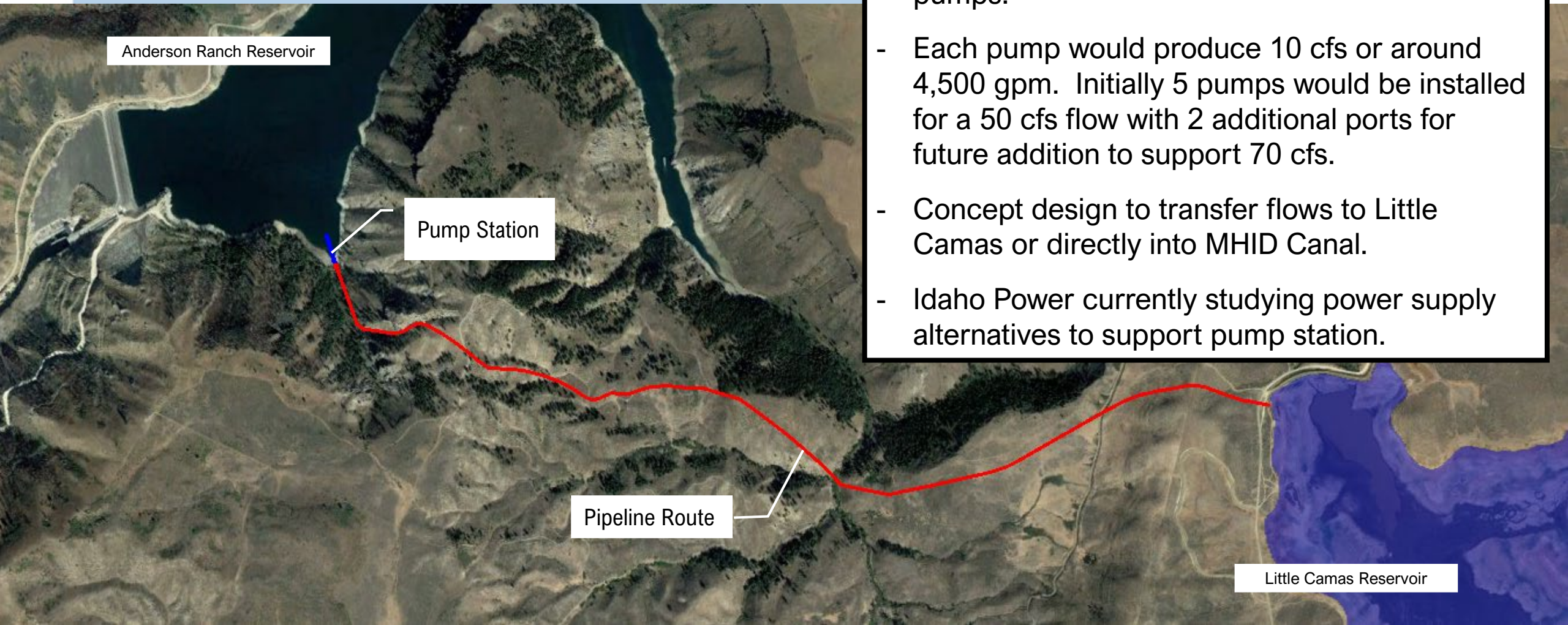
- Pump Station and Pipeline from Anderson Ranch Reservoir to Little Camas Reservoir
 - Existing infrastructure would transfer water from Little Camas to the Mountain Home area
- Canyon Creek Recharge facilities would be utilized
 - IWRB provided majority funding for these facilities



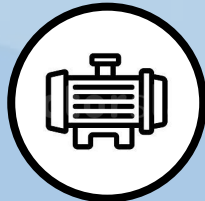
Project Details

Specifications

- 13,600 Linear Feet of 48" diameter pipe (steel and reinforced fiberglass pipe).
- 5 to 7 pumps at 1,500 Hp each. Currently researching vertical turbine or submersible pumps.
- Each pump would produce 10 cfs or around 4,500 gpm. Initially 5 pumps would be installed for a 50 cfs flow with 2 additional ports for future addition to support 70 cfs.
- Concept design to transfer flows to Little Camas or directly into MHID Canal.
- Idaho Power currently studying power supply alternatives to support pump station.



Current Elmore County Actions



Preliminary
Design



Pre-NEPA
Fieldwork and
Studies



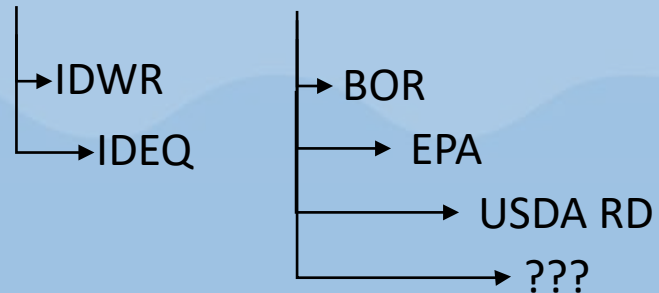
Community
Outreach and
Education

Estimated Cost & Funding

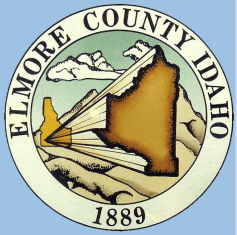
Preliminary Cost Estimate \$30 to 40 million

Funding Source Estimate

Capital cost = Local + State + Federal

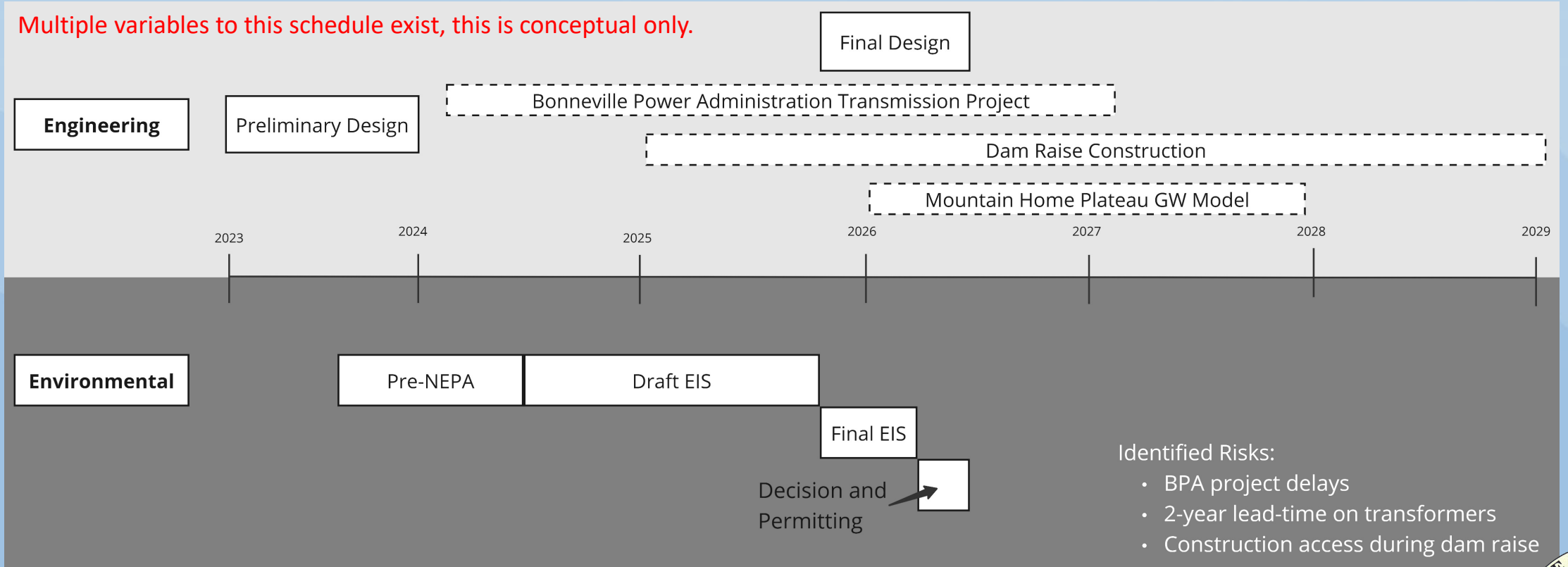


O&M cost = Taxing district and fee revenue and potential
Hydropower to offset O&M costs



Conceptual Schedule

Multiple variables to this schedule exist, this is conceptual only.



Next Steps

- 2023
 - Complete preliminary engineering
 - Continue public education and stakeholder engagement
 - Formalize a project description for NEPA initiation
- 2024
 - Perform a seepage study on the 13-mile canal (*IWRB Grant Application Planned*)
 - Formally initiate NEPA
 - Pursue additional water procurement
 - Develop financial and managerial capacity for the Project



IWRB Needs

- Aging Infrastructure Grant (Aug. 4th deadline)
 - Seepage study of 13-miles of 100-year-old canal from Little Camas
 - Elmore County and Mountain Home Irrigation District Partnership
- Continued project support as a priority project for the State of Idaho
 - Project supports viability of the Mountain Home metropolitan area, a vital support to the Mountain Home AFB

