

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED  
EXPANSION OF THE EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN  
AQUIFER AREA OF COMMON GROUND  
WATER SUPPLY TO INCLUDE THE RAFT  
RIVER TRIBUTARY BASIN

**ORDER EXPANDING THE  
EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN  
AQUIFER AREA OF COMMON  
GROUND WATER SUPPLY TO  
INCLUDE THE RAFT RIVER  
TRIBUTARY BASIN**

**BACKGROUND**

In 2024, the Idaho Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, Idaho Code § 42-233c, which authorizes the Director (“Director”) of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“IDWR”) to expand the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (“ESPA”) Area of Common Ground Water Supply (“ACGWS”) to “include tributary basins that affect the [ESPA].” I.C. § 42-233c(2). As described below, the Director concludes the ESPA ACGWS should be expanded to include the Raft River Basin because it is tributary to and affects the ESPA.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The hydrologic connectivity of the ESPA and its tributary basins has been extensively studied and is well documented. Most water available to the Snake River Plain originates as surface water inflow or ground water underflow from tributary basins. *Amended Snake River Basin Moratorium Order* (July 16, 2024) at 9. Streamflow originating in tributary basins recharges the ESPA through a combination of infiltration of water from streams with losing reaches and incidental recharge from the diversion of surface water onto the Eastern Snake River Plain. *Id.* Consumptive use in the tributary basins reduces the water supply used by senior surface water users who rely on the Snake River and springs emerging from the ESPA. *Id.*

2. The Raft River extends approximately 107 miles through the Raft River Basin from its origin in Junction Valley, Utah, north to the Snake River.<sup>1</sup> The river interacts with ground water, losing water to the aquifer system, and ceases to flow north of Bridge, Idaho (approximately 13 miles upstream of Malta, Idaho), in most years.<sup>2</sup> Flow in the Raft River only reaches the confluence with the Snake River during flood events.<sup>3</sup> Other streams within the Raft River Basin include Cassia Creek, Clear Creek, and Sublett Creek. Like the Raft River, these streams lose water to the aquifer and do not reach the confluence with the Snake River.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Clark, A., 2024. *Hydrogeologic Framework and Groundwater Budget for the Raft River Basin, Idaho – Utah*. University of Idaho. Idaho Geologic Survey Bulletin 32, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Walker, E.H., Dutcher, L.C., Decker, S.O., and Dyer, K.L., 1970. *The Raft River Basin, Idaho Utah as of 1966: A reappraisal of the water resources and effects of ground-water development*, U.S. Geological Survey Water Information Bulletin No. 19, <https://pubs.usgs.gov/publication/ofr70355>, p. 56

<sup>3</sup> Clark (2024) p. 143.

<sup>4</sup> Clark (2024), p. 143.

3. Data extracted from IDWR's Water Rights database on September 25, 2025, indicates there are 913 water rights with ground water points of diversion located in the Raft River Basin. These water rights authorize a total diversion rate of up to 750.52 cfs for various uses. Irrigation use is authorized by 355 of these water rights, with a total diversion rate of up to 617.46 cfs.

4. Ground water pumping in the Raft River Basin had markedly reduced flow in the Raft River and caused declining ground water levels in pumping areas by 1960. Water levels in the northern part of the Raft River Basin have exhibited the largest declines. Wells in this area with data dating to the 1960s exhibit annual average declines ranging from -0.7 to -4.2 ft/year.<sup>5</sup> Based on this, the State Reclamation Engineer—now known as the Director of IDWR—designated the Raft River Critical Ground Water Area in 1963.<sup>6</sup>

5. Land subsidence is the sinking of the land surface due to changes in the sediment in the subsurface.<sup>7</sup> Land subsidence due to ground water pumping occurs when the water pressure in the subsurface sediment is reduced and the fine-grained sediment (such as silt and clay) compacts. As the water pressure is reduced by pumping, the soil particles reorganize and compress.<sup>8</sup> Significant ground water-level declines have caused land subsidence in the Raft River Basin in ground water irrigated areas; the subsidence represents permanent loss in ground water storage.<sup>9</sup>

6. Ground water flows from higher to lower elevation, and a potentiometric surface (water level contour) map is an effective way to depict ground water elevations and flow direction. Previous researchers present water level contour maps and provide discussions indicating that historically, ground water generally flowed from south to north in the Raft River valley and exited as underflow into the ESPA.<sup>10</sup>

7. Measured water levels from spring of 2020 indicate that the general ground water flow direction in the majority of the Raft River valley is still from south to north. However, water

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<sup>5</sup> Clark (2024), pp. 123-125.

<sup>6</sup> Order Designating the Raft River Critical Ground Water Area. <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/legal/orders/1963/19630723-Order-Designating-Raft-River-CGWA.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> The Groundwater Project at <https://books.gw-project.org/land-subsidence-and-its-mitigation/chapter/general-concepts-and-principles/>

<sup>8</sup> U.S. Geological Survey Land Subsidence web page, <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/land-subsidence-in-california/science/aquifer-compaction-due-groundwater-pumping>, accessed September 25, 2025.

<sup>9</sup> Lifton, Z., Clark, A., and Nield, S., 2025, *Ground Subsidence in the Raft River Valley, Idaho*. Idaho Geological Survey Staff Report 25-01, p. 4; *see also* Clark (2024), p. 73

<sup>10</sup> Nace, R.L., et al., 1961. *Water resources of the Raft River Basin Idaho-Utah*, U.S. Geological Survey Water-Supply Paper 1587, <https://doi.org/10.3133/wsp1587>, p. 63, Plate 5; *see also* Burnham, W.L., 1966. *Summary of ground-water conditions in Idaho*, U.S. Geological Survey Water Information Bulletin No. 1, 60 p., <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/publications/wib01-gw-conditions-id.pdf>; *see also* Walker et al. (1970), pp. 60, Figure 14.

levels in the north end of the valley indicate ground water is flowing from north to south toward an area of large water level declines.<sup>11</sup>

8. An analysis of water levels conducted by IDWR indicates that the hydraulic gradient in the northern portion of the Raft River Basin appears to have reversed, resulting in ground water flowing from the ESPA into the Raft River Basin.<sup>12</sup>

9. Ground water in the Raft River Basin that is not consumed in the Raft River Basin has long been recognized as a source of ground water underflow to the ESPA. Consumptive use of ground water in the Raft River Basin reduces underflow to the ESPA.<sup>13</sup>

10. The average annual ground water consumptive use in the Raft River Basin for 2000 through 2021 was estimated to be 166,600 acre-ft/yr, ranging from 129,900 acre-ft in 2005 to 188,000 acre-ft in 2018.<sup>14</sup>

11. Recorded pumping data for 2020 through 2024 extracted from IDWR's Water Measurement Information System (WMIS) database, indicate ground water diversions ranged from 143,800 acre-ft in 2023 to 175,800 acre-ft in 2021, averaging approximately 161,500 acre-ft /yr. There are several ground water diversions for which measurement data were not reported to the WMIS database.<sup>15</sup>

12. Eighty-two percent of the modeled steady-state streamflow depletions to all connected reaches of the Snake River resulting from groundwater consumptive use in the Raft River Basin outside the current ESPA ACGWS are realized in the Near Blackfoot to Minidoka reach of the Snake River<sup>16</sup>

13. Steady-state modeling of streamflow depletions resulting from ground water consumptive use in the Raft River Basin outside the current ESPA ACGWS indicates a long-term average annual depletion of 124,123 AF/yr in the Near Blackfoot to Minidoka Reach of the Snake River.<sup>17</sup>

14. Transient modeling of streamflow depletions resulting from ground water consumptive use in the Raft River Basin outside the current ESPA ACGWS indicates that

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<sup>11</sup> Clark (2024), pp. 137, 140, 142.

<sup>12</sup> McVay, M., 2025a. Groundwater pumping impacts to water levels near the mouth of the Raft River Basin.

<sup>13</sup> Walker et al. (1970), pp. 2, 3, 7, 8, 75.

<sup>14</sup> Clark (2024), p. 162.

<sup>15</sup> Idaho Department of Water Resources Water Management Information System, accessed on March 19, 2025.

<sup>16</sup> McVay (2025b). Modeled Snake River response to groundwater underflow from the Raft River tributary basin, p. 4.

<sup>17</sup> McVay (2025b), p. 4.

approximately 60% of the depletions to the Near Blackfoot to Minidoka reach<sup>18</sup> are realized within ten years, and approximately 90% are realized within 30 years.<sup>19</sup>

15. Basins tributary to the ESPA, including the Raft River Basin, were included in the Amended Snake River Basin Moratorium Order, because of the recognition that consumptive use of water in the tributary basins reduces recharge to the ESPA and reduces the water supply available for senior water right holders.<sup>20</sup>

16. All water sources within the Snake River Basin must be administered by the Department as hydraulically connected sources of water unless decreed as separate sources. *Memorandum Decision and Order of Partial Decree*, In re SRBA Case No. 39576, Subcase No. 91-00005 (Feb 27, 2002). All water rights in the Raft River Basin must be administered as hydraulically connected to other water sources in the Snake River Basin (including the ESPA) because no water rights in the Raft River were decreed as separate sources from the rest of the Snake River Basin. Partial Decree Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 54(b) for General Provisions in Basin 43, In re SRBA Case No. 39576 (Jul. 22, 2005).

## ANALYSIS

Idaho Code § 42-233c(2) authorizes the Director to expand ESPA ACGWS to include tributary basins that affect the ESPA. To enter an order expanding the ESPA ACGWS, the director must provide notice to the owner of each water right proposed to be administered in the tributary basin. I.C. § 42-233c(3). The notice shall describe the action to be taken, the reasons therefore, and the time and place of a hearing to be held concerning the proposed action. *Id.* Only after the hearing has taken place may the Director enter an order expanding the ESPA ACGWS. I.C. § 42-233c(4). If the tributary basin affecting the ESPA has been designated as a critical ground water area or a ground water management area and has an approved ground water management plan, in addition to the notice and hearing requirements, the Director must determine the existing ground water management plan is insufficient to manage the effects of ground water withdrawals on the aquifer before expanding the ESPA ACGWS to include the tributary basin. I.C. § 42-233c(2).

The Raft River was designated as a critical ground water area (CGWA) on July 23, 1963.<sup>21</sup> Subsequent orders modified the boundary of the CGWA, eliminating and restoring portions of the area as ground water levels fluctuated.<sup>22</sup> On June 15, 2016, the Raft River Ground

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<sup>18</sup> The Near Blackfoot to Minidoka Reach of the Snake River is the reach of the Snake River from which the Surface Water Coalition diverts its water supplies.

<sup>19</sup> McVay, M., 2025b, p. 5.

<sup>20</sup> Amended Snake River Basin Moratorium Order, pp. 9-11, 18-19, 36.

<sup>21</sup> Order Designating the Raft River Critical Groundwater Area (1963). <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/legal/orders/1963/19630723-Order-Designating-Raft-River-CGWA.pdf>.

<sup>22</sup> Order Restoring a Portion of Raft River Critical Groundwater Area (1965). <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/legal/orders/1965/19650802-Order-Restoring-of-Portion-of-Raft-River-CGWA.pdf>; Order Modifying the Raft River Critical Groundwater Area Boundary (1966). <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/legal/orders/1966/19660919-Order-Modifying-Raft-River-CGWA-Boundary.pdf>; Order

Water District submitted a *Critical Ground Water Area Management Plan* (“Management Plan”). The Director denied the Management Plan upon determining it was not adequate to bring withdrawals into balance with recharge in the CGWA.<sup>23</sup> As a result, the Raft River CGWA does not have an approved ground water management plan. Because the Raft River CGWA does not have an approved ground water management plan, the Director may expand the ESPA ACGWS to the Raft River Basin so long as the basin affects the ESPA and the notice and hearing requirements are met. I.C. §42-233c(2)-(4).

On March 7, 2025, the Director provided a notice of public hearing via U.S. mail to all owners of non-exempt ground water rights on record with the Department that have an authorized point of diversion within the proposed administrative area of the Raft River Basin.<sup>24</sup> On March 26, 2025, the Director held a hearing concerning the expansion of the ESPA ACGWS at Raft River High School, 55 North 1<sup>st</sup> West, Malta, Idaho, 83342. Oral public comment was allowed and recorded during the hearing, and written public comment was open for submission until April 7, 2025.

The Raft River Basin is a tributary basin to the ESPA and is both legally and factually hydrologically connected to it through subsurface flow. Hydrogeologic investigations demonstrate that decades of ground water pumping in the Raft River Basin have caused ongoing declining trends in water levels dating back to the mid-twentieth century. These declines have been large enough in the northern portion of the basin that the historical gradient of ground water flow toward the ESPA has reversed.

Changes in aquifer storage within the Raft River Basin directly influence the quantity of ground water underflow to the ESPA: increased storage enhances underflow, while declines diminish it.

Because ESPA aquifer storage is directly linked to Snake River baseflow, reductions in ground water contributions from tributary basins—including the Raft River Basin—translate into depletions in the Near Blackfoot to Minidoka Reach of the Snake River. This reach is the source of supply for the Surface Water Coalition. Given the Raft River Basin’s proximity to this reach and the magnitude of the ground water withdrawals within the basin, the reduction in underflow from the basin results in quantifiable depletions that adversely affect senior surface water rights.

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Modifying Boundaries of the Raft River Critical Groundwater Area (1970). <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/legal/orders/1970/19701103-Order-Modifying-Raft-River-CGWA-Boundary.pdf>; Order Modifying Boundaries of the Raft River Critical Groundwater Area (1977). <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/legal/orders/1977/19770630-Order-Modifying-Raft-River-CGWA-Boundary.pdf>.

<sup>23</sup> Amended Final Order Re: Program and Curtailing Expansion Rights in the Raft River Critical Ground Water Area, 9 (2016).

<sup>24</sup> The *Notice of Proposed Action, Public Hearing and Written Comment Period* dated March 7, 2025, stated the notice would be sent to all current owners of exempt and non-exempt ground water rights that have an authorized point of diversion within the proposed Raft River Basin. This statement was incorrect. Idaho Code § 42-233c only requires notice be sent to “the owner of each water right proposed to be administered in the tributary basin.” I.C. § 42-233c(3). Since the Department will not be administering the exempt ground water rights, the Department only provided notice to holders of non-exempt ground water rights.

The Raft River Basin currently lacks a ground water management plan. As a result, pumping in the basin continues to contribute to ESPA-wide declines and to Snake River depletions affecting the Surface Water Coalition.

Because no water rights in the Raft River were decreed as separate sources from the rest of the Snake River Basin, the Raft River Basin must be administered as hydraulically connected to other water sources in the Snake River Basin (including the ESPA).

Under Idaho's Conjunctive Management Rules, the Area of Common Ground Water Supply is the administrative boundary used to determine the sources of ground water that must be managed together to prevent material injury to senior surface water users. Because ground water development in the Raft River Basin affects ESPA storage and contributes to depletions in the same reach of the Snake River governed under the Surface Water Coalition delivery call, the existing Area of Common Ground Water Supply should be expanded to include the Raft River Basin.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The notice and hearing requirements of Idaho Code §42-233c(3) were met.
2. Because the Raft River Basin is tributary to and affects the ESPA, and based on the foregoing findings of fact, the ESPA ACGWS should be expanded to include the Raft River tributary basin pursuant to Idaho Code §42-233c(2).

### **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Area of Common Ground Water Supply be expanded to include the Raft River Basin as depicted in Attachment A.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025



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MATHEW WEAVER  
Director

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Order Expanding the ESPA ACGWS to Include the Raft River Tributary Basin*, by USPS mail, upon the following:

7 SPRINGS RANCH LLC 2038 S HWY 81 MALTA, ID 83342-8746	ADT FARMS LLC, ADTD FARMS LLC, IDA GOLD FARMS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, IDA GOLD FARMS LLC, MIDWAY DAIRY LLC AND RELAR FARMS LLC 2500 OVERLAND AVE BURLEY, ID 83318-2941	AGUA CALIENTE LLC C/O AMG NATIONAL TRUST BANK 6295 GREENWOOD PLAZA BLVD GREENWOOD VLG, CO 80111-4968
ALMO COMMUNITY PARK C/O LARRY EDWARDS PO BOX 126 ALMO, ID 83312	CARLYLE H AND VERLE N ANDERSON 1944 S 1125 E MALTA, ID 83342-8661	BROOKE R AND HAL T ANDERSON 2297 S 2450 E MALTA, ID 83342-8750
DIANE AND MARK BAKER 2050 E 1000 S DECLO, ID 83323-6000	KATHRYN H AND RUEL BARKER 1621 W 950 N PROVO, UT 84604-3005	MICHEAL LOUISE BARNES 2346 E 2525 S MALTA, ID 83342-8602
JODY BARNES 390 E 300 S BURLEY, ID 83318-5681	JAMES L AND JEANETTE B BENNETT PO BOX 657 MALTA, ID 83342	BIG SKY DAIRY 430 E YAKIMA JEROME, ID 83338-4928
JAY L BLACK PO BOX 135 ALMO, ID 83312-0135	BLACK PINE LAND LLC AND LUKE R SMITH 2368 E 2575 S MALTA, ID 83342-8618	BRANCH FARMS LLC AND LUANN S AND NOLAN K BRANCH PO BOX 24 MALTA, ID 83342-0024
C BAR CATTLE CO C/O CHRISTOPHER F ROBINSON PO BOX 540478 N SALT LAKE, UT 84054-0478	ALVIN E CARPENTER 991 E OTTLEY RD ELBA, ID 83342-8658	TODD CARPENTER 2023 E 1700 S MALTA, ID 83342
CASSIA JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #151 3650 OVERLAND AVE BURLEY, ID 83318-3242	TANA AND TODD CHRISTIANSEN 1697 S HWY 81 MALTA, ID 83342	CINDA S AND KENNETH D WOODWORTH AND CLEFT OF THE ROCK FARMS 51 N 3350 E AMERICAN FLS, ID 83211-5574
BERTHA L AND STANLEY B COLLINS 161 SILVER LAKE DR HAWTHORNE, FL 32640- 5848	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS ATTN: NATURAL RESOURCE SERVICES 50 E NORTH TEMPLE ST SALT LAKE CTY, UT 84150-0012	CORP OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS REAL ESTATE SERVICES DIVISION 50 E NORTH TEMPLE ST RM 1205 SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84150-6320

JULENE COTTLE 1750 S 1900 E MALTA, ID 83342-8673	CROSS E LAND LLC 358 S 2750 E DECLO, ID 83323-6014	GEORGE K DARRINGTON 1990 S 2350 E MALTA, ID 83342-8645
CHERYL P AND LE GRAND DILWORTH PO BOX 43 MALTA, ID 83342-0043	JANIS CLARK AND KENT ROOKER DURFEE PO BOX 175 ALMO, ID 83312-0175	LORIN AND TERESA L DURFEE 776 E 2975 S ALMO, ID 83312
E BRUCE AND KAY H DURFEE PO BOX 187 ALMO, ID 83312	DUSTY FARMS LLC AND RAFT RIVER VALLEY FARMS LLC 301 SCOTT AVE STE 4 RUPERT, ID 83350-5100	EAGLE CREEK NORTHWEST LLC C/O UBS FARMLAND INVESTORS LLC 10 STATE HOUSE SQ FL 15 HARTFORD, CT 06103-3600
EAST VALLEY CATTLE LLC 471 N 300 W JEROME, ID 83338-5078	LARRY K EDWARDS PO BOX 126 ALMO, ID 83312	EVARD LLC, NATURE FARM LLC AND NATURE RIDGE HOLDINGS LLC 134 E HIGHWAY 81 BURLEY, ID 83318-5427
GRANT A FEHLMAN PO BOX 101 MALTA, ID 83342	FIVE RIVERS CATTLE FEEDING LLC 4848 THOMPSON PKWY STE 410 JOHNSTOWN, CO 80534-6511	BROOKLYN AND JOSH FRASER 2179 E 1725 S MALTA, ID 83342-8676
S CHAD FRIDAL 2970 E 1400 S MALTA, ID 83342	MARIE JEANNE AND MATTHEW C GARDINER 234 S 100 W ST GEORGE, UT 84770-3409	MICHAEL D AND TONI L GARNER 113 S 2550 E DECLO, ID 83323
GARNER CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LLC AND GARNER LAND LLC 147 S 2550 E DECLO, ID 83323-6016	EDWARD AND PATSY ANN GOODRICH 1709 S HWY 77 MALTA, ID 83342-8738	PETER J GRUSH 2038 S HIGHWAY 81 MALTA, ID 83342-8746
GW FINANCE CO LLC AND WEBB BROTHERS LAND & LIVESTOCK LLC 22 N YALE RD DECLO, ID 83323-6012	BROOK E AND STACY M HOLTMAN AND H BENCH HOLDINGS LLC PO BOX 74 MALTA, ID 83342-0074	DAVID HAHN 305 N YALE RD AMERICAN FLS, ID 83211-5528



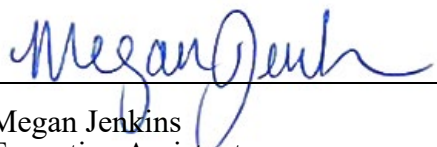
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HEATON FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP 10139 FEDERAL WAY BOISE, ID 83716	JACKIE AND LARRY HENSON PO BOX 183 ALMO, ID 83312-0183	DORRIS M AND ROGER W HICKEN 1346 S 2300 E MALTA, ID 83342
DAWN AND HEATH HIGLEY AND HIGLEY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC PO BOX 25 MALTA, ID 83342-0025	HANK T AND LACEY G HIGLEY PO BOX 652 MALTA, ID 83342-0652	BRENT AND TERRY HOBSON 2595 E STREVELL RD MALTA, ID 83342
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GLENN L AND HAZEL R JONES 2385 E 2425 S MALTA, ID 83342	DIANE D AND J MAX JONES 2060 E 1000 S DECLO, ID 83323	LORIN G JONES 2355 E 2425 S PO BOX 2221 MALTA, ID 83342

JONES & WIDERBURG FARMS 82 S 150 E BURLEY, ID 83318	BILL AND VIRGINIA KELLEY PO BOX 575 ALBION, ID 83311-0575	COLEBEE AND MONICA KNUDSEN 1398 S 2350 E MALTA, ID 83342
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ALBERTA AND AMPELIO MONTOYA PO BOX 87 MALTA, ID 83342	MOUNTAIN MEADOW DISTRIBUTING LLC 1972 E 3700 S MALTA, ID 83342-8671	ROSELLA M NEDDO 2252 E 1500 S MALTA, ID 83342-8628
LONNA AND MARK T NEWCOMB 251 E 200 S RUPERT, ID 83350	JOSEPH J AND URSULA J NEWMAN PO BOX 338 DECLO, ID 83323	NORTHWEST FARM CREDIT SERVICES FLCA AND NORTHWEST FARM CREDIT SERVICES PCA 1408 POMERELLE AVE STE B BURLEY, ID 83318-2068
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PKD PROPERTIES LC AND TLD PROPERTIES LLC 1404 E 500 N JACKSON, ID 83350-5010	ANDREW E POVEY 2412 POVEY RD AMERICAN FALLS, ID 83211- 5107	R O JONES & SONS INC PO BOX 137 ALMO, ID 83312-0137
RAFT RIVER LAND & LIVESTOCK LLC PO BOX 584 RUPERT, ID 83350-0584	RAFT RIVER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP INC PO BOX 617 MALTA, ID 83342	RALPH PEAK FAMILY TRUST 13141 W BLUEBONNET CT BOISE, ID 83713-1310
RED ROCK FARMS LLC 1602 S HIGHWAY 77 MALTA, ID 83342-8734	ROSCOE & JOYCE WARD FAMILY TRUST 1581 E EY RD MALTA, ID 83342-5502	ROUND MOUNTAIN RANCH 3475 S ROUND MOUNTAIN LN MALTA, ID 83342-8626
SCHORZMAN RANCH INC 3298 E 1400 S MALTA, ID 83342	JADE O AND MALIESA B SEARS PO BOX 222 MALTA, ID 83342	JAXSON L AND KAYCI A SEARS PO BOX 7 MALTA, ID 83342-0007
CORDELL J AND PATRICIA HARPER SHERIDAN PO BOX 184 ALMO, ID 83312-0184	VIRGINIA K SMITH 2534 E 2575 S MALTA, ID 83342	RYAN W SMITH 345 W 1600 S OAKLEY, ID 83346-8752
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SPENCER BROTHERS 26505 N 63310 W MALTA, ID 83342	CATHY LUCAS AND JOHN B SPRATLING 550 TERRACE DR BURLEY, ID 83318-5421	SPRING FARMS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP 427 N HISAW LN AMERICAN FLS, ID 83211-5529
IDAHO DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 216 S DATE ST SHOSHONE, ID 83352	LYNN AND SUSAN STEADMAN 345 N YALE RD AMERICAN FALLS, ID 83211- 5569	LACY TAMEZ 721 W WHITE FANG ST KUNA, ID 83634-2906





ROBERT E AND WALLACE C TAYLOR 3028 W IRIS MEADOW DR RIVERTON, UT 84065-4503	CEDRIC TAYLOR PO BOX 637 MALTA, ID 83342	CLAIR AND JUDY TEETER 1355 E 1750 S ELBA, ID 83342-8652
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VERNON L (BUD) TRACY PO BOX 654 MALTA, ID 83342-0654	KRISTINE AND LANCE UDY 1529 E HIGHWAY 77 MALTA, ID 83342-8627	USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IDAHO STATE OFFICE C/O FRED PRICE 1387 S VINNELL WAY BOISE, ID 83709-1657
US GEOTHERMAL INC C/O ORMAT NEVADA INC 6140 PLUMAS ST RENO, NV 89519-6075	V & R FARMS LLC 715 S 750 E BURLEY, ID 83318-5744	VALLEY VU CEMETERY PO BOX 65 MALTA, ID 83342-8612
BARBARA PYLE AND THOMAS C WARD 450 W HIGHWAY 30 BURLEY, ID 83318-5004	VIRGINIA C AND WALLACE P WARD 123 E 100 S BURLEY, ID 83318-5442	CLARK W AND SARA JANE WARD 2749 S NARROWS RD MALTA, ID 83342
STEVEN R AND TONYA M WARD 2900 S NARROWS RD MALTA, ID 83342-8725	ROBERT W WARD 2950 S NARROWS RD MALTA, ID 83342	DOUGLAS WARD PO BOX 102 ALMO, ID 83312-0102
NANCY WARD 2900 S NARROWS RD MALTA, ID 83342-8708	WARD HERITAGE RANCH LLC 2803 S 900 E HAGERMAN, ID 83332-5619	WARD LAND & LIVESTOCK LLC 227 E 400 S BURLEY, ID 83318-5684
JASON AND WENDEE WARR 2527 S 2400 E MALTA, ID 83342-8616	WASTE SOLUTIONS INC DBA TIN CUP LAND & CATTLE COMPANY 2203 S 2350 E MALTA, ID 83342-8612	WEBB BASIN DAIRY 406 N HISAW LN AMERICAN FALLS, ID 83211

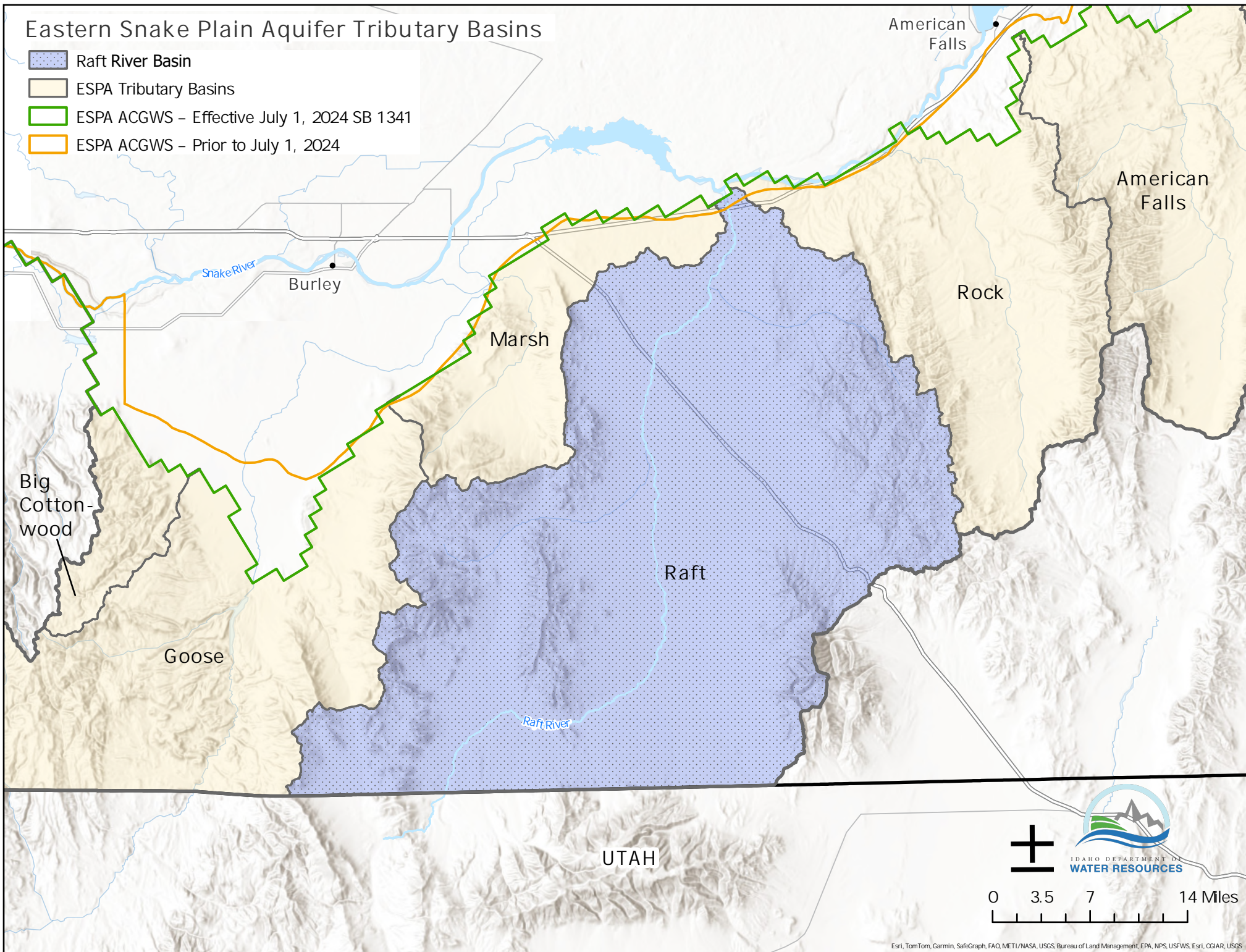
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WYNN DEWSNUP FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST PO BOX 168 ALMO, ID 83312-0168	JANET AND KIRTLAND YATES 1941 S 2450 E MALTA, ID 83342	

  
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# Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Tributary Basins

-  Raft River Basin
-  ESPA Tributary Basins
-  ESPA ACGWS – Effective July 1, 2024 SB 1341
-  ESPA ACGWS – Prior to July 1, 2024



**EXPLANATORY INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY AN  
ORDER EXPANDING THE EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN AQUIFER AREA OF  
COMMON GROUND WATER SUPPLY**

The accompanying document is an order issued by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources expanding the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Area of Common Ground Water Supply pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-233c. To contest the order, you must request hearing as explained below.

**REQUEST FOR HEARING**

*(See Idaho Code § 42-233c and Idaho Code § 42-1701A(3))*

Idaho Code § 42-233c(4) states:

The director may issue an order expanding the eastern Snake plain aquifer area of common ground water supply after the hearing. Any person aggrieved by the action of the director may contest such action pursuant to section 42-1701A(3), Idaho Code.

Idaho Code § 42-1701(3) states, in relevant part:

[A]ny person aggrieved by any action of the director, including any decision, determination, order or other action, ... shall be entitled to a hearing before the director to contest the action. **The person shall file with the director, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice of the action issued by the director, or receipt of actual notice, a written petition stating the grounds for contesting the action by the director and requesting a hearing.**