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IDWR creates final management plan for Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Area

BRUNEAU – (May 8, 2023) – The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has finalized a management plan for the Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Area with the assistance of local water users and the public. IDWR Director Gary Spackman issued a final order on April 18, adopting the final management plan.

The Director’s order and final ground water management plan can be found on IDWR’s [website](#).

The Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) was designated on October 29, 1982 in response to increased and projected increases in ground water withdrawals along with declines in ground water levels and spring flows.

A 12-member Advisory Committee was established in February of 2021 to assist IDWR with preparing a draft ground water management plan for the aquifer system. A draft plan was released for public review in September 2022. Public meetings were held in December 2022.

A main goal of the GWMA plan is to create a ground water district that can seek funding to fix leaky artesian wells. The plan also calls for increased measurement of diversions and monitoring of the ground water resource.

In addition, the Director’s Snake River Moratorium Order issued in October 2022, suspends further action on the processing and approval of new applications for permit to appropriate water from the Snake River and surface water and ground water sources tributary to the Snake River upstream from Swan Falls Dam. The moratorium area includes the Grand View-Bruneau GWMA.

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