



Governor’s Water Summit

AGENDA

Monday, August 7, 2023

Lincoln Auditorium, Idaho State Capitol



Moderated by Jeff Raybould, Chairman of Idaho Water Resource Board

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome and Introduction Speech Governor Brad Little

8:45 – 10:30 Water Supply Update..... Moderator Lt. Gov. Scott Bedke

- 2023 Surface Water Supply ConditionsDavid Hoekema, IDWR
- Idaho’s Groundwater Resources: State-Wide Review..... Dennis Owsley, IDWR
- Changes in Idaho’s Annual Streamflow Patterns..... Chris Mebane, USGS
- Operation of Federal Reservoir SystemsLanie Paquin, BOR
- Idaho Collaborative Cloud Seeding ProgramKresta Davis, Idaho Power Co.

10:30 – 10:45 Mountain Home Aquifer

- Elmore CountyCommissioner Bud Corbus

10:45—11:00 Break

11:00 —Noon Cities, Tribes, Utilities, & Developers’ Perspectives Moderator Pat McMahon, IWRB

- Coalition of CitiesChris Bromley
- Veolia Marshall Thompson
- Nez Perce Tribe Bobby Hills
- Avimor Development..... Dan Richter

Noon—1:30 Lunch – On Own

1:30—2:45 Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Moderator Marc Gibbs, IWRB

- Twin Falls Canal Company Jay Barlogi
- Idaho Ground Water Appropriators Jaxon Higgs
- Bingham Ground Water DistrictAlan Jackson
- Minidoka Irrigation District..... Dan Davidson

- 2:45 – 3:00 Swan Falls Agreement Minimum Flows
- Idaho Power Company..... Scott Pugrud
- 3:00—3:20 North Idaho..... Moderator Al Barker, IWRB
- Palouse Basin Aquifer Tyler Palmer, City of Moscow
 - North Idaho Adjudication Update..... Shelley Keen, IDWR
- 3:20-3:30 Break
- 3:30—4:15 Treasure Valley Moderator Brian Olmstead, IWRB
- Boise Project Board of Control..... Bob Carter
 - Water District 63 Watermaster Mike Meyers
- 4:15 – 4:45 Wood River Moderator Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, IWRB
- Galena Ground Water District Judd McMahan
 - Big Wood-Little Wood Water Users Association Cooper Brossy
- 4:45 – 5:00 Final Thoughts and Next Steps..... Governor Little and Chairman Raybould

Catch the livestream at <https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ww02/>

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2023 Water Supply Idaho

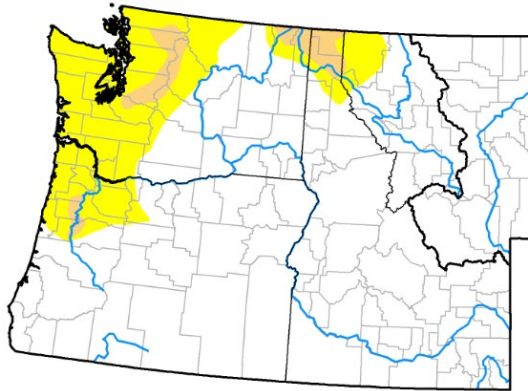
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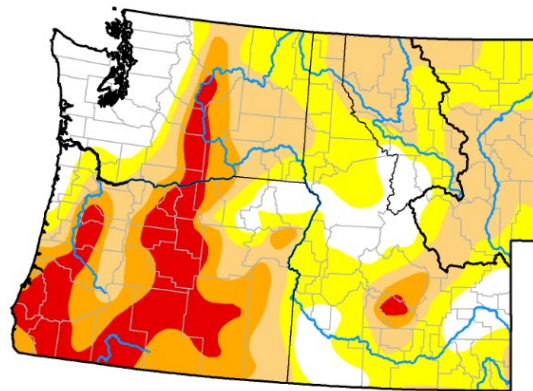
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Setting the stage for the 2023 Water Year

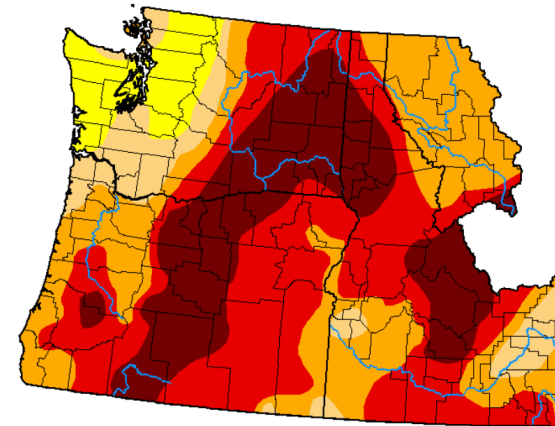
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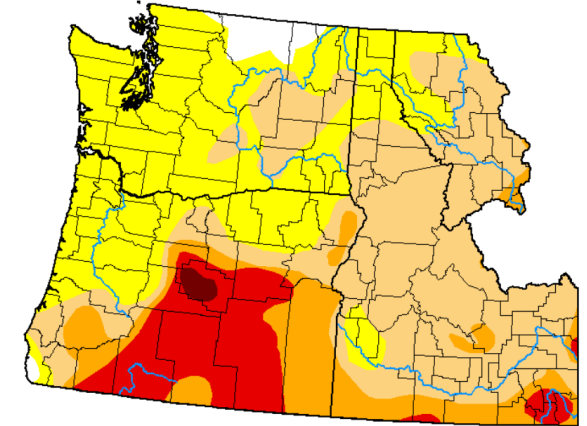
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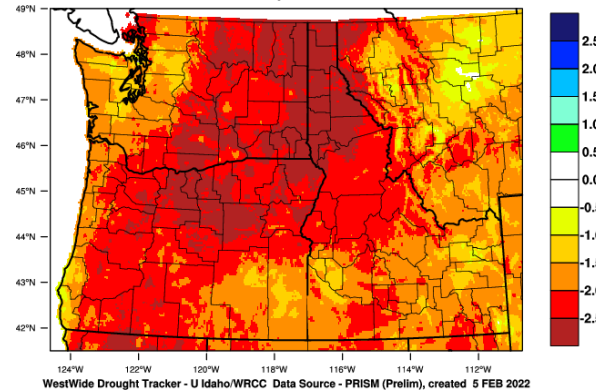


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- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

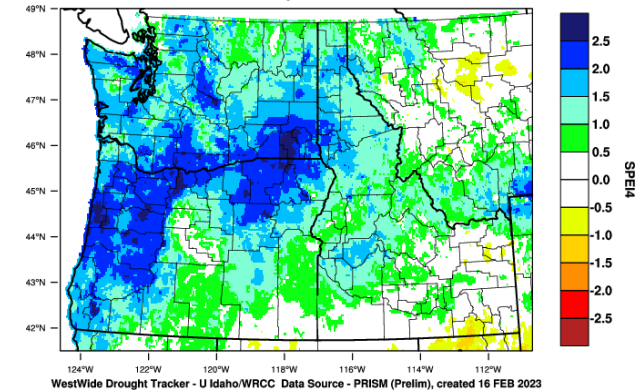
Spring Conditions 

Pacific Northwest - 5 month SPEI
July 2021



WestWide Drought Tracker - U Idaho/WRCC Data Source - PRISM (Prelim), created 5 FEB 2022

Pacific Northwest - 4 month SPEI
July 2022

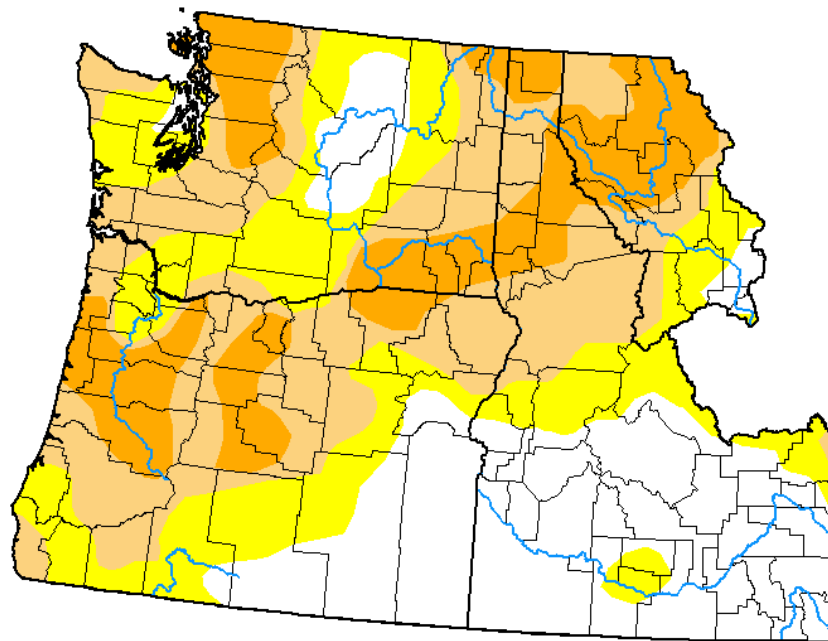


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Current Conditions 2023 Water Year

U.S. Drought Monitor
Pacific Northwest DEWS

August 1, 2023
(Released Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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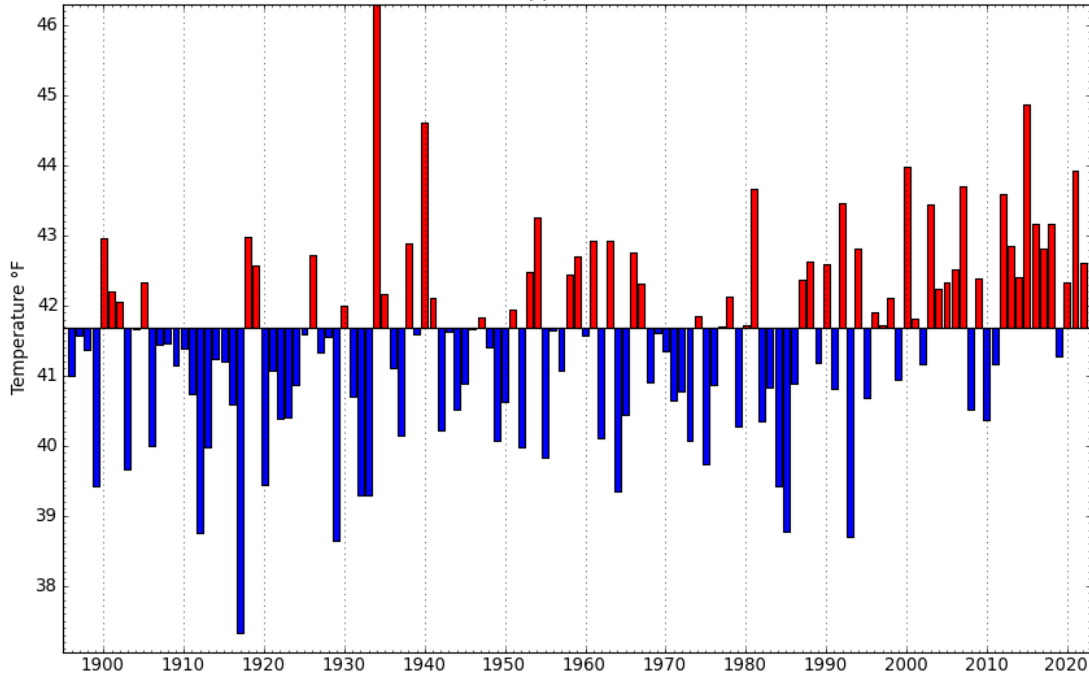
Brian Fuchs
National Drought Mitigation Center



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Temperature & Drought History

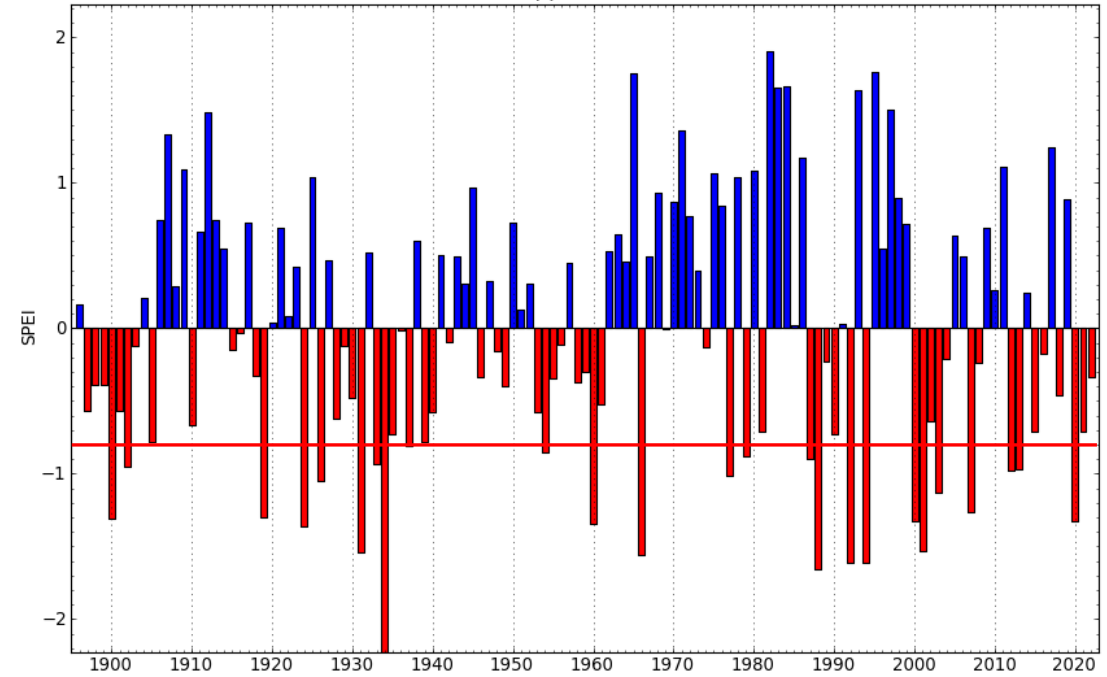
Mean Temperature, 12-Months Ending in September
Upper Snake



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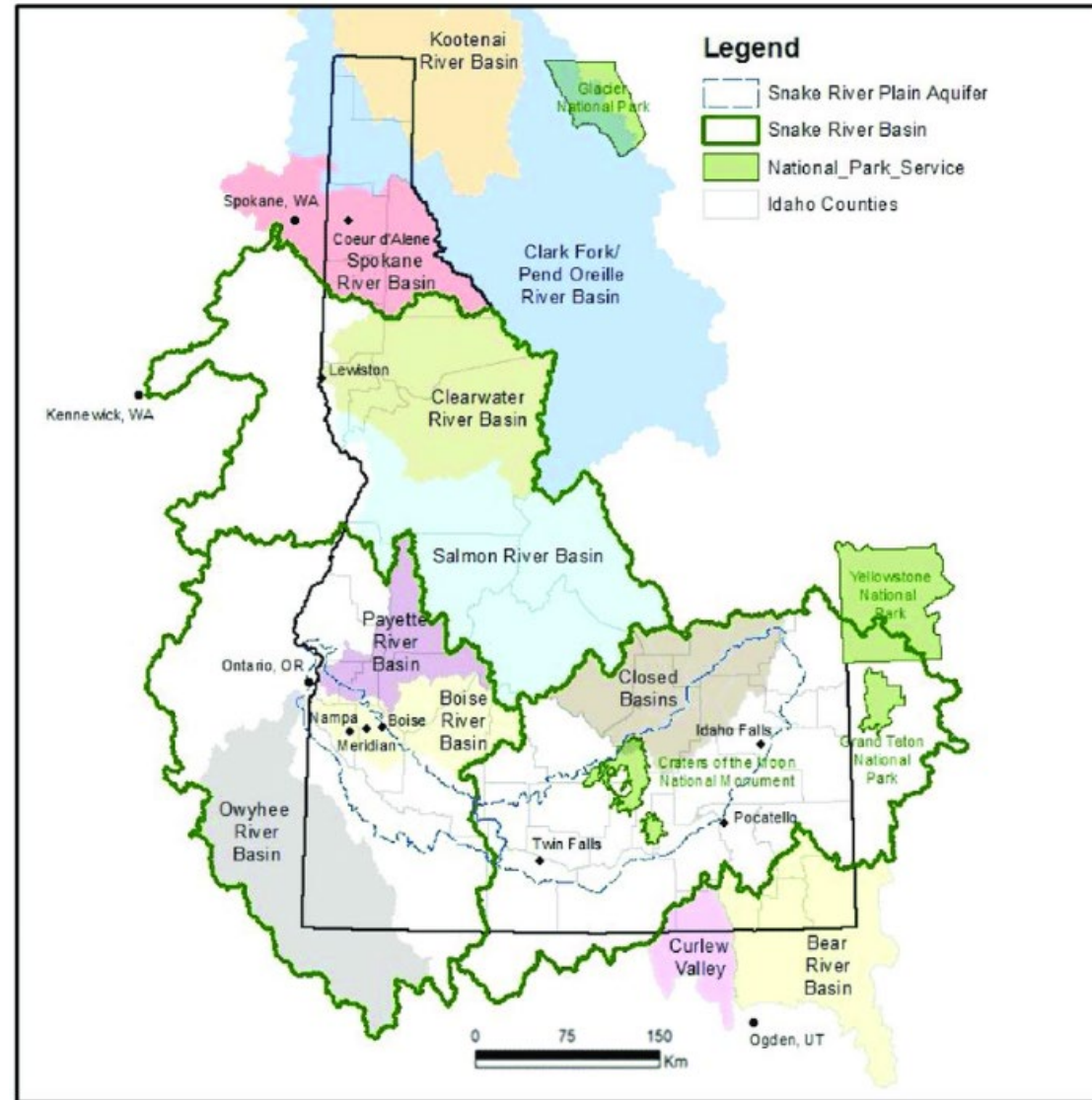
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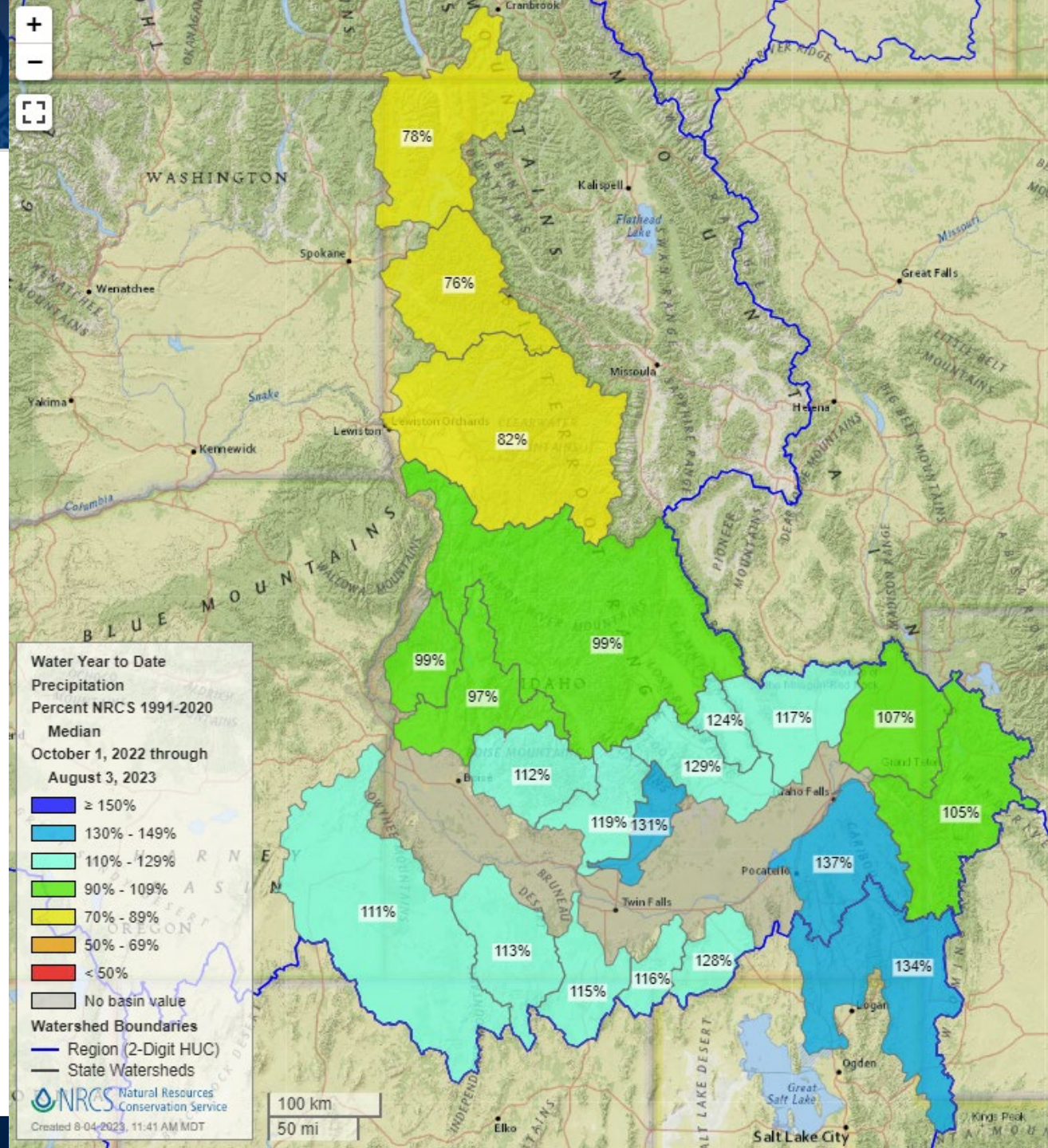
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Idaho Basins

- 1) Kootenai
- 2) Pend Oreille
- 3) Spokane
- 4) Snake
- 5) Bear



Peak Snowpack & Water-Year Precipitation



**Water Year to Date
Precipitation
Percent NRCS 1991-2020**

Median
October 1, 2022 through
August 3, 2023

- ≥ 150%
- 130% - 149%
- 110% - 129%
- 90% - 109%
- 70% - 89%
- 50% - 69%
- < 50%
- No basin value

Watershed Boundaries

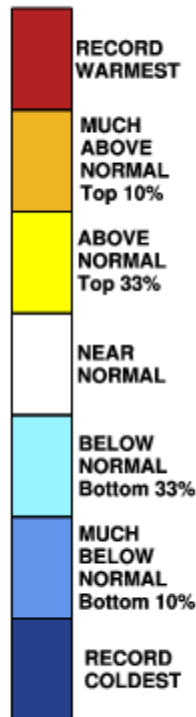
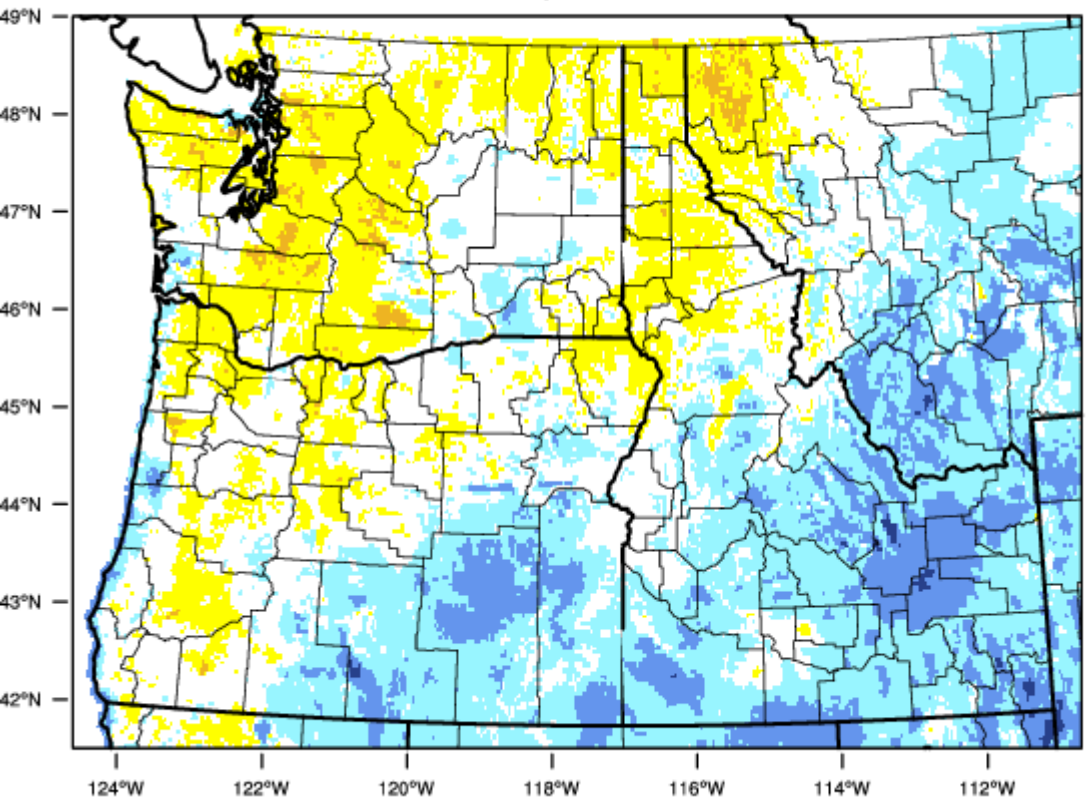
- Region (2-Digit HUC)
- State Watersheds

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100 km
50 mi

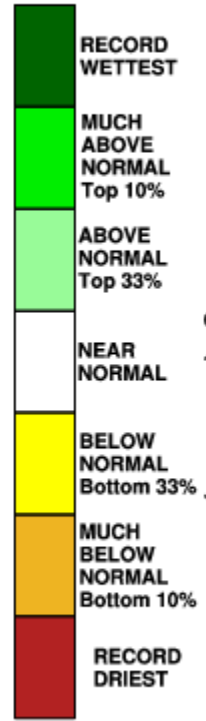
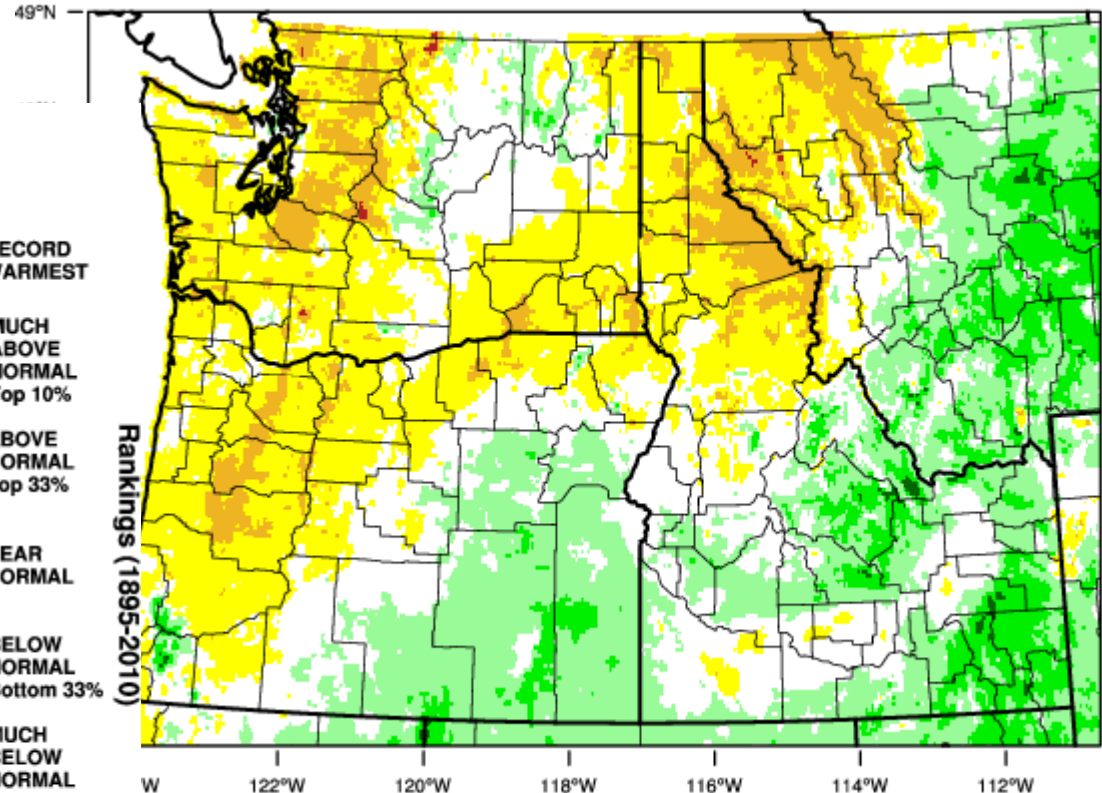
Temperature & Precipitation

Pacific Northwest - Mean Temperature
October-July 2023 Percentile



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Pacific Northwest - Precipitation
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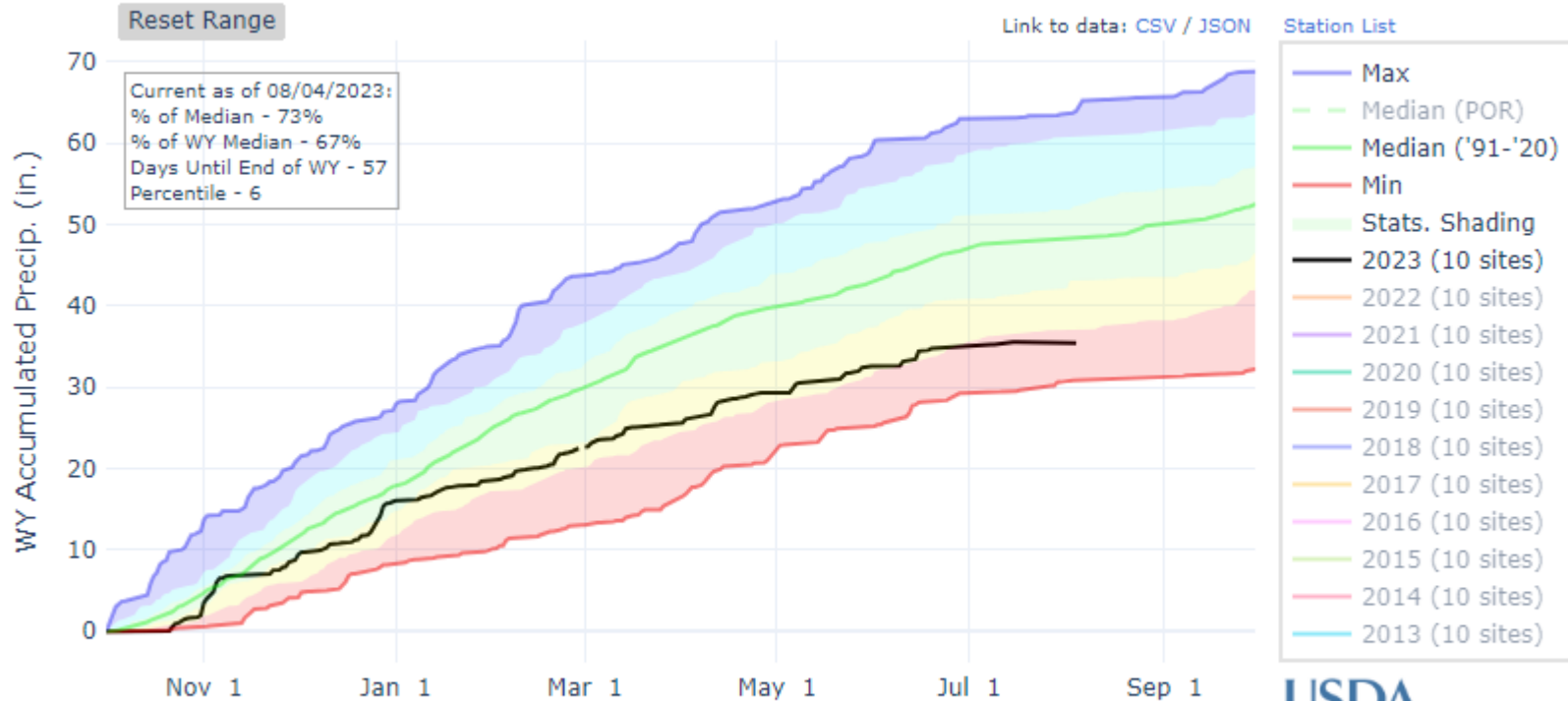


Rankings (1895-2010)

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Kootenai Basin

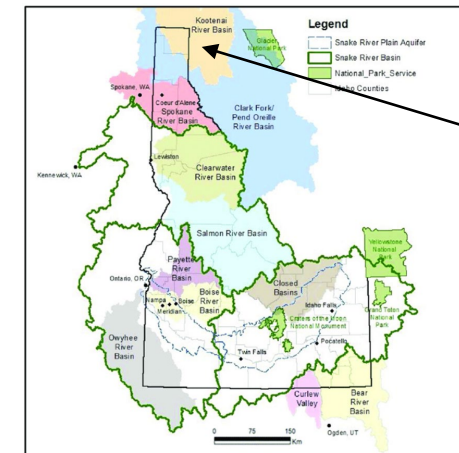
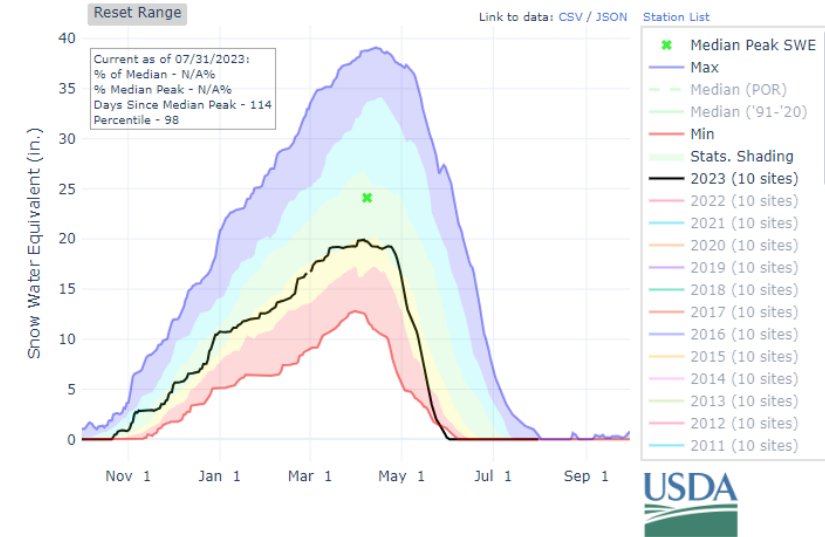
PRECIPITATION IN KOOTENAI



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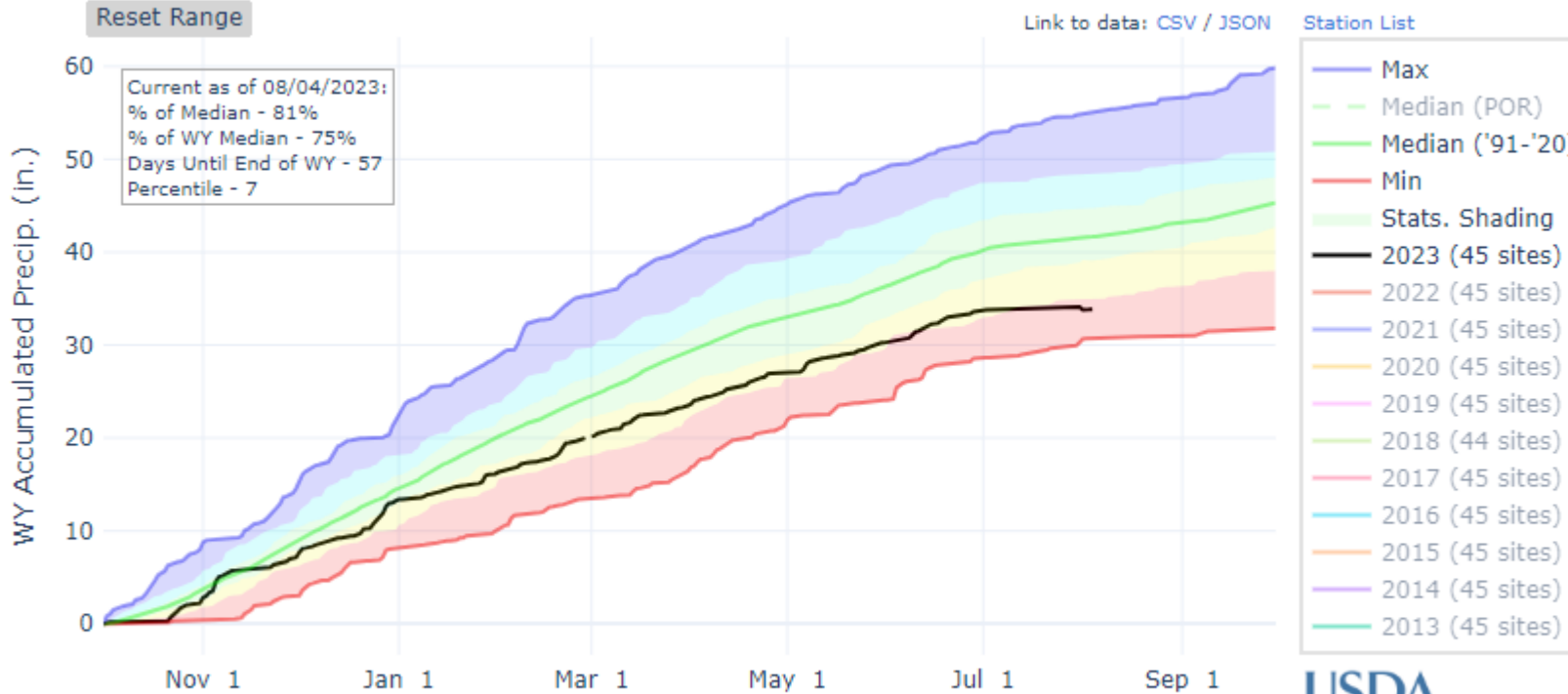
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Kootenai

Pend Oreille Basin

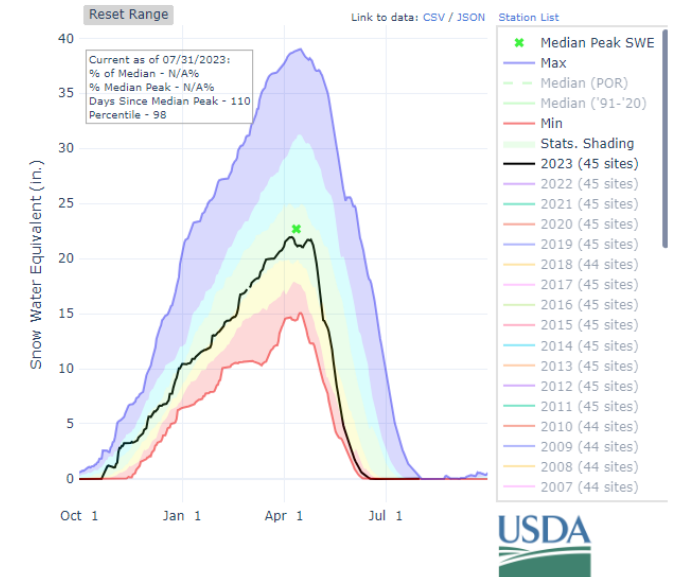
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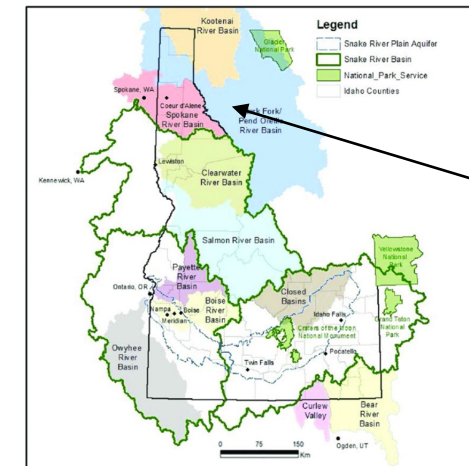
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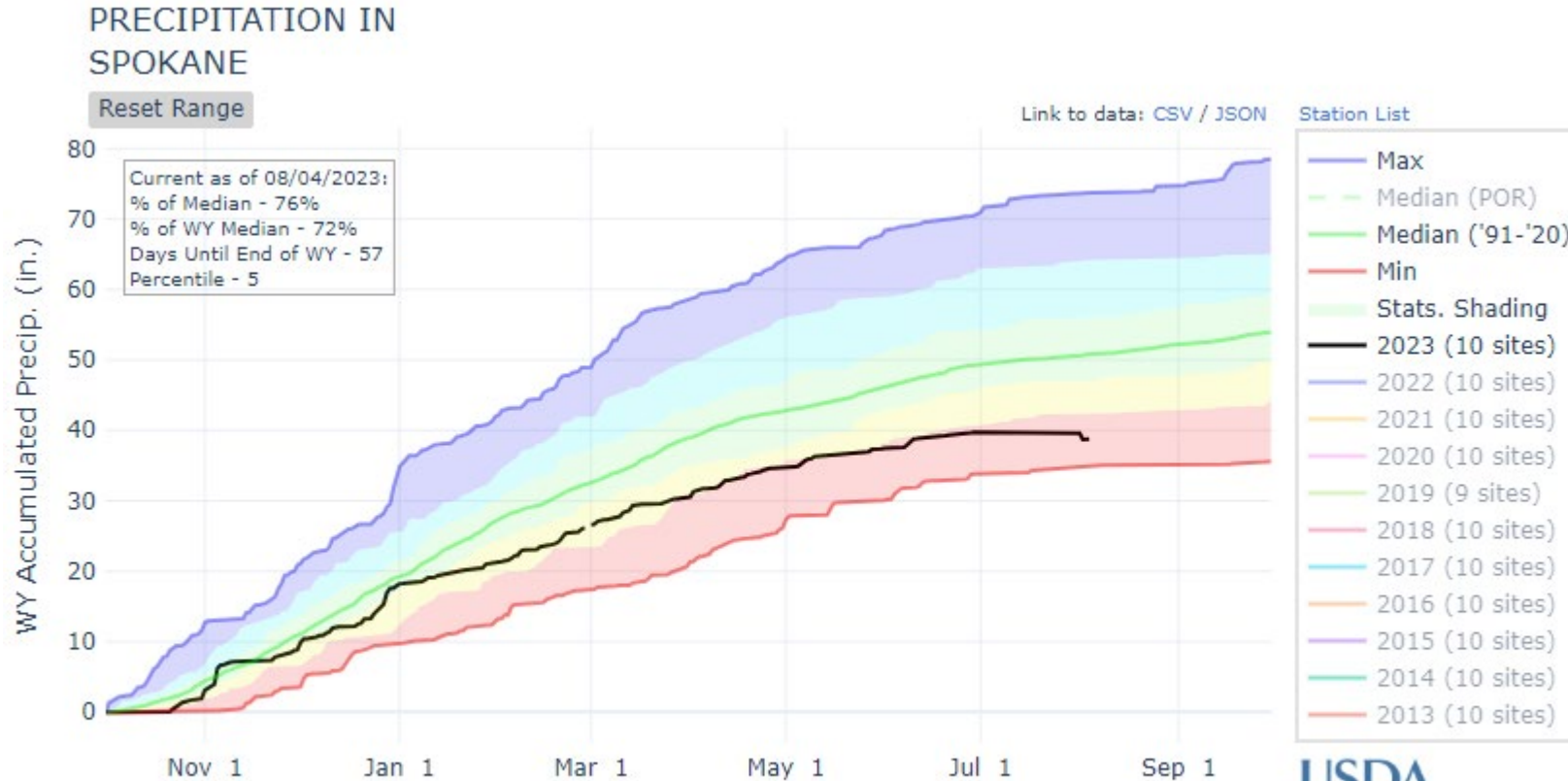


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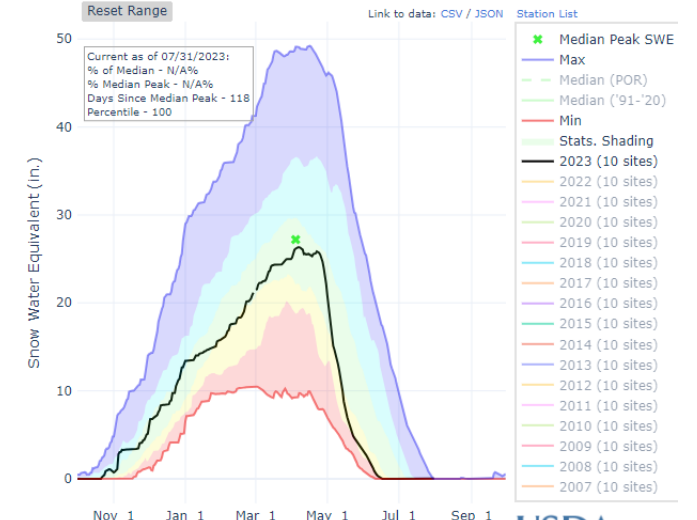
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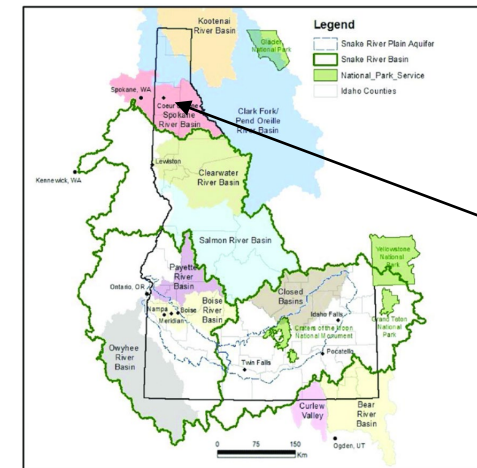
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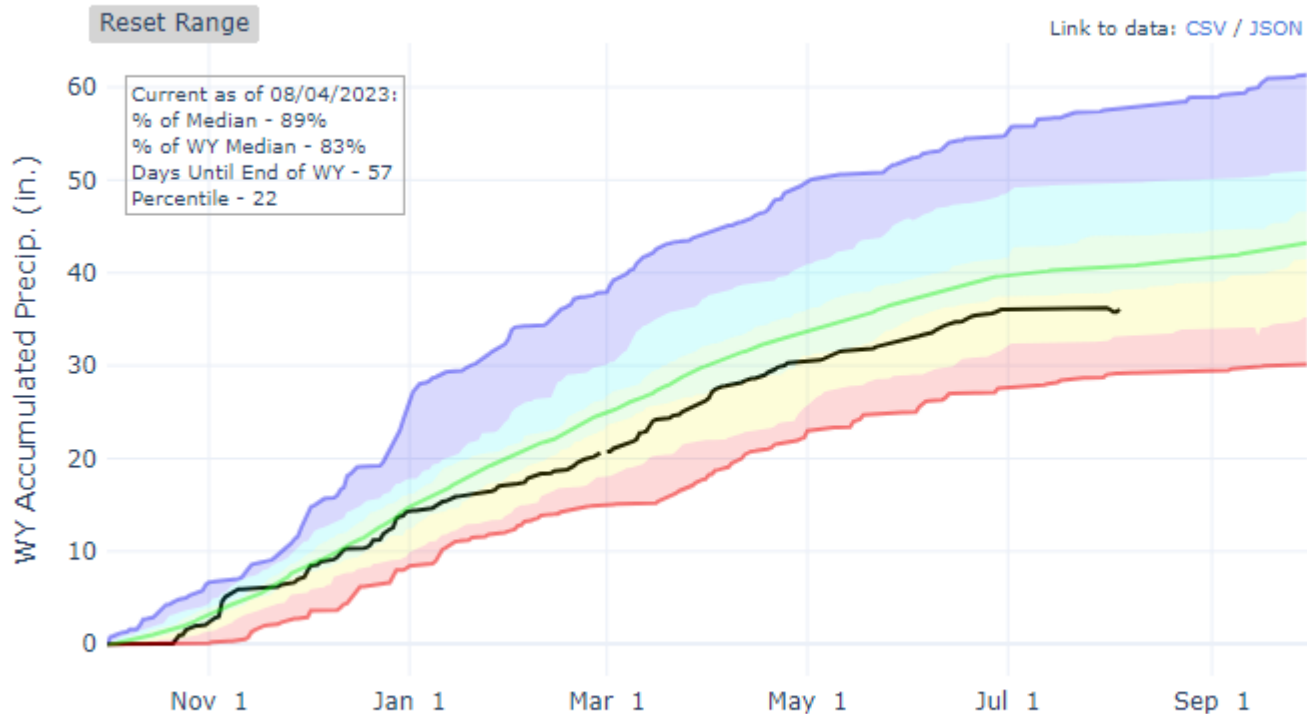
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Spokane

Lower Snake River

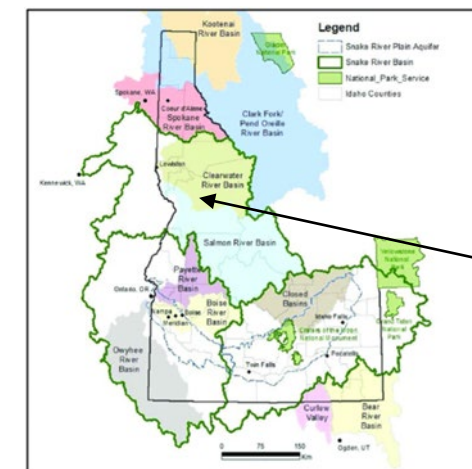
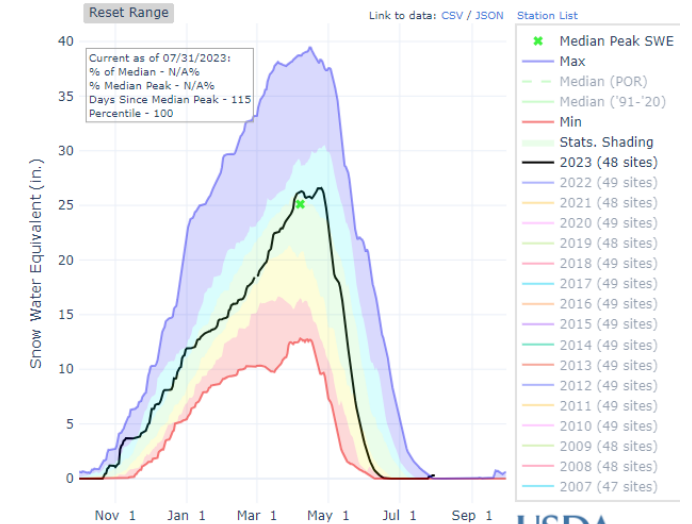
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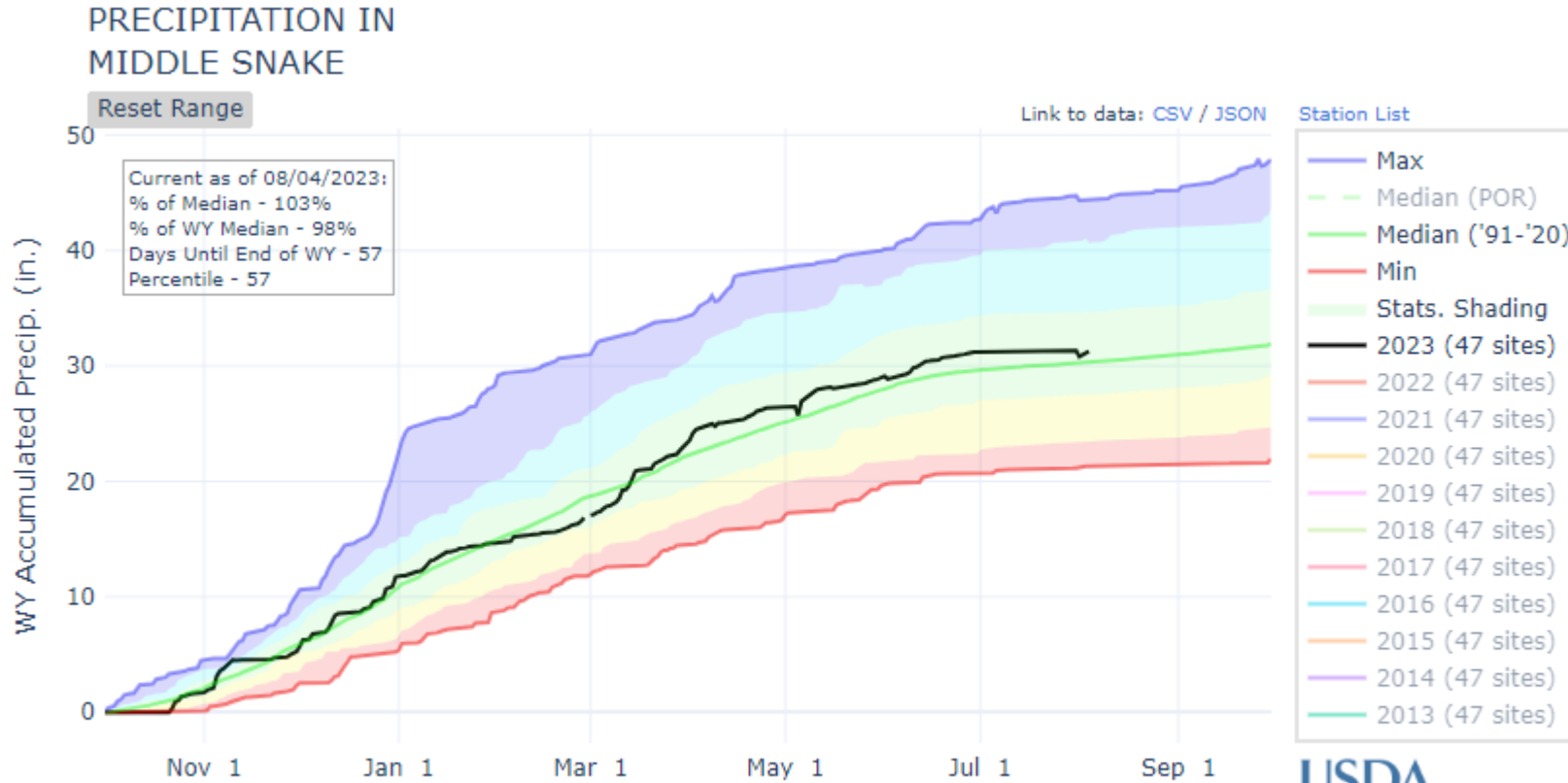
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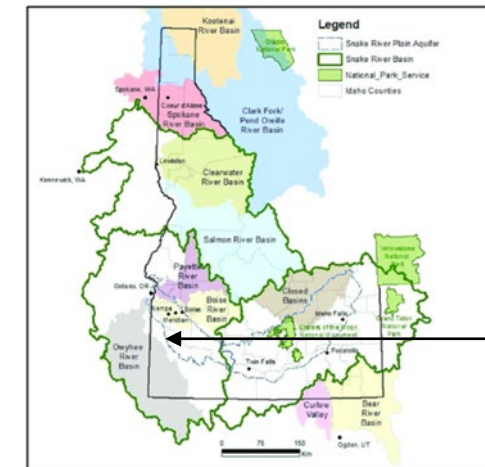
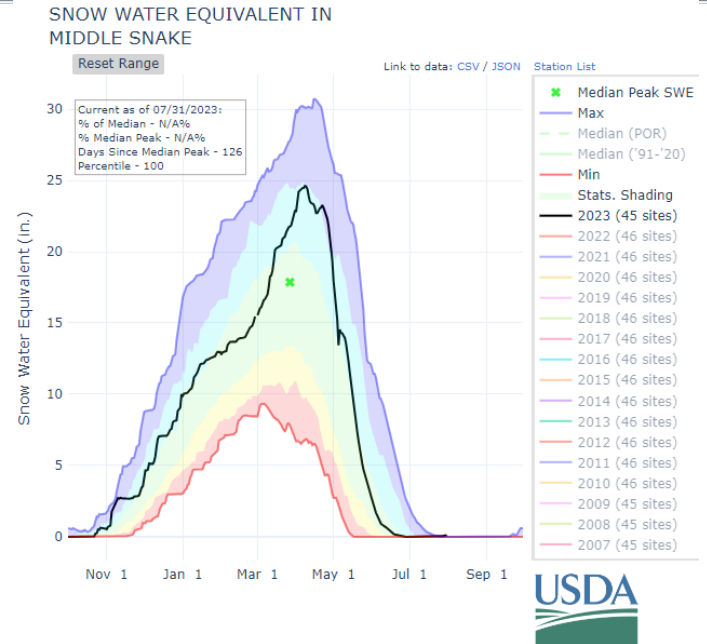
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Middle Snake River



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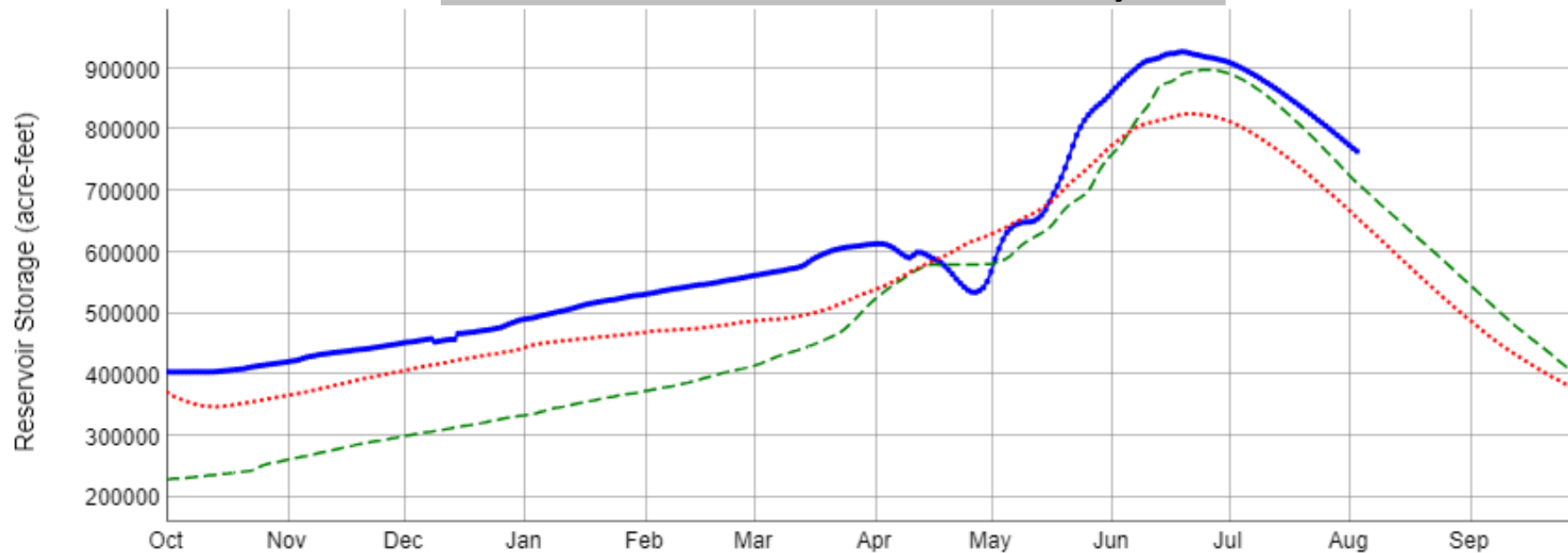
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Boise River Reservoirs

Water Year Graph

- Current Year
- - Previous Year
- ... Average

Anderson Ranch, Arrowrock, and Lucky Peak

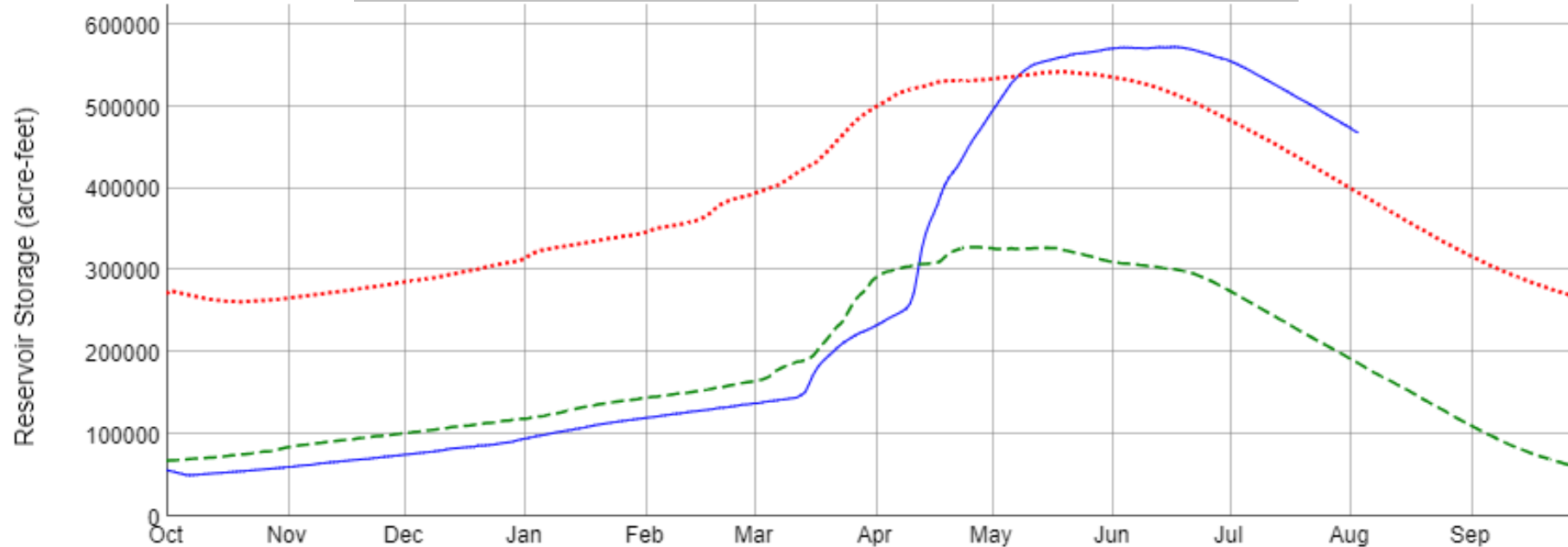


Owyhee Reservoir

Water Year Graph

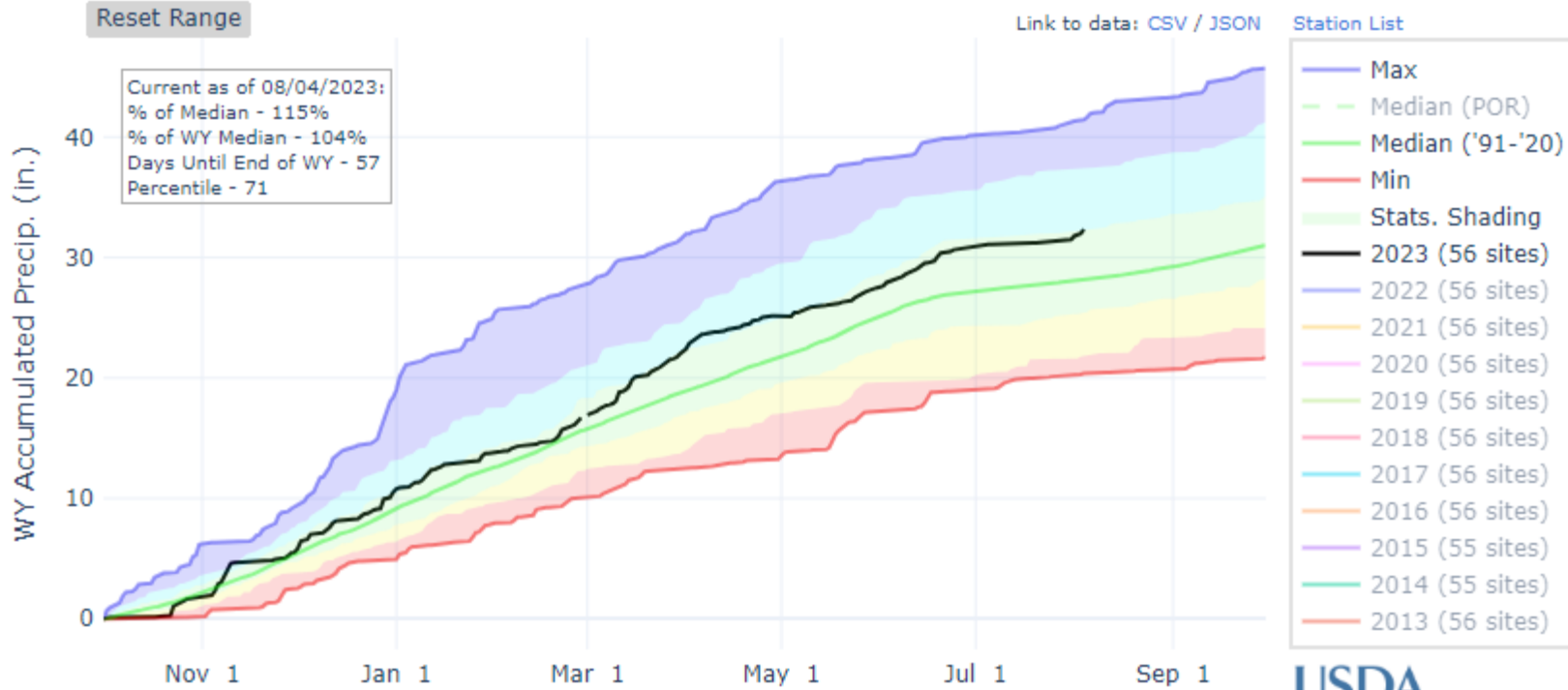
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USBR Lake Owyhee Reservoir near Nyssa, Oregon



Upper Snake River

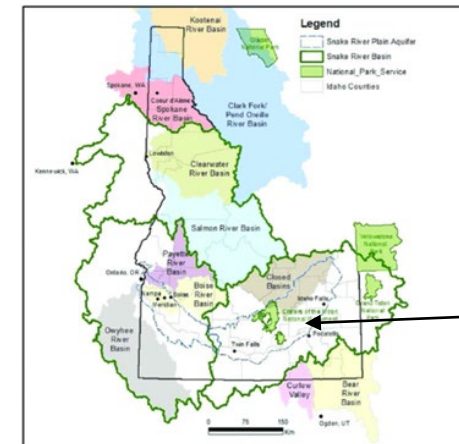
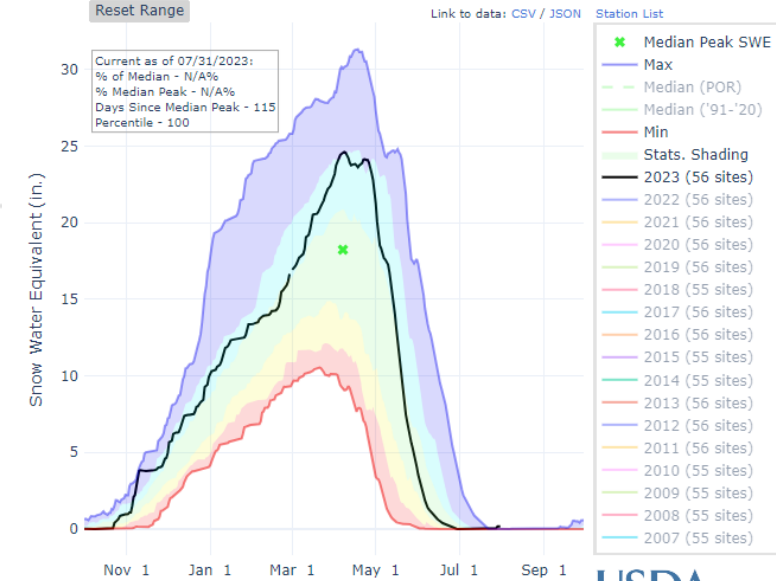
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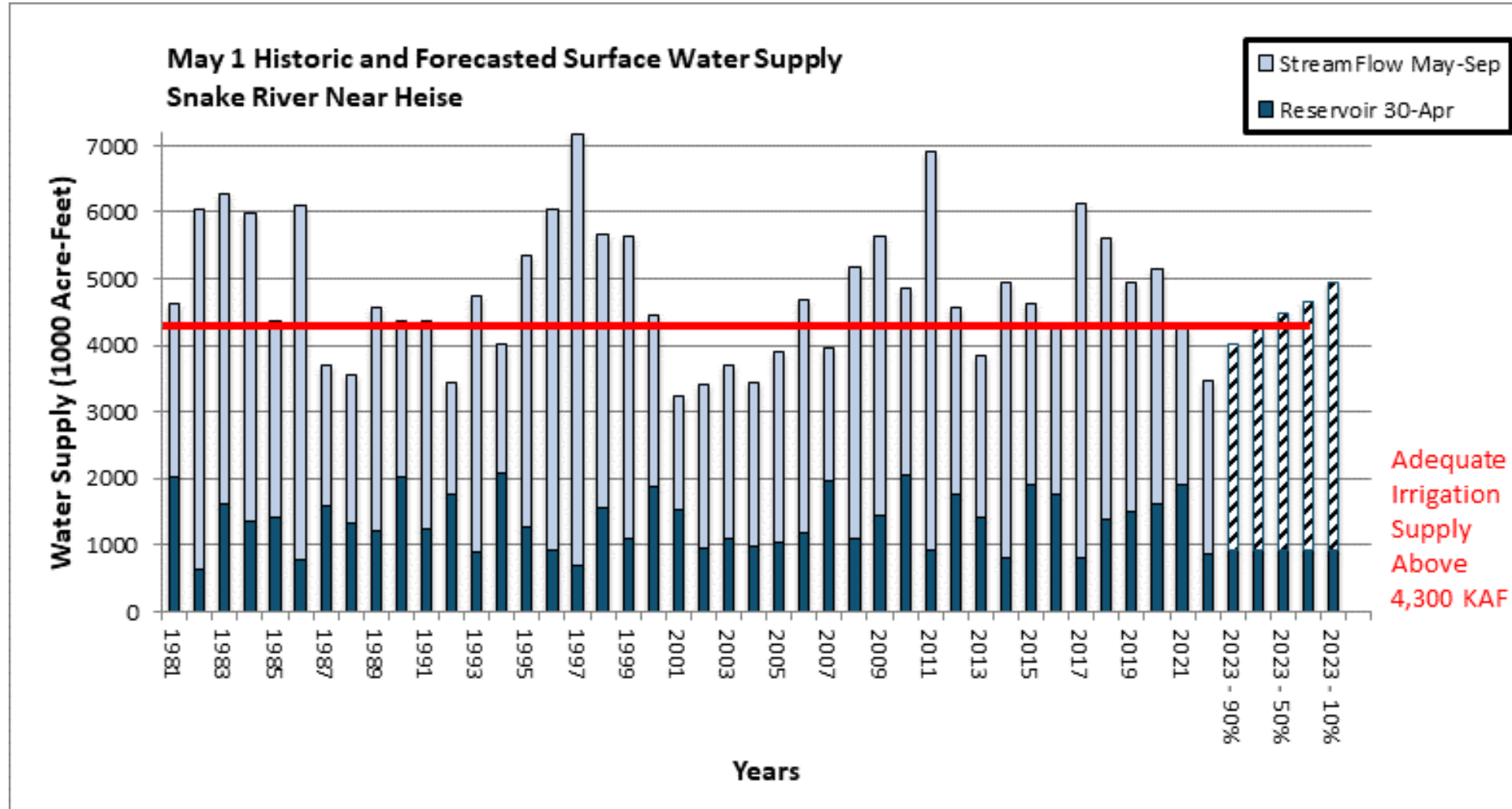


SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN UPPER SNAKE



Upper Snake

Upper Snake River

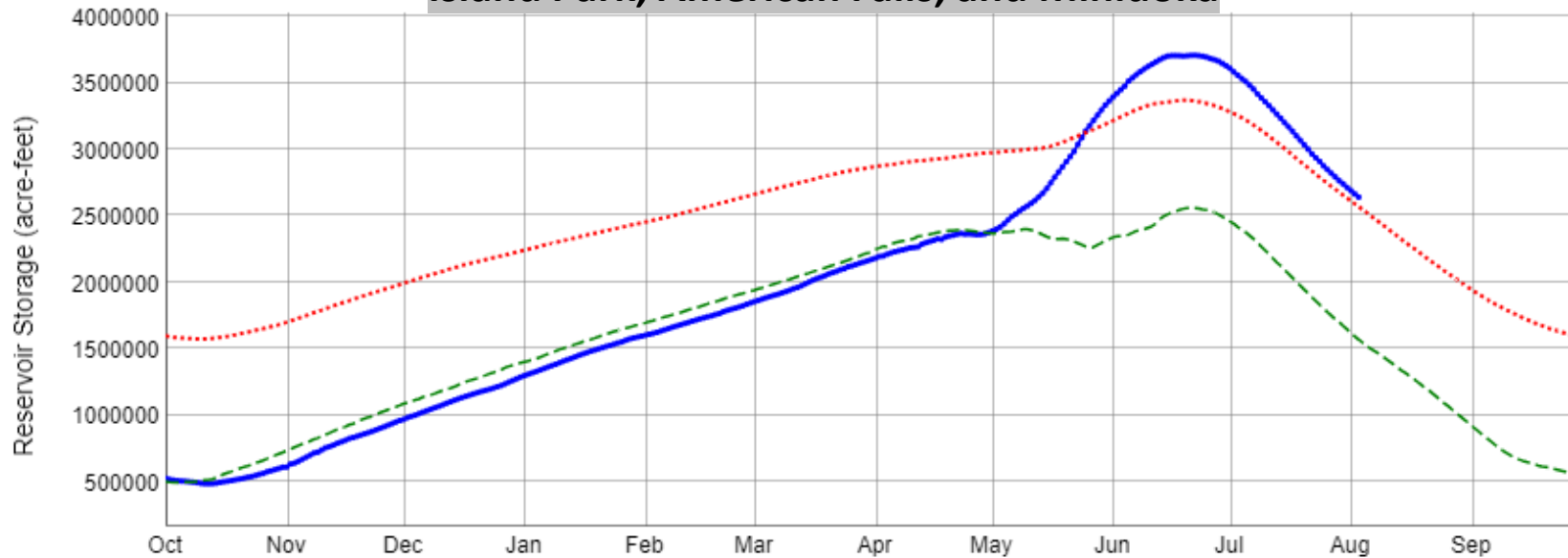


Upper Snake River

Water Year Graph

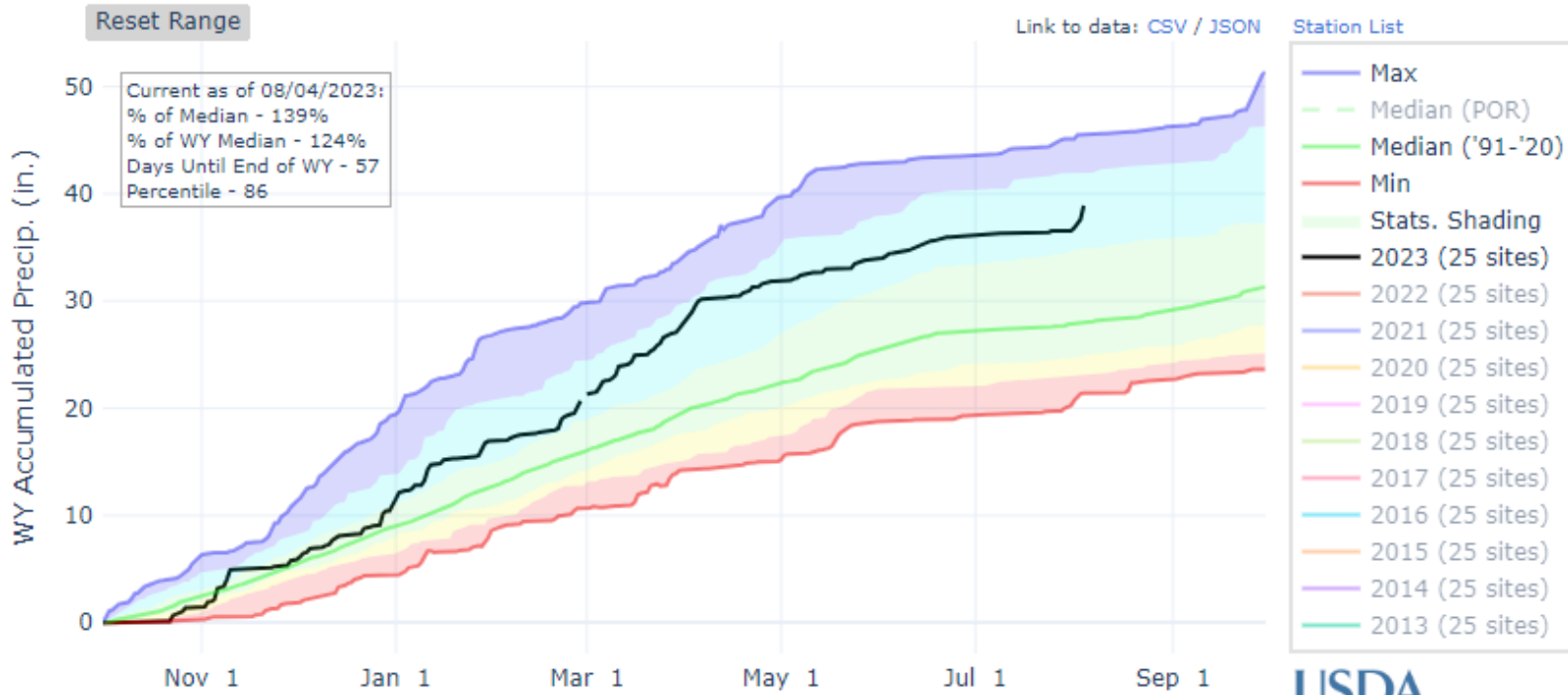
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Jackson Lake, Palisades, Ririe, Grassy Lake, Island Park, American Falls, and Minidoka



Bear River

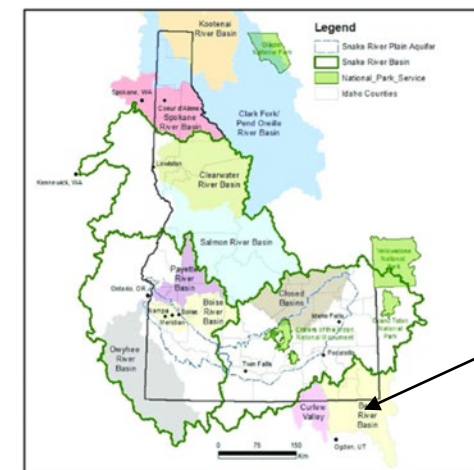
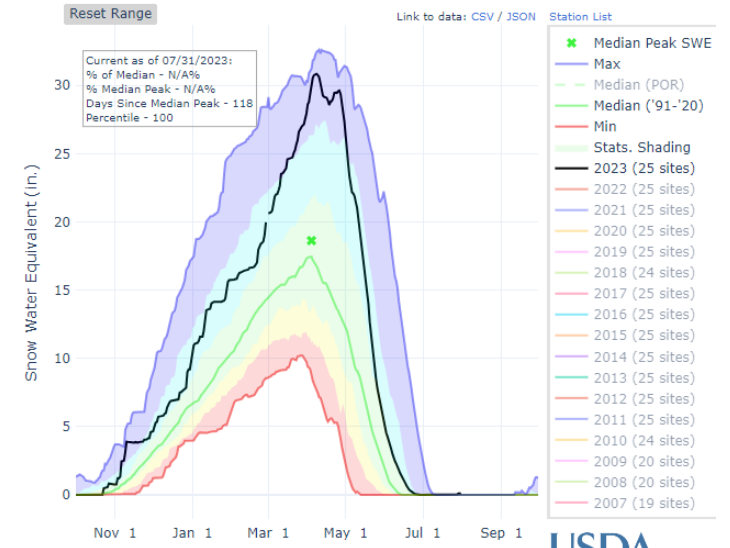
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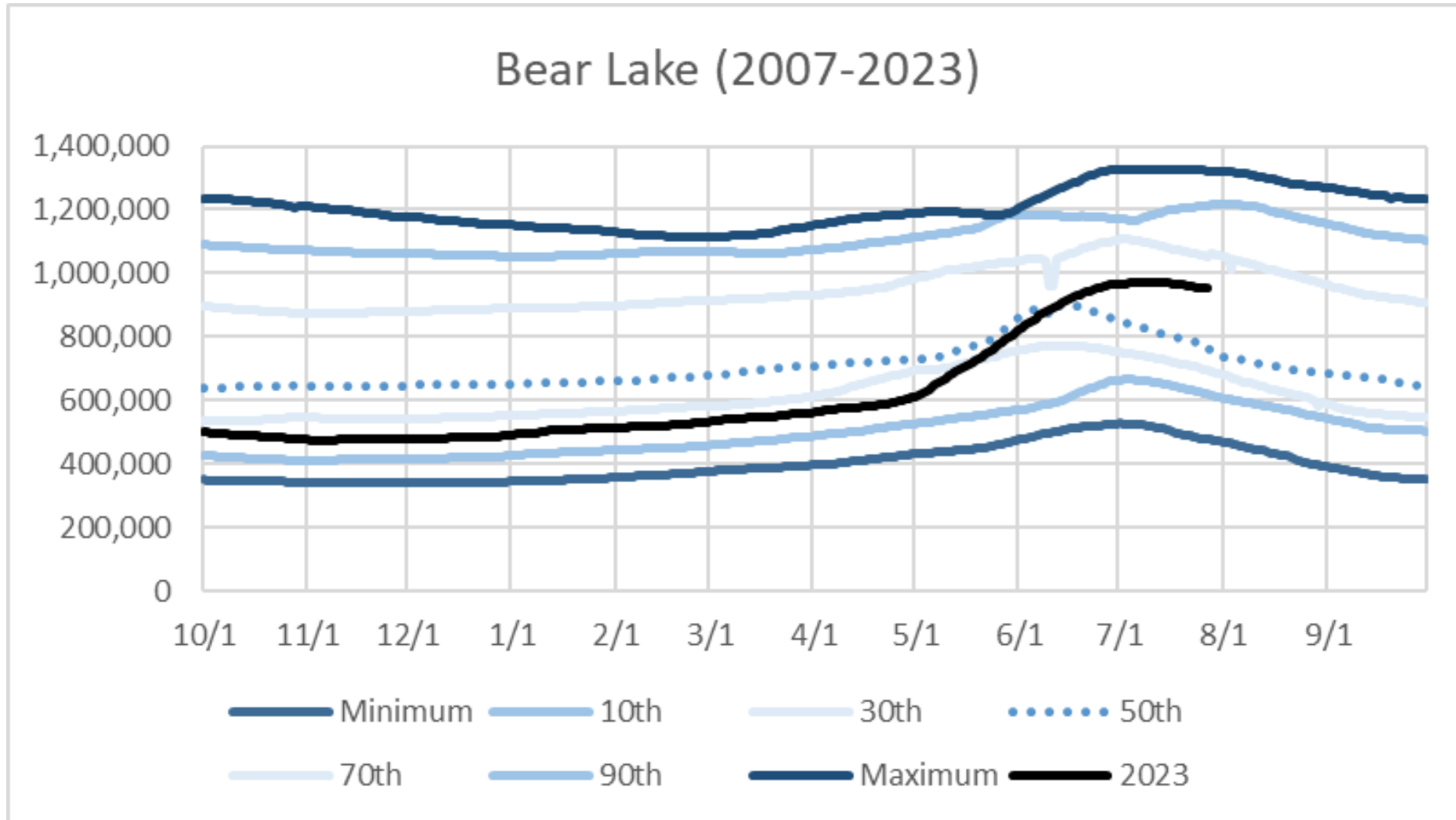


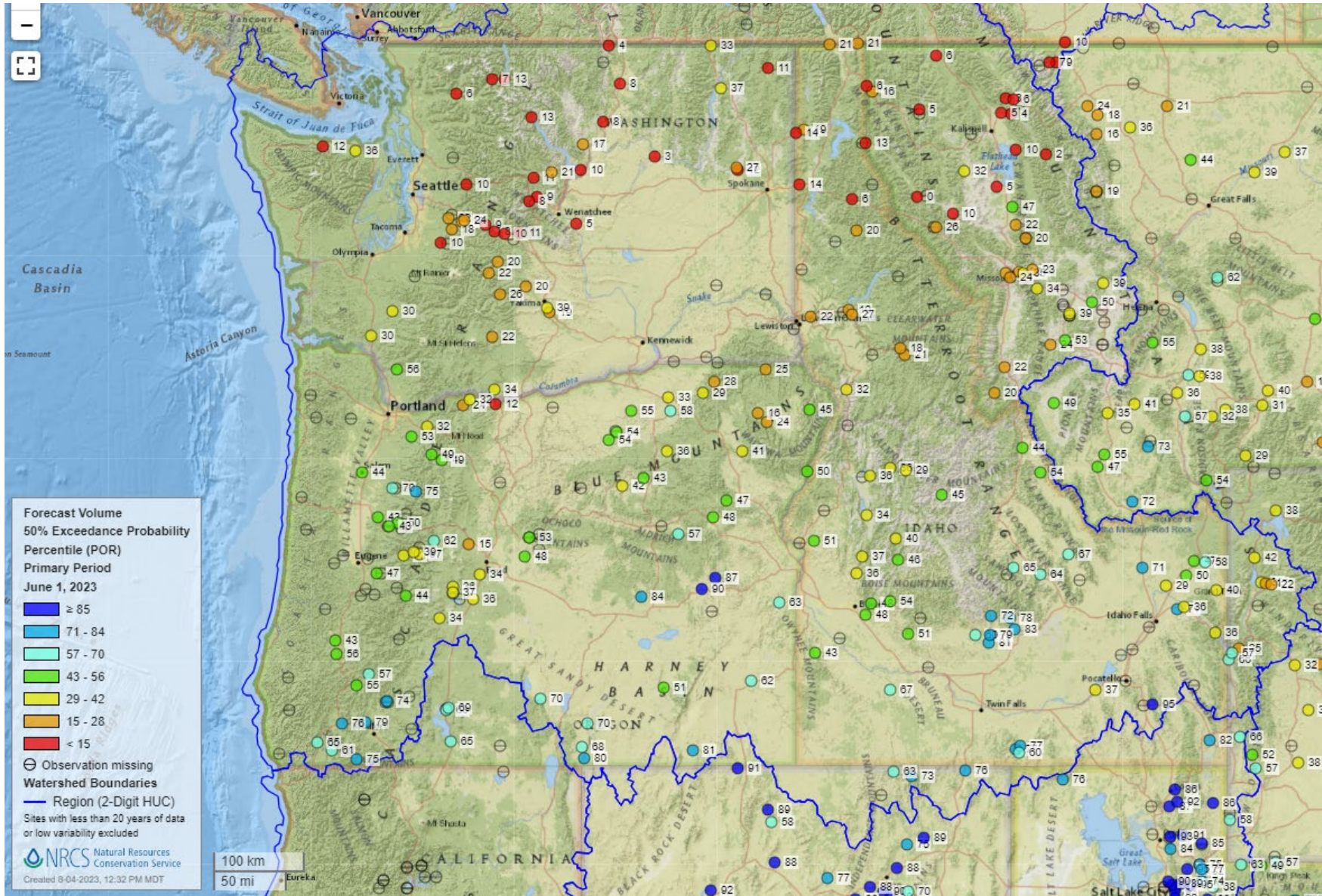
SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN BEAR



Bear

Bear Lake Reservoir Content Statistics





**Drought Development
northern Idaho**

**Drought Recovery
southern Idaho**

**Will have a strong
El Nino in 2024 winter.**

Questions?

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Strong El Nino likely for 2024

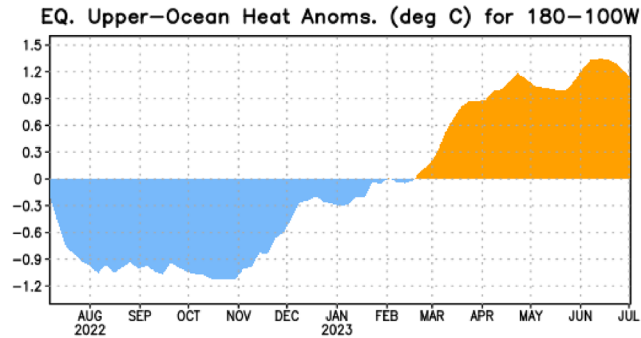


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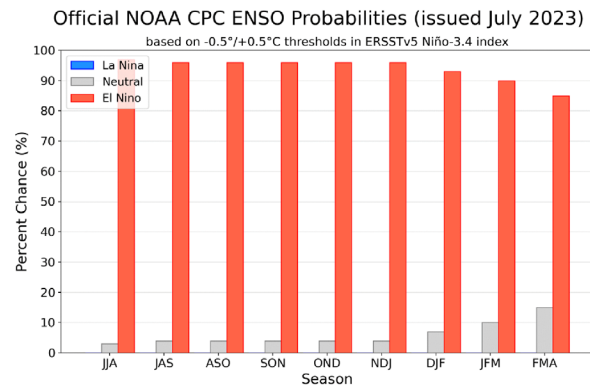


Figure 7. Official ENSO probabilities for the Niño 3.4 sea surface temperature index (5°N-5°S, 120°W-170°W). Figure updated 13 July 2023.

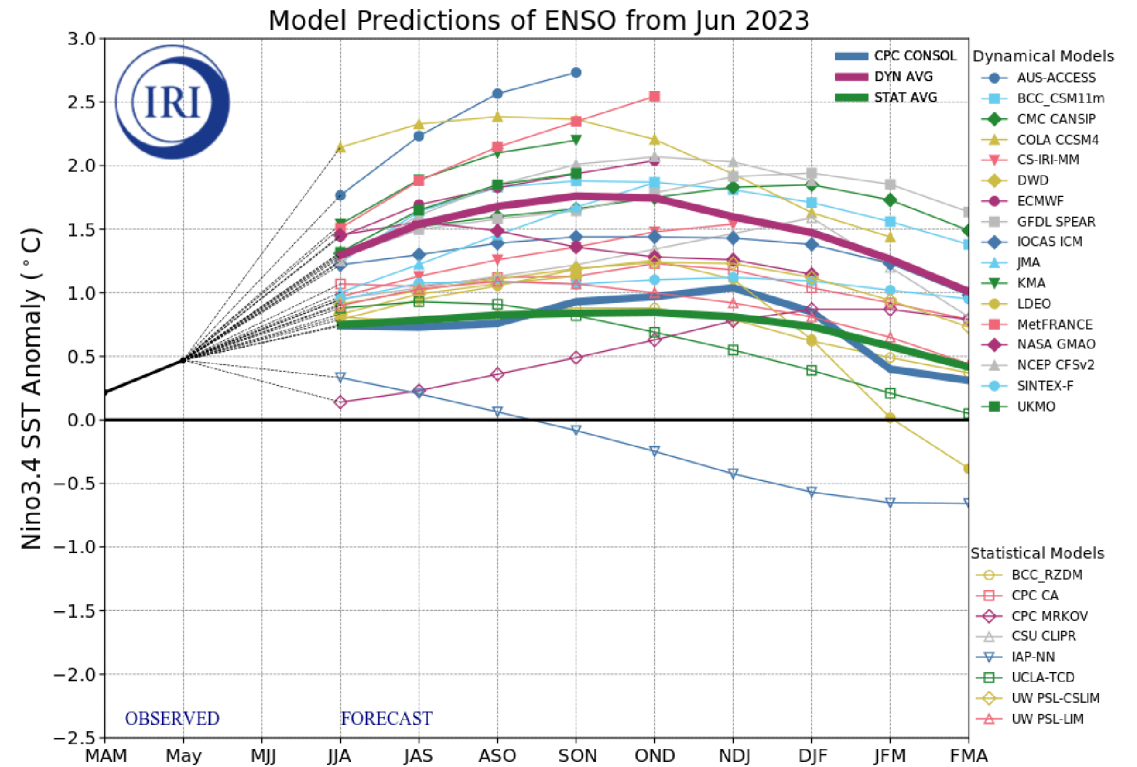


Figure 6. Forecasts of sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies for the Niño 3.4 region (5°N-5°S, 120°W-170°W). Figure updated 16 June 2023 by the International Research Institute (IRI) for Climate and Society.

Idaho's Ground Water Resources – Statewide Update

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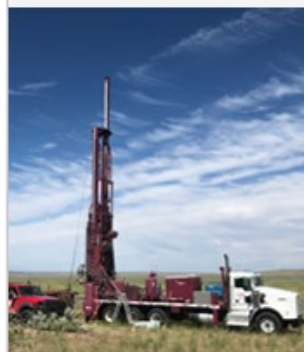
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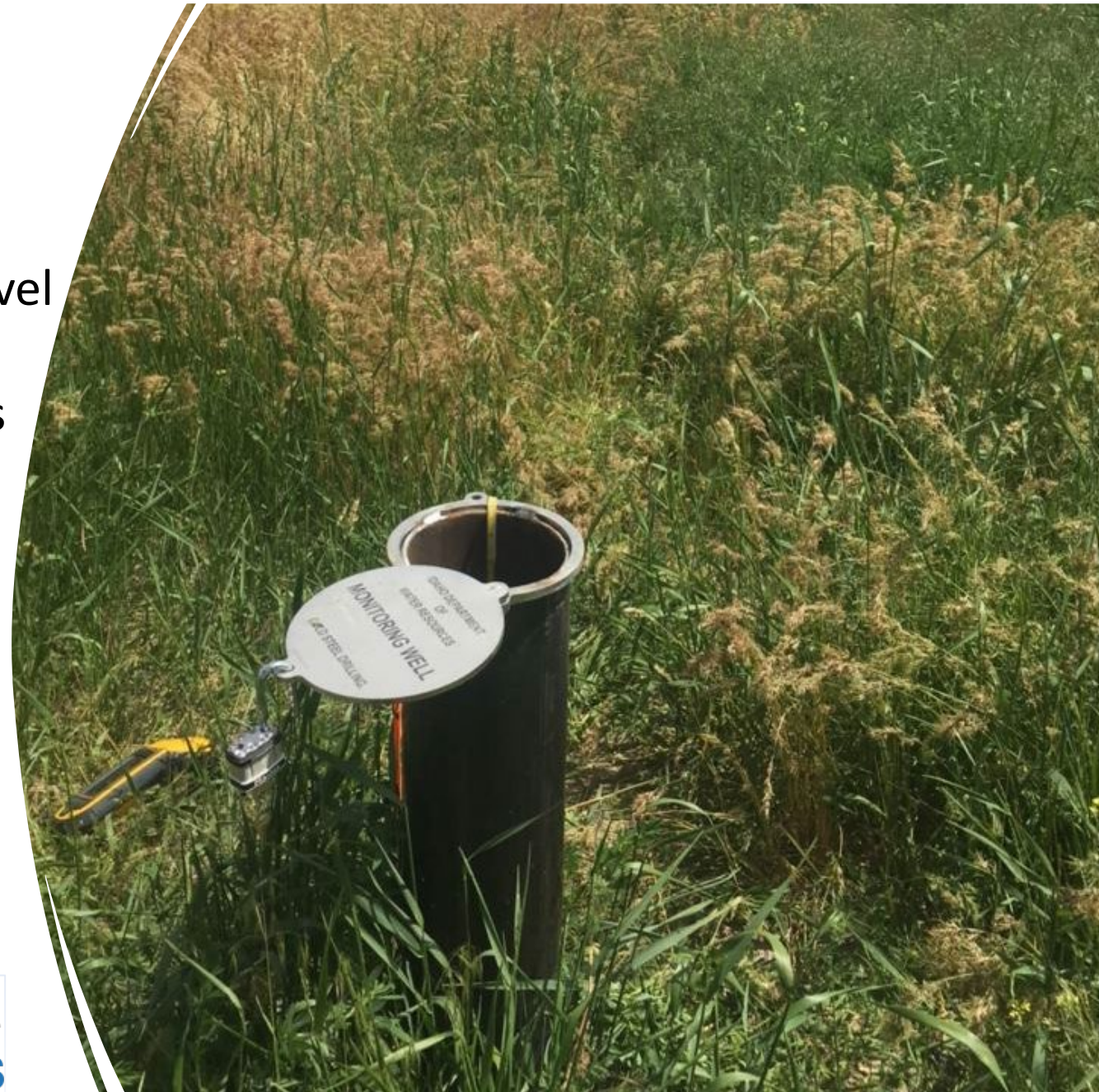
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Presentation Overview

- Statewide Ground Water Level Program
- Regional Aquifer Summaries
 - Northern Region
 - Western Region
 - Southern/Eastern Regions

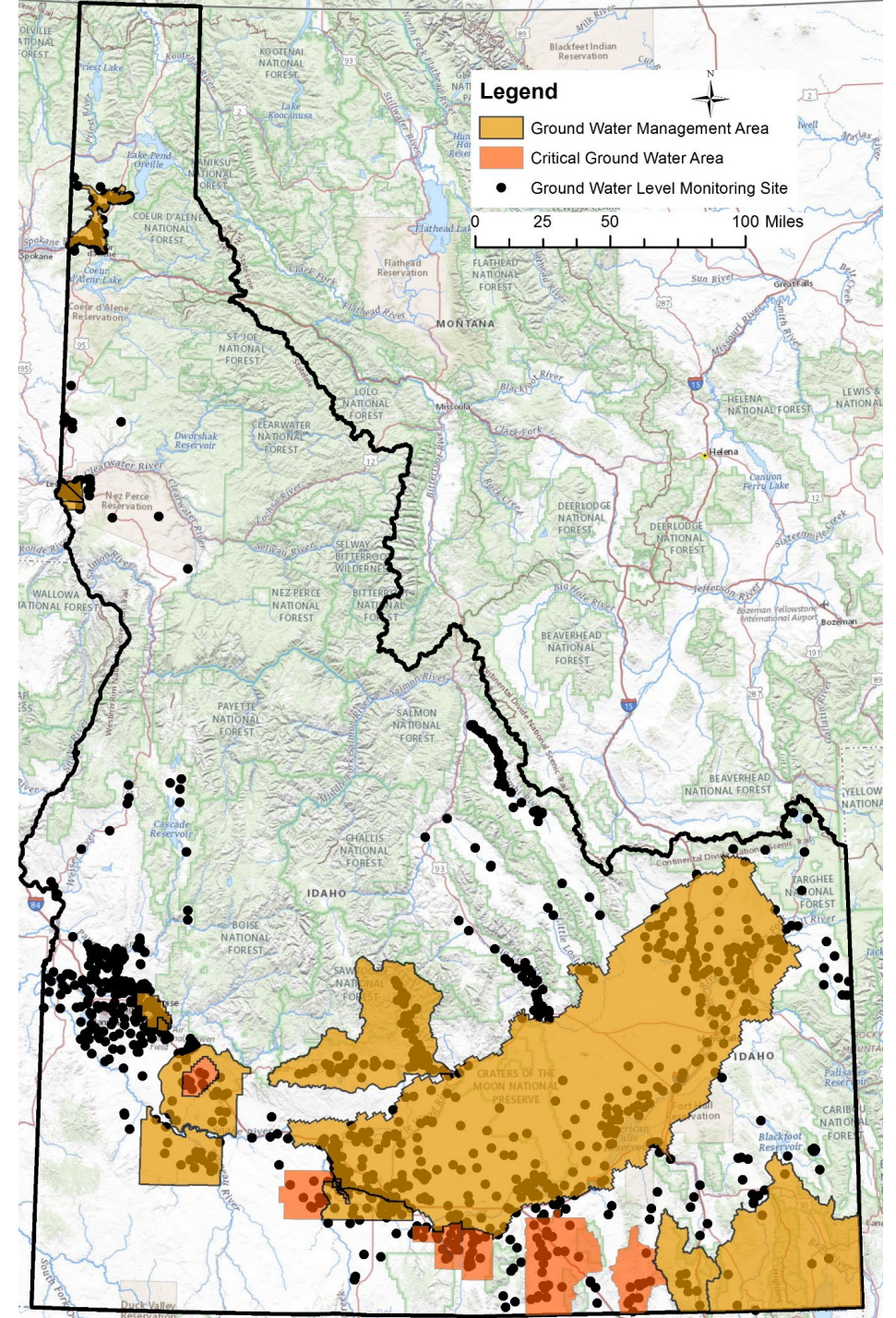


Statewide Ground Water Level Monitoring Program

- IDWR monitors water level data in over 1,200 wells annually to:
 - Evaluate ground water trends statewide
 - Monitor areas of concern, such as ground water management areas (GWMA) and critical ground water areas (CGWAs)
 - Support planning, **modeling**, and research projects
 - <https://idwr-groundwater-data.idaho.gov/>

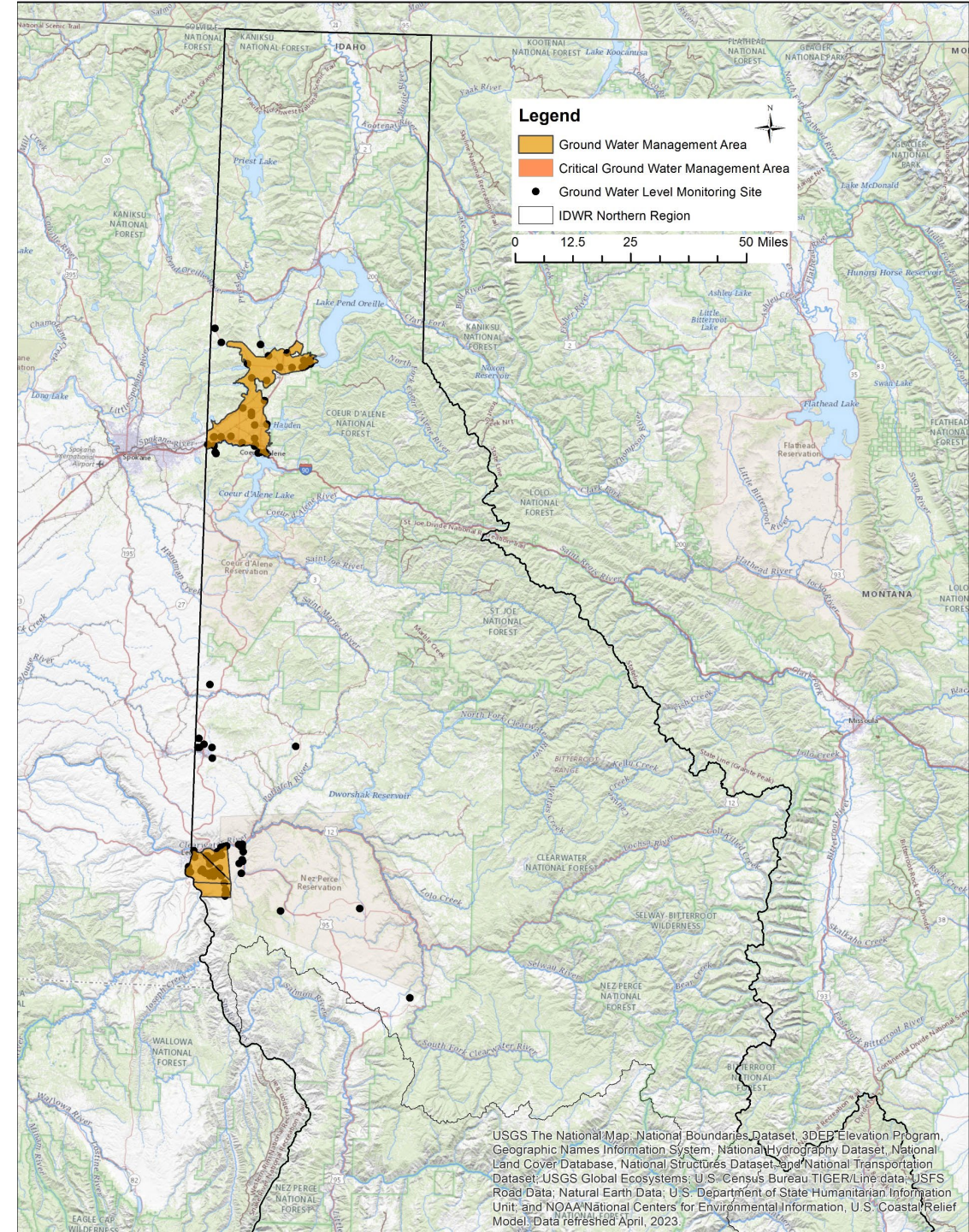


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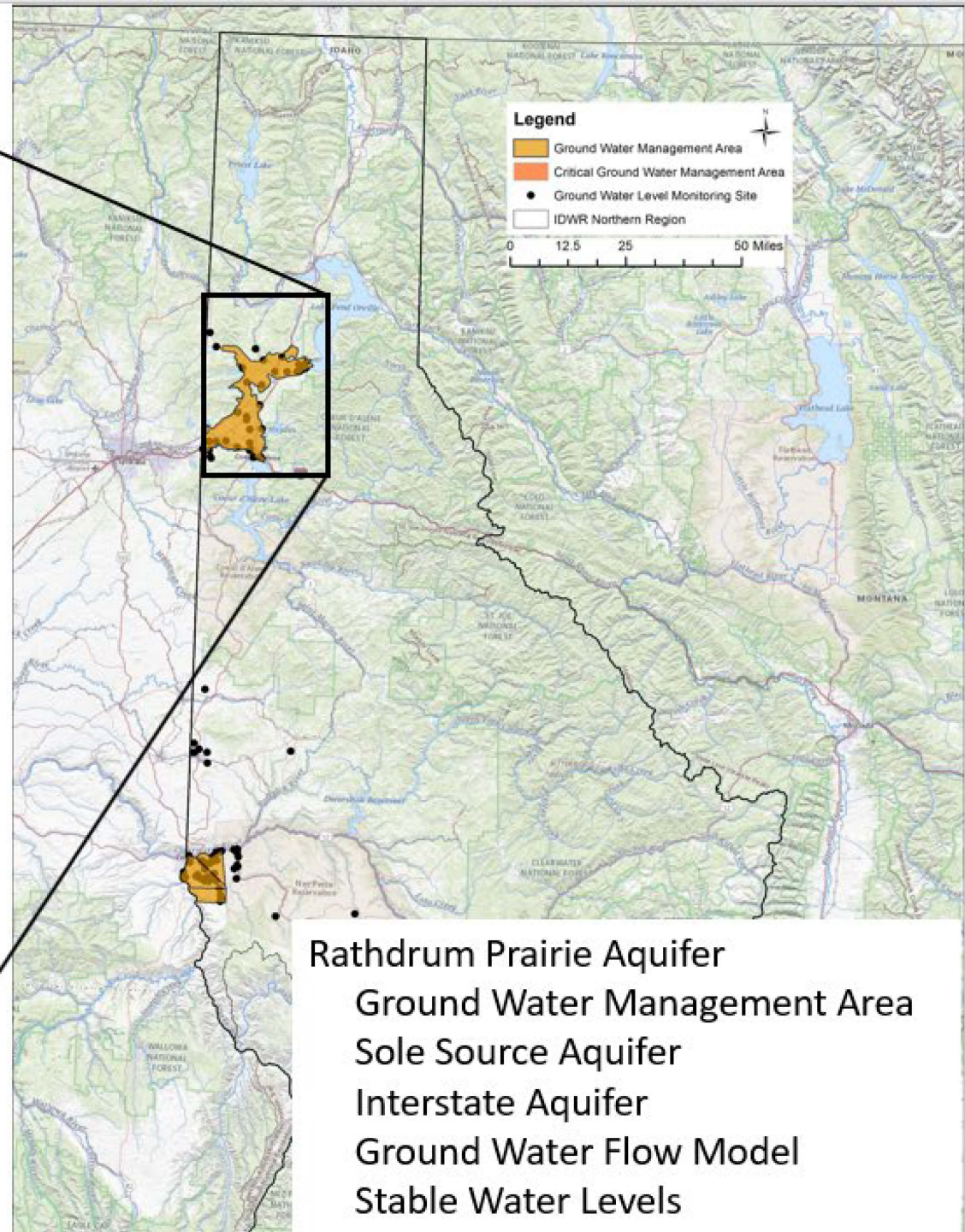
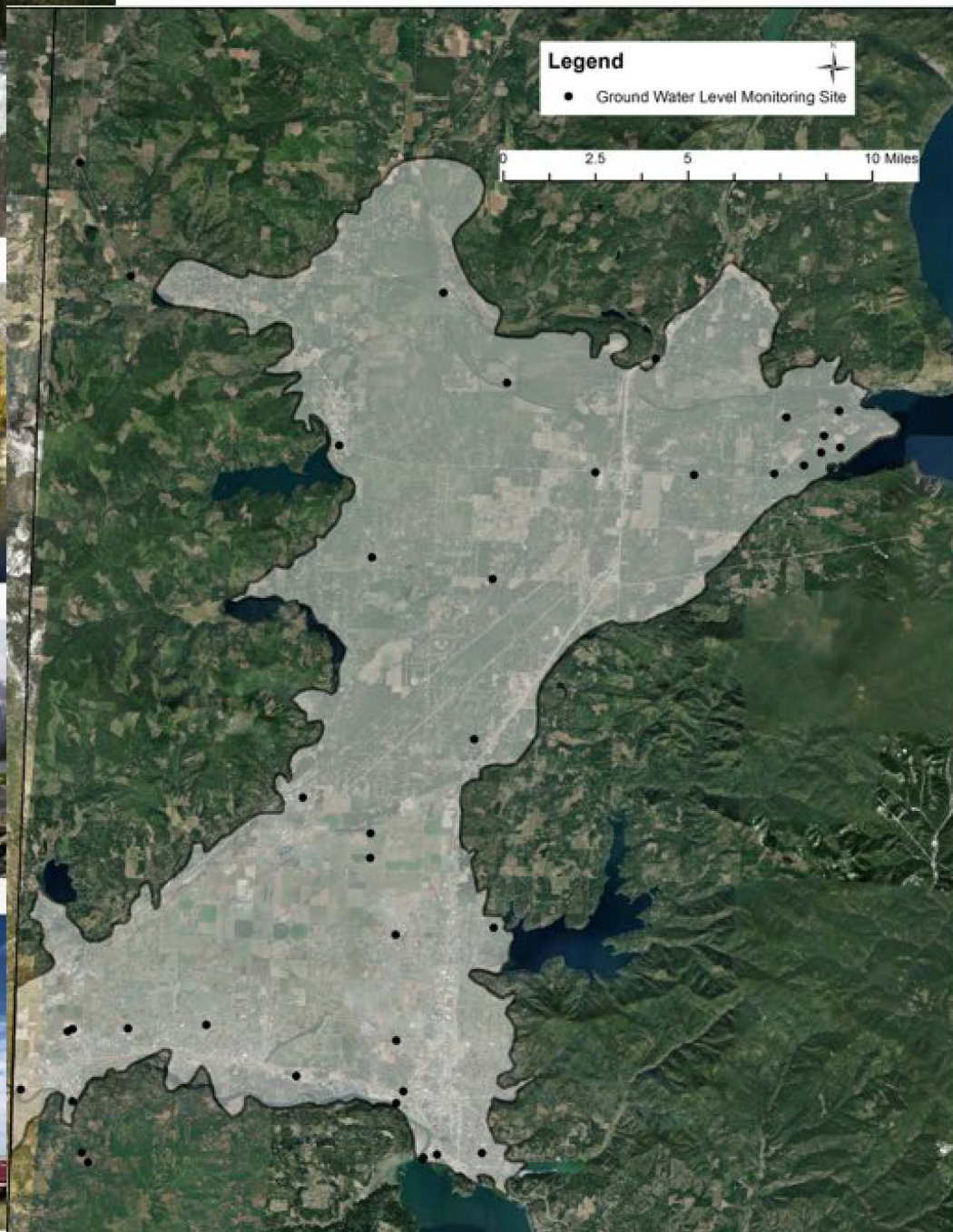
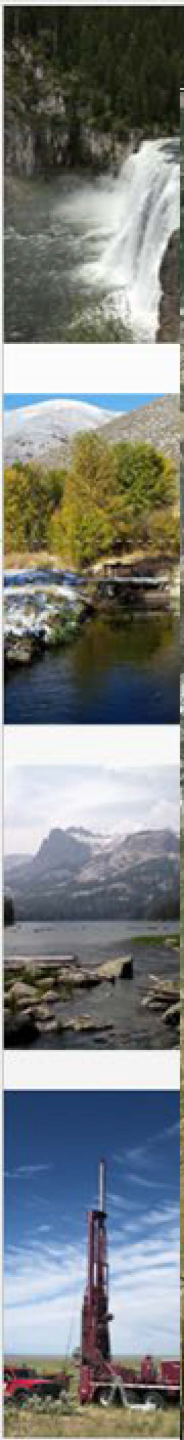


IDWR's Northern Region

- Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer
- Moscow Basin Aquifer
- Lewiston Aquifer

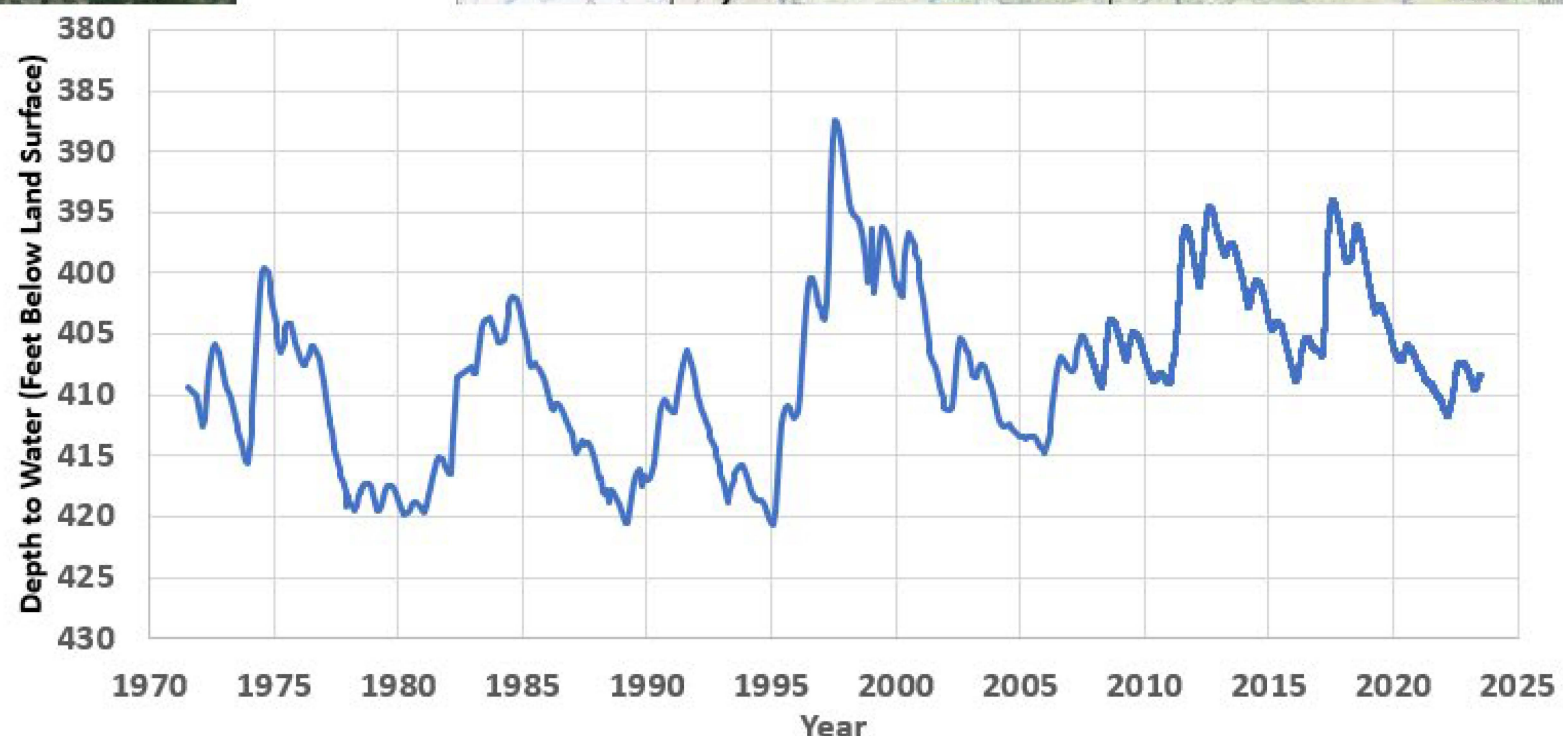
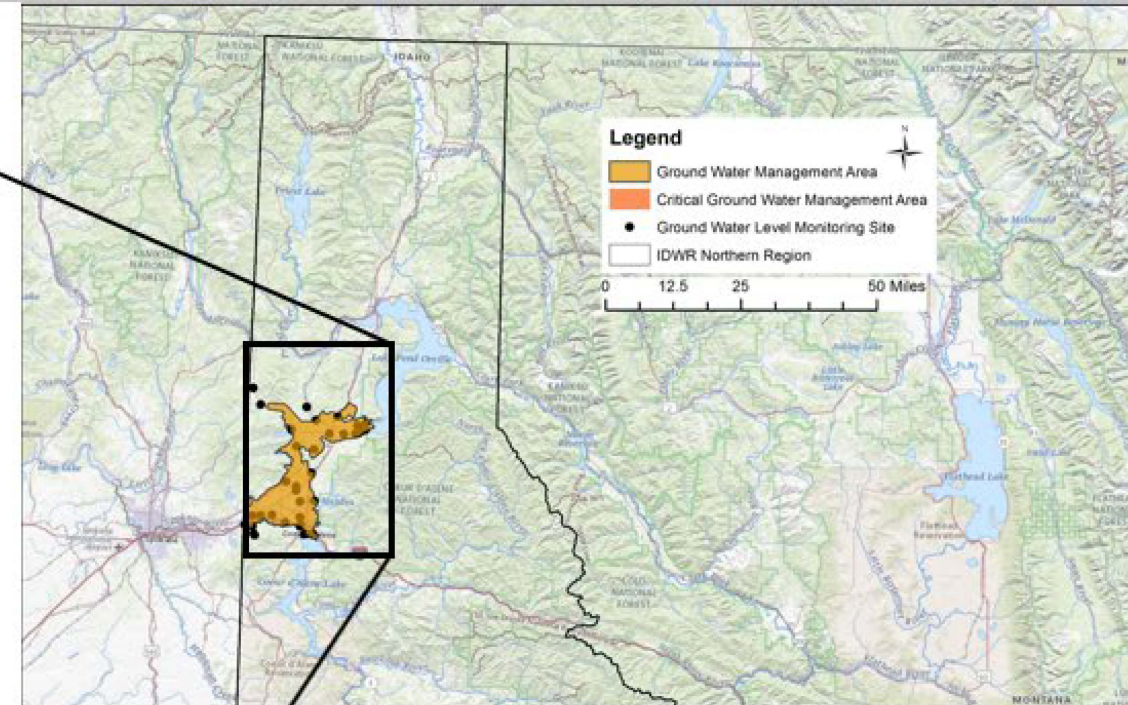
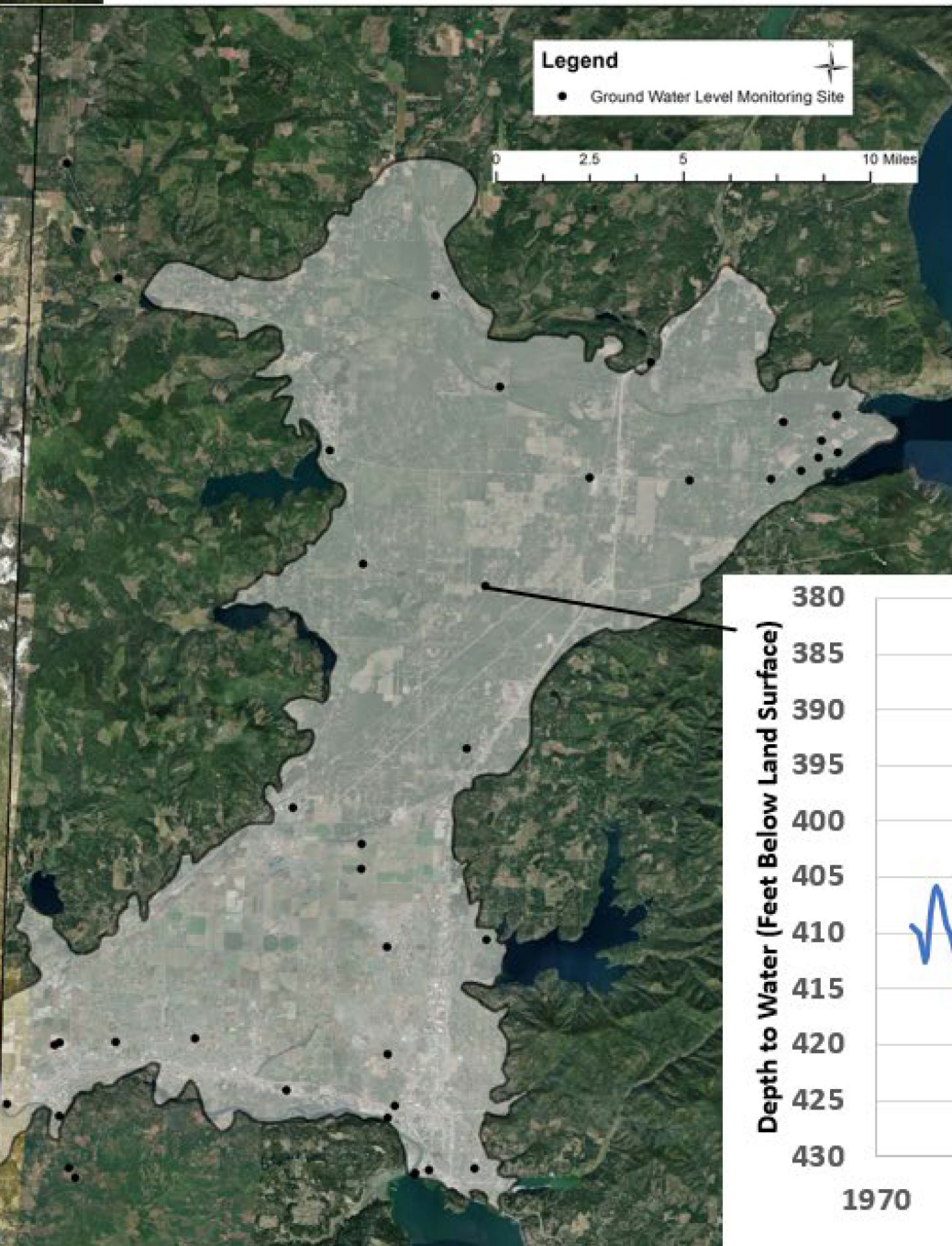
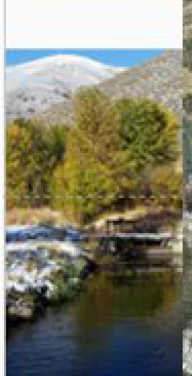
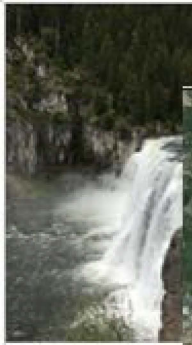


Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer

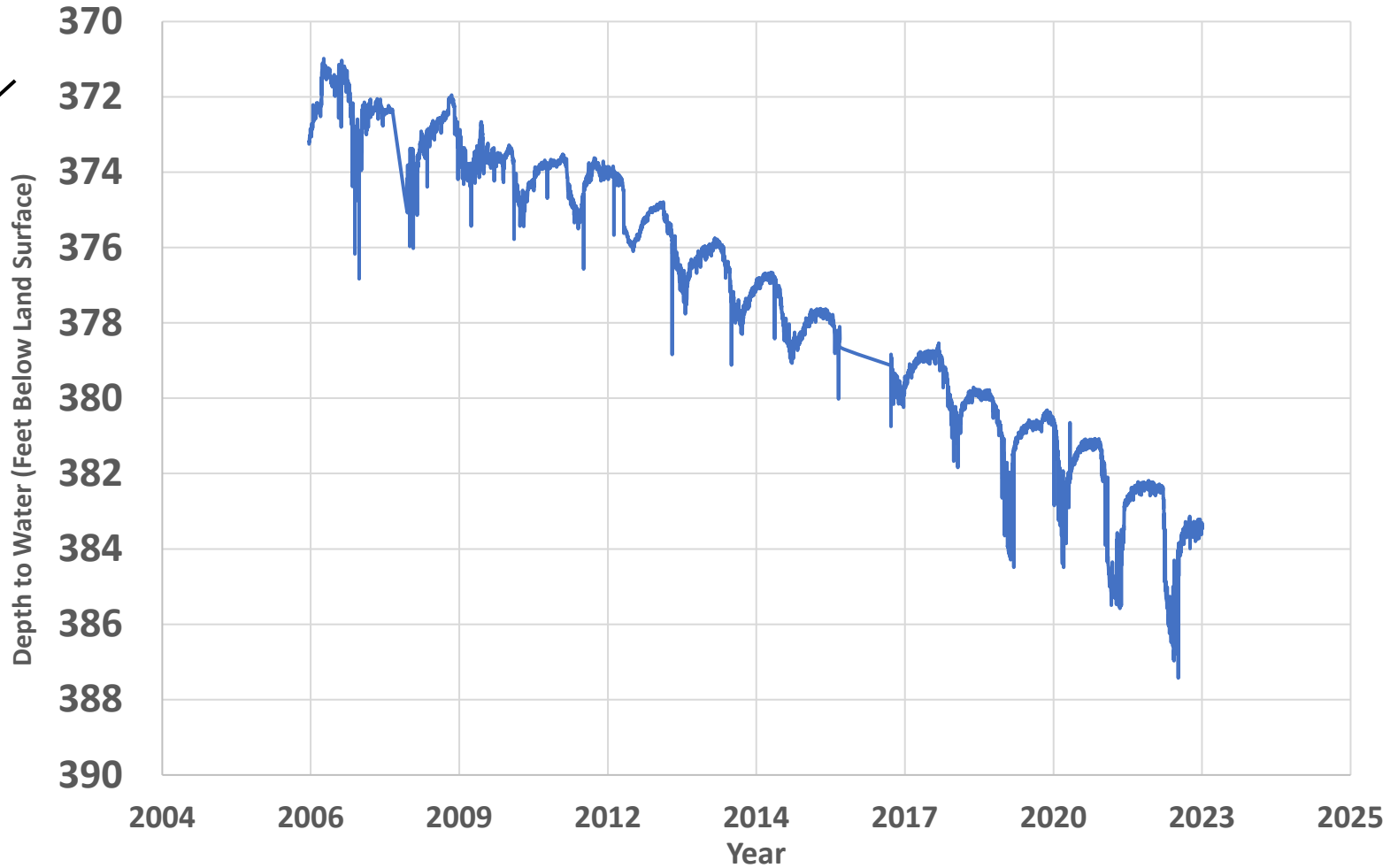
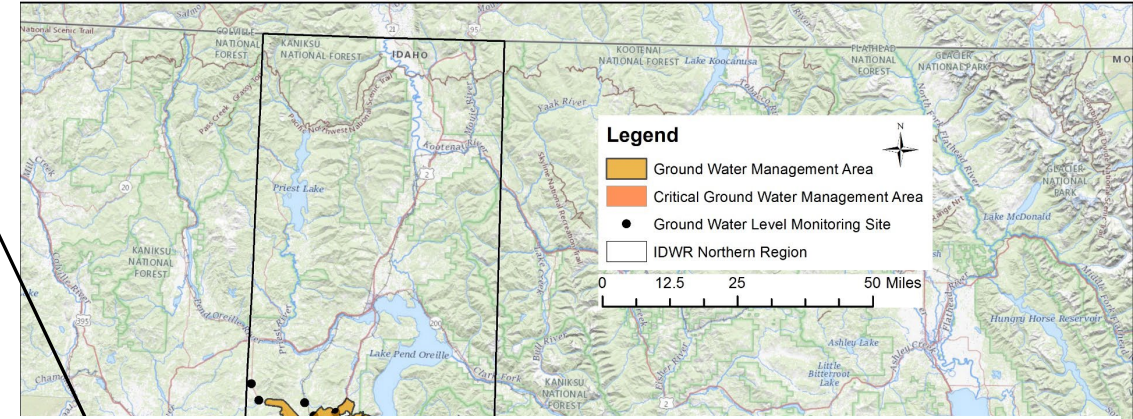
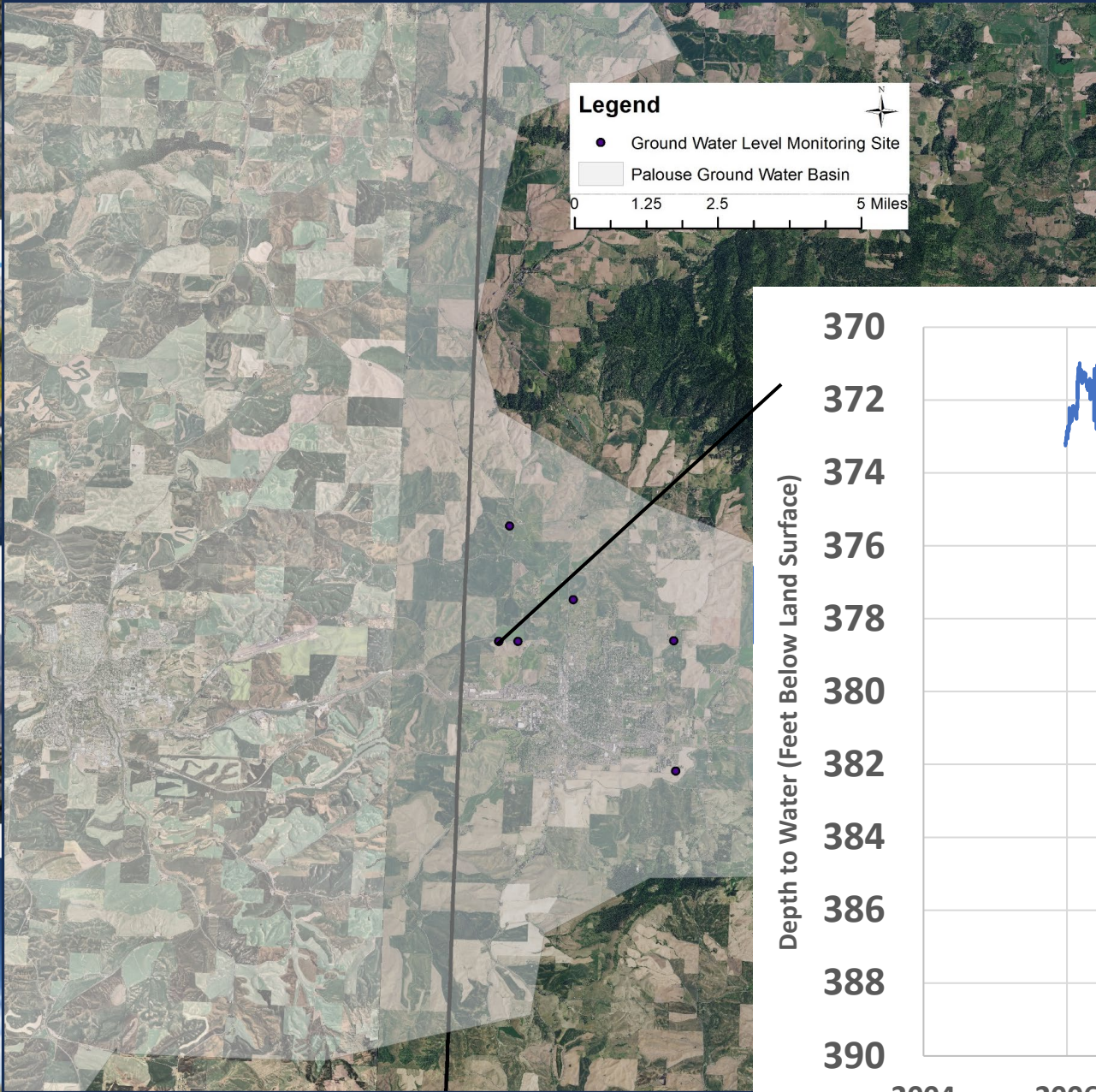


Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer
Ground Water Management Area
Sole Source Aquifer
Interstate Aquifer
Ground Water Flow Model
Stable Water Levels

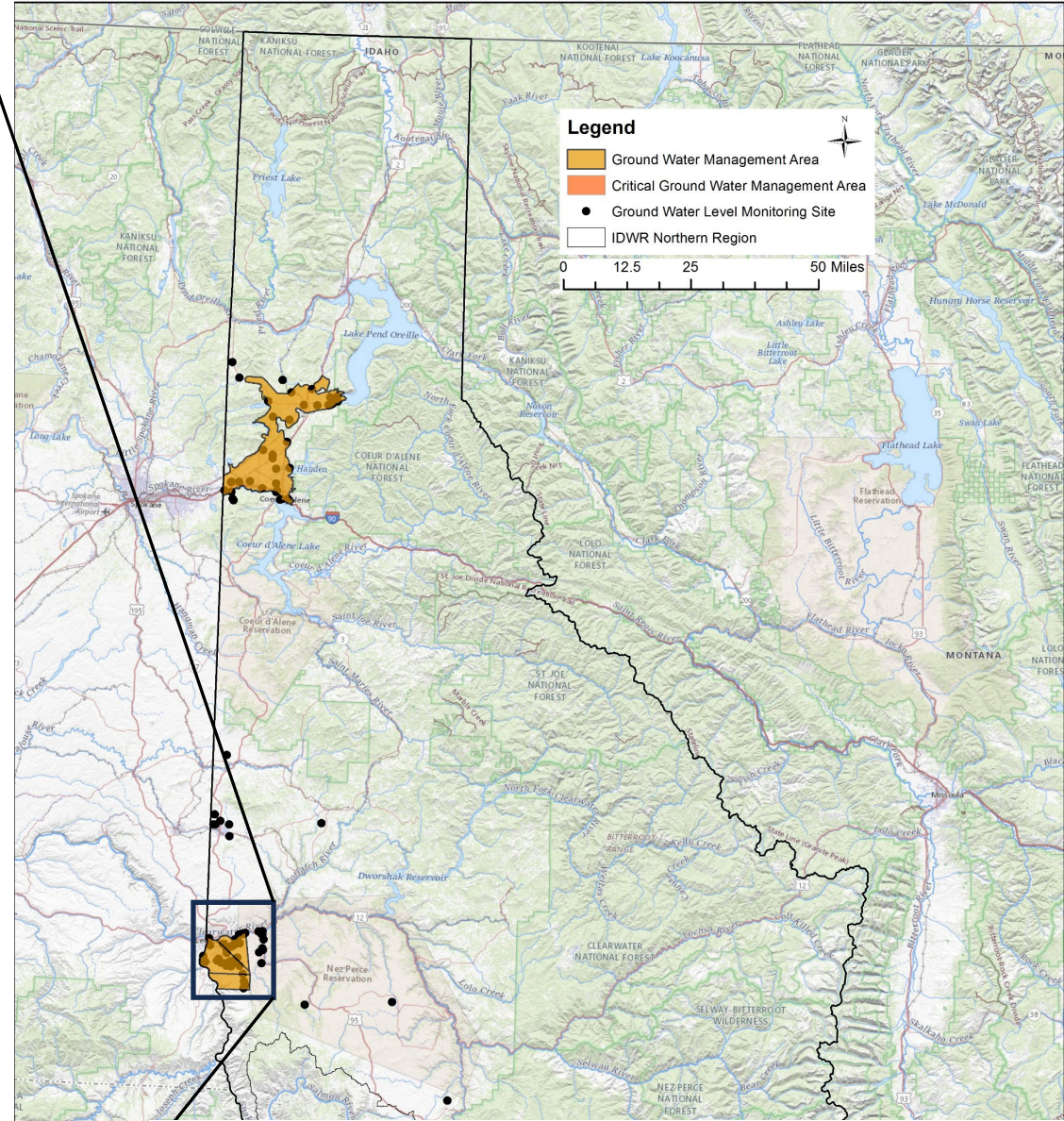
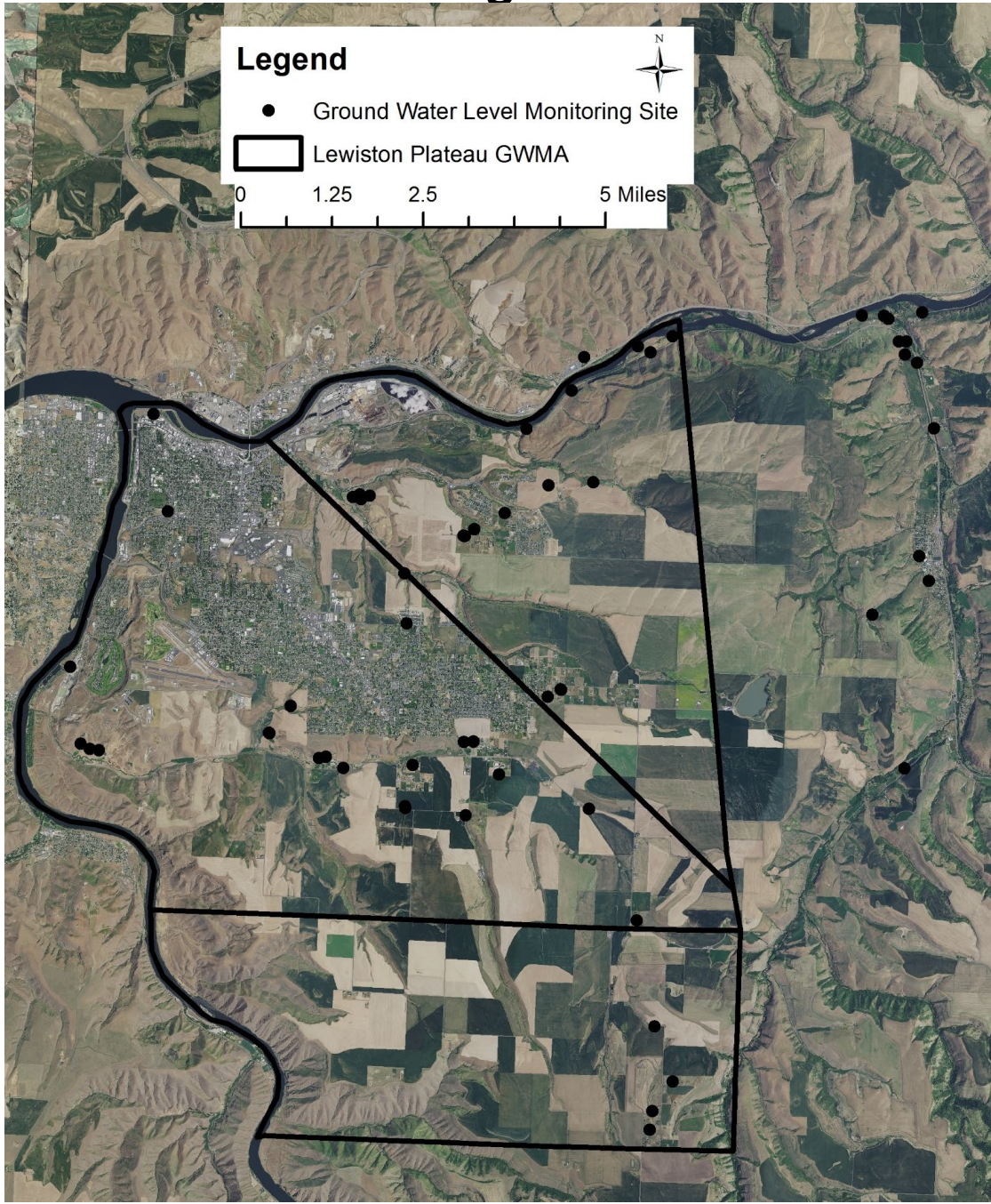
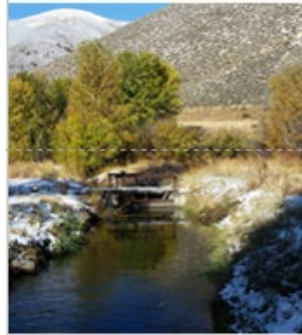
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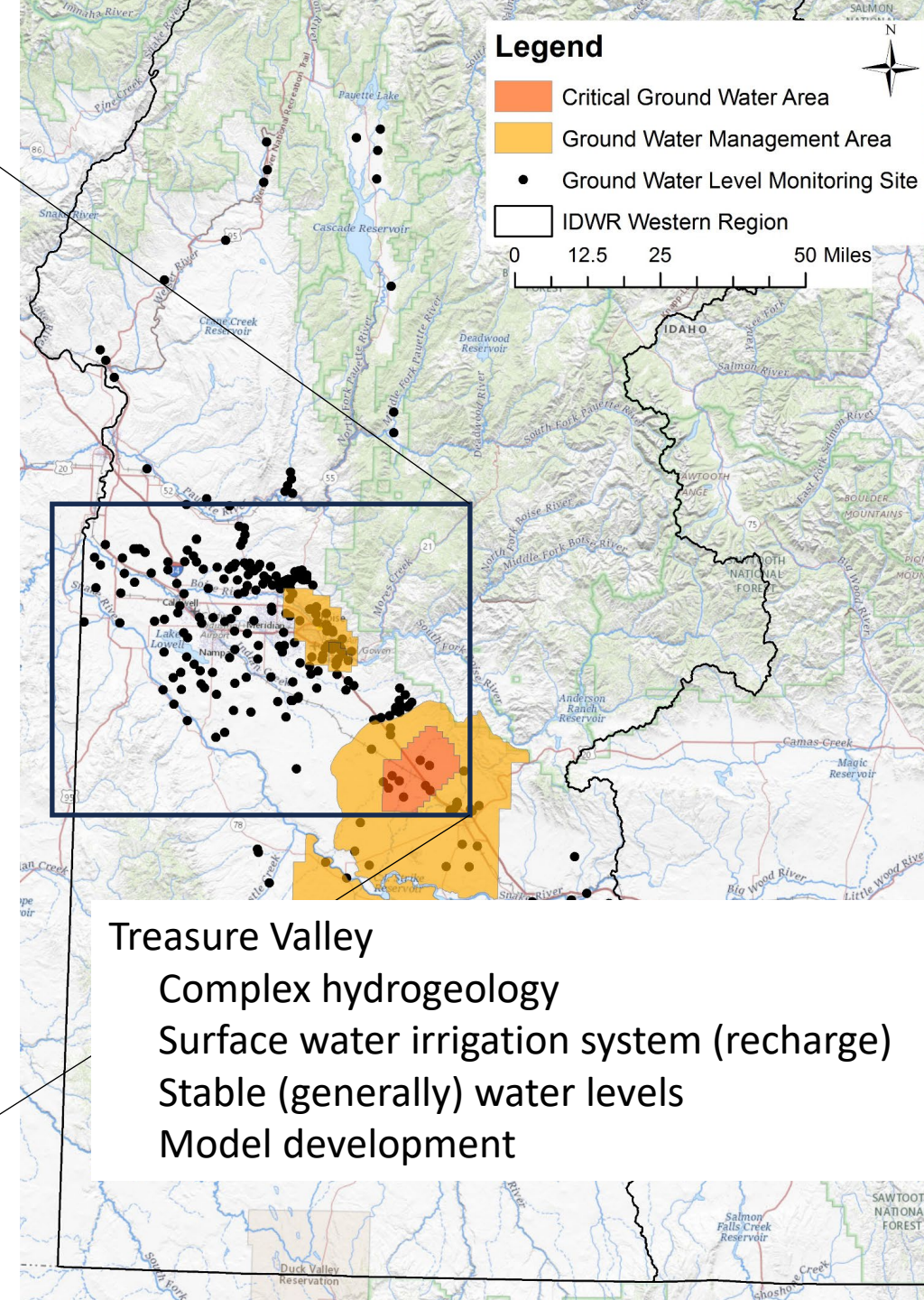
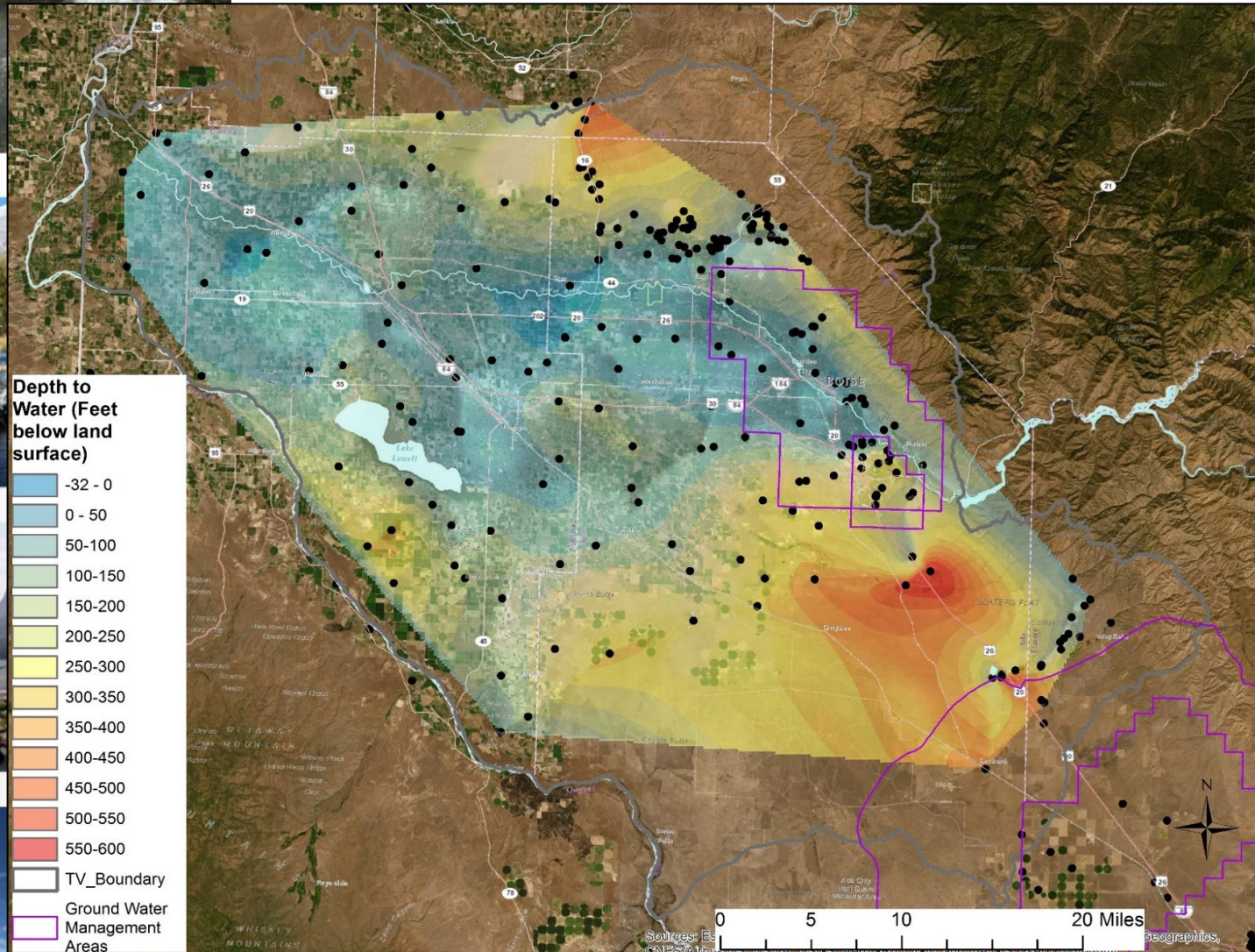


IDWR's Northern Region - Lewiston



Lewiston Basin
Multiple aquifers
Ground Water Management Area
Variable aquifer declines

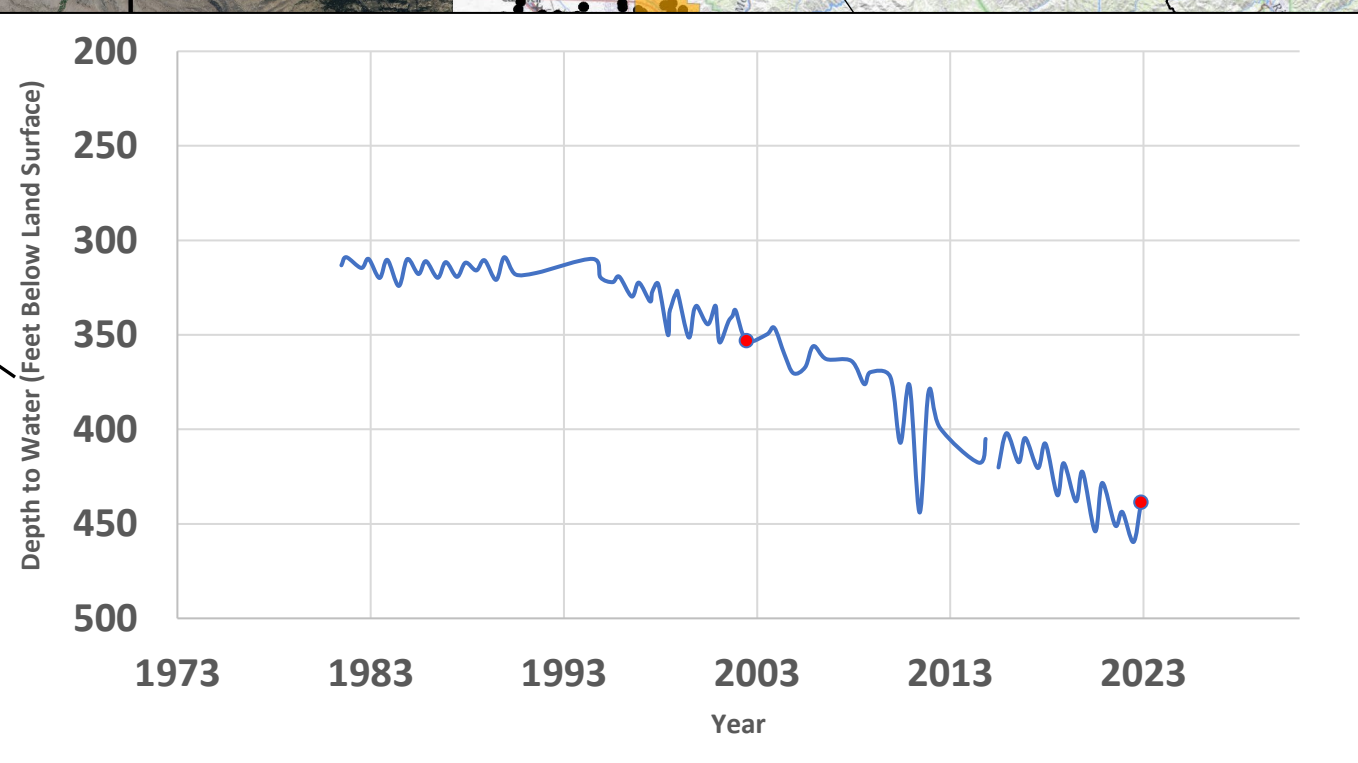
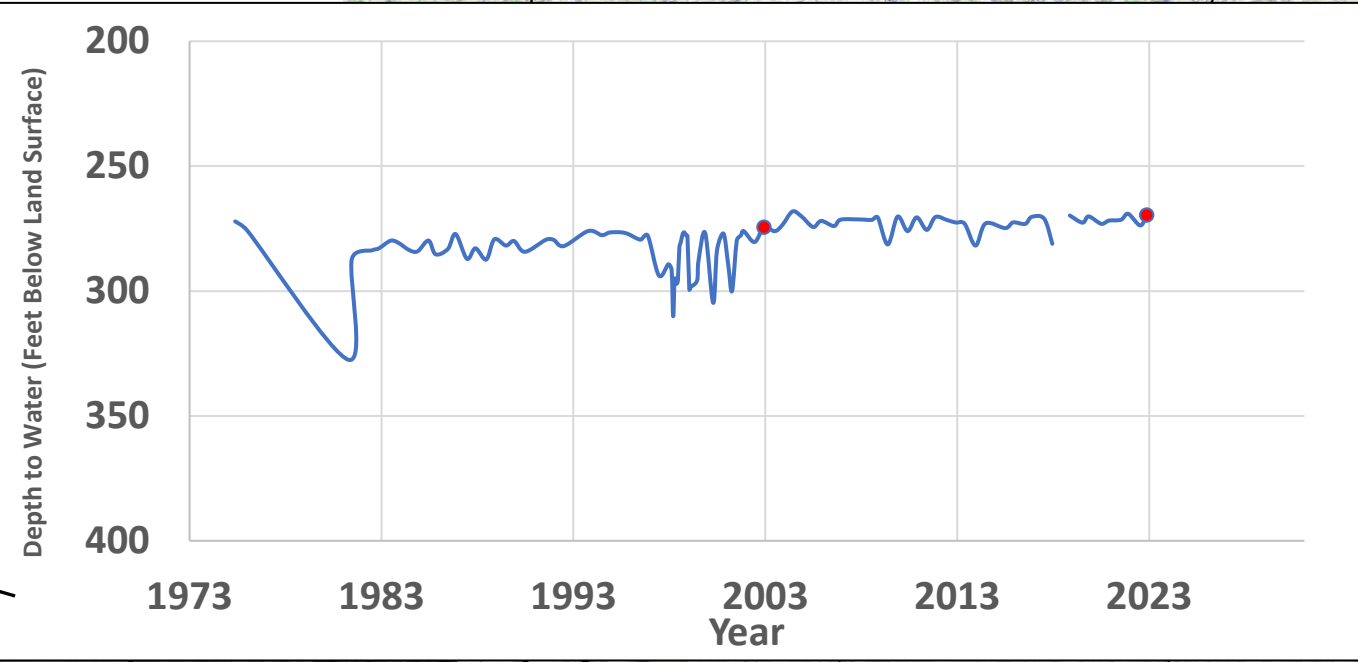
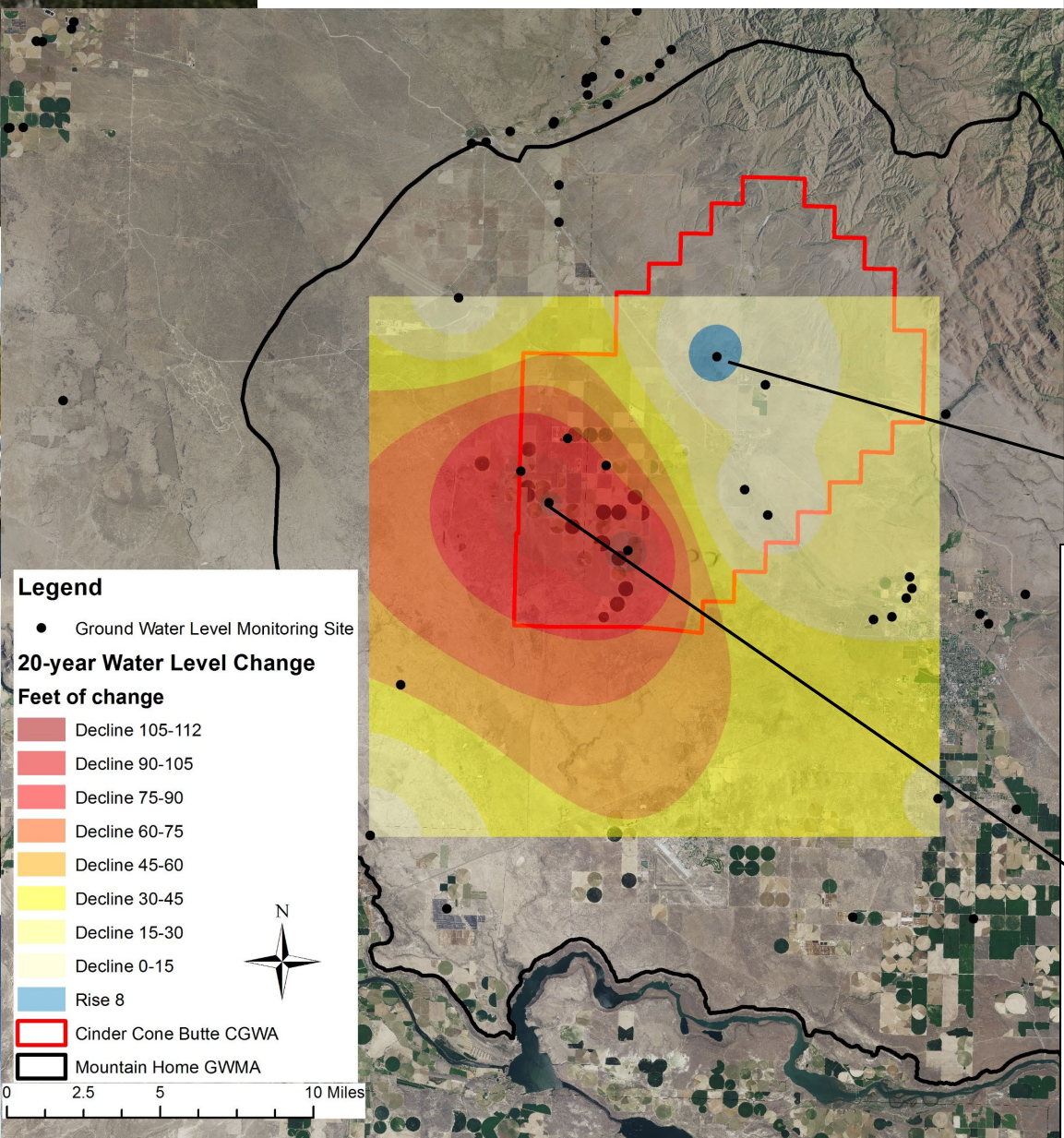
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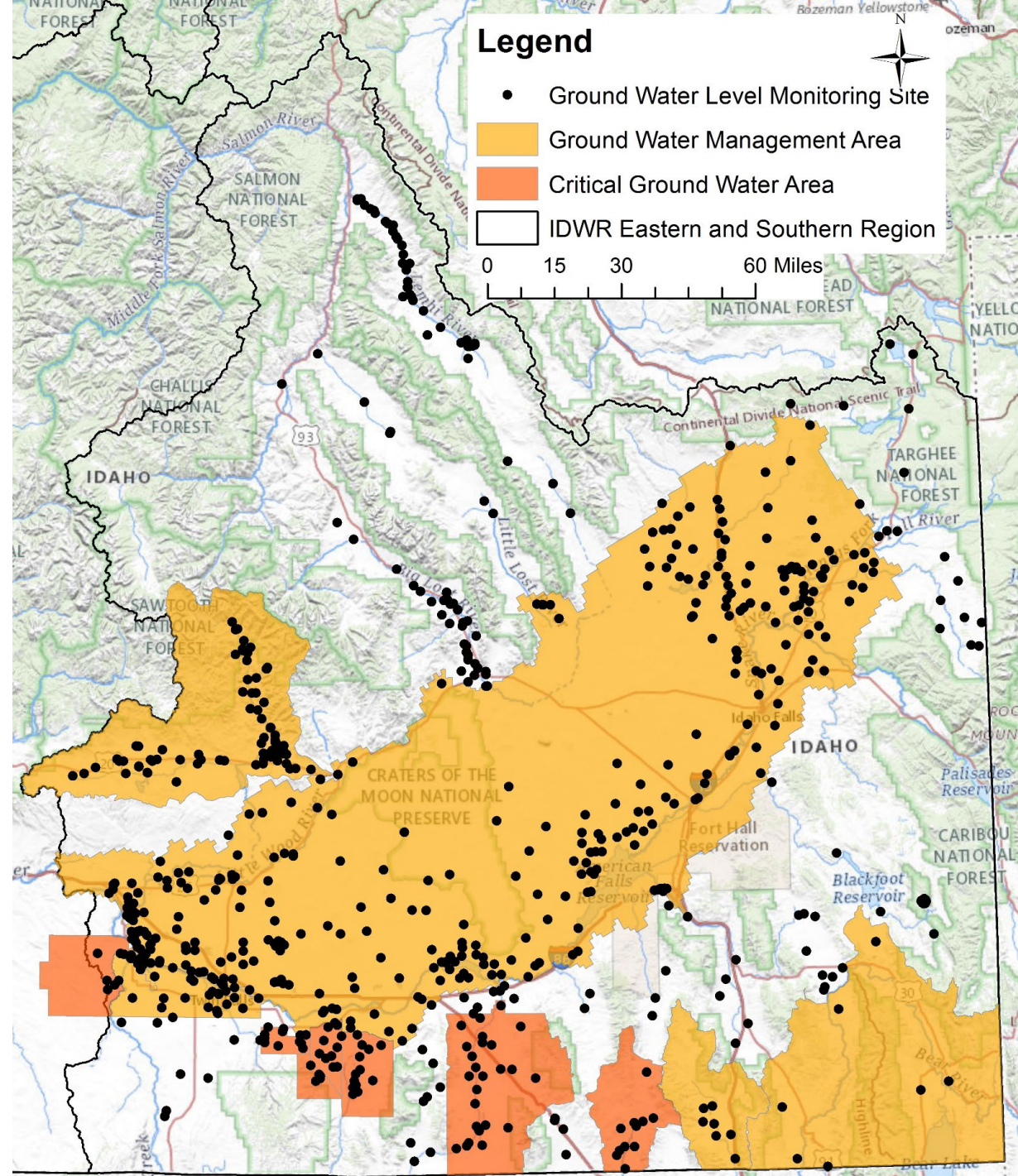


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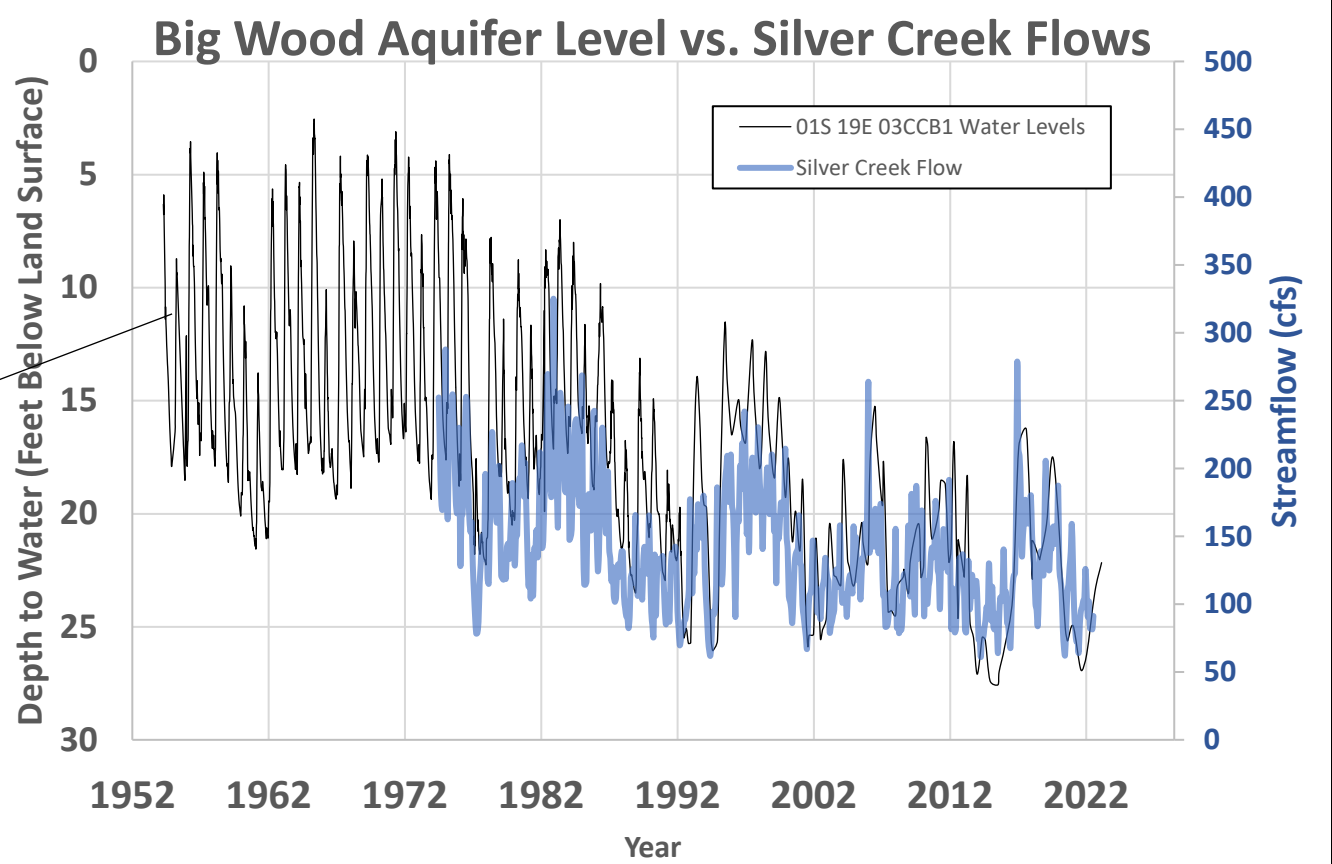
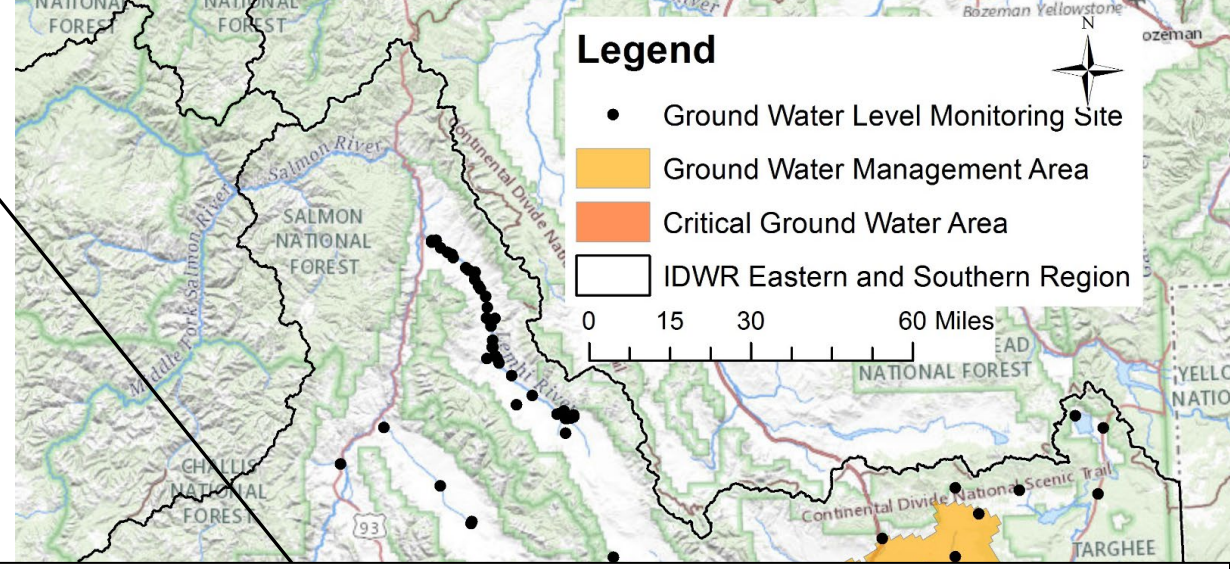
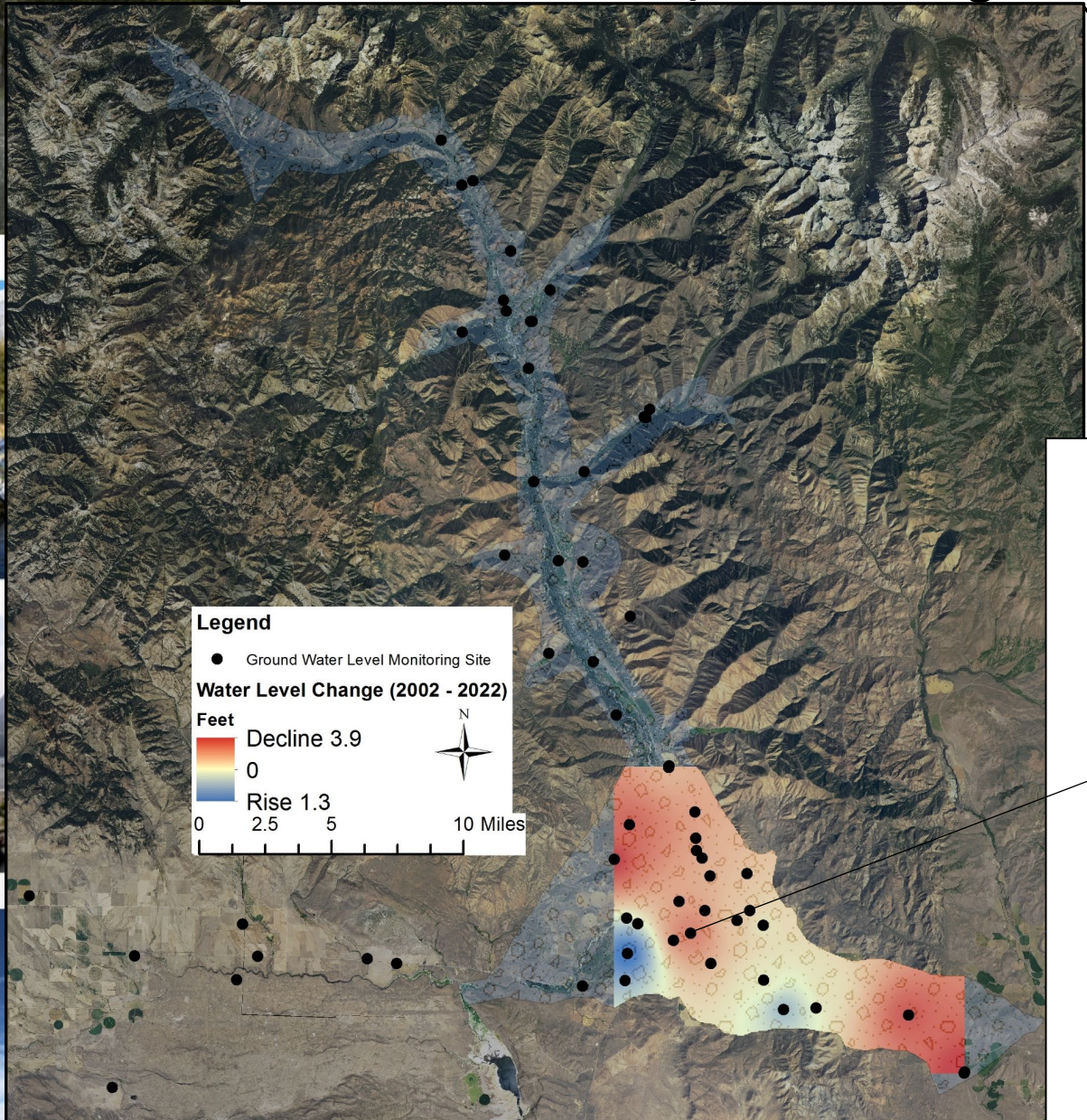


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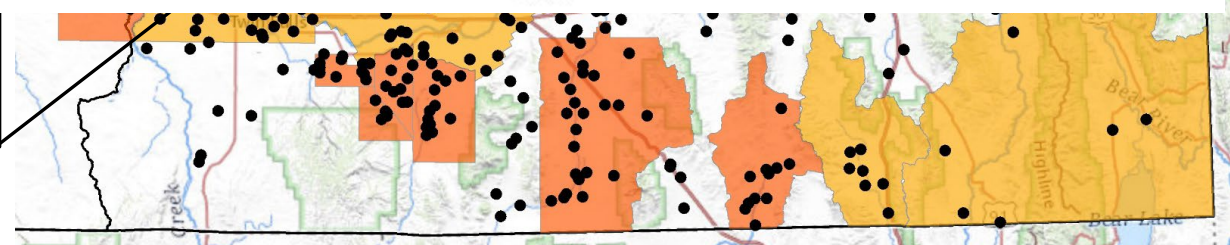
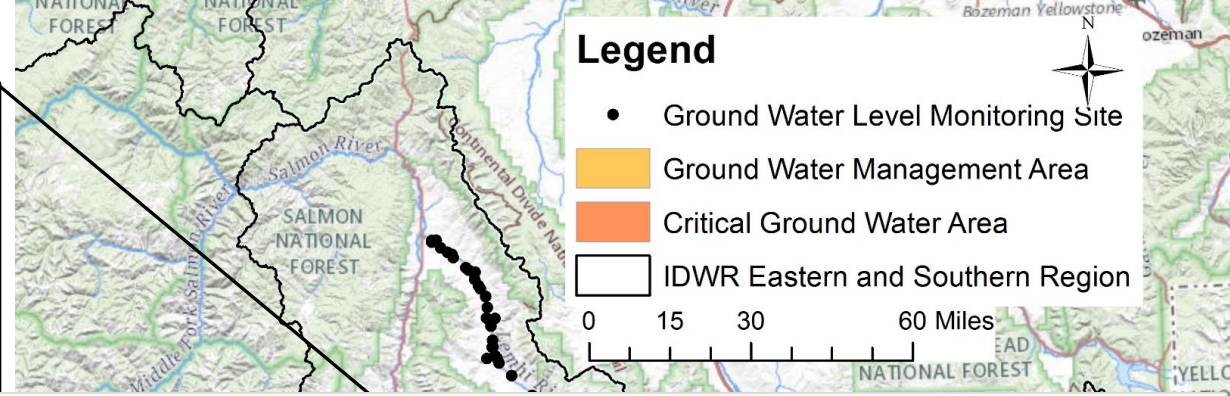
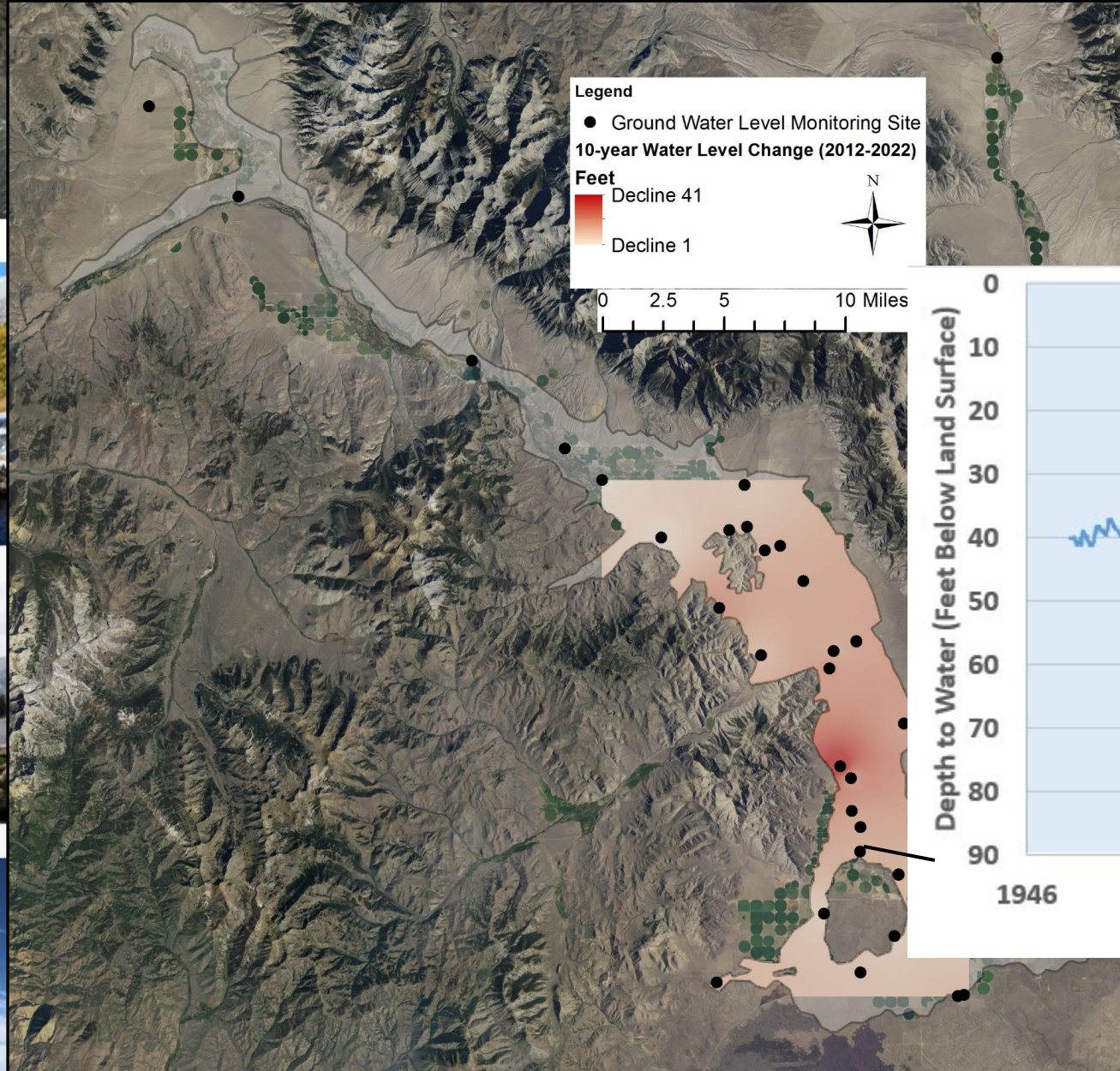
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- Lemhi Basin
- Banbury
- Raft River*
- Oakley*
- Curlew Valley
- Malad
- Bear River
- ESPA*



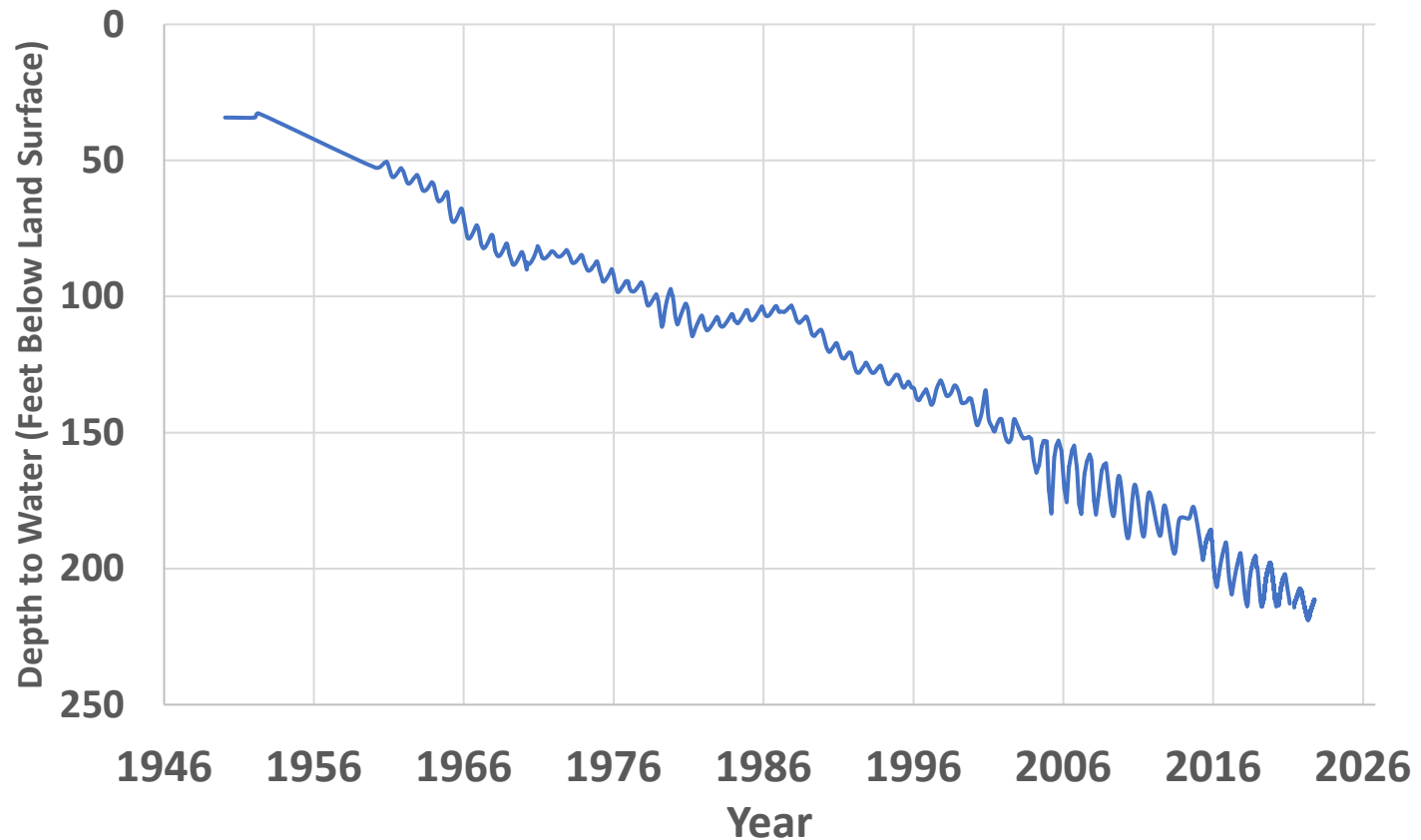
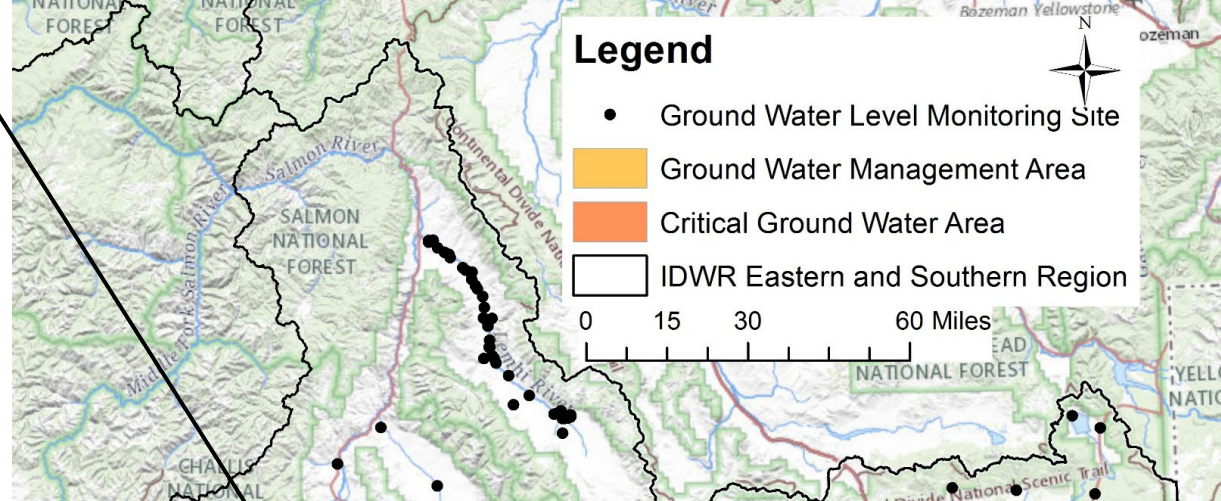
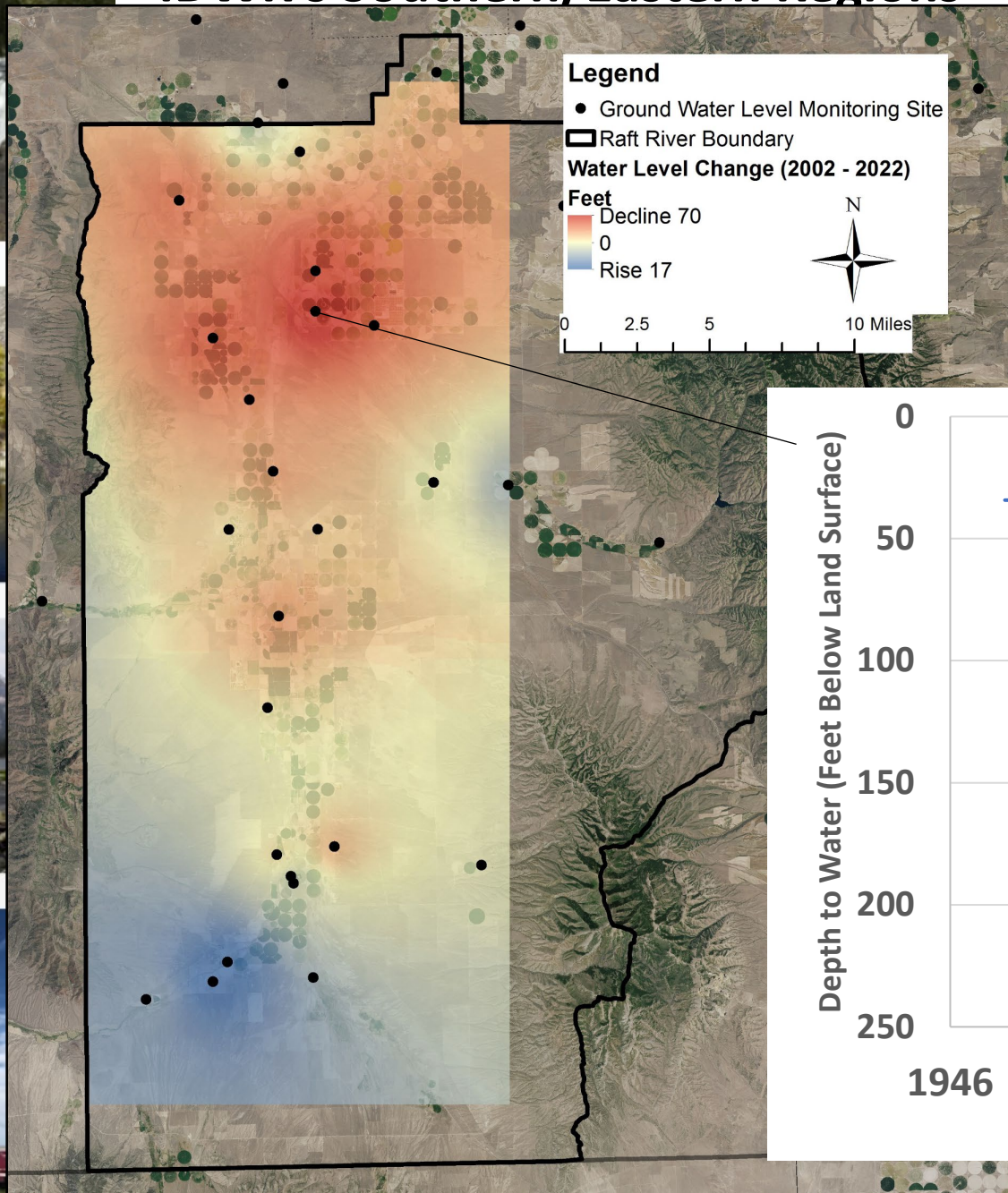
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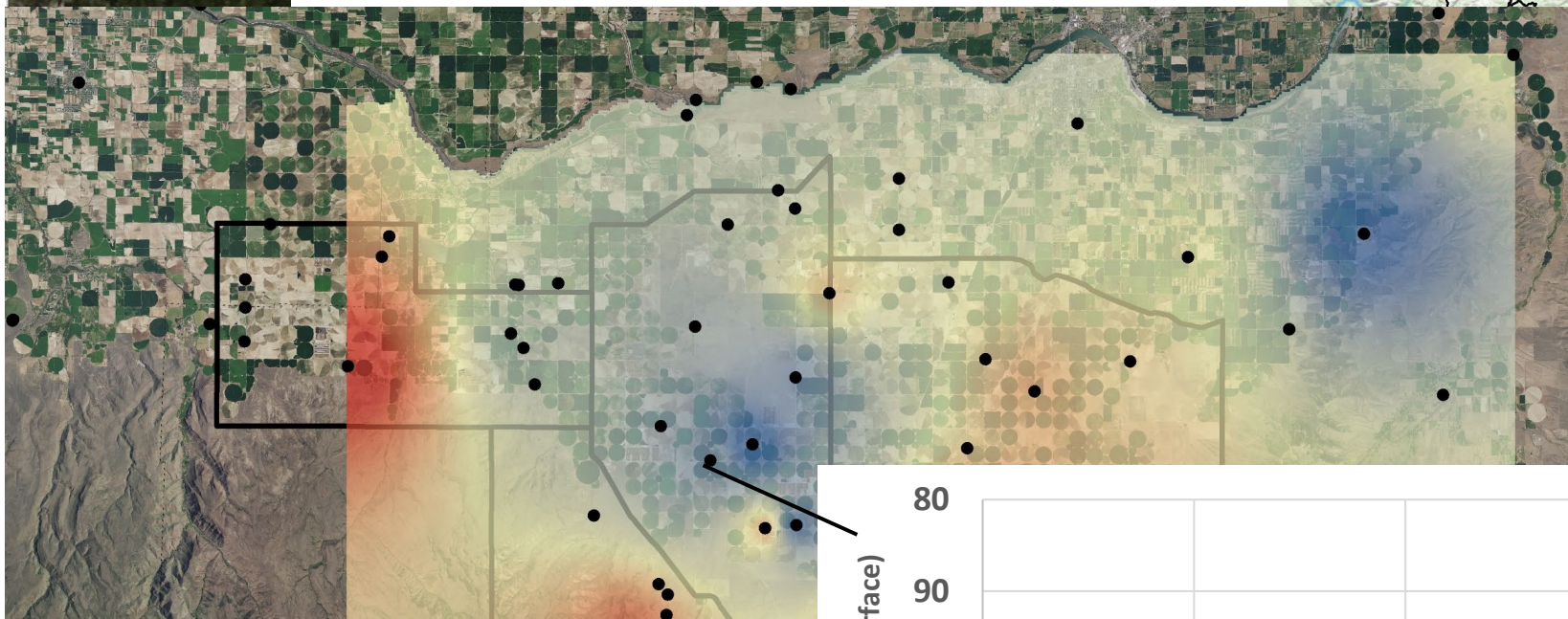
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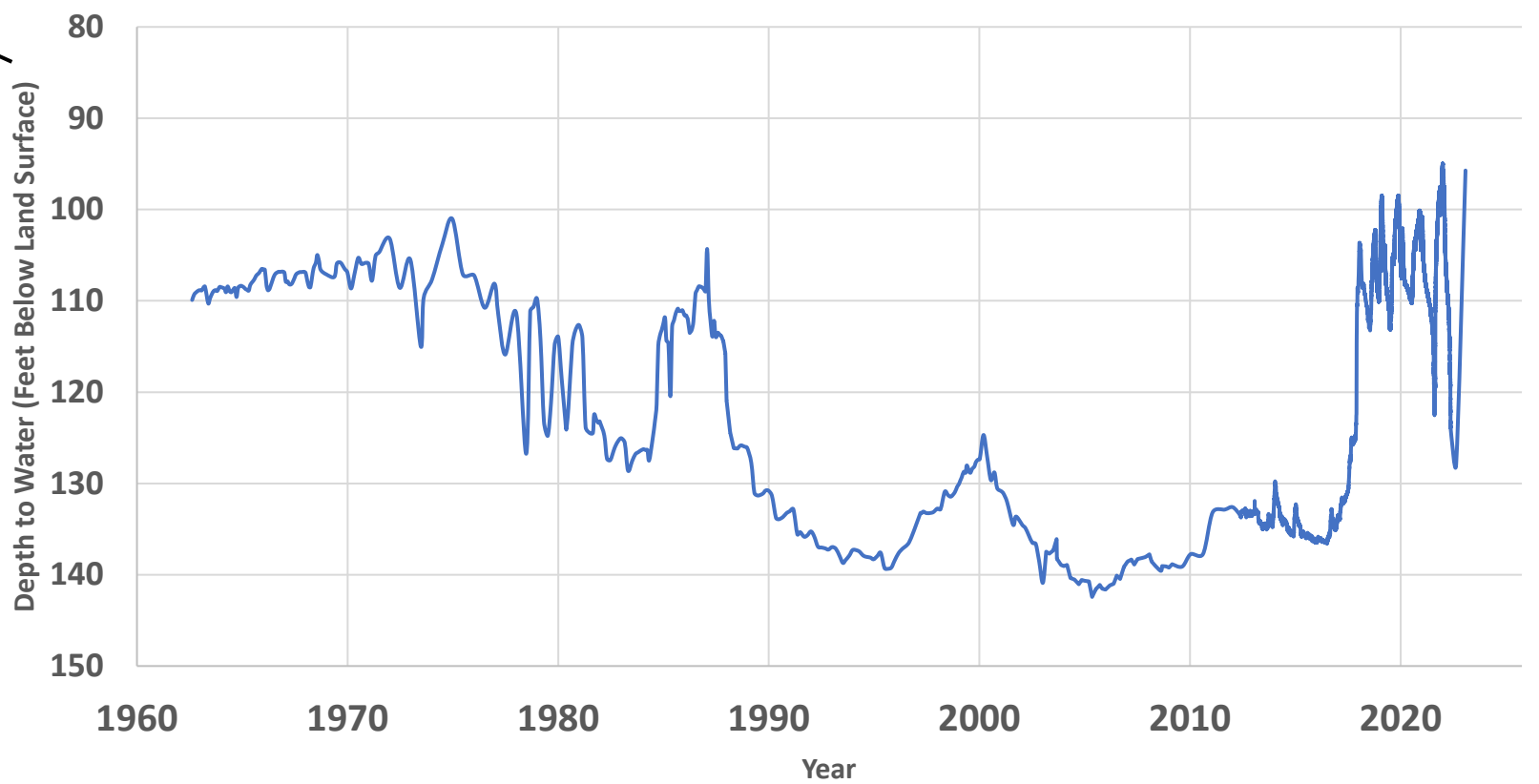
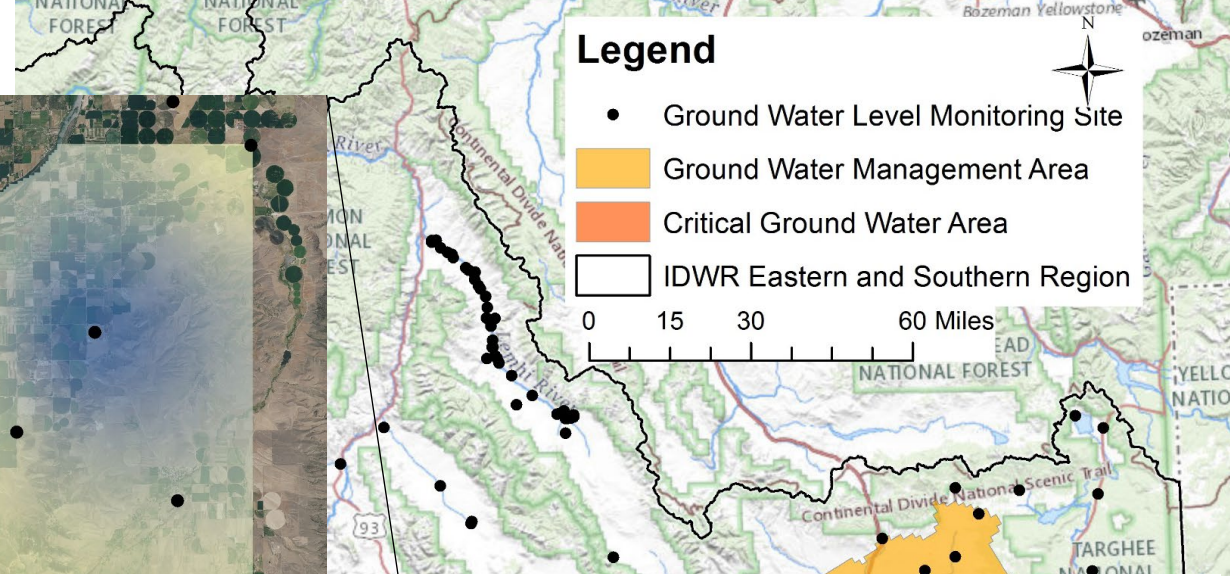
- Ground Water Level Monitoring Site

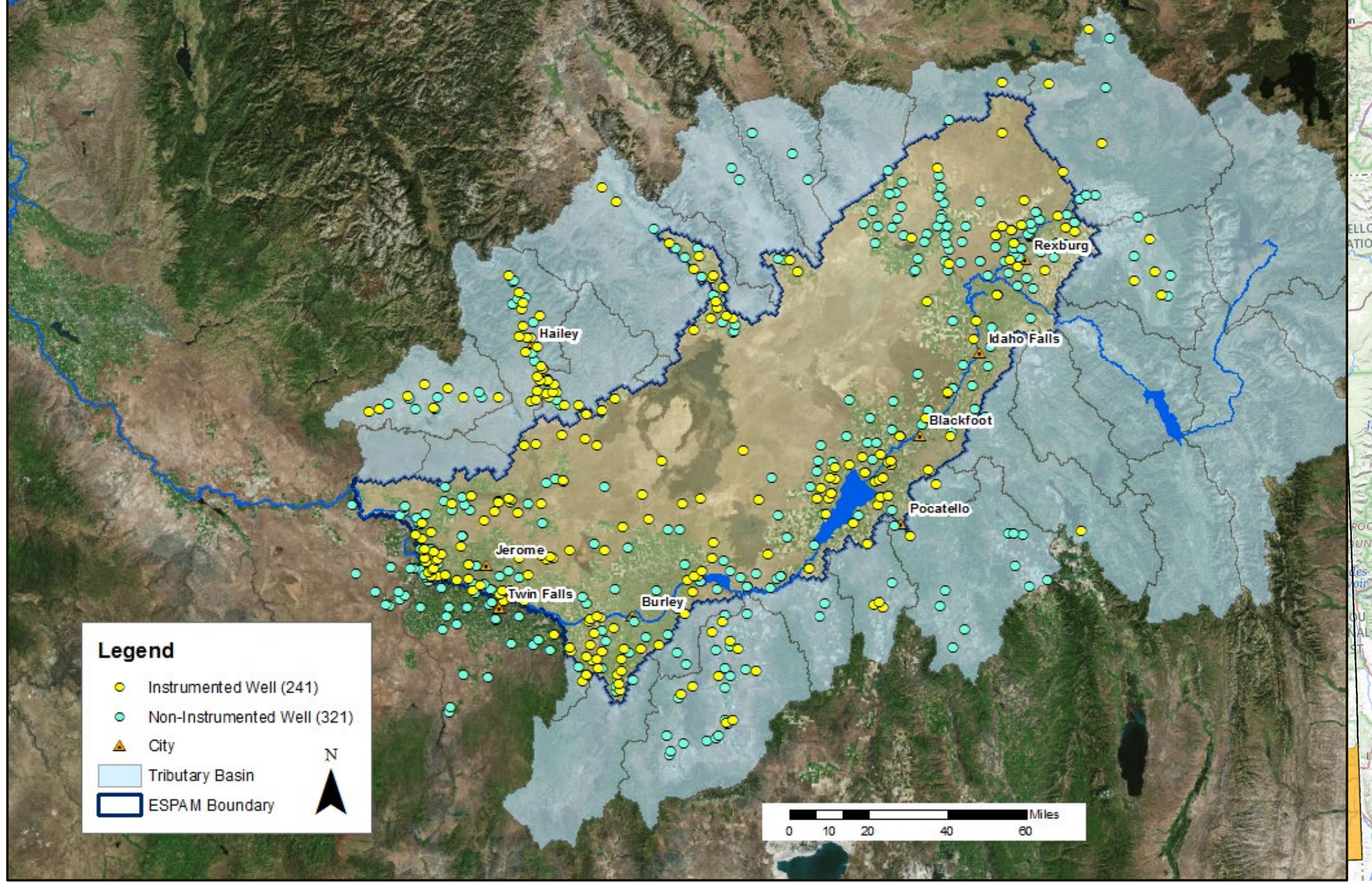
Water Level Change (2002 - 2022)

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□ Oakley Ground Water Management Areas

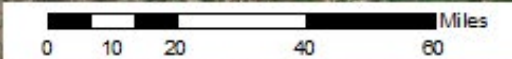




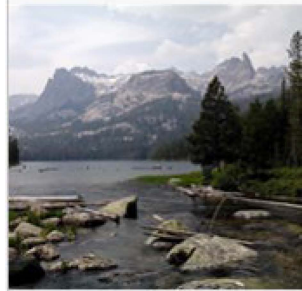
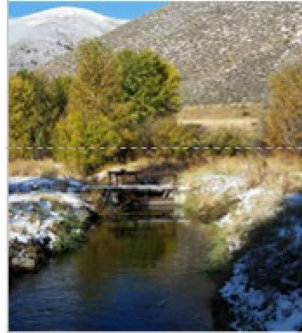
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- ▭ Tributary Basin
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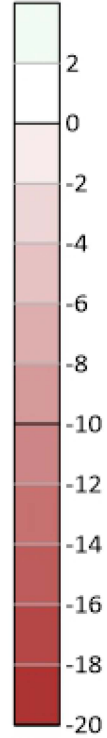
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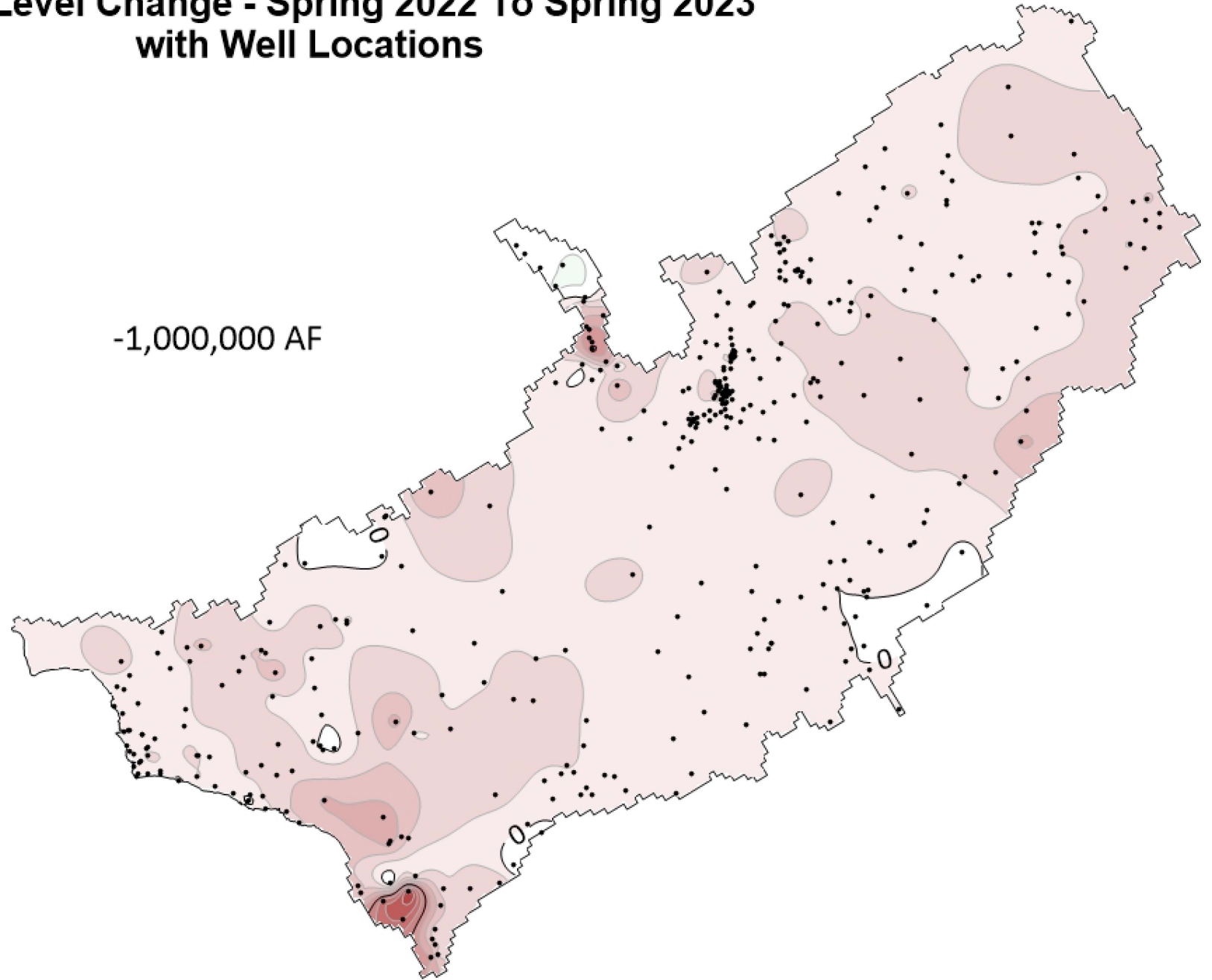
Water Level Change - Spring 2022 To Spring 2023 with Well Locations



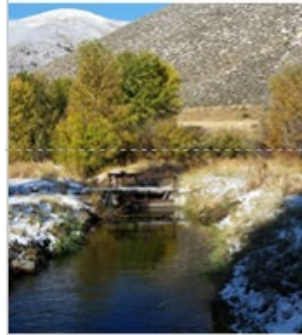
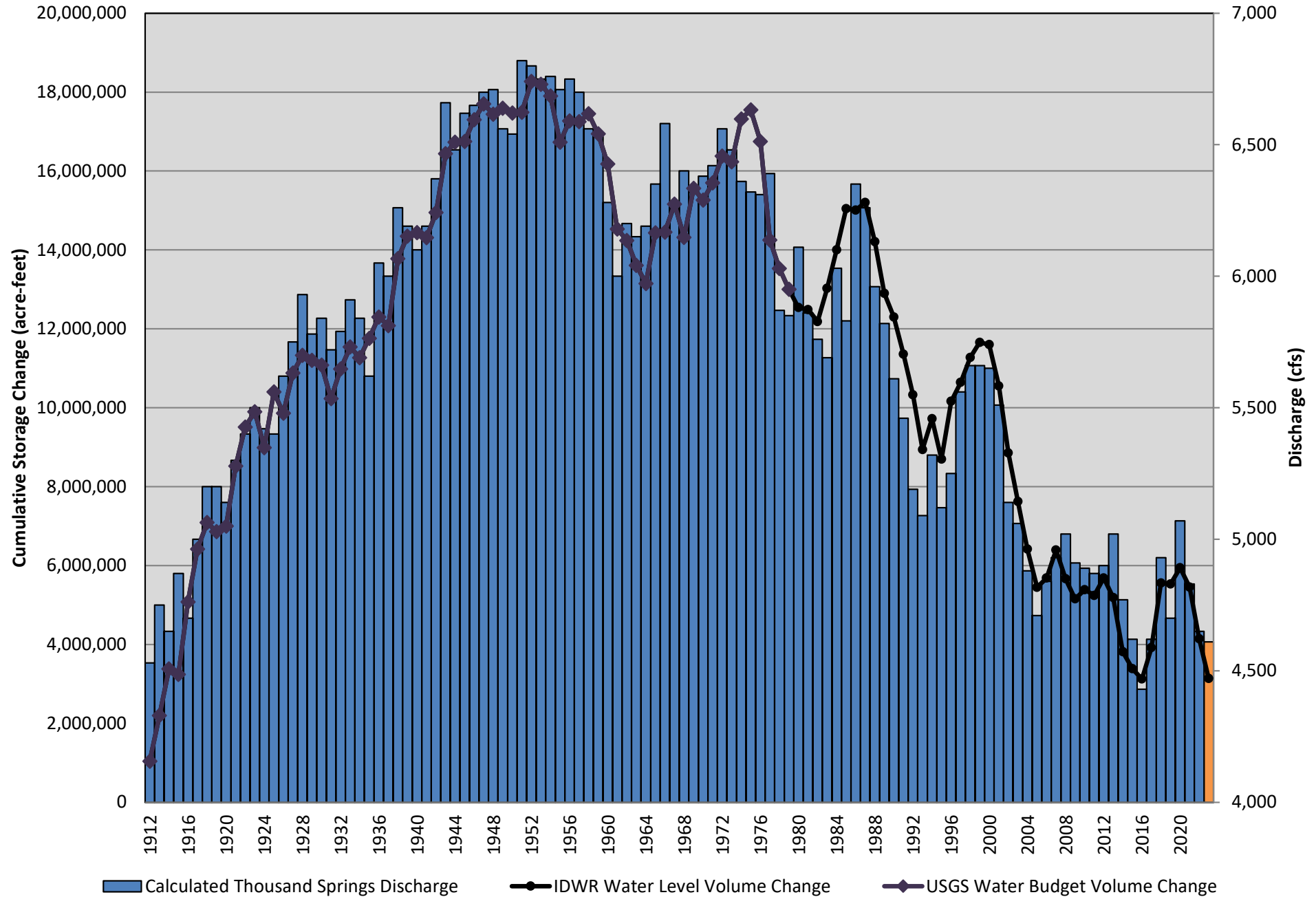
Water Level
Change (ft)



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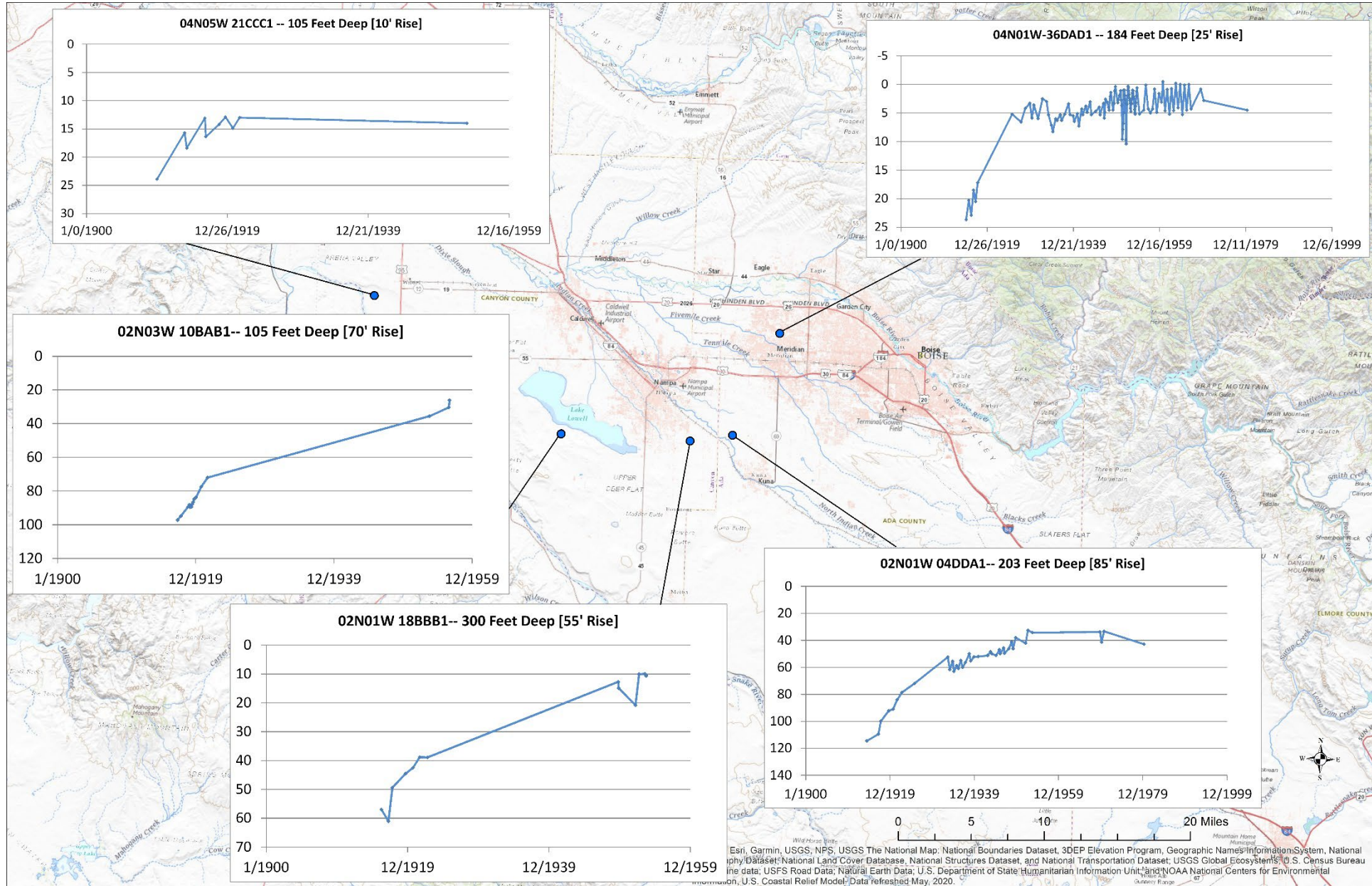
ESPA Change in Volume of Water and Thousand Springs Discharge



Questions?

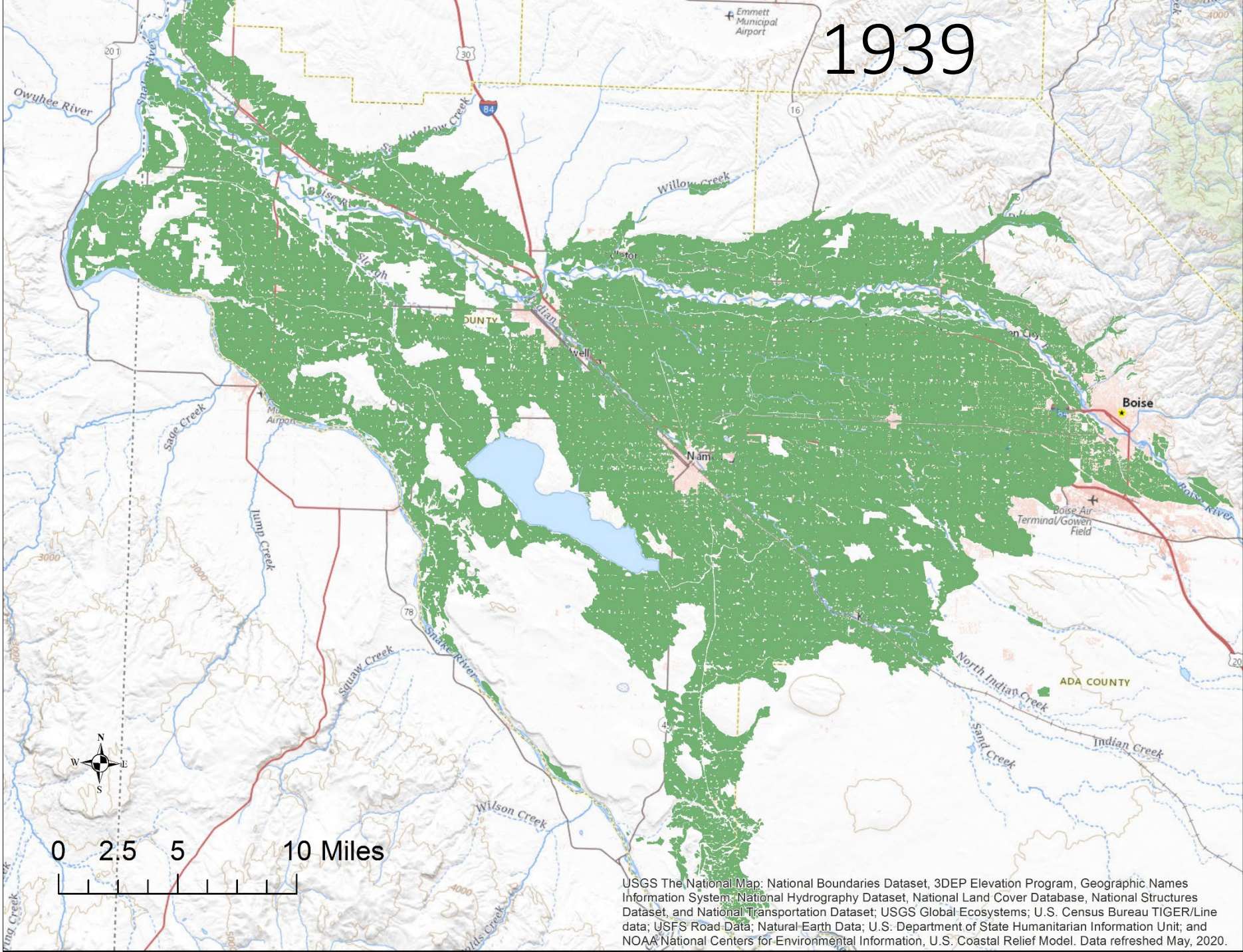


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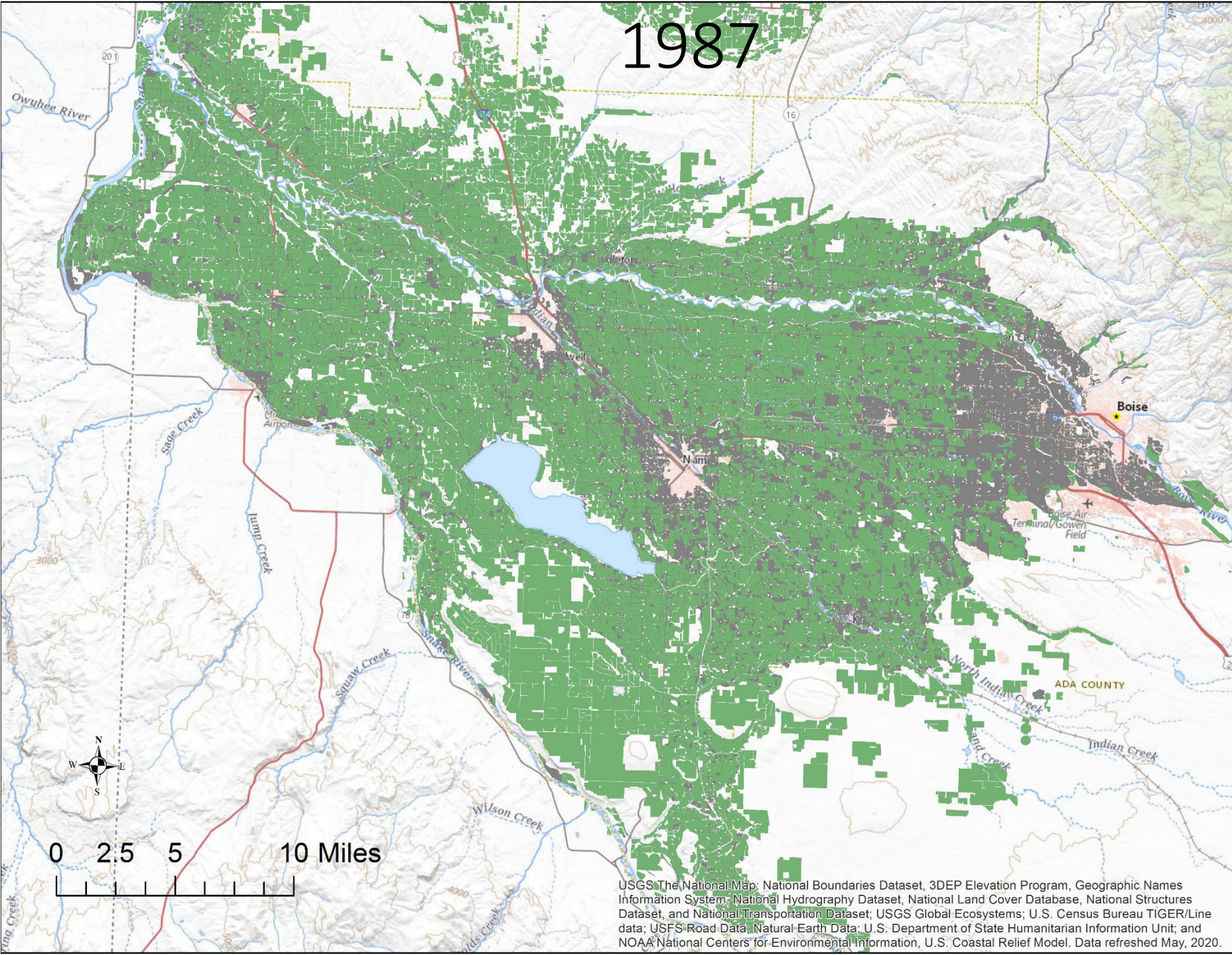
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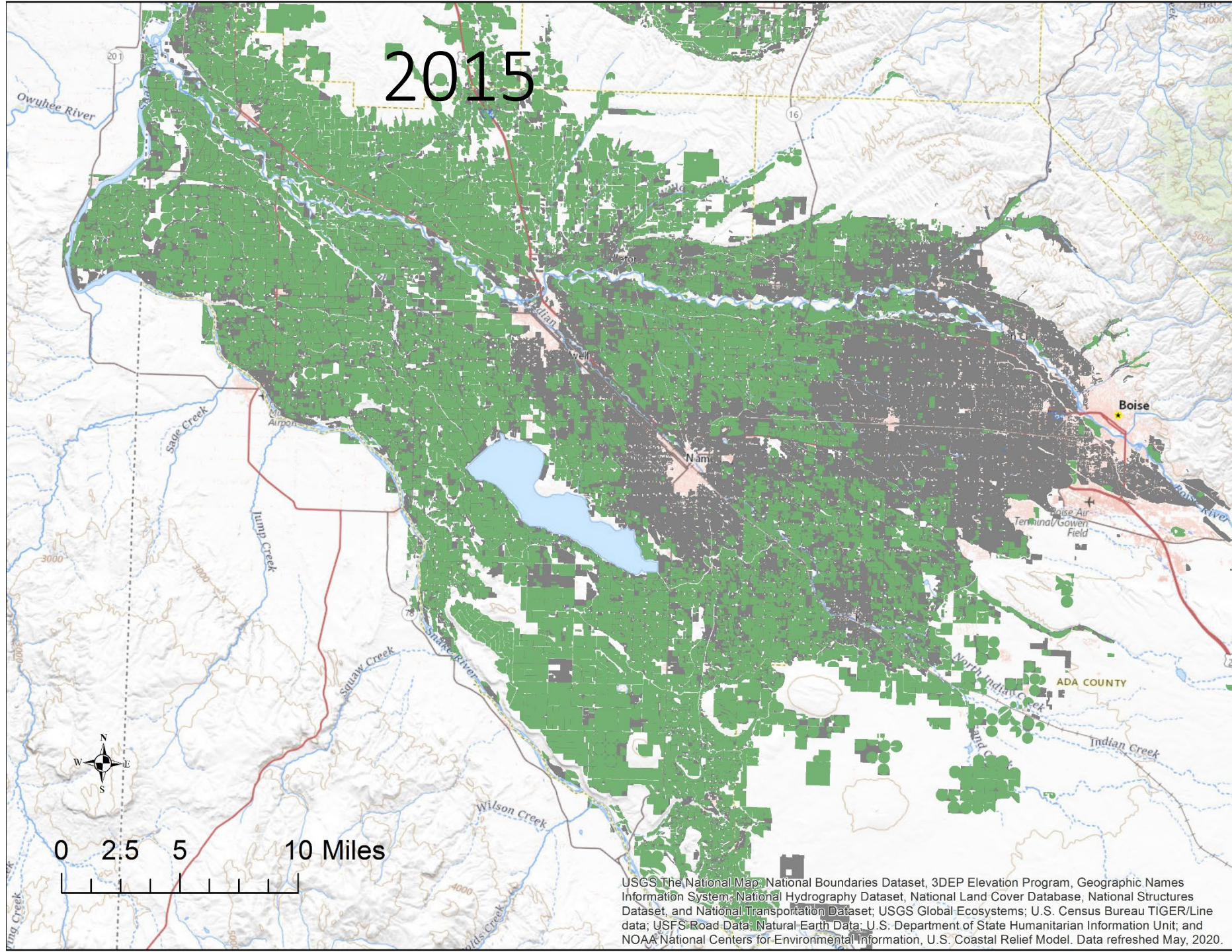
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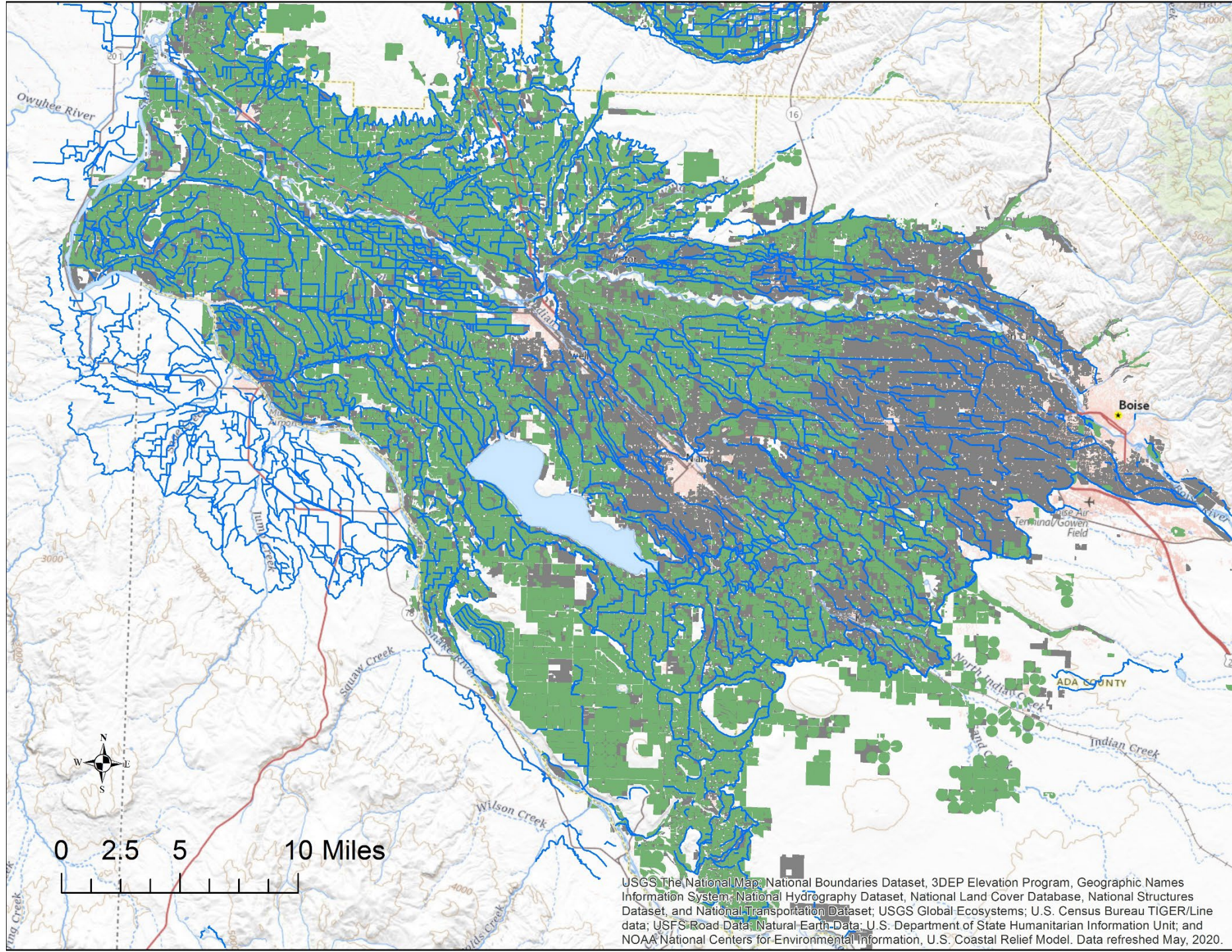


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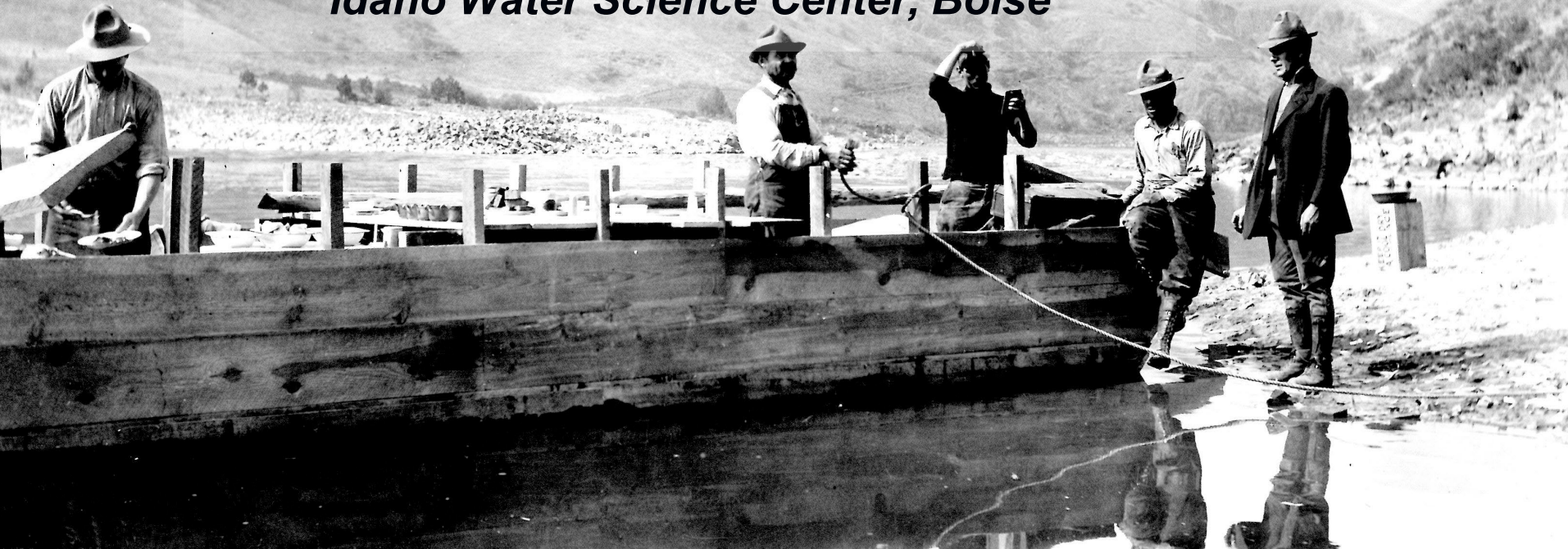
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Long-term Patterns of Natural Stream flows in Idaho

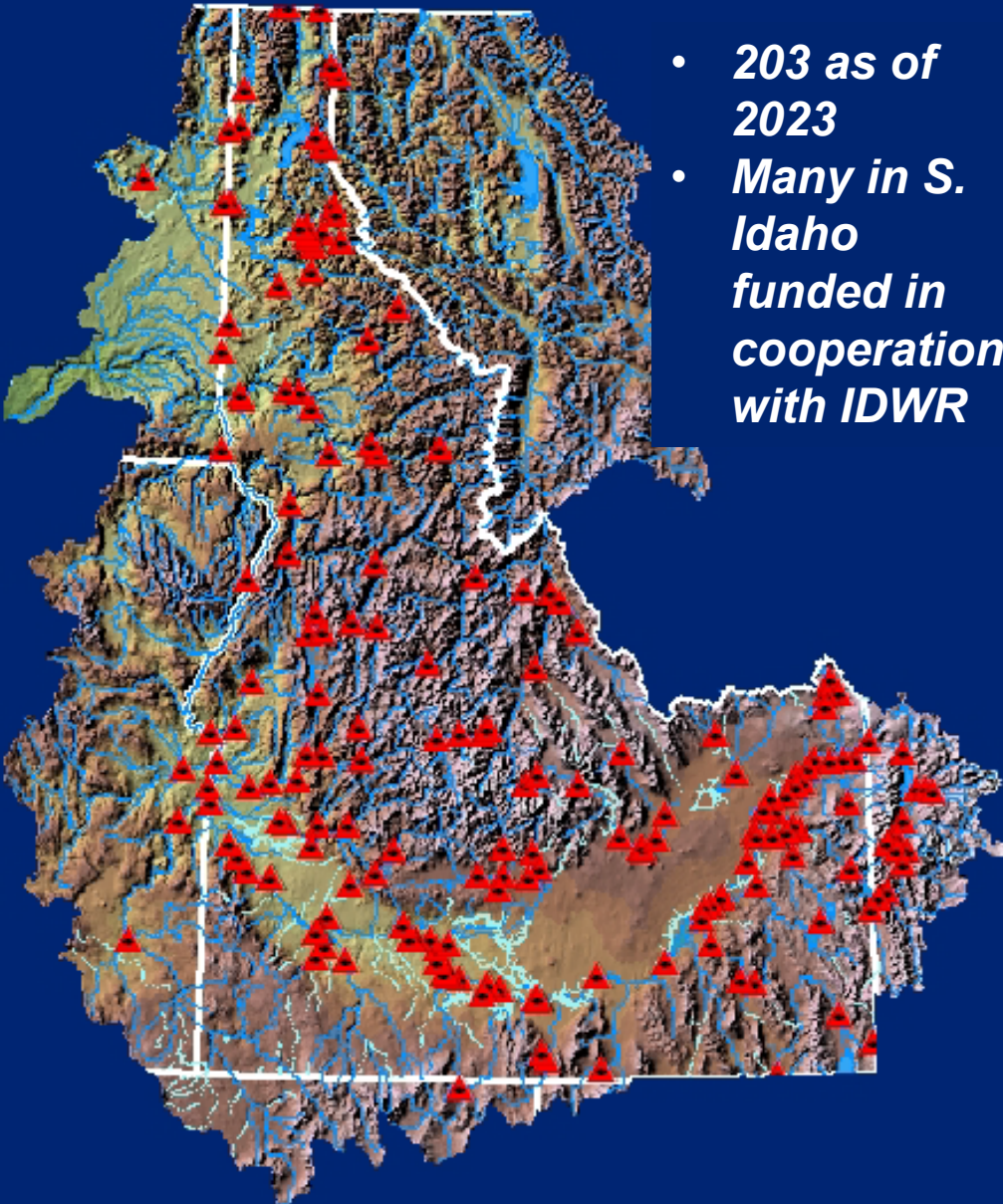
*Presenter: Chris Mebane
U.S. Geological Survey
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USGS measurement #1, Salmon River at White Bird, 1911

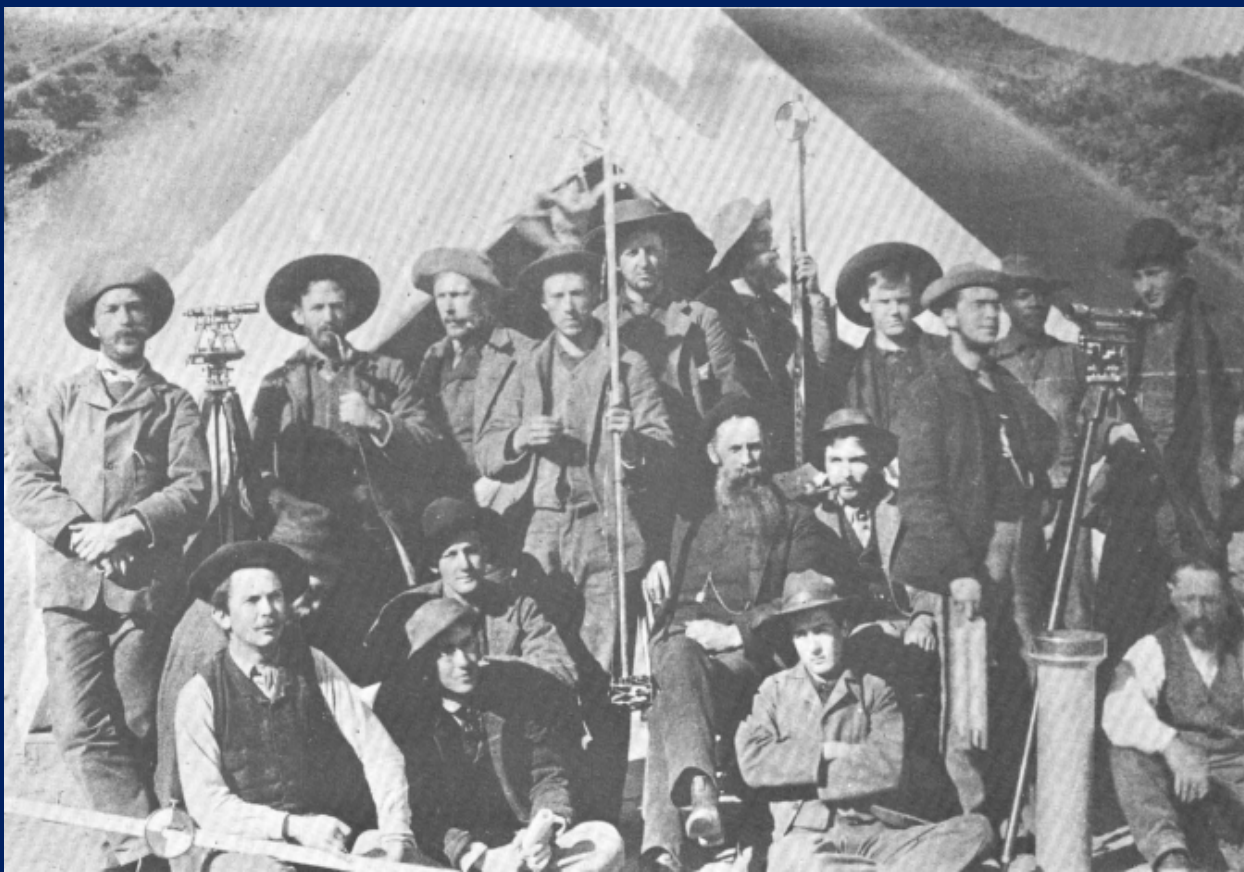
Continuous Streamflow Gaging Stations Operated by the Idaho Water Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey

- 203 as of 2023
- Many in S. Idaho funded in cooperation with IDWR



Boise River at Twin Springs, since 1911

1888 – Started network of systematic continuous streamflow gages



Fredrick Newell

Training class #1, 1888-1889:

One of these student hydrographers, L.D. Hopson, was assigned to establish the Snake River basin gages:

Big Wood River at Hailey: Jul1889

Drowned at Idaho Falls: 24May1890

Presently 32 gages with >100 years of continuous records

1890 Teton near St Anthony

1894 Weiser at Weiser

1897 Portneuf at Pocatello

1903 Snake at Moran

1903 Big Lost above Mackay

1903 Pend Oreille at Newport

1904 Big Lost near Chilly

1904 Fall River at Squirrel

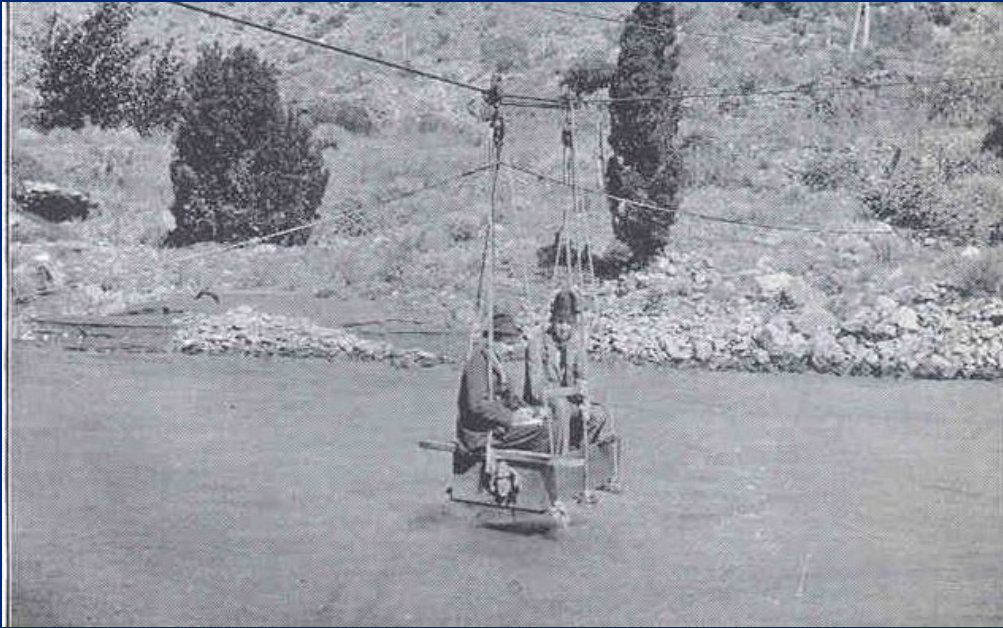
1906 Payette River

1907 Snake at Neeley



Aerial view of Snake River near Blackfoot, Army Air Corps, 1923

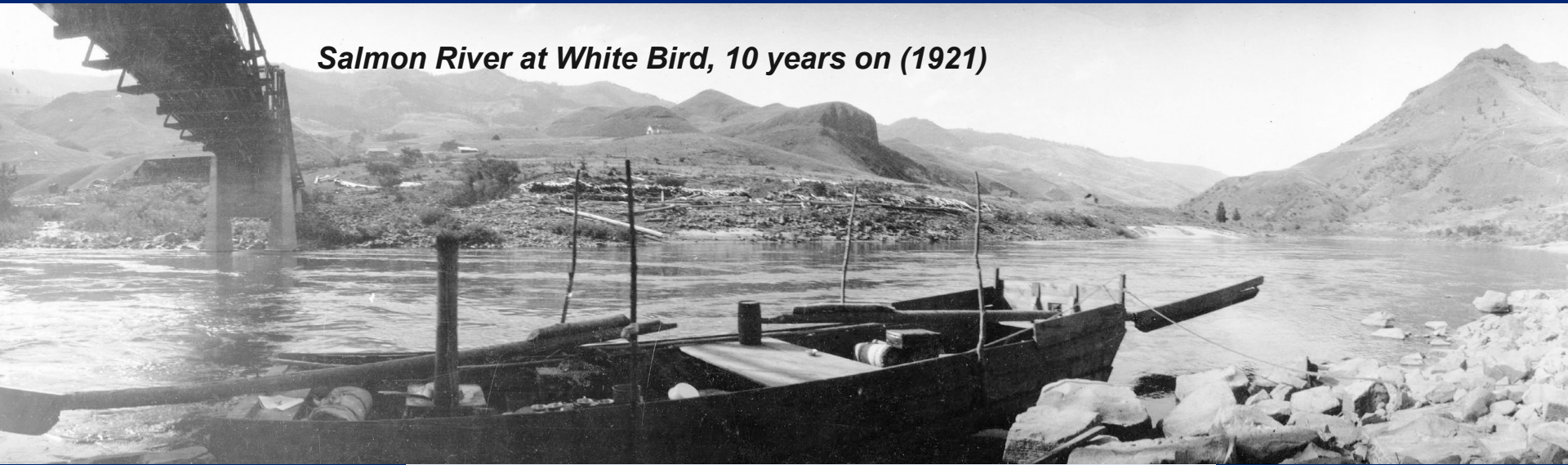
Measurements of Streamflow



Basic measurement principles are the same and old and new data are comparable



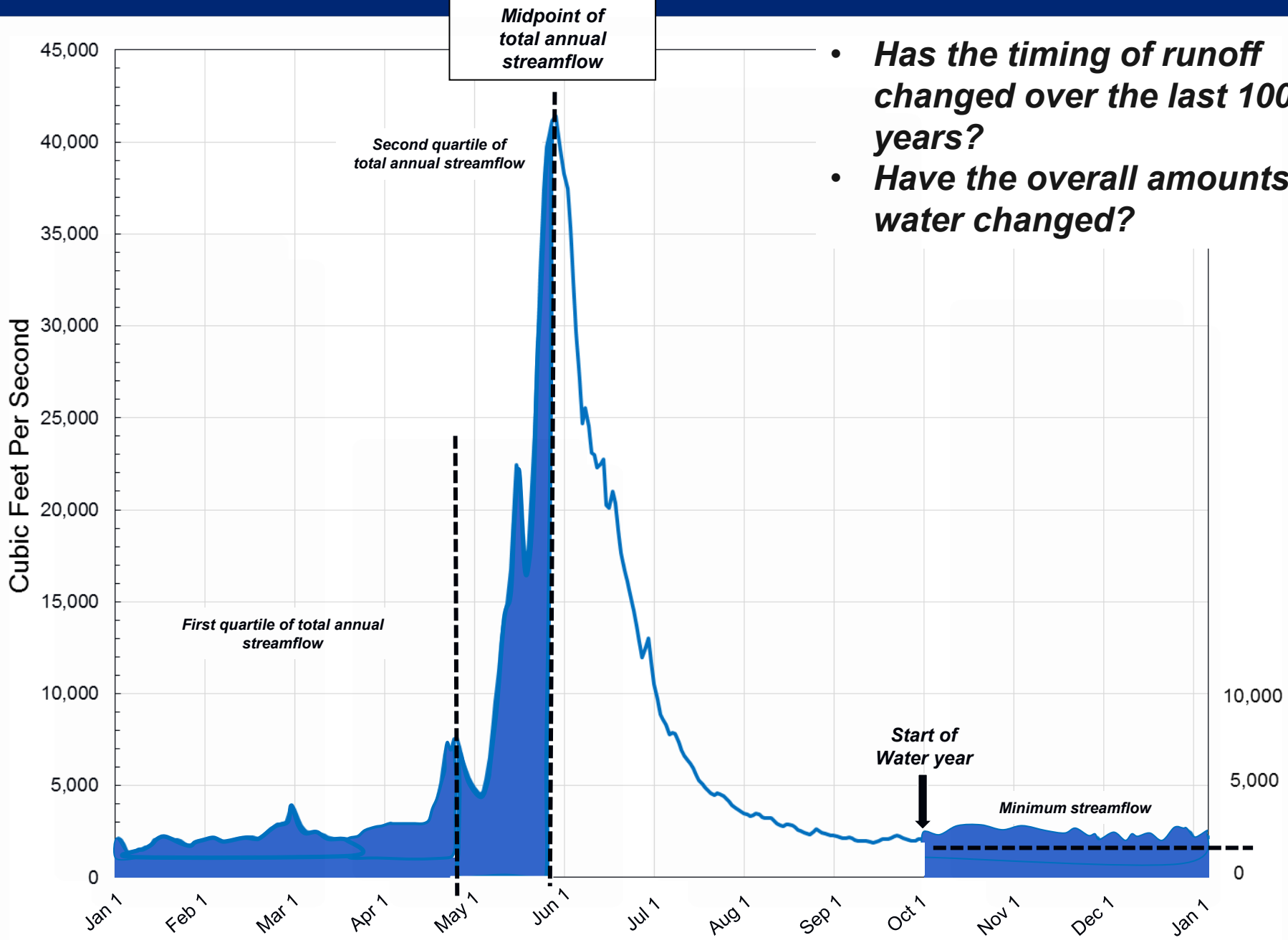
Unregulated streams with long-term continuous streamflow records show climatic patterns



Salmon River at White Bird, 10 years on (1921)

Salmon River at White Bird, 99 years on (2010)





- **Has the timing of runoff changed over the last 100 years?**
- **Have the overall amounts of water changed?**

Have extreme flows gotten more extreme?

Big Wood River downstream of Bellevue (Allan Wylie, IDWR)



Salmon Falls Creek above reservoir, gaged since 1911, February 2017 flooding



Update on 5 of 26 stations trend tested for the period 1967-2007 (41 years)

- Runoff parameters evaluated
 - Annual *mean* streamflow
 - Annual *minimum* daily streamflow
 - Date of the *midpoint* of annual total streamflow volume
 - Date of the *first quartile* of annual total streamflow volume discharge



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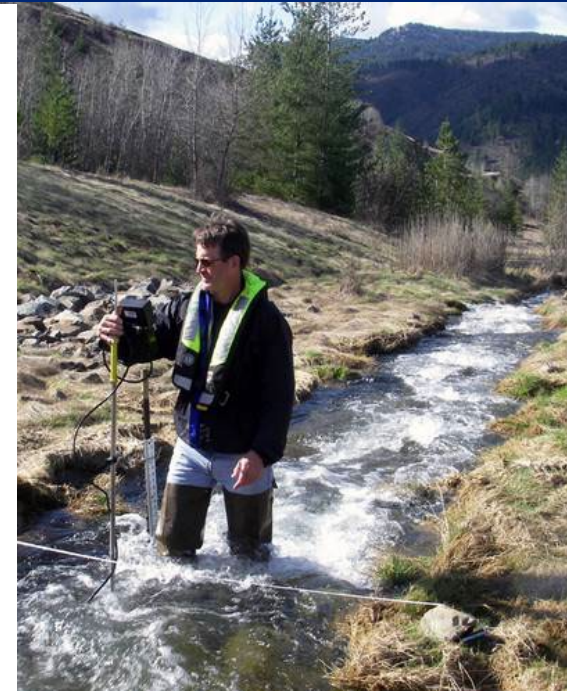
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CHANGES IN PATTERNS OF STREAMFLOW FROM UNREGULATED WATERSHEDS IN IDAHO, WESTERN WYOMING, AND NORTHERN NEVADA¹

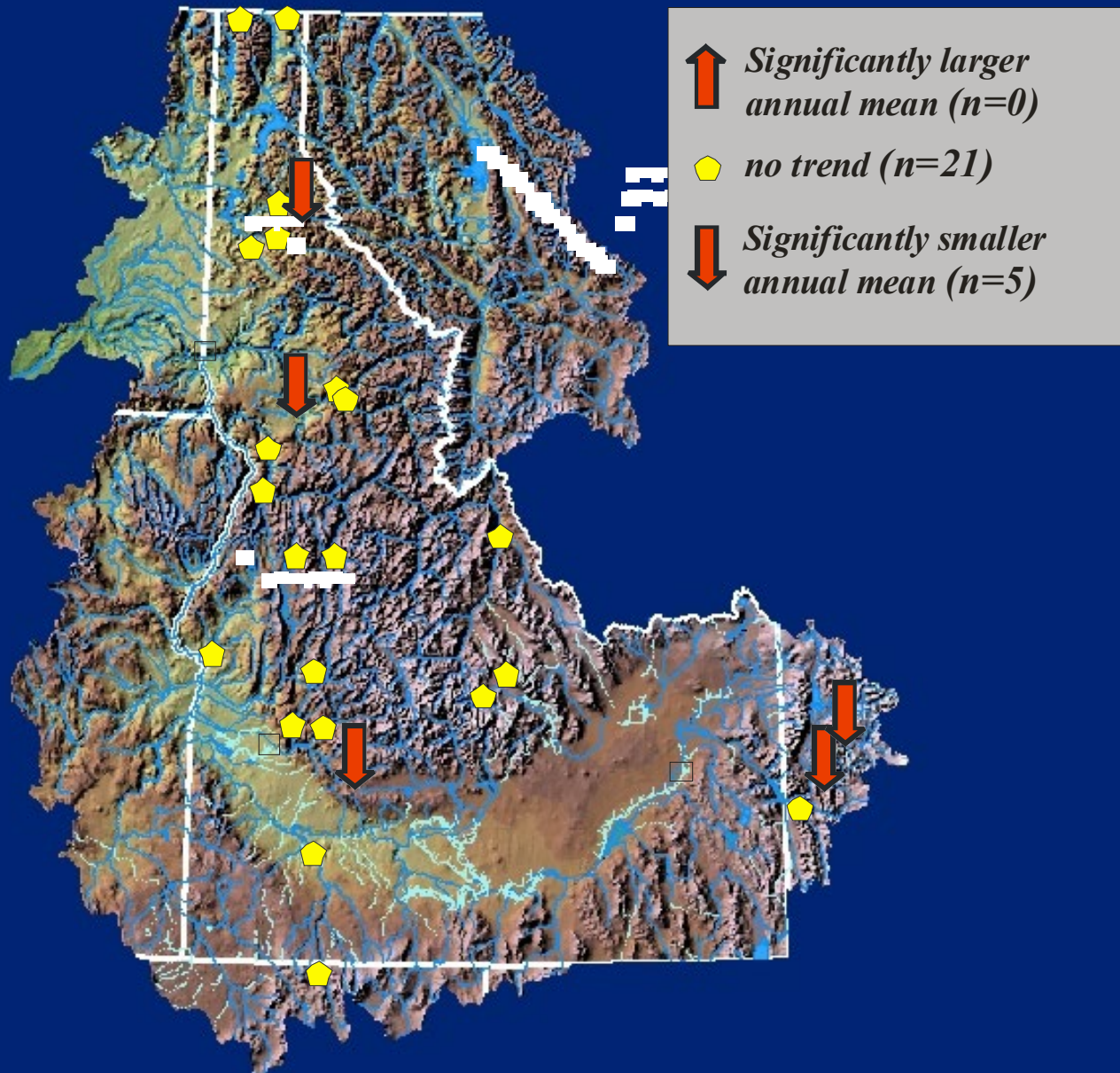
Gregory M. Clark²



ABSTRACT: Recent studies have identified a pattern of earlier spring runoff across much of North America. Earlier spring runoff potentially poses numerous problems, including increased risk of flooding and reduced

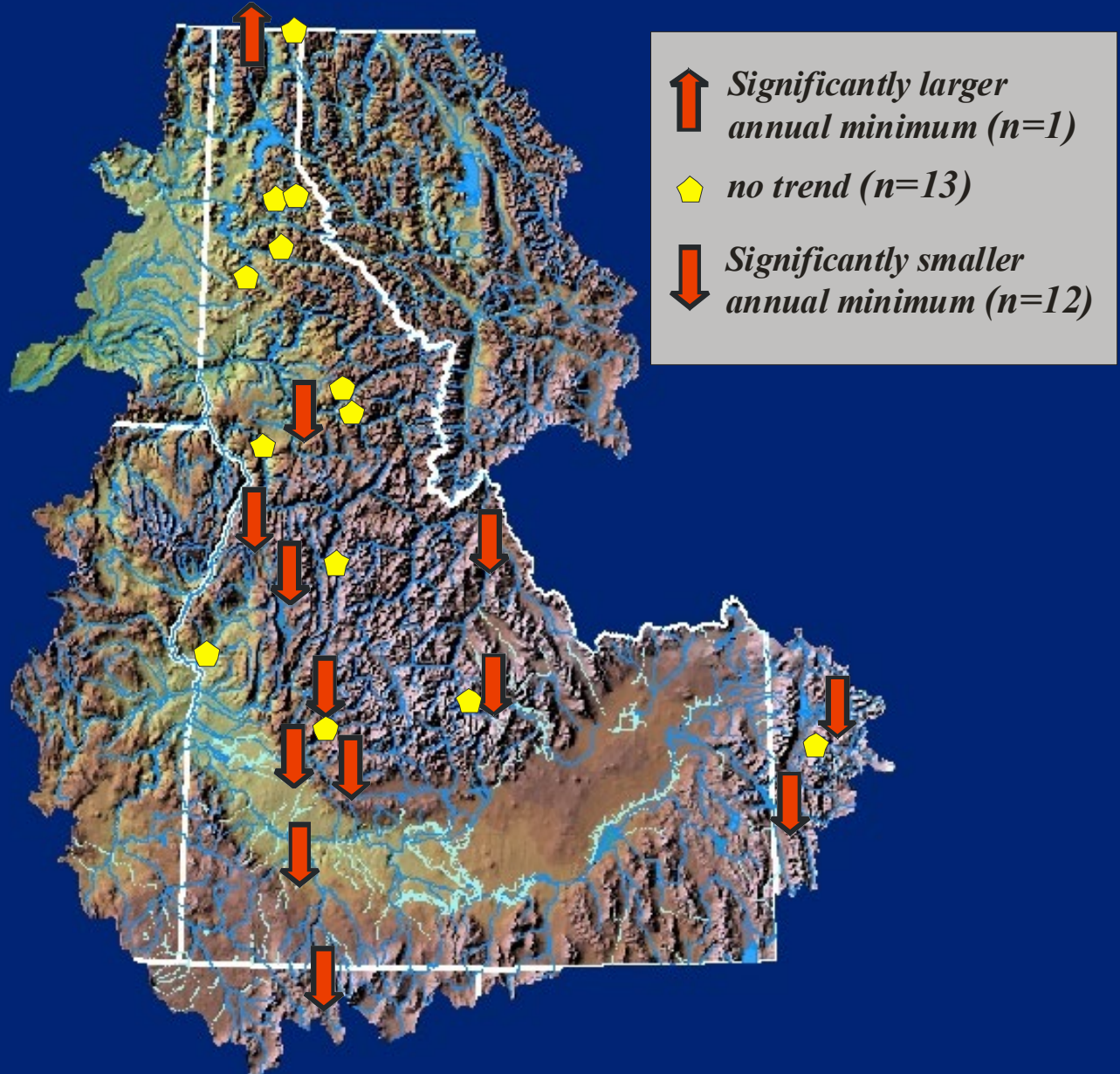
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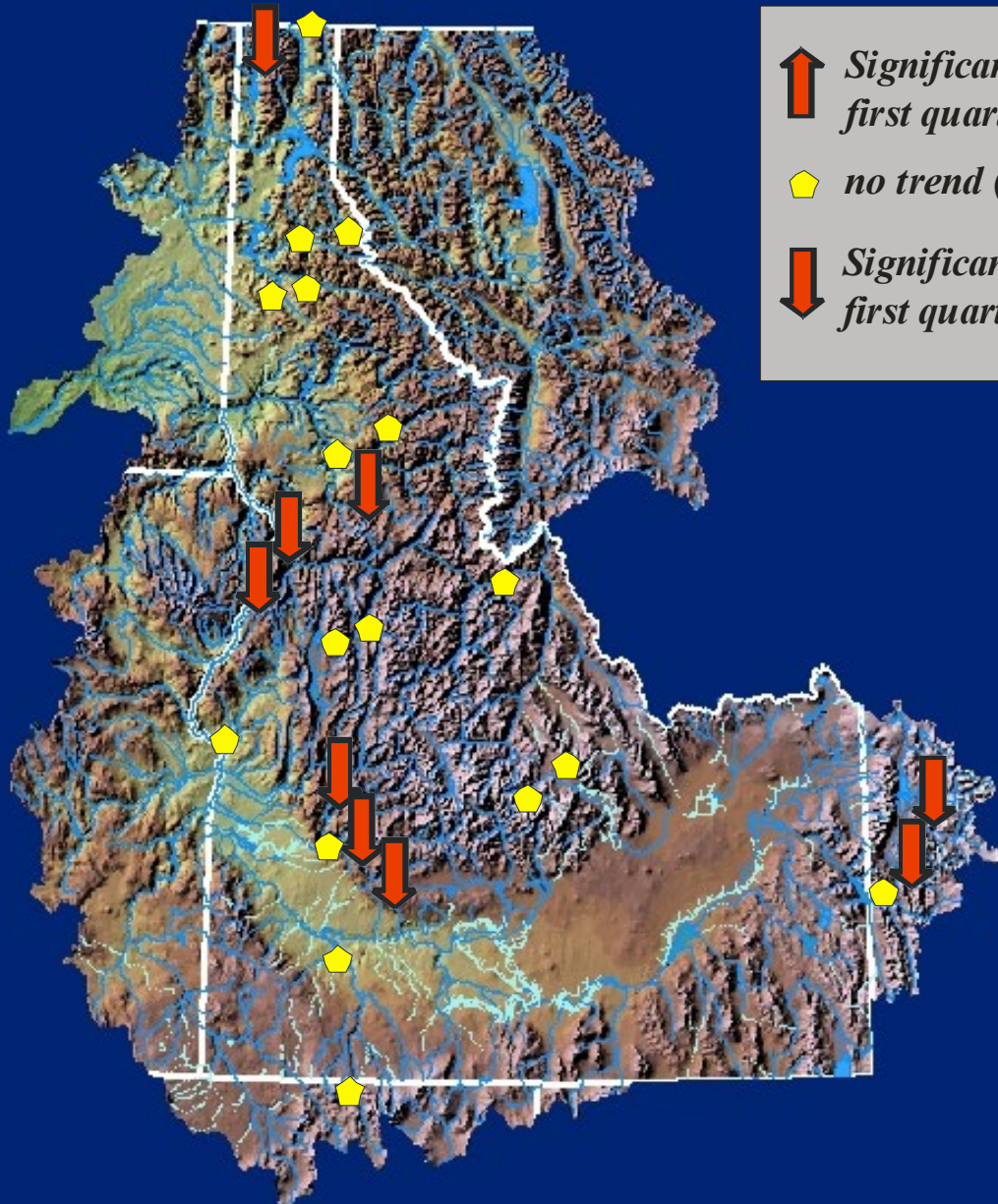
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Trends in timing of **first quartile** of streamflow ($p < 0.10$)

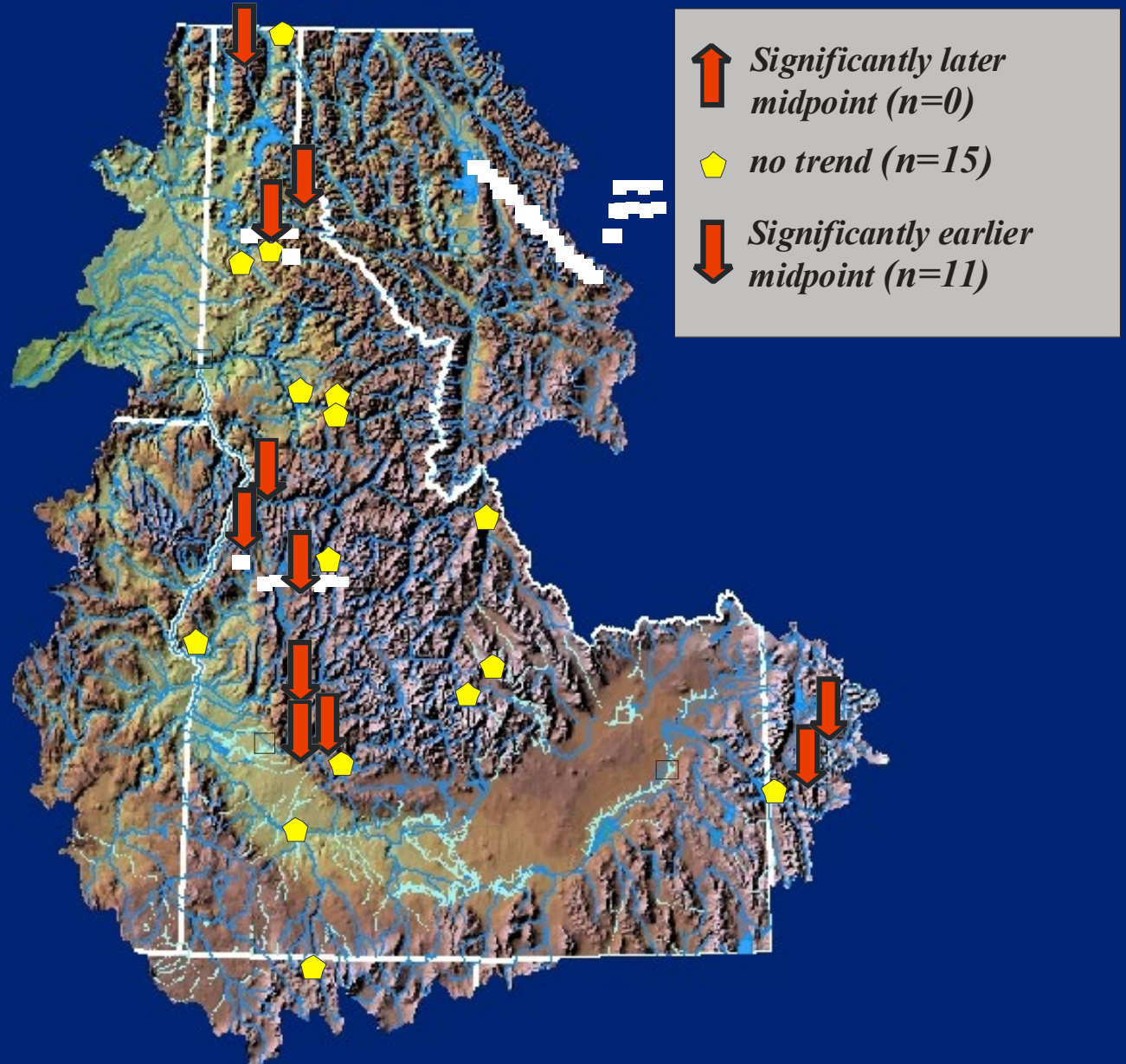
Water Years 1967-2007



-  *Significantly later first quartile (n=0)*
-  *no trend (n=17)*
-  *Significantly earlier first quartile (n=9)*

Trends in timing of **midpoint** of streamflow ($p < 0.10$)

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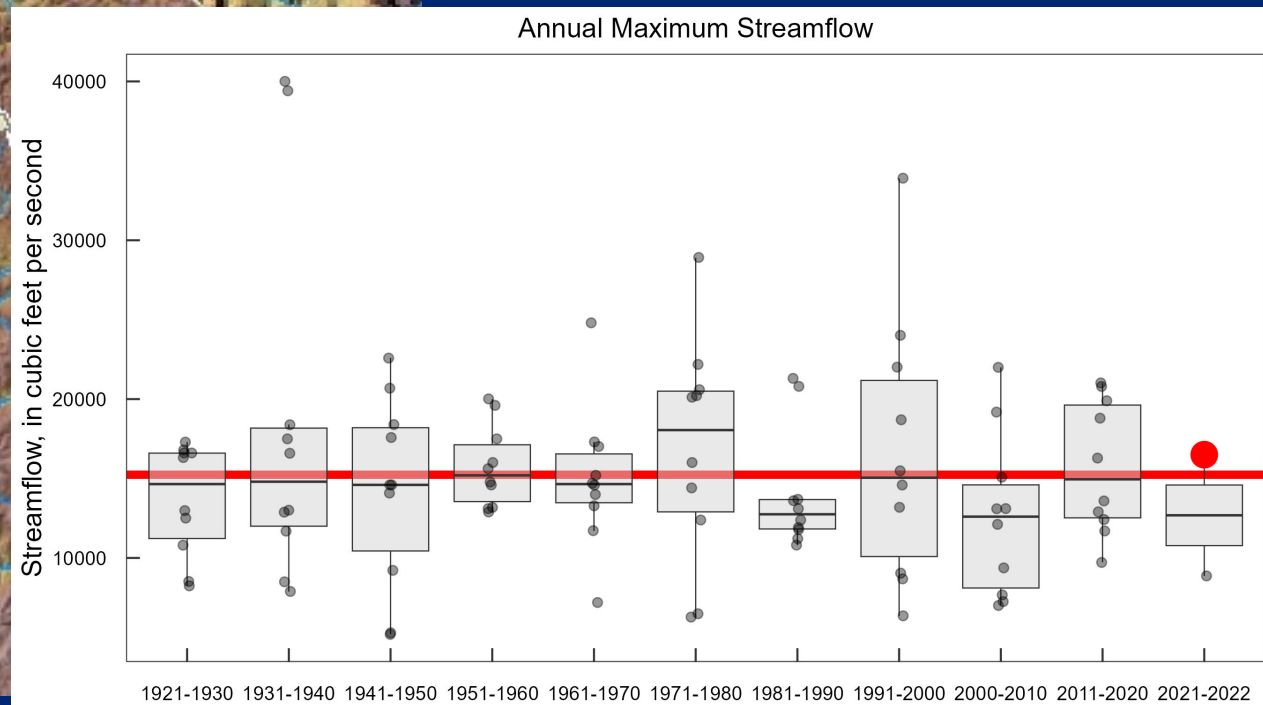
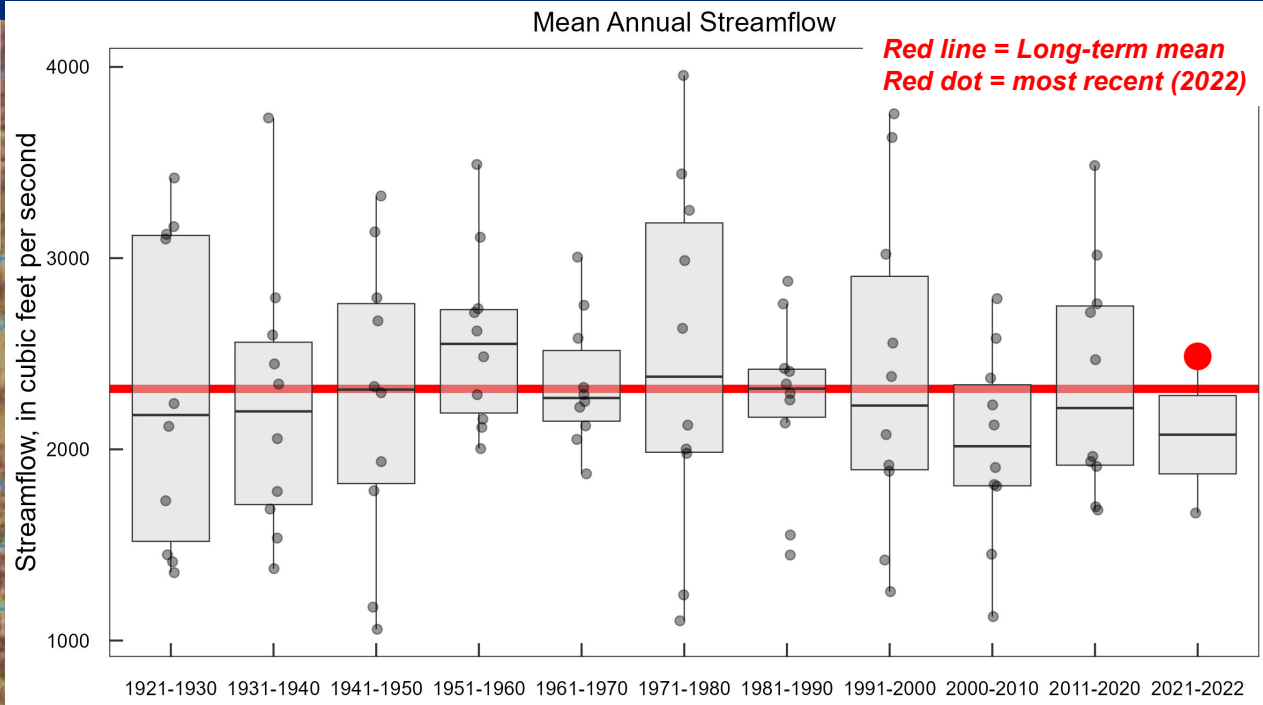


St. Joe River at Calder, ID

Period - 1921-2022

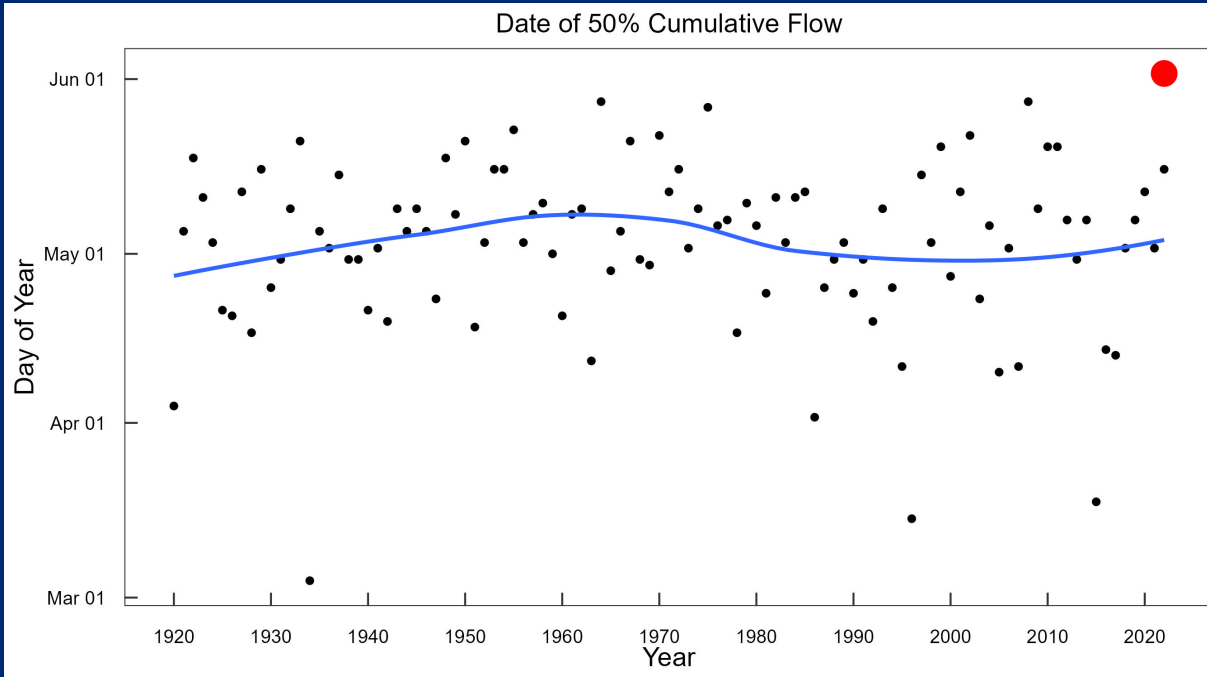
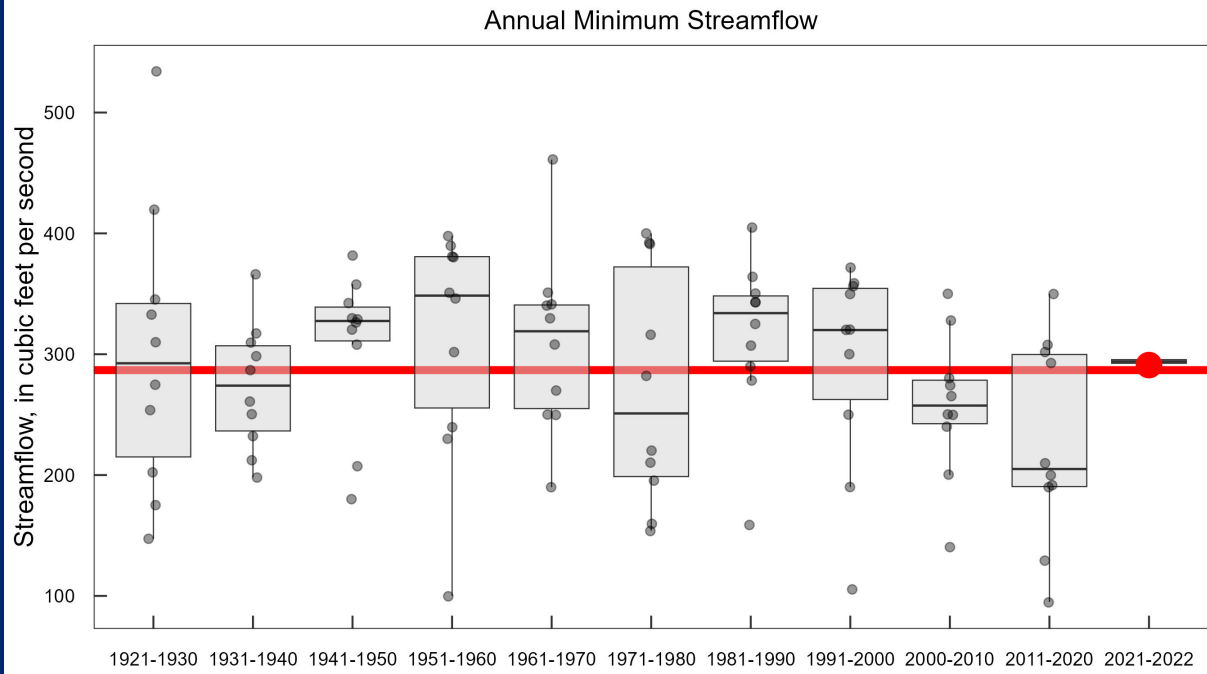
Basin Size - 1,030 mi²

Mean Elevation - 4550 ft



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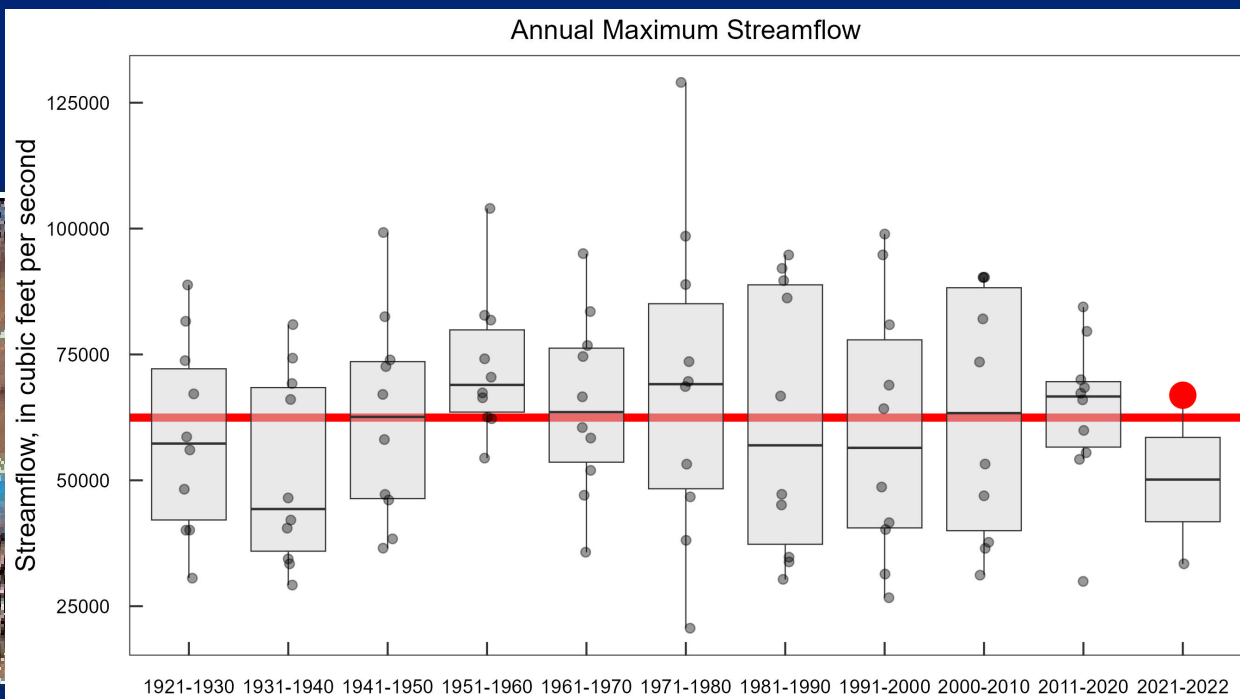
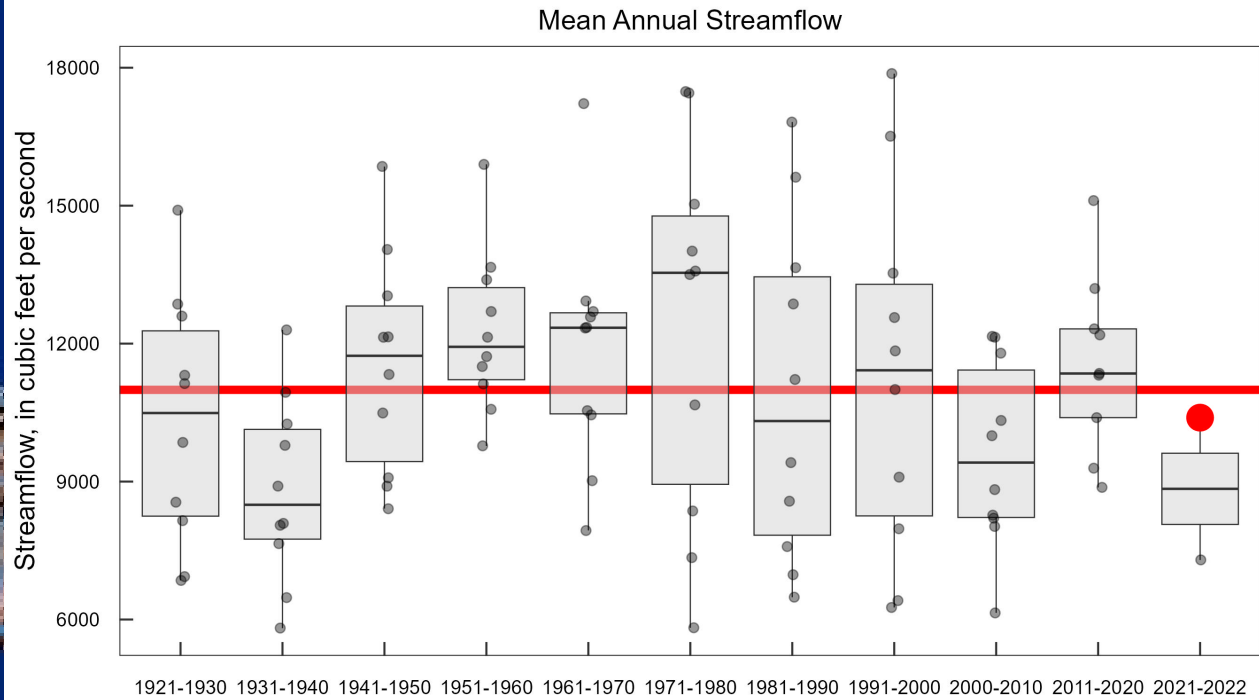


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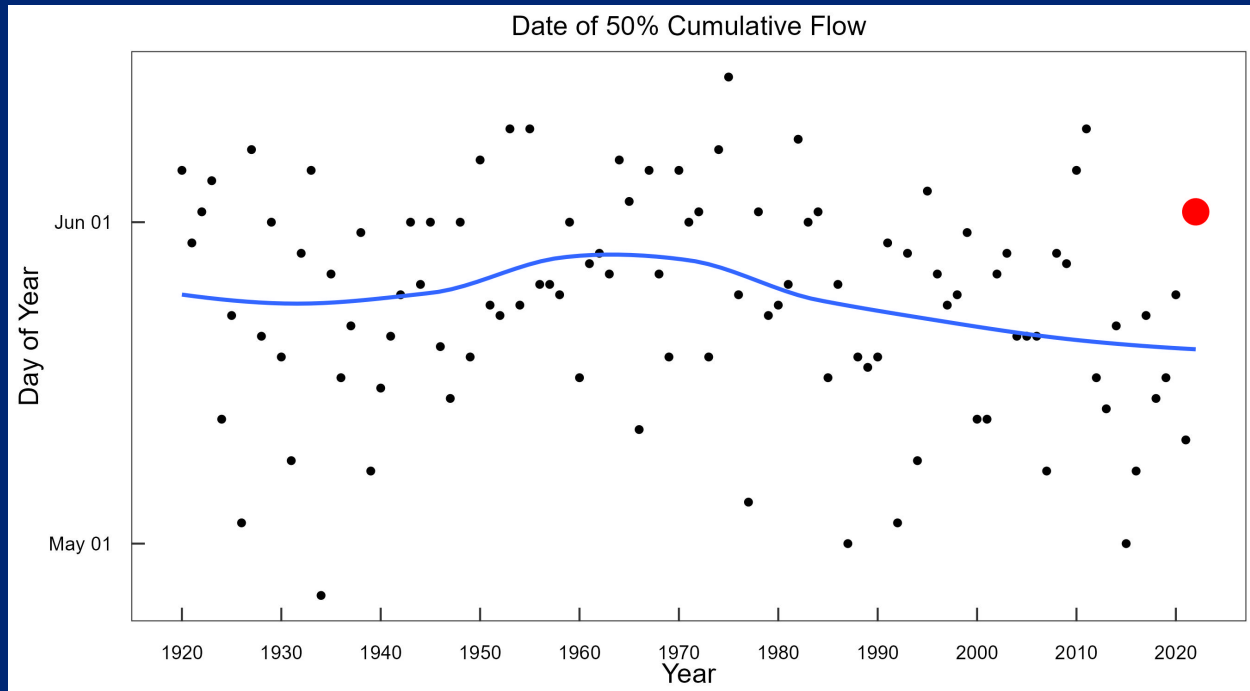
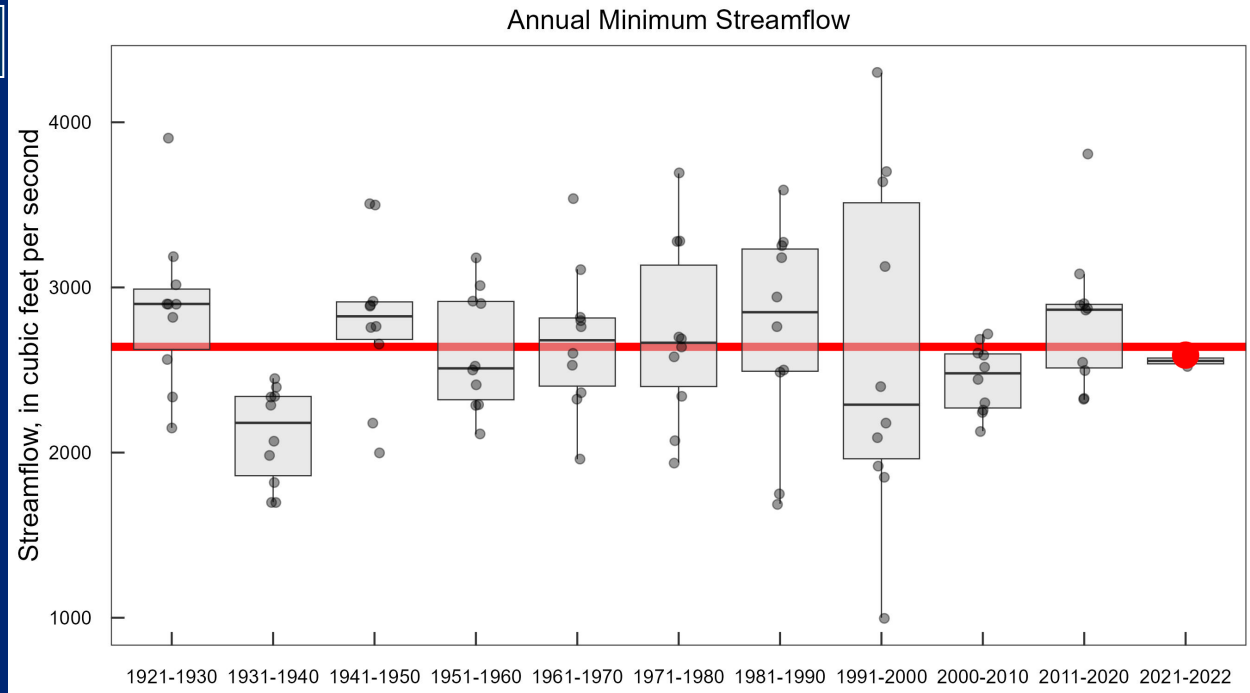
Period of record – 1911-2022

Basin size - 13,550 mi²

Mean Elevation – 6,750 ft



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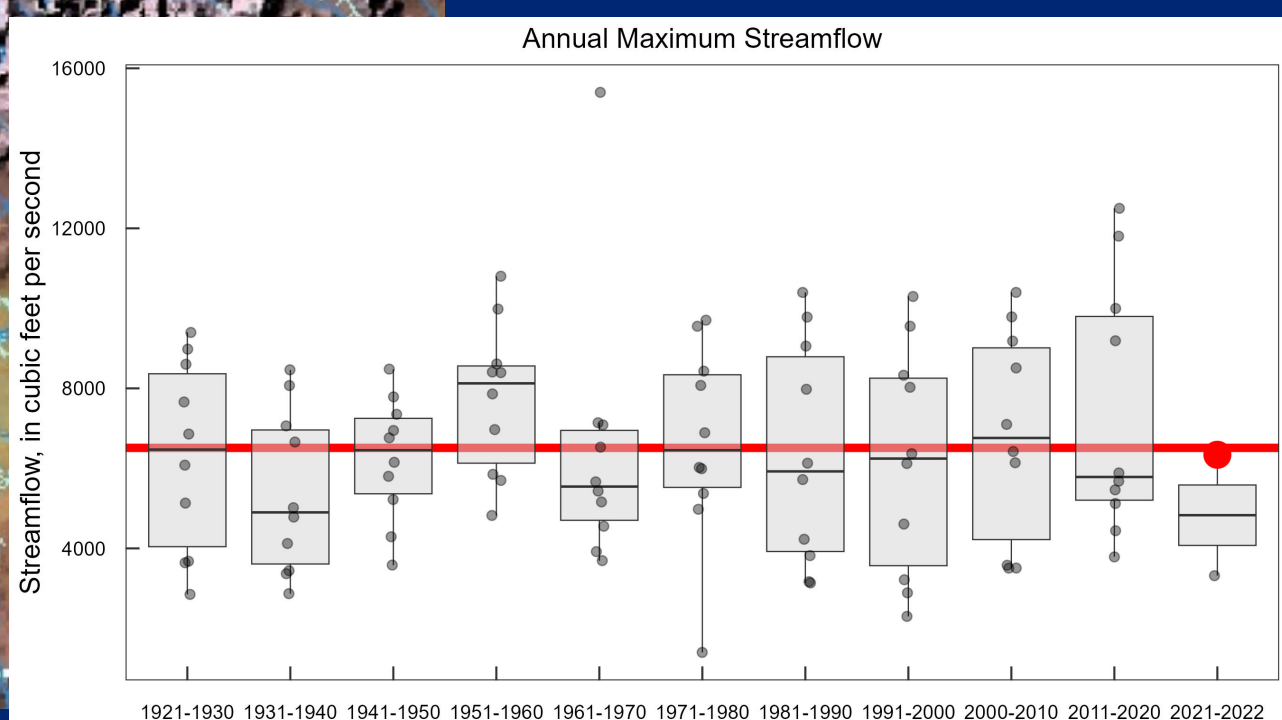
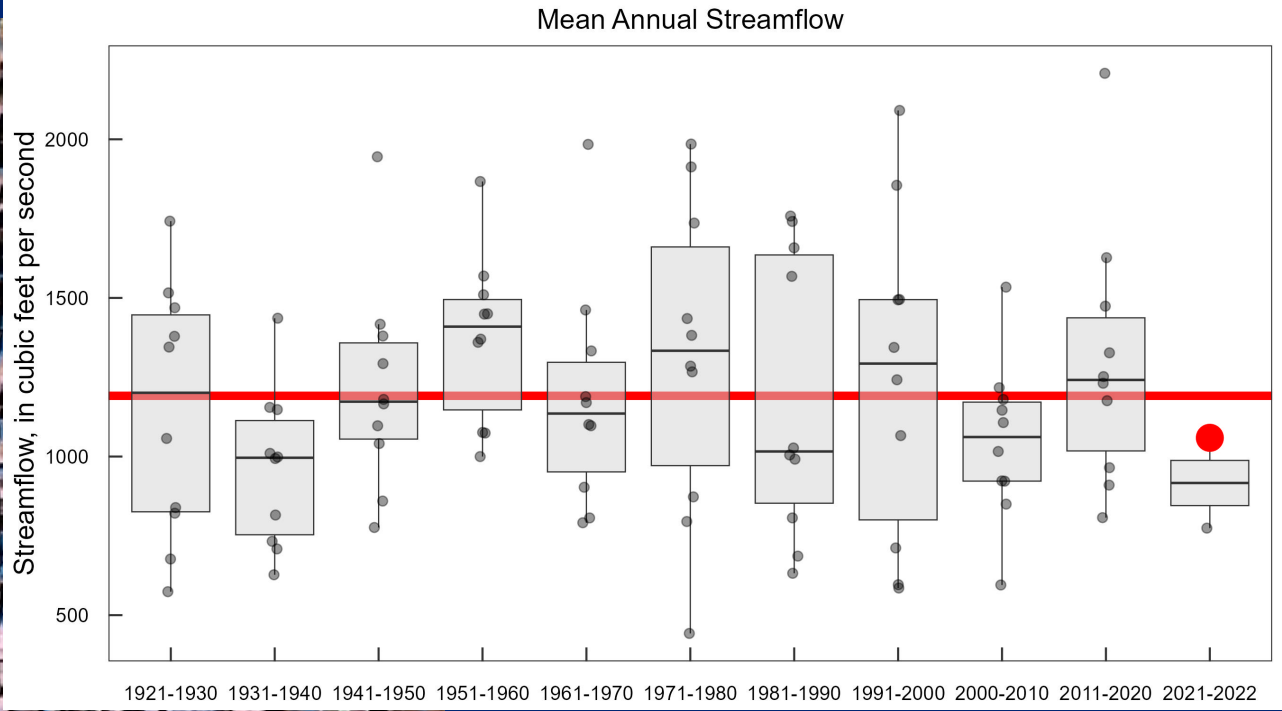


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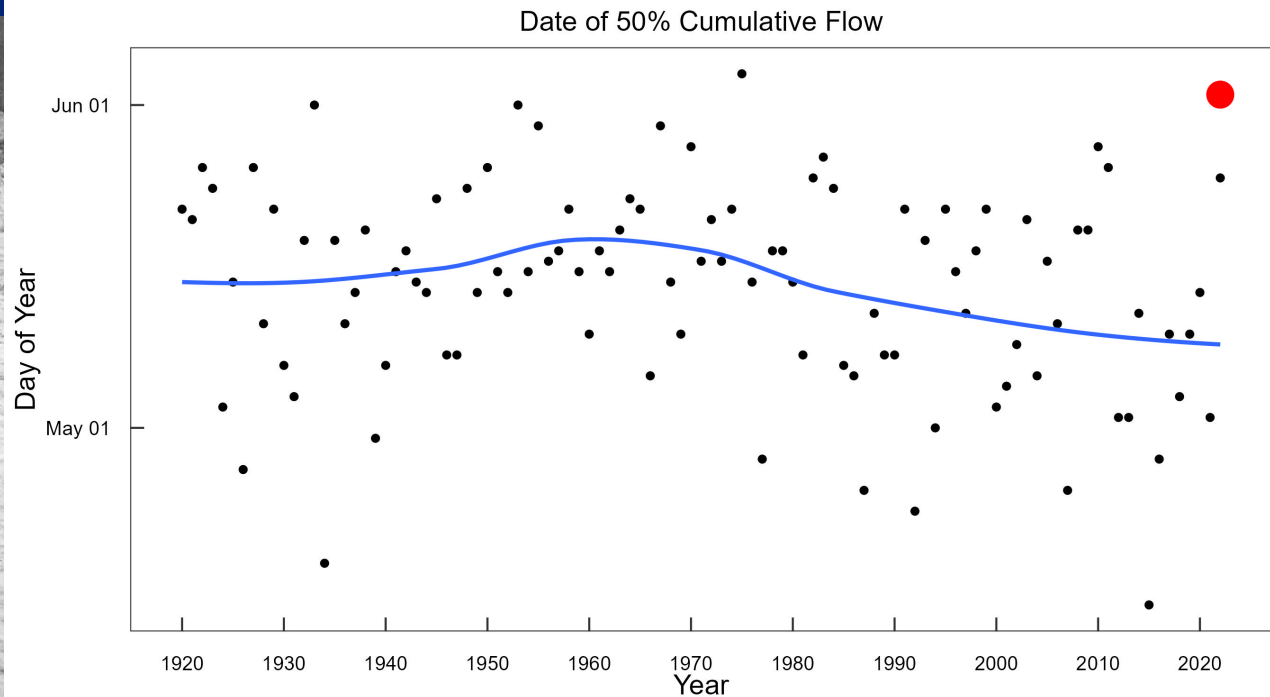
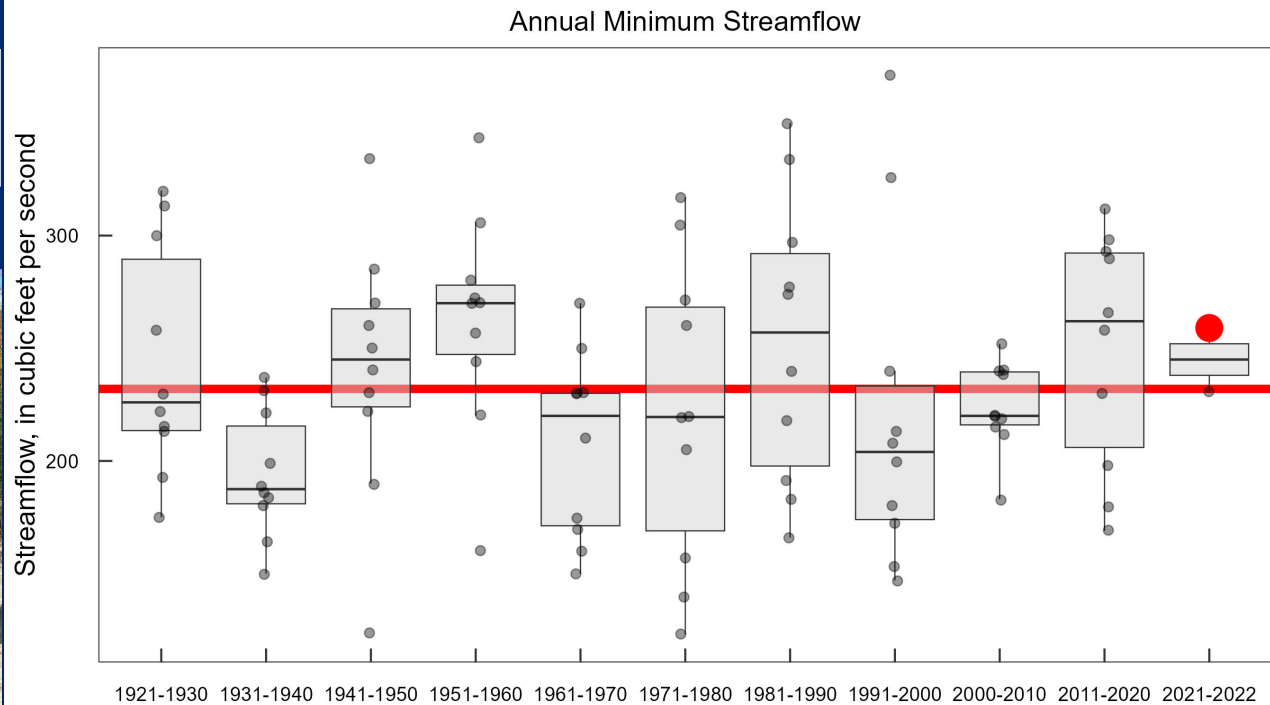
Period of record - 1912-2022

Basin size - 830 mi²

Mean Elevation - 3,260 ft



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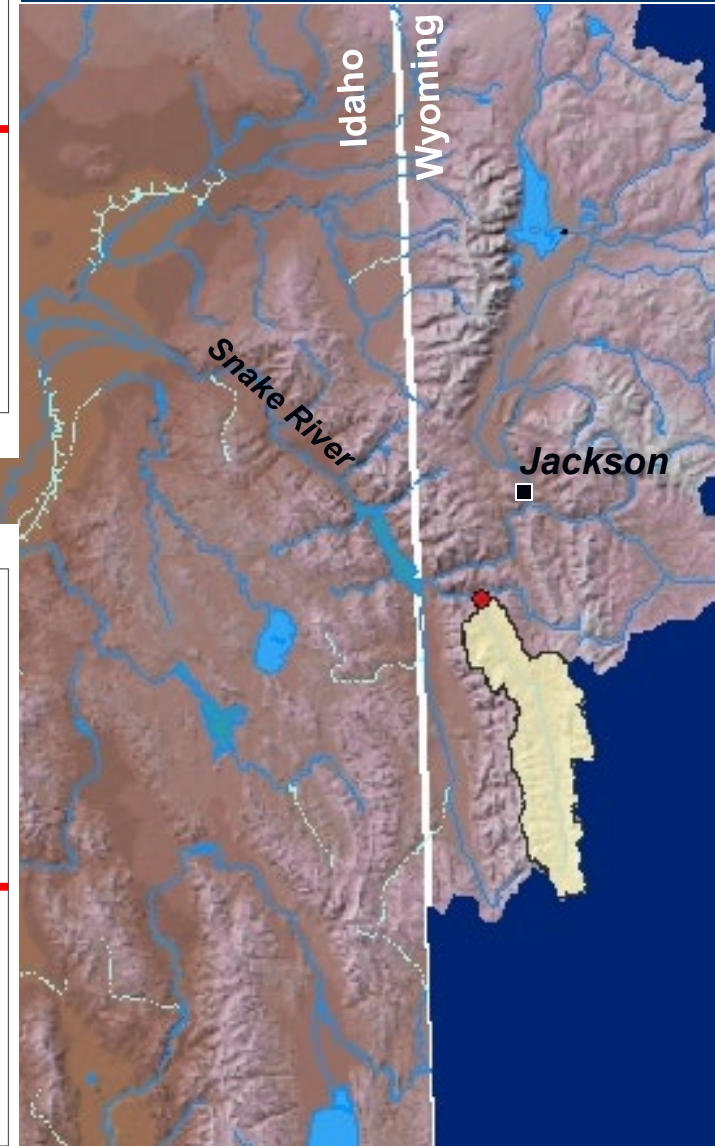
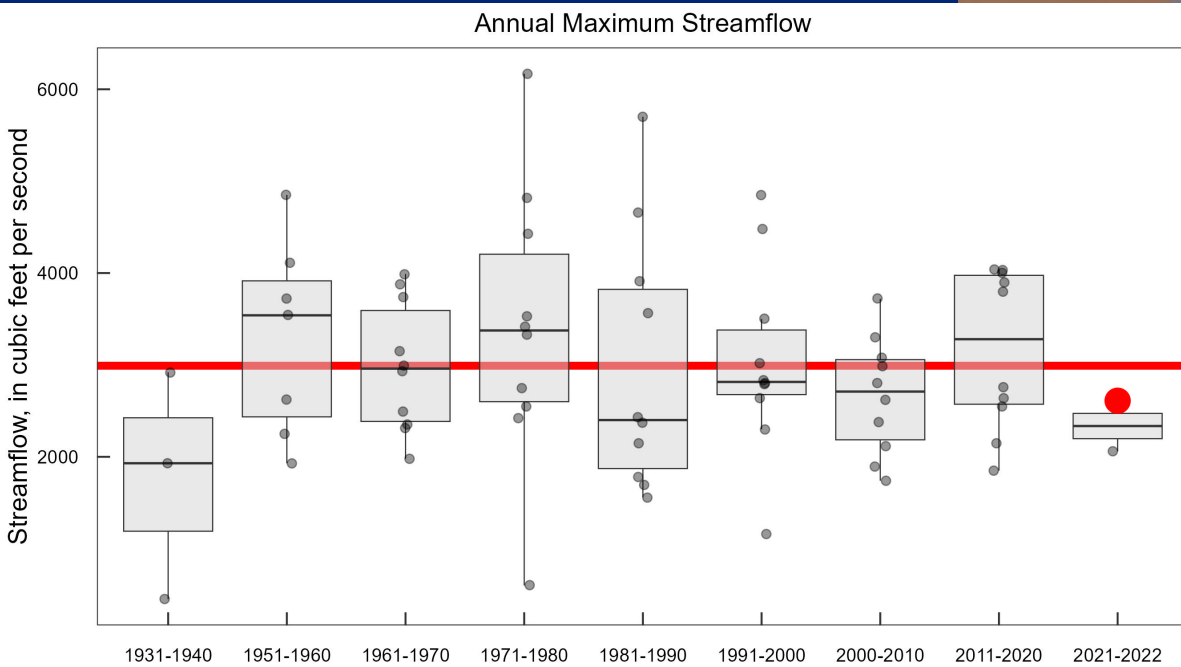
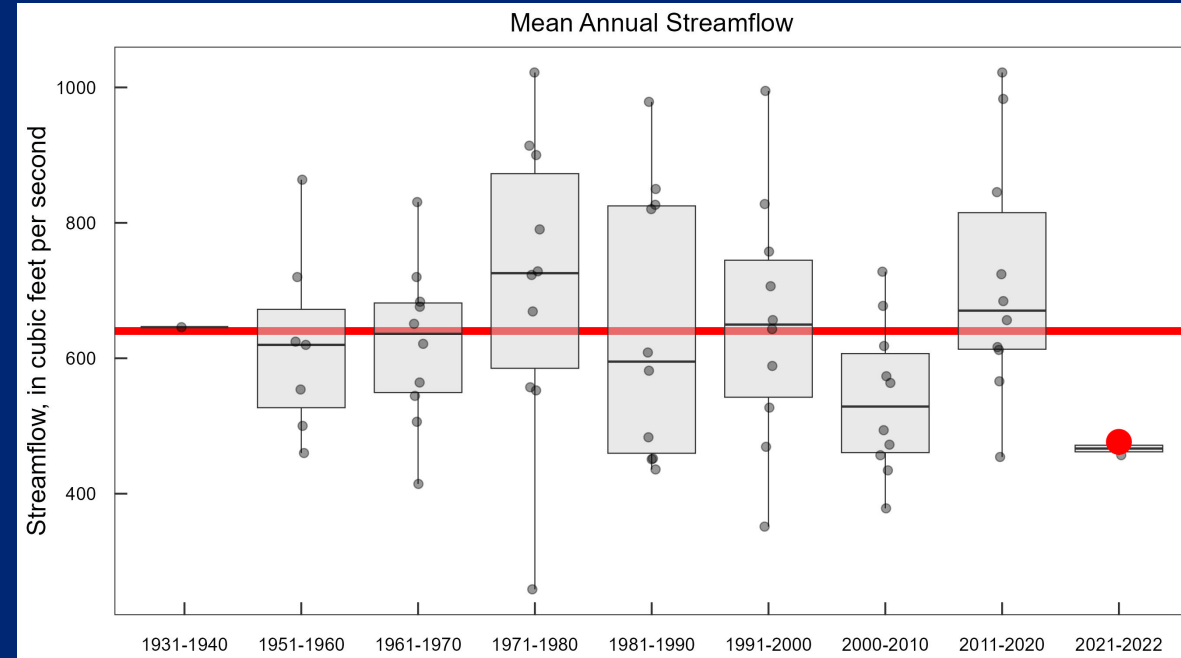
The road to Twin Springs, 1921, Boise River about 22,000 cfs

Greys River near Alpine, WY

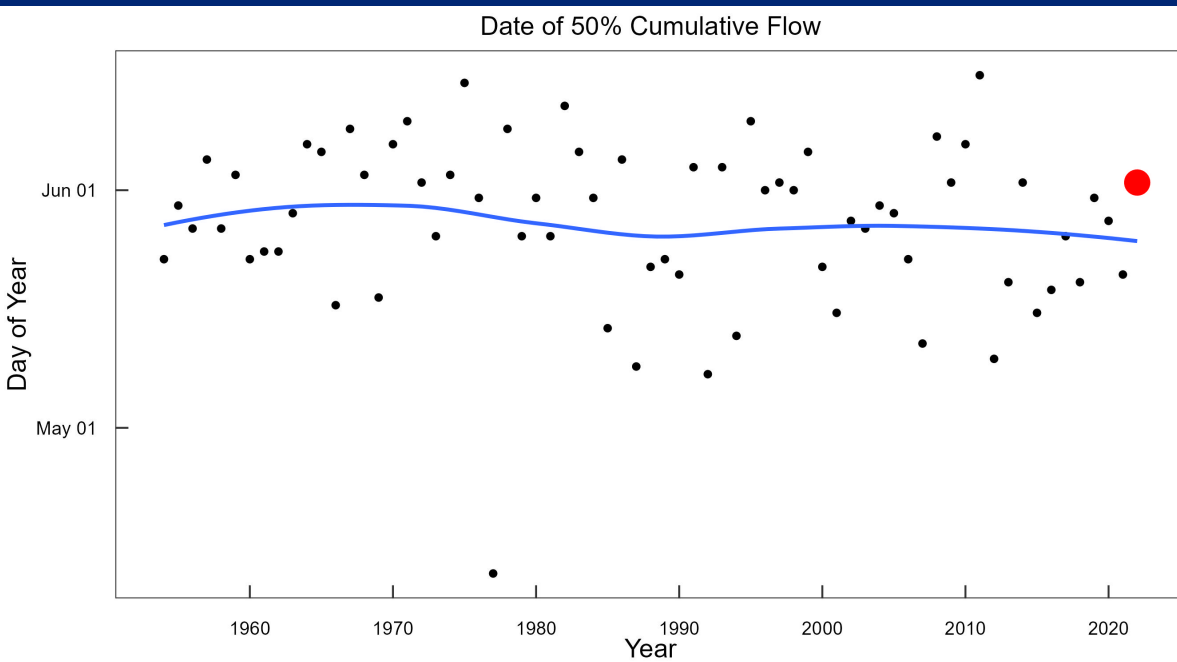
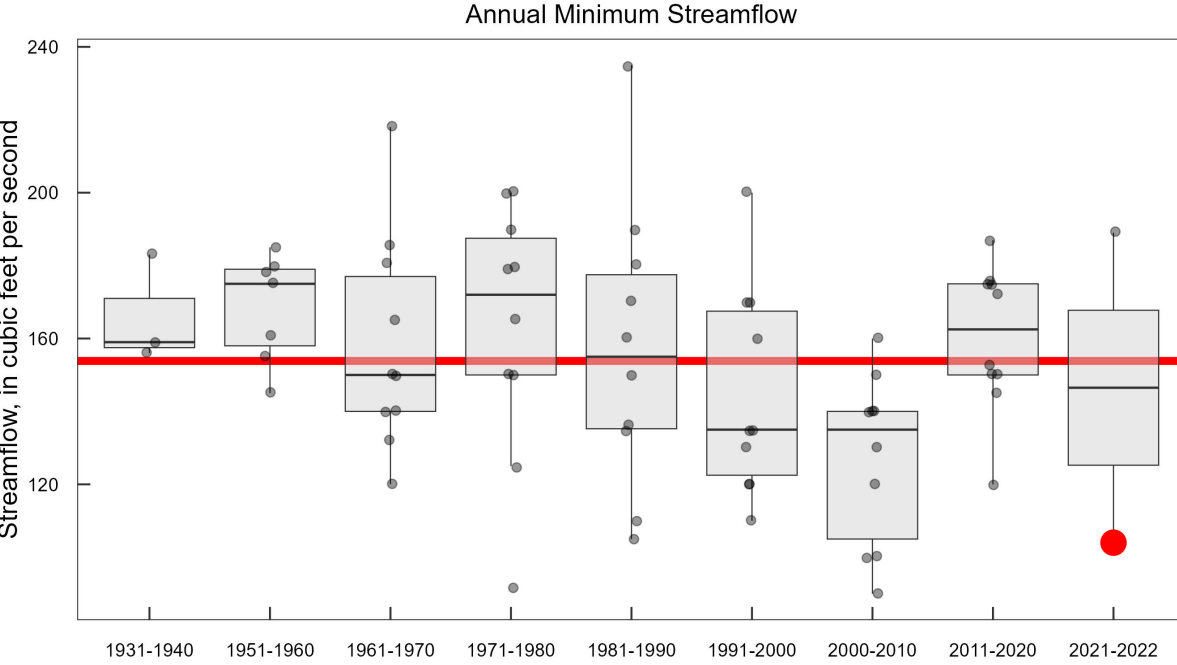
Period of record - 1917-2022 (broken)

Basin Size - 448 mi²

Mean Elevation - 8,110

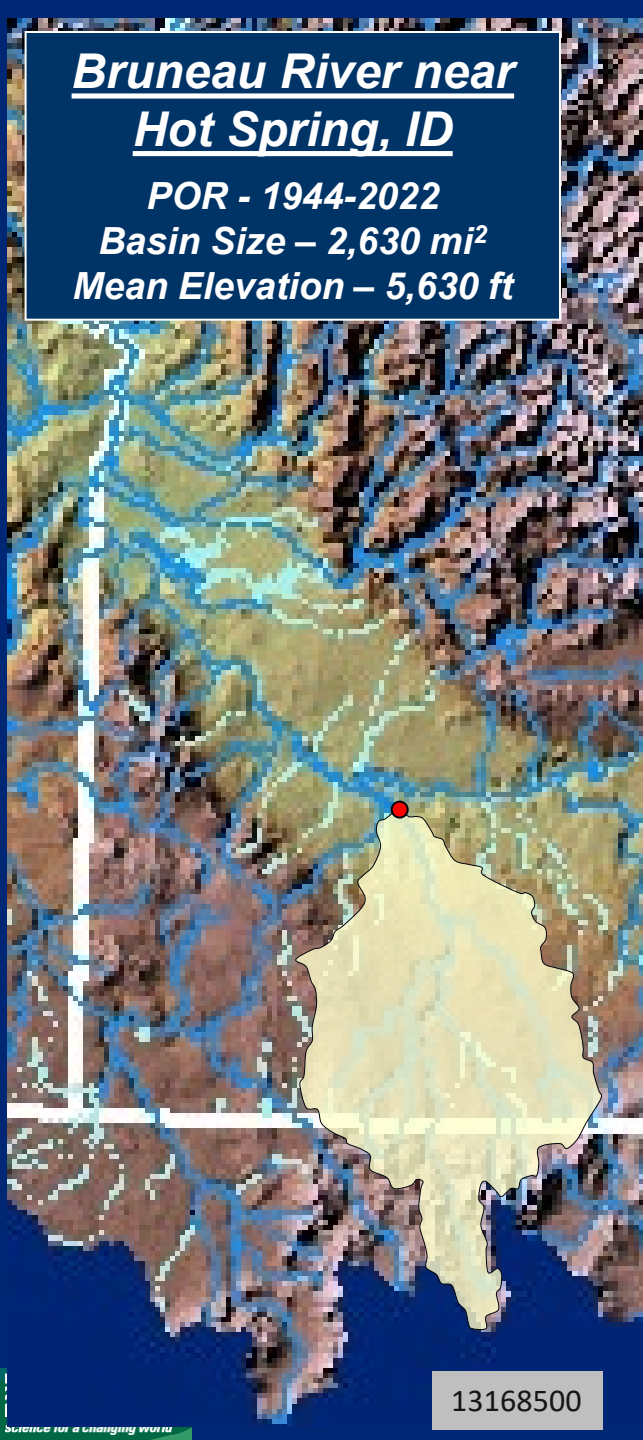


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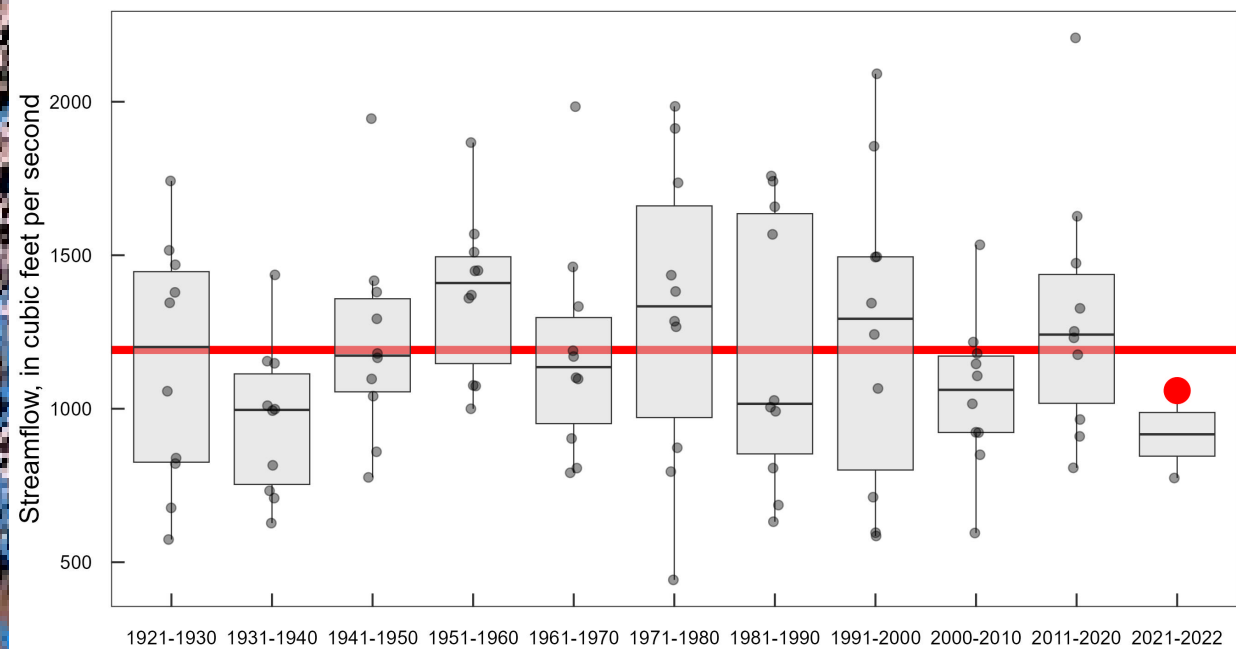
Bruneau River near Hot Spring, ID

POR - 1944-2022
Basin Size – 2,630 mi²
Mean Elevation – 5,630 ft

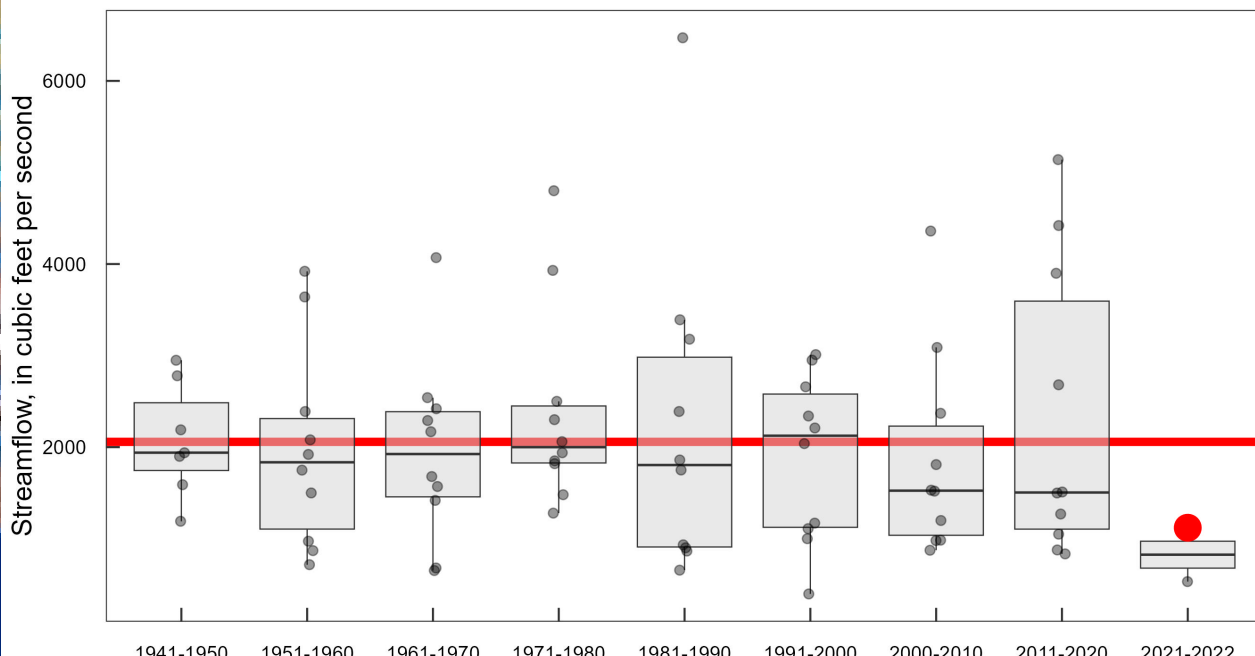


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Mean Annual Streamflow



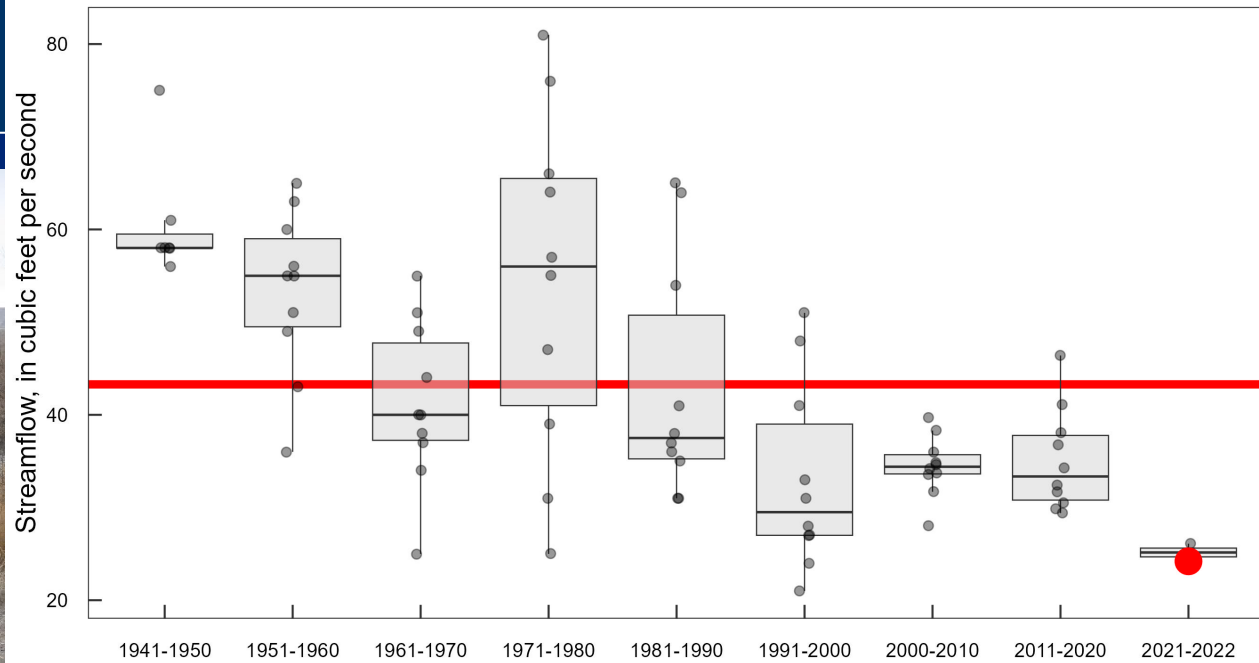
Annual Maximum Streamflow



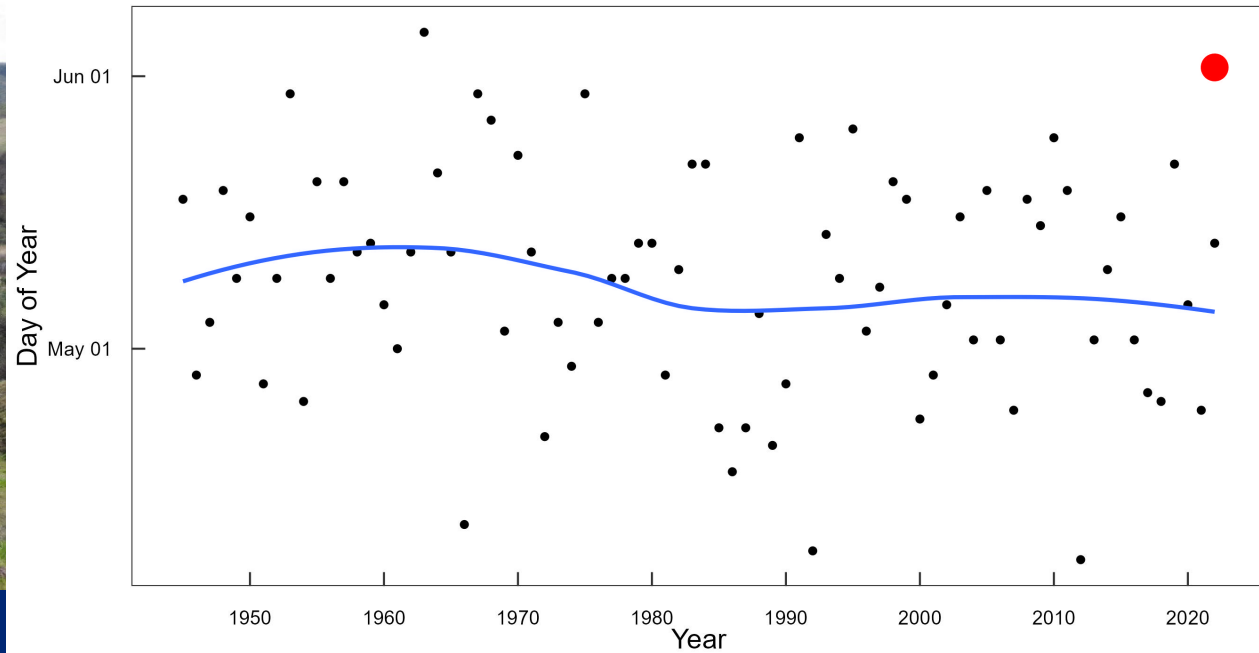
Bruneau River near Hot Spring, ID



Annual Minimum Streamflow



Date of 50% Cumulative Flow



Summary and General Conclusions

- **As of 2007, the mid-point of the annual flows in un-regulated Idaho streams occurred about 11 days earlier than 40 years earlier**
- **As of 2022, in five diverse streams with long records of 70-111 years, little change in the mid-point flow timing was apparent.**
- **This different observation is because in the last 15 years at these streams, streamflows have been generally above long-term average conditions with respect to streamflow quantity and timing of runoff.**
- **The Bruneau River stands out with declining base flows**
- **The major pattern in these stream flows over the last 70 to 100+ years appears to be decadal climate shifts:**
 - **1930s, 1990s-2000s had many warm, dry years;**
 - **1940s through 1970s and 2010s tended to have cooler, wetter years**
- **Records from long-term gaging stations on unregulated streams are a valuable tool for examining historical changes in streamflow patterns, basin runoff characteristics, and climatic changes.**

Questions



Making a stream measurement on the Gold Fork of the Payette River with trailing sheep, 1921



Idaho's Collaborative Cloud Seeding Program

Governor's Water Summit

Kresta Davis

Water Resources and Policy Senior Manager

August 7, 2023

Cloud Seeding as a Water Management Tool



What is Cloud Seeding?

- Cloud seeding depends upon an **abundance of super cooled liquid (SLW) water** in the atmosphere
- Cloud seeding provides **additional efficient ice nuclei**
 - Silver Iodide released into the atmosphere creates additional ice nuclei
 - Allowing the formation of ice
- Cloud seeding has been used as:
 - Fog suppression
 - Hail suppression
 - Rainfall enhancement
 - **Snowpack enhancement**
- Snowpack enhancement utilizing orographic lift



Environmental Safety

More than 20 comprehensive studies and data reviews of the environmental affect of the use of silver iodide for cloud seeding all concur that there is **no evidence of adverse effects to human health or the environment** from the use of silver iodide for cloud seeding.

- PG&E EA – 1995, 2006
- Snowy Hydro – 2004-2014, ongoing
- Williams and Denholm – 2009
- USBR Project SkyWater – 1977, 2009, 2013
- Cardno/Entrix Geochemistry and Impacts of Silver Iodide Use in Cloud Seeding (for PG&E) – 2011
- Santa Barbara County CEQA – 2013
- BSU and Heritage Environmental: Literature Review – 2015
- Sacramento Municipal Utility District – 2017
- State of Wyoming Level III Feasibility Study Laramie Range Siting and Design Final Report – 2017
- Placer County Water Agency CEQA – 2018

Why Cloud Seed?

State Benefits of Additional Water Supply

- Greater reliability for storage and natural flow water users
- Higher reservoir carryover from year to year
- Water quality
- Improved fisheries conditions
 - Federal flow augmentation program
 - Resident fisheries
- Additional recreation opportunities
- Improved aquifer management through managed recharge and other activities
- Further supports low cost, clean hydropower
- Supports state economy and growth



Idaho Power's Cloud Seeding History

- Began investigating cloud seeding in 1993 (shareholder question)
 - Take home: Long-term water management tool
- Operational in fall of 2003 (7 generators, aircraft, assessment)
 - Completed second year of assessment and third year of operations in May 2005
- In 2008 collaborated with HC RC&D and E Idaho Counties to enhance their program 5-year pilot project under ESPA CAMP
- In 2010 started working with WW RC&D to evaluate cloud seeding opportunities in western Wyoming
- In 2011 started working with NCAR to develop WRF model to guide and evaluate CS operations and projects
- In 2013 – contracted with Big Wood Canal Company to seed Wood River with aircraft
- WY 2015 Expansion (44 generators, 2 aircraft)
 - Boise and Wood Basin's – remote generators and aircraft seeding
 - Continued expansion in Salt and Wyoming Ranges
 - IWRB funding a grant for equipment associated with expansion
 - Water users collaborative funding annual program Operations and Maintenance
- WY 2016 Expansion
 - Additional remote generators in Central Mountains and Upper Snake (Total of 53)
 - Third aircraft added
 - IWRB collaborative funding annual program Operations and Maintenance
- WY 2021 HB 266
- WY 2023 (Current)
 - Total 57 remote generators, 3 aircraft



Collaborative Partnership



Policy and Strategy

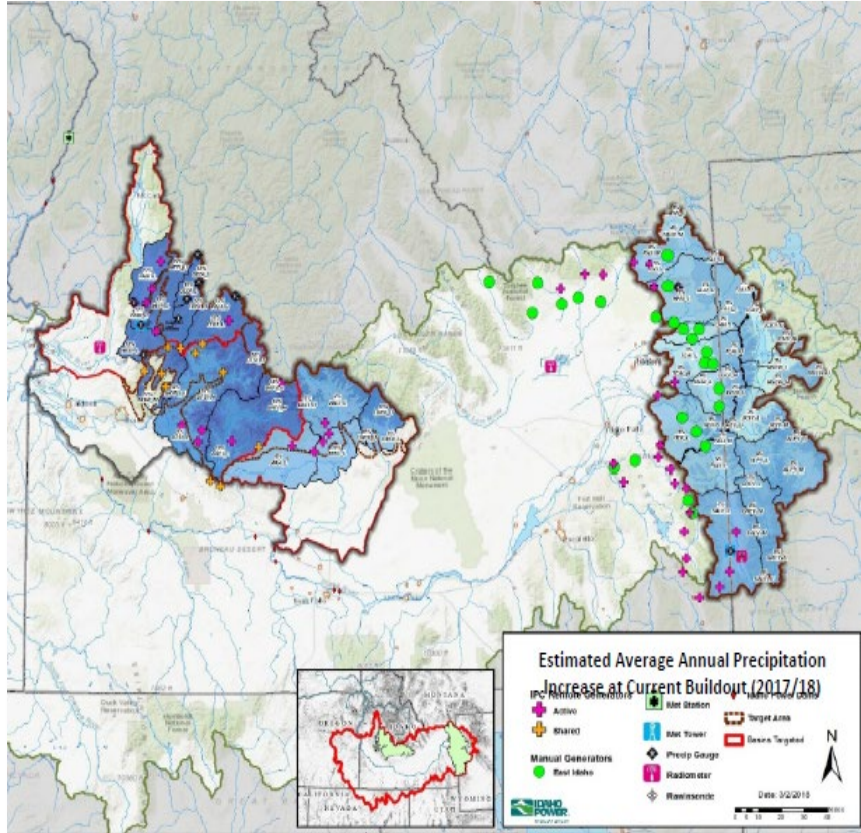


Technical



Financial

Annual Benefit Estimates



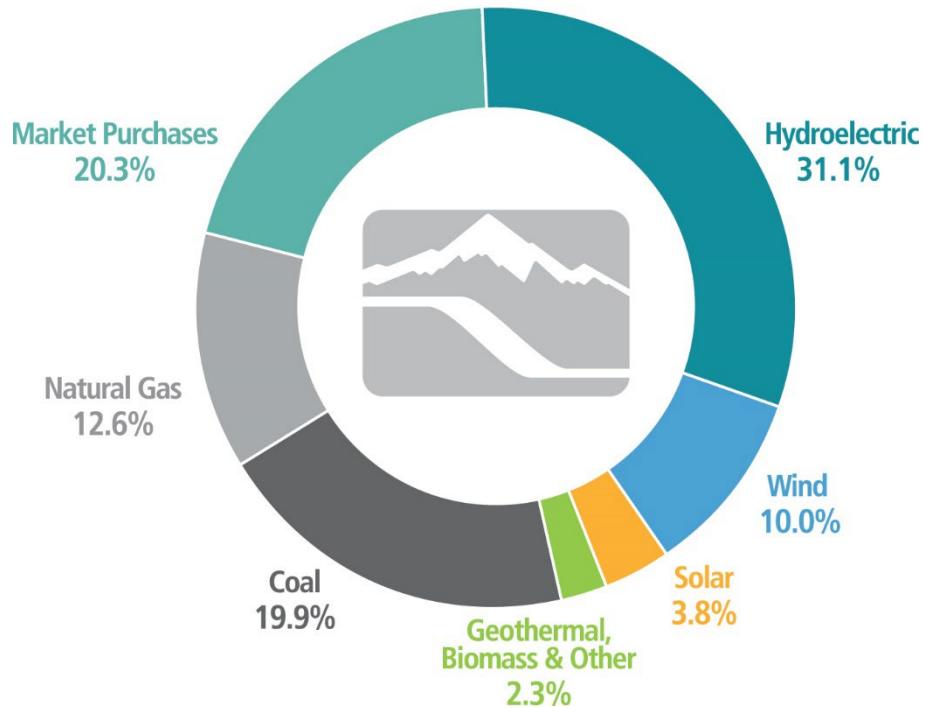
Average Annual Natural Flow Benefits

Boise Basin	270,000 acre-ft
Wood River Basin	110,000 acre-ft
Upper Snake Basin	630,000 acre-ft
<i>Above Palisades</i>	460,000 acre-ft
<i>Henry's Fork</i>	170,000 acre-ft
Payette (Idaho Power)	220,000 acre-ft

Total **1,230,000 acre-ft**

Clean Energy

2022 Energy Mix



This shows the energy we generate from company-owned resources and energy we buy through long-term contracts with wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and small-scale hydro generators.

The mix does not represent the energy delivered to customers for two reasons.

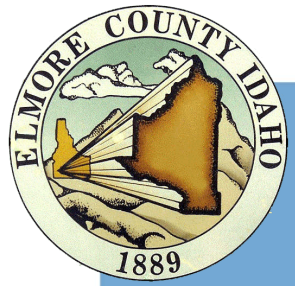
- We participate in the wholesale energy market and sell energy to other utilities and to retail customers.
- Some of our purchased power from renewable sources comes with a Renewable Energy Credit, or REC, which we sell to keep customer prices low.

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline. Several modern high-rise buildings are illuminated with warm yellow lights from their windows. One prominent building on the right has blue and red neon lighting around its top edges. In the background, the large, illuminated dome of a state capitol building is visible. The sky is a deep blue, and the foreground shows dark silhouettes of trees.

Energy Demand is Growing

A scenic winter landscape featuring a snow-covered forest of evergreen trees. A clear, rushing stream flows through the center of the scene, surrounded by snow-covered banks and rocks. The overall atmosphere is bright and crisp, with a cool blue color palette. A semi-transparent dark blue horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text "Thank you!".

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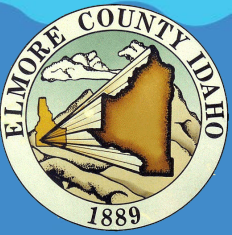
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Elmore County
Commissioner Bud Corbus

August 7, 2023

Overview

1. Profile of Elmore County
2. Water resources and uses
3. Prior proposals
4. Declining aquifer
5. Impacts to County
6. Recent/current efforts



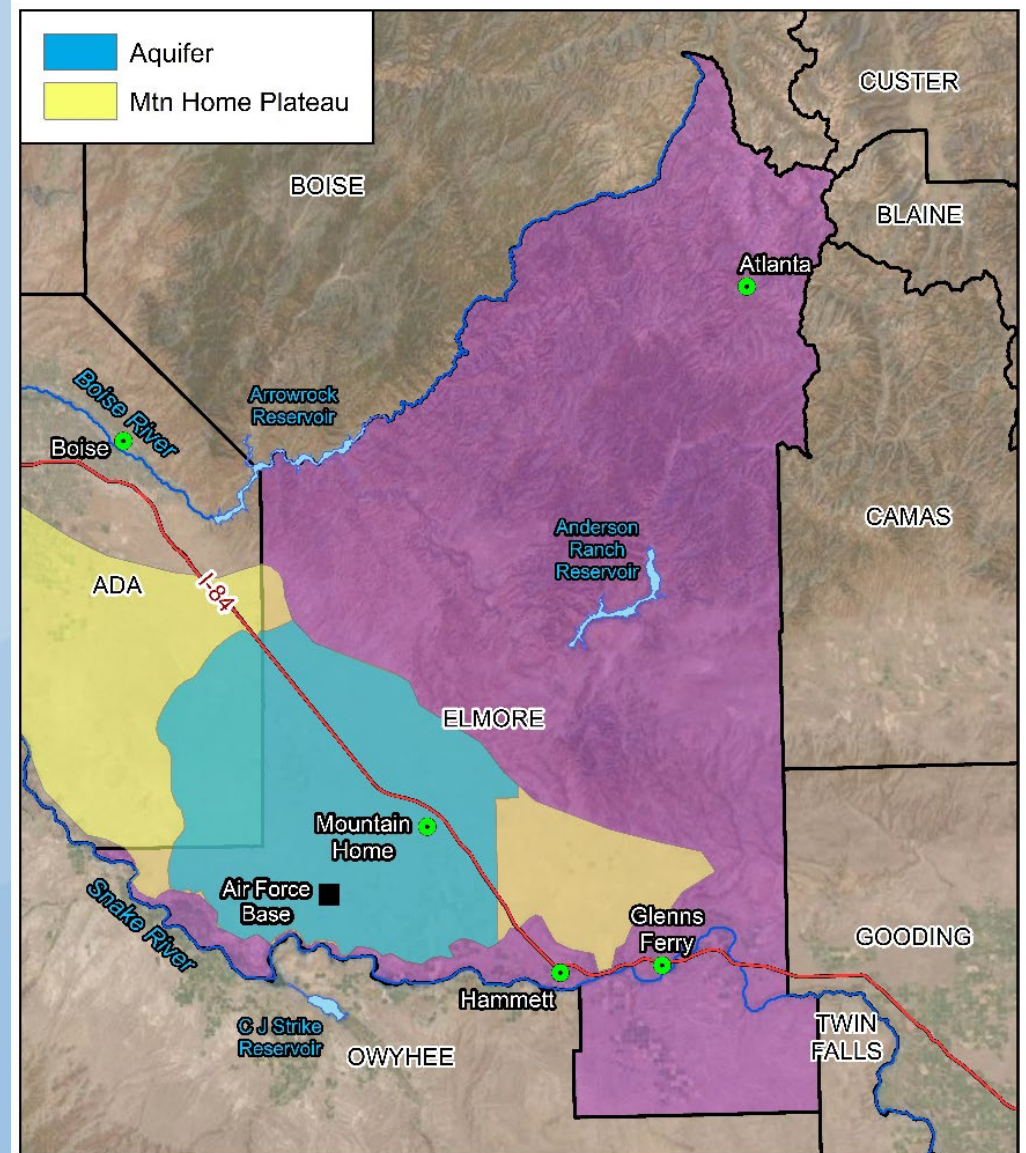
Profile of Elmore County

- Location/geography
- Population: 28,827 (13th of 44 counties)
- Largest city: Mountain Home (pop. 16,235)
 - Provides critical support/services for MHAFB
- Area: 3,101 sq. mi. (6th of 44 counties)
- Economic output (16th of 44 counties)
 - Agriculture
 - Mountain Home AFB
- Infrastructure
 - Interstate 84
 - Railroad

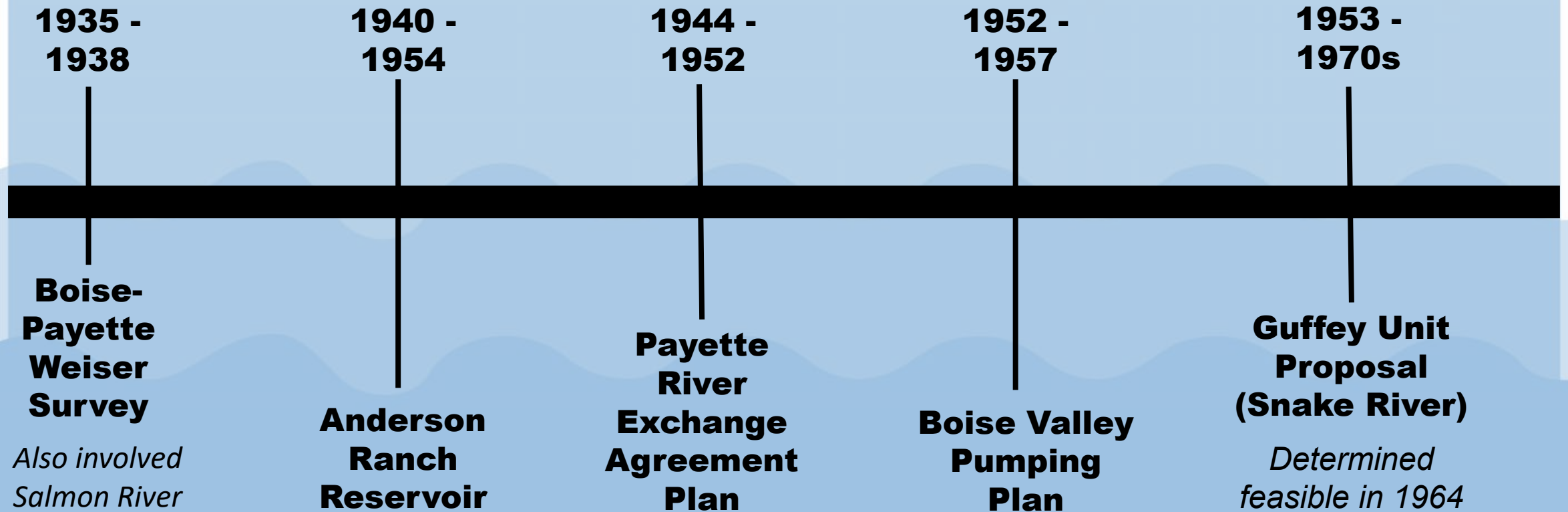


Surface Water

- Arrowrock / Anderson Ranch Reservoirs
 - Water originates in Elmore County
 - Reservoirs mostly reside in Elmore County
 - Designated for use in Treasure Valley
- Mountain Home Irrigation District
 - 4,000 acres
 - Canyon Creek, Little Camas Reservoir, Long Tom Reservoir, Mountain Home Reservoir
 - Variable supply
- Bennett Creek, Cold Springs Creek, Little Canyon Creek, etc.
 - 15,000 acres
 - Seasonal, unreliable supply
- Snake River
 - 33,000 acres
 - Reliable supply
 - Moratorium



BOR Investigations Over the Years



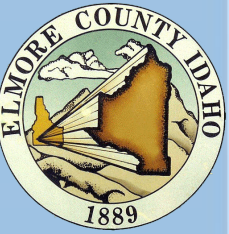
* Several other federal and community-led projects have been proposed back to the early 1900s.

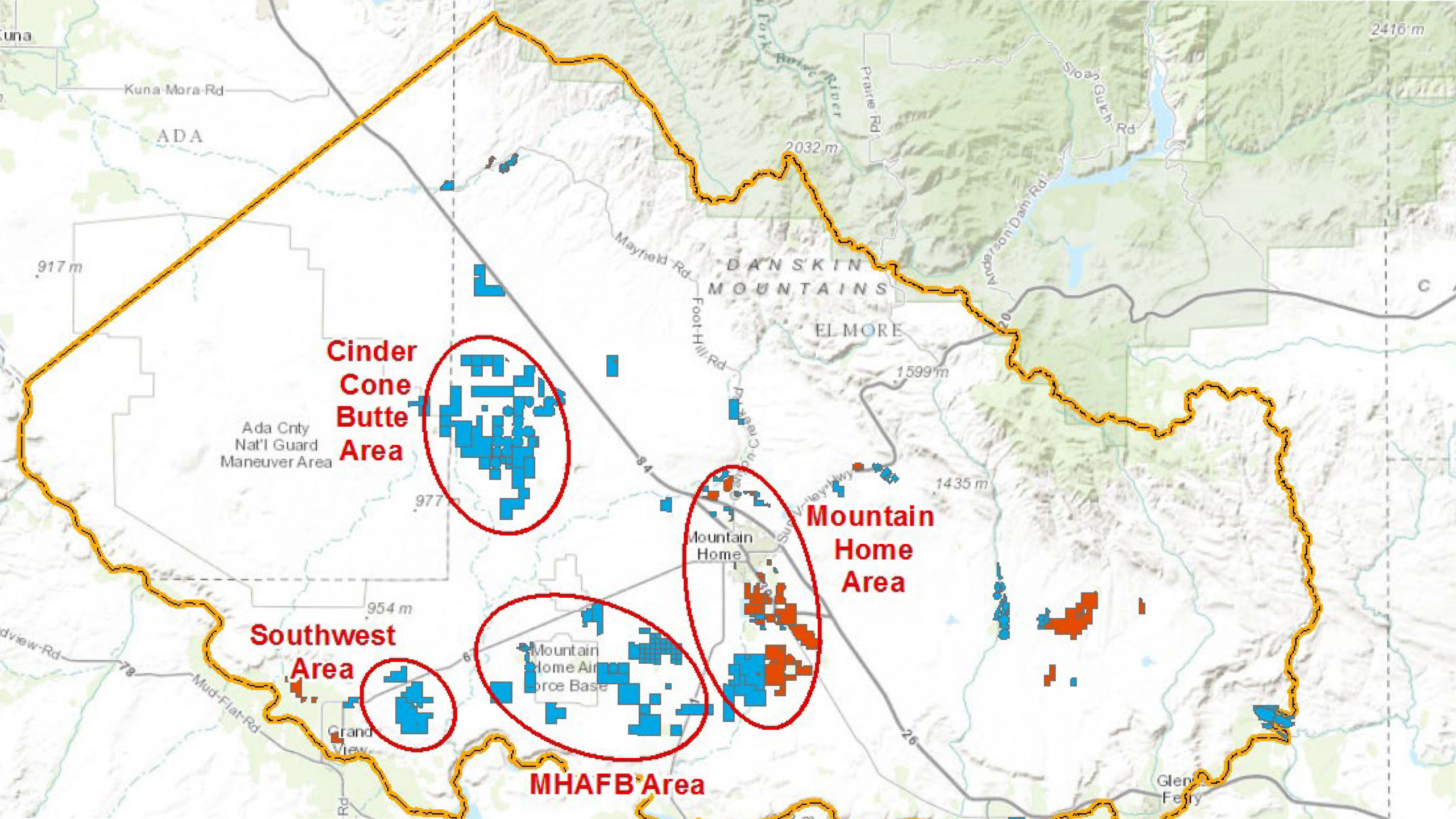
** Timeline not to scale.



Groundwater Uses

- Municipal and domestic supply for Mountain Home Plateau
 - Including City of Mountain Home
 - Historically, including the MHAFB
- 18,000 acres primary irrigation
- 8,000 acres supplemental irrigation
- 80,000 acre-feet total annual use





Groundwater Deficit

Annual 40,000 af deficit

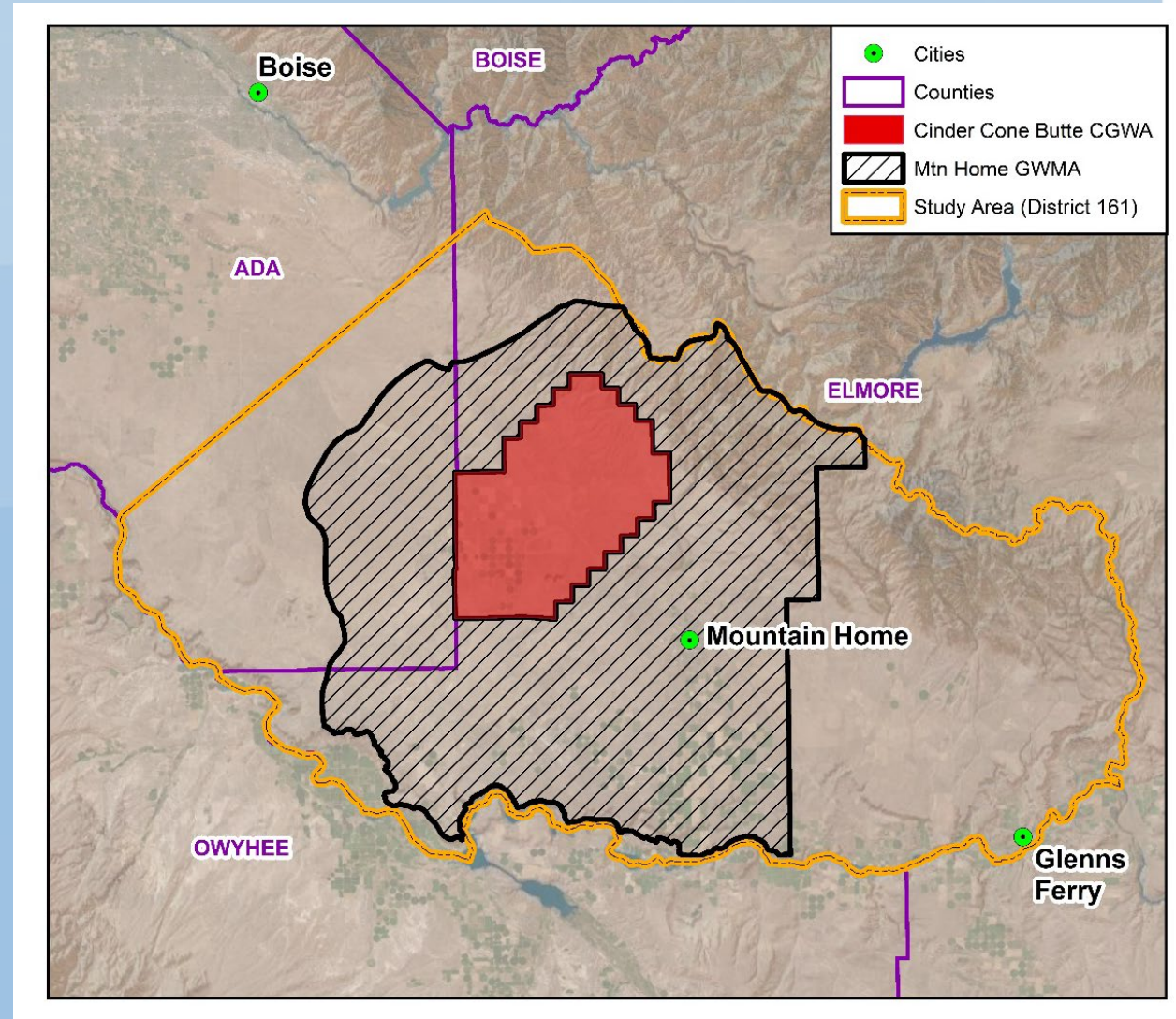
80,000 af pumped

40,000 af natural recharge

Varies by area

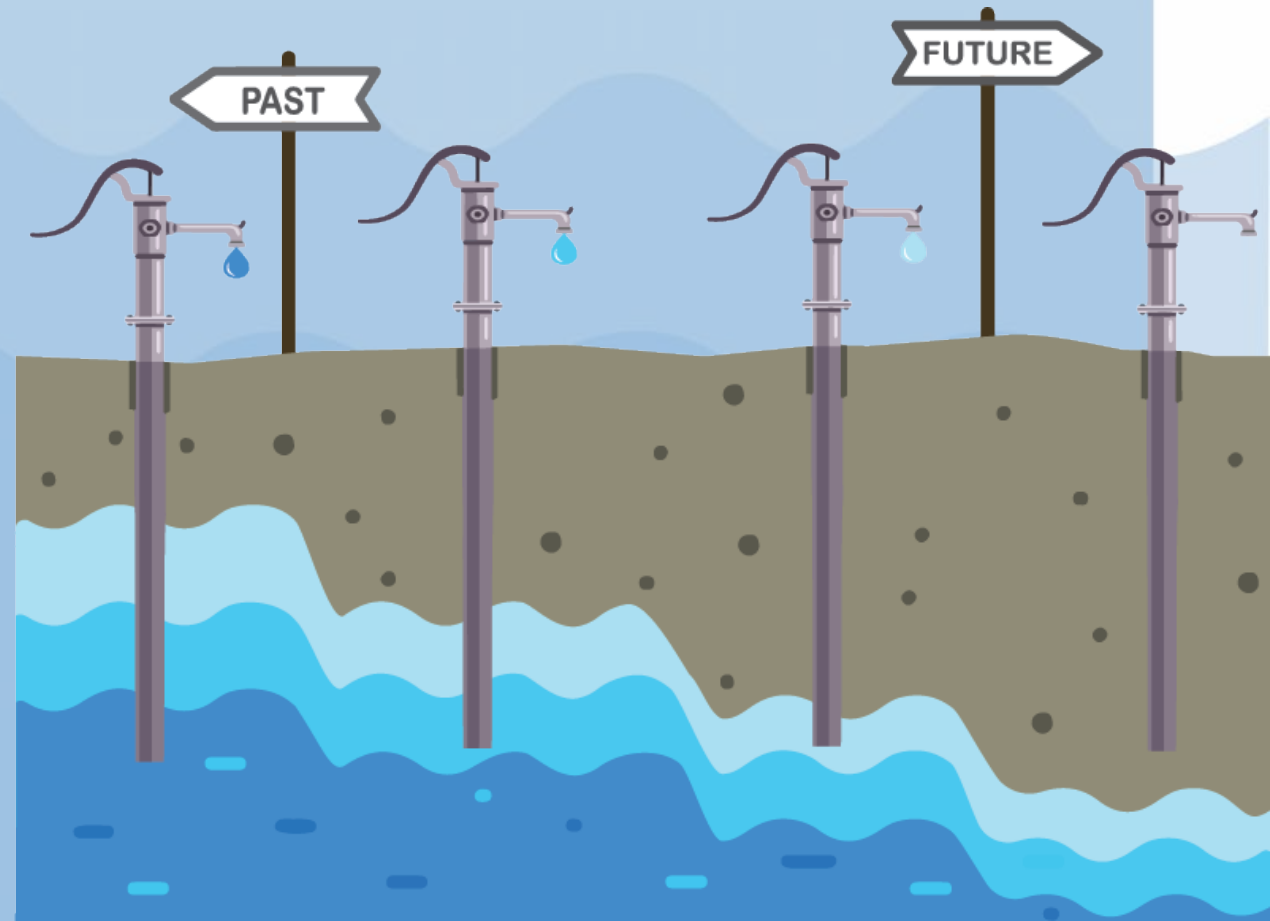
- 100 to 200 feet at Cinder Cone Butte CGWA
- Mountain Home GWMA
 - 75 to 100 feet south of Mountain Home
 - 70 to 90 feet at MHAFB
- No decline north of Mountain Home or near Mayfield

(af = acre-foot)

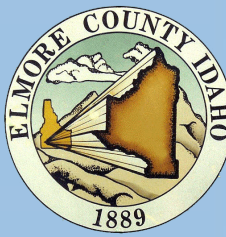
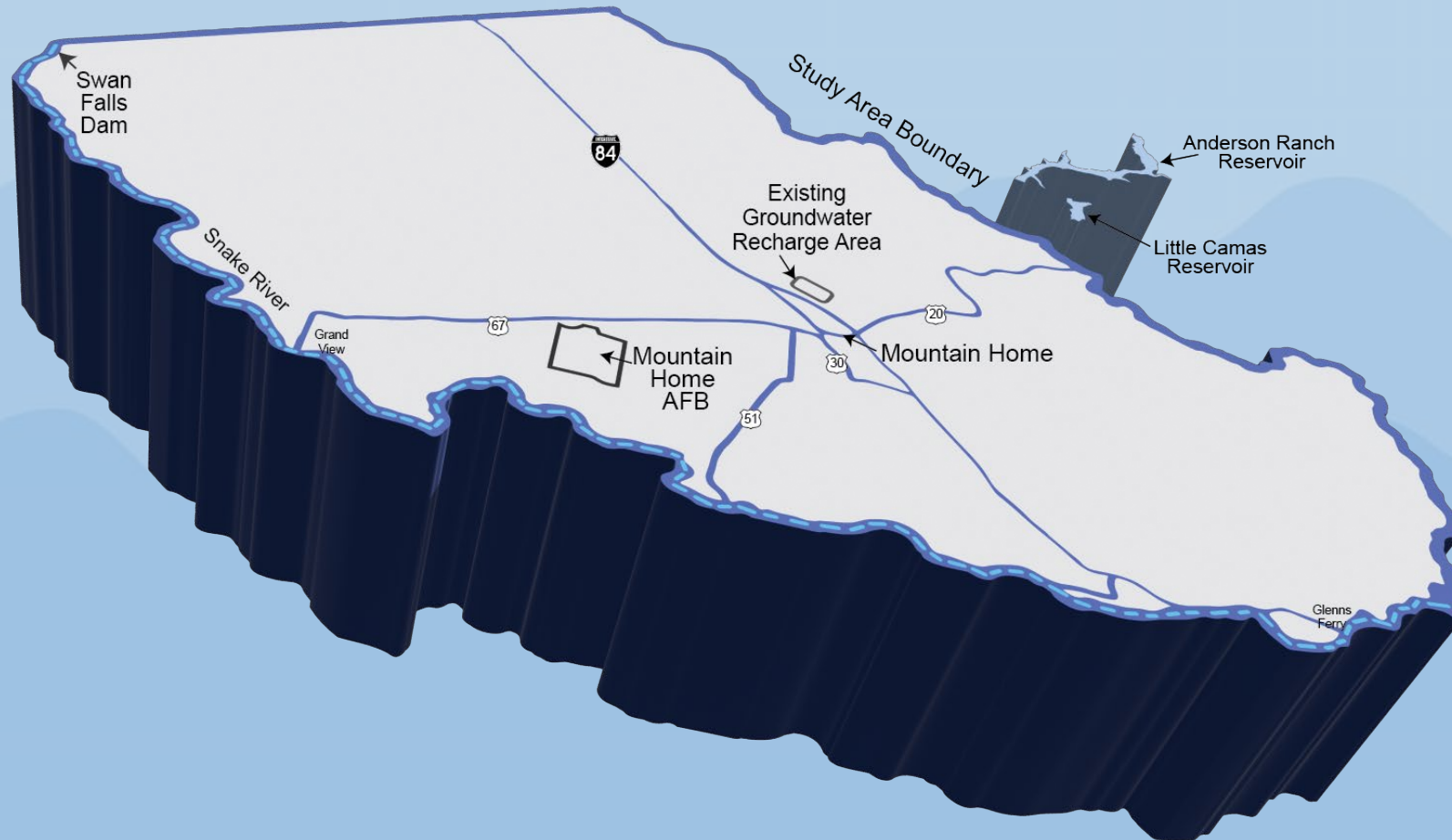


Impacts to Elmore County

- Wells have to go deeper
 - Increased drilling costs
 - Increased power costs
- Conditions for delivery call
- MHAFB at risk
- Limits economic opportunities



2017 Water Supply Alternatives Study (County & IWRB Funded)



Canyon Creek Aquifer Recharge

- 200 cfs water right permit
- Facilities completed in 2019
 - Joint IWRB/County funding
 - Headgates, weirs, flow recorders
 - Use three existing gravel pits as recharge sites
- Recharge thus far
 - 2017: 4,460 AF (est.)
 - 2019: 1,403 AF
 - 2023: 912 AF

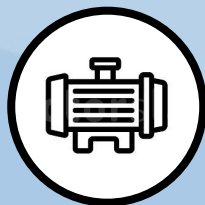


SFBR Project

- Pump Station and Pipeline from Anderson Ranch Reservoir to Little Camas Reservoir
- Permit approved for 200 cfs of floodwater for irrigation, recharge
- Canyon Creek Recharge facilities would be utilized
- More info:
<https://www.sfbrdiversion.com/>



SFBR Project Current Actions



Preliminary
Design



Pre-NEPA
Fieldwork and
Studies



Community
Outreach and
Education

SFBR Project 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 AIG Application Submitted*)
 - Formally initiate NEPA
 - Pursue additional water procurement
 - Develop financial and operational plans for the Project
 - Preliminary cost estimate: \$30 to \$40 million



Other Efforts

- Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Supply Project (IWRB/USAF)
- MHP groundwater model development (IWRB/IDWR/USGS)
- Anderson Dam raise (IWRB/BOR)
 - Only Boise Project reservoir County can access
 - Could make water available to County's SFBR Project for longer period
 - Access to storage would substantially reduce cost of SFBR Project
- Snake River Pump Station & Pipeline (Elmore County)
 - Application for 20 cfs filed with IDWR in 2017
 - Municipal use within City of Mountain Home system
 - Irrigation – replacement of GW withdrawals
 - Recharge
 - All protests resolved
- MHID Canal improvements (MHID, County, AIG app pending w/ IWRB)

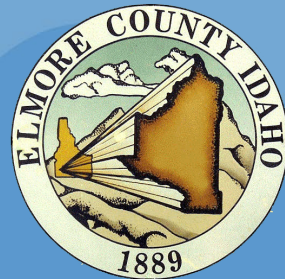


Summary

- Reliable water supplies are needed to sustain the economy of the Mountain Home Plateau
- Water supplies are available from South Fork Boise River and Snake River sources
- The State of Idaho and Elmore County are working on projects to address water supply deficiencies
- Projects support viability of the Mountain Home metropolitan area, a vital support to the Mountain Home AFB
- Continued local, state, and federal support is needed



Thank You



Coalition of Cities' Views Of Conjunctive Administration

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Topics for Conversation

- **Who We Are**
- **Pertinent Administrative Actions**
- **2018 Cities Settlement Agreement**
- **Opportunities**

Who We Are

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- **Coalition of Cities**
 - Bliss, Burley, Carey, Declo, Dietrich, Gooding, Hazelton, Heyburn, Jerome, Paul, Richfield, Rupert, Shoshone, and Wendell
- **Idaho Falls**
- **Pocatello**

Comparative Cities Pumping Volume

- **Average Annual ESPA Irrigation Pumping**
 - ~ 1,700,000 acre-feet
- **Average Annual ESPA Cities Pumping (2018-2022)**
 - ~ 85,000 acre-feet
 - ~ 4% of total ESPA pumping

Pertinent Administrative Actions

SWC Delivery Call

- **1994**
 - **Musser delivery call**
- **1995**
 - **Conjunctive Management Rules promulgated**
 - **Process and procedure to establish material injury to water rights with nearly twenty years of decisions**
- **2005 SWC Delivery Call**
 - **Predicted material injury in some years**
 - **Litigation ensued**
- **2015**
 - **Based on court decisions, Director found increased material injury to SWC in years when injury predicted**

ESPA Ground Water Management Area

- **November 2, 2016**
 - **ESPA GWMA designated by the Director**
 - **Injury to the aquifer every year, regardless of SWC irrigation needs**
 - **Fundamentally different from conjunctive administration when material injury must be found to water rights**
 - **Uncertainty led Cities to negotiate and enter into a settlement agreement with SWC and IGWA**

Wood River Curtailment

- **June 28, 2021, *Final Order***
 - Director's first use of Idaho Code 42-237a.g. to initiate and order curtailment
- **February 10, 2022, *Memorandum Decision and Order***
 - Director may use I.C. § 42-237a.g. to initiate a hearing
 - The *Final Order* does not comply with Idaho's prior appropriation doctrine
 - CM Rules establish definitions, process, and procedures for determining "material injury to senior water rights" in an "area of common ground water supply"
- **August 25, 2023**
 - IDWR's appeal will be heard by Idaho Supreme Court

2018 Cities Settlement Agreement

Terms

- **Commitment to “aquifer enhancement”**
 - **7,650 afy of recharge on on a 5-year running average**
- **Duration**
 - **35 years or 120,000 af total municipal pumping, whichever is first**
- **All ESPA cities may participate**
- **Safe harbor from delivery calls for participating cities**
- **Support IWRB managed recharge**
- **Withdraw opposition to ESPA GWMA**
- **Seat at the table for ESPA GWMA Management Plan**

Opportunities

Opportunities

- **Form of Administration Should be Predictable**
 - **CM Rules, GWMA's, I.C. § 42-237a.g., or something else?**
- **Domestic Exception and Fundamental Fairness**
 - **In-home use within the city v. *deminimis* well use**
- **WD01 Rental Pool Rules “Last to Fill”**
- **Ability to Have Mitigation Plans Approved Prior to Administration**
- **Hearing Schedules**

QUESTIONS?

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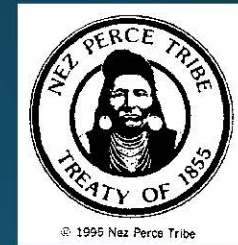
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Veolia Presentation

LEWISTON ORCHARDS PROJECT
Water Exchange and Title Transfer
From Litigation to Resolution

2023 Governor's Water Summit

A collaborative, consensus-based effort...



... with the support and involvement of many partners ...

- **Active Participants**

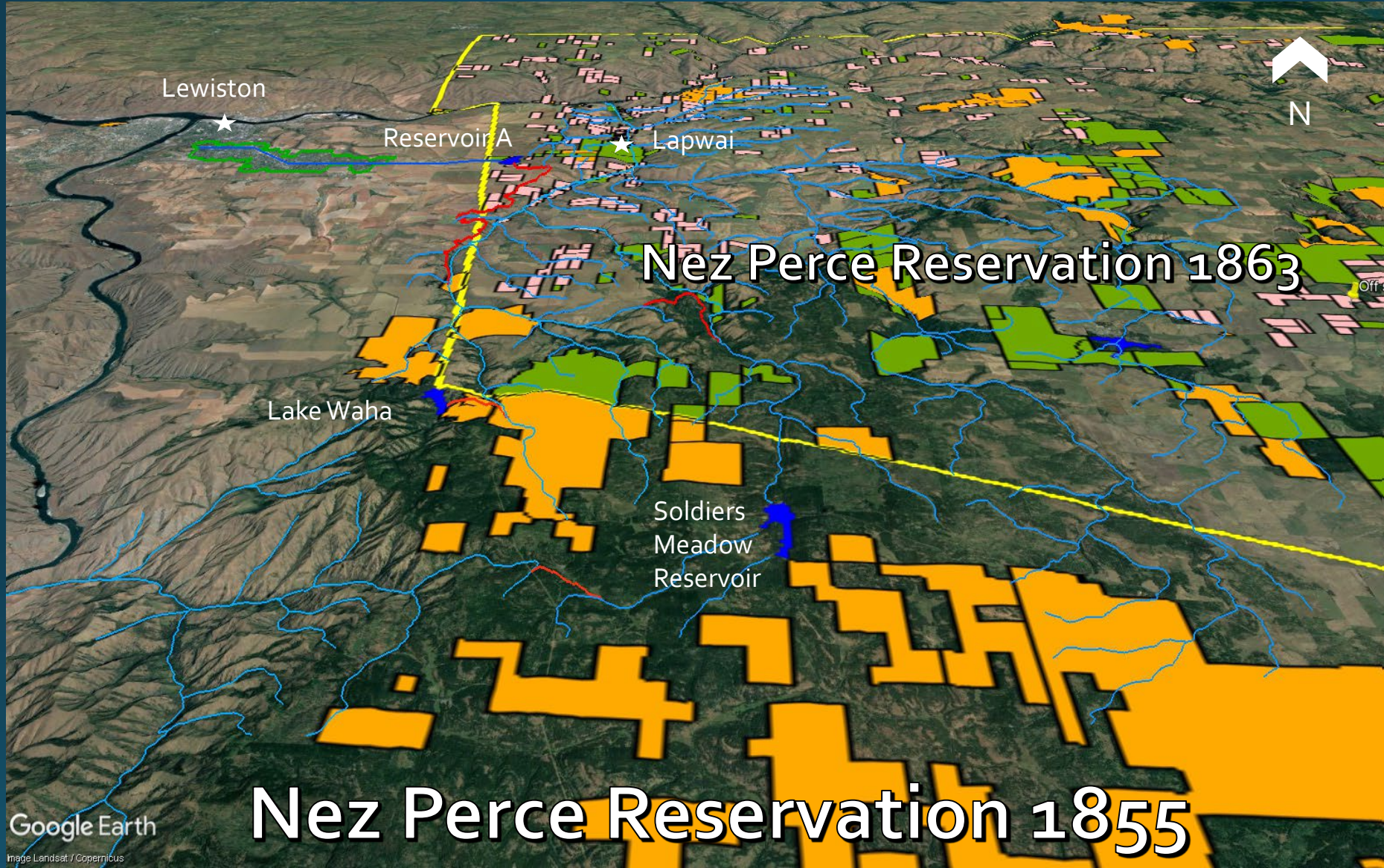
- Senator Crapo
- Senator Risch
- Congressman Fulcher
- Congressman Simpson

- **Formal letters of support for concept**

- Idaho Water Users Assoc
- University of Idaho Waters of the West Program
- NOAA Fisheries Northwest Region
- Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Trout Unlimited







Lewiston

Reservoir A

Lapwai

Nez Perce Reservation 1863

Lake Waha

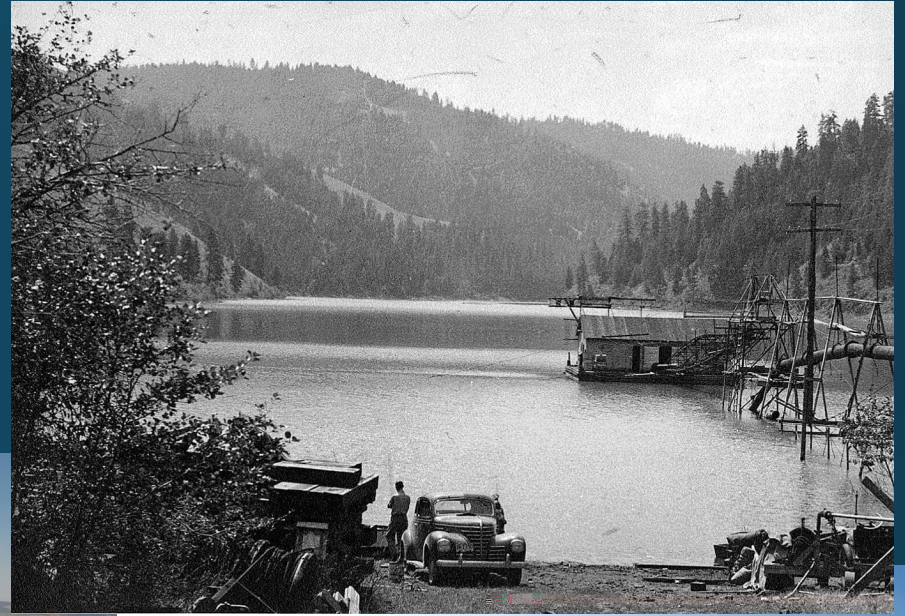
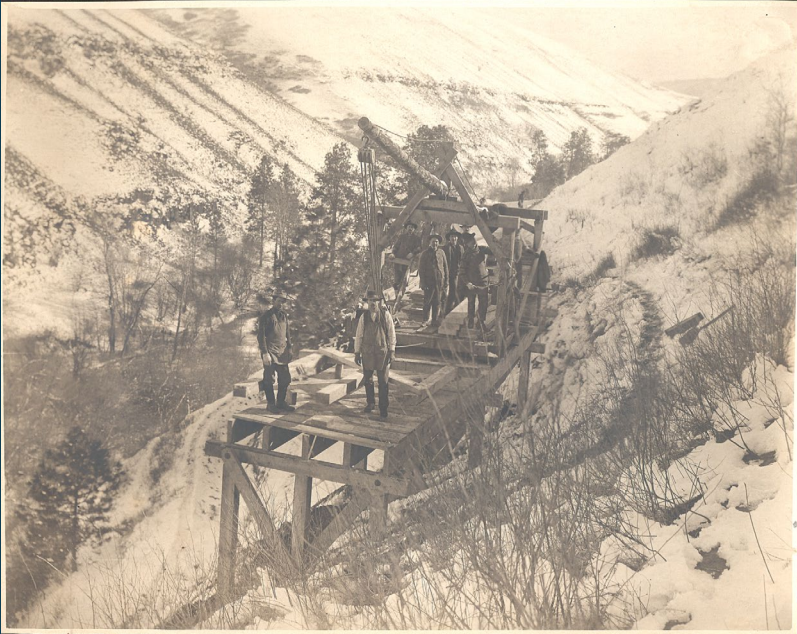
Soldiers
Meadow
Reservoir

Nez Perce Reservation 1855

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Image Landsat / Copernicus

The litigation



OBJECTIVES

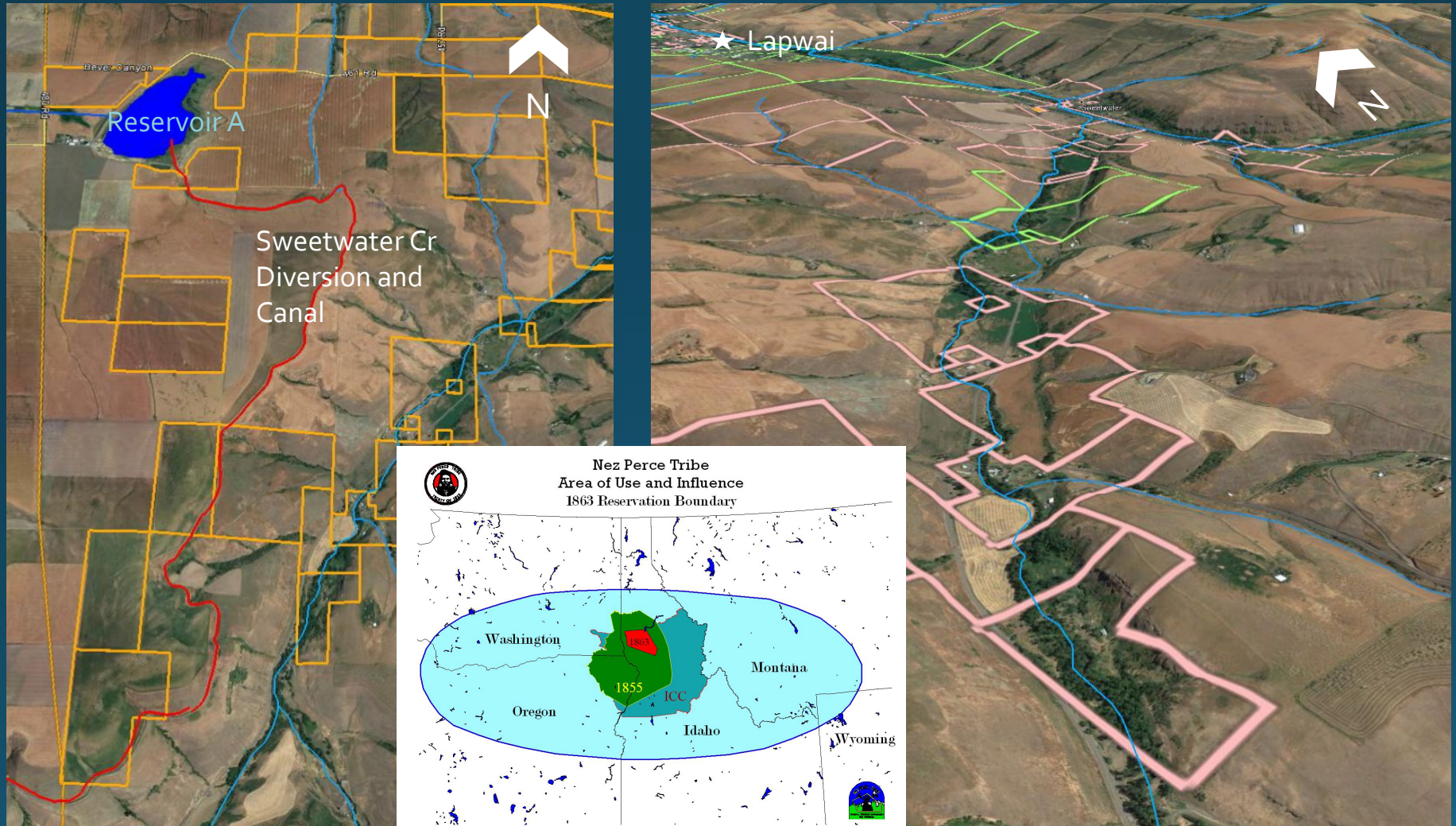
Permanently solve 3 long-standing problems with existing Lewiston Orchards Project

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- (2) Adverse effects on the Nez Perce Tribe and their people, including impacts to natural resources and to cultural and religious water uses, resulting from predominant location of the LOP on the Nez Perce Reservation.
- (3) Adverse effects on ESA listed Snake River A-run steelhead from the existing LOP and its location on ESA-designated critical habitat.

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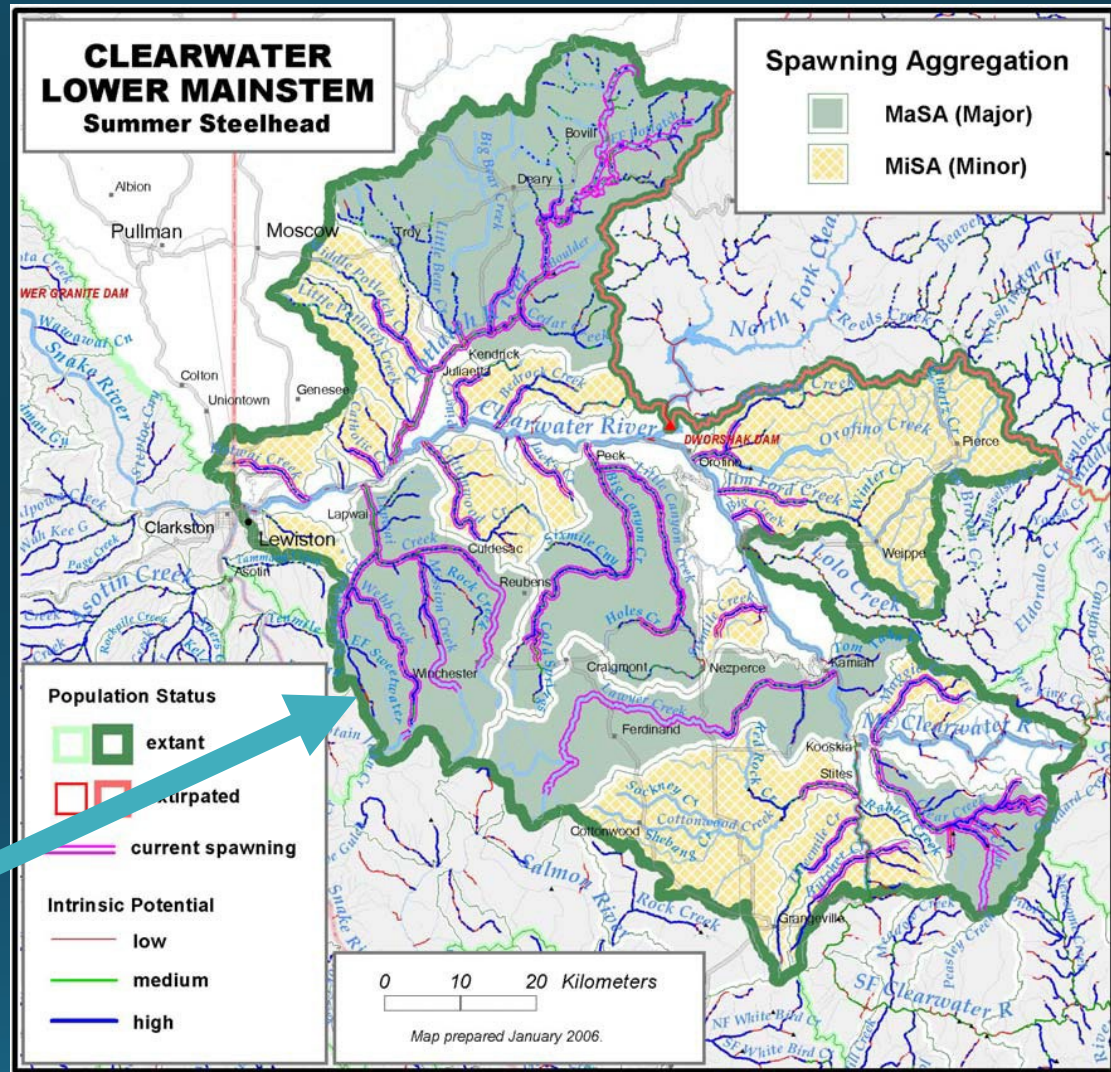
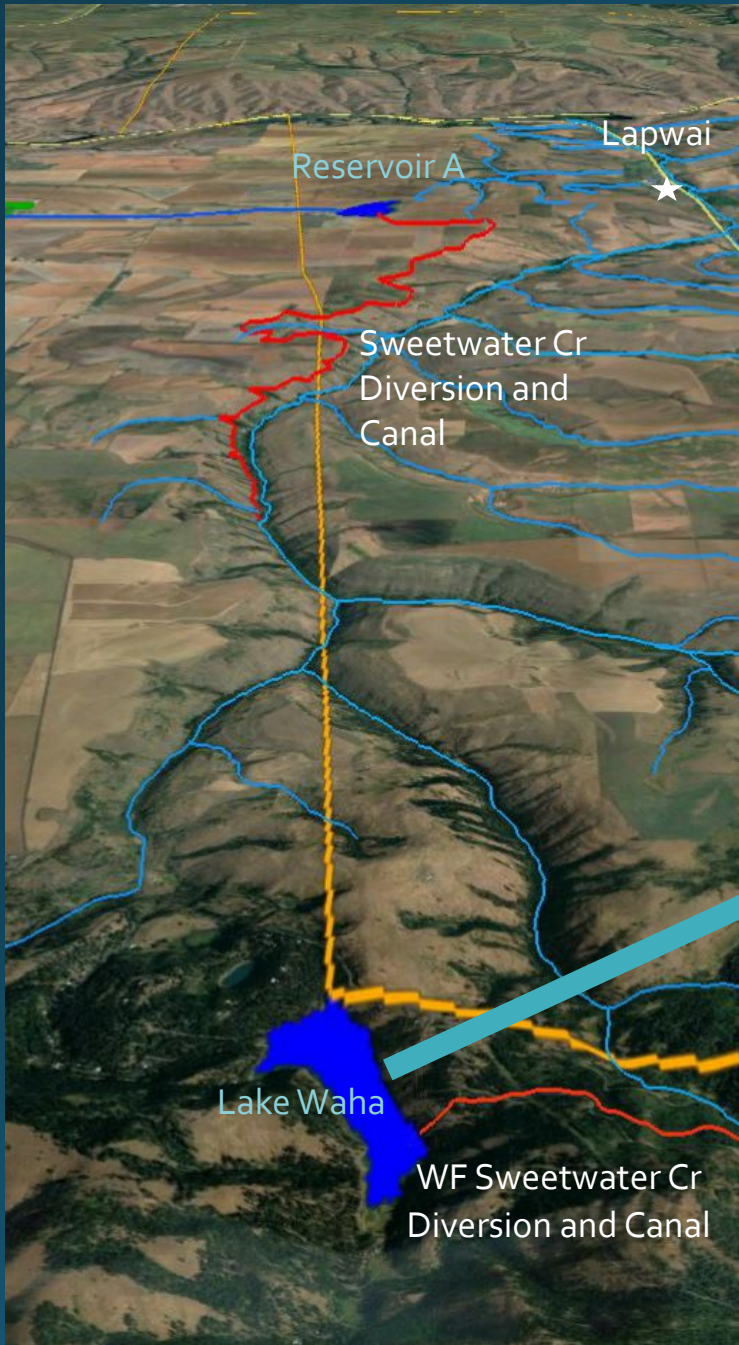
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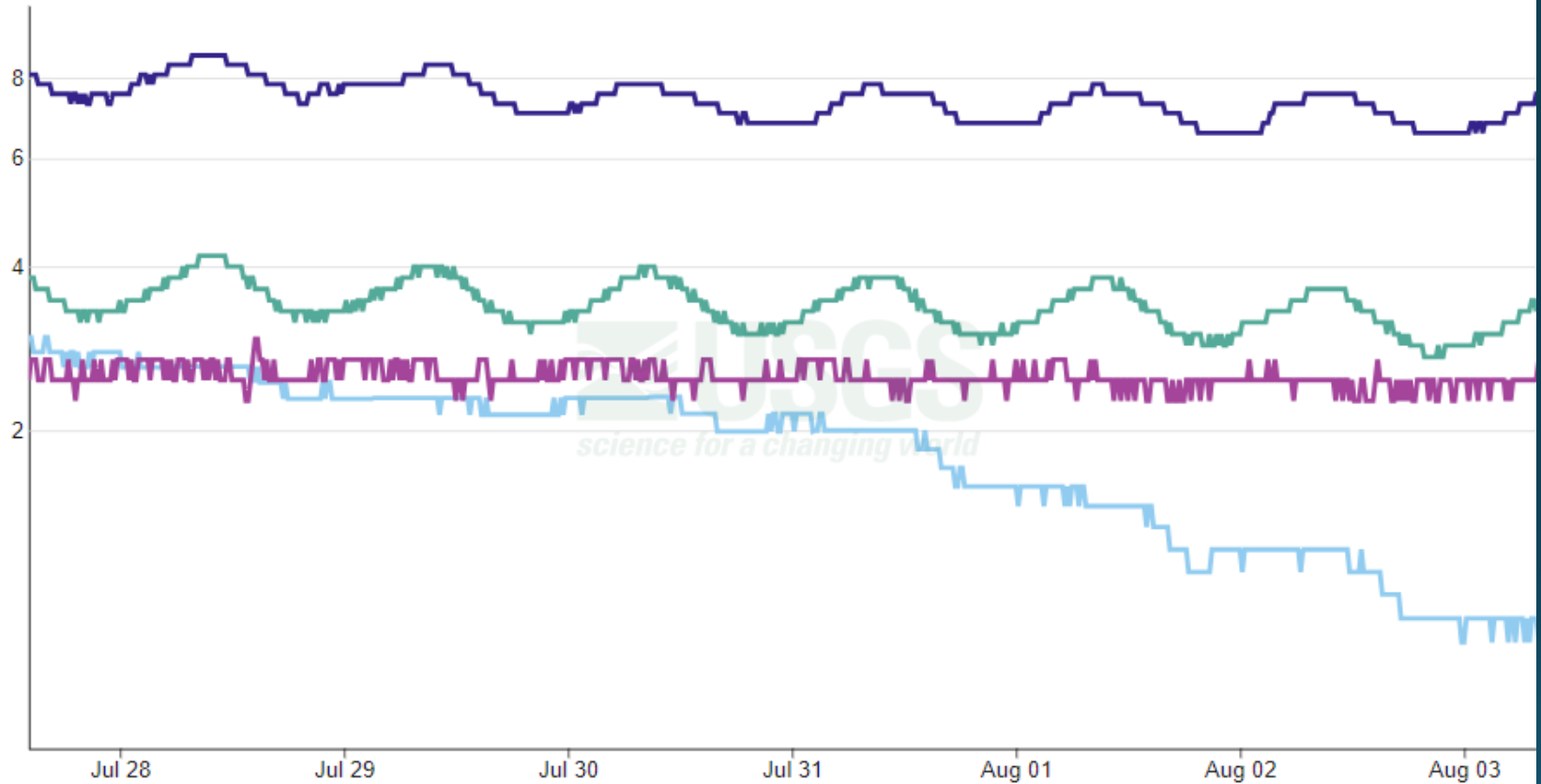
Spawn Year	Lapwai Total	Lapwai main-stem	Mission Creek	Sweetwater Creek
2010	636 (0.08)	408 (0.13)*	224 (0.2)	- (-)
2011	248 (0.1)	92 (0.3)	46 (0.42)	107 (0.26)
2012	- (-)	- (-)	60 (0.33)	123 (0.19)
2013	370 (0.08)	171 (0.17)	58 (0.34)	138 (0.2)
2014	374 (0.1)	108 (0.29)	115 (.25)	145 (0.23)
2015	679 (0.09)	305 (0.17)	208 (0.21)	160 (0.26)
2016	595 (0.07)	267 (0.15)	158 (0.22)	167 (0.2)
2017	233 (0.08)	115 (0.18)	63 (0.24)	53 (0.32)
2018	226 (0.09)	98 (0.18)	79 (0.2)	47 (0.3)
2019	176 (0.17)	92 (0.24)	54 (0.29)	30 (0.44)





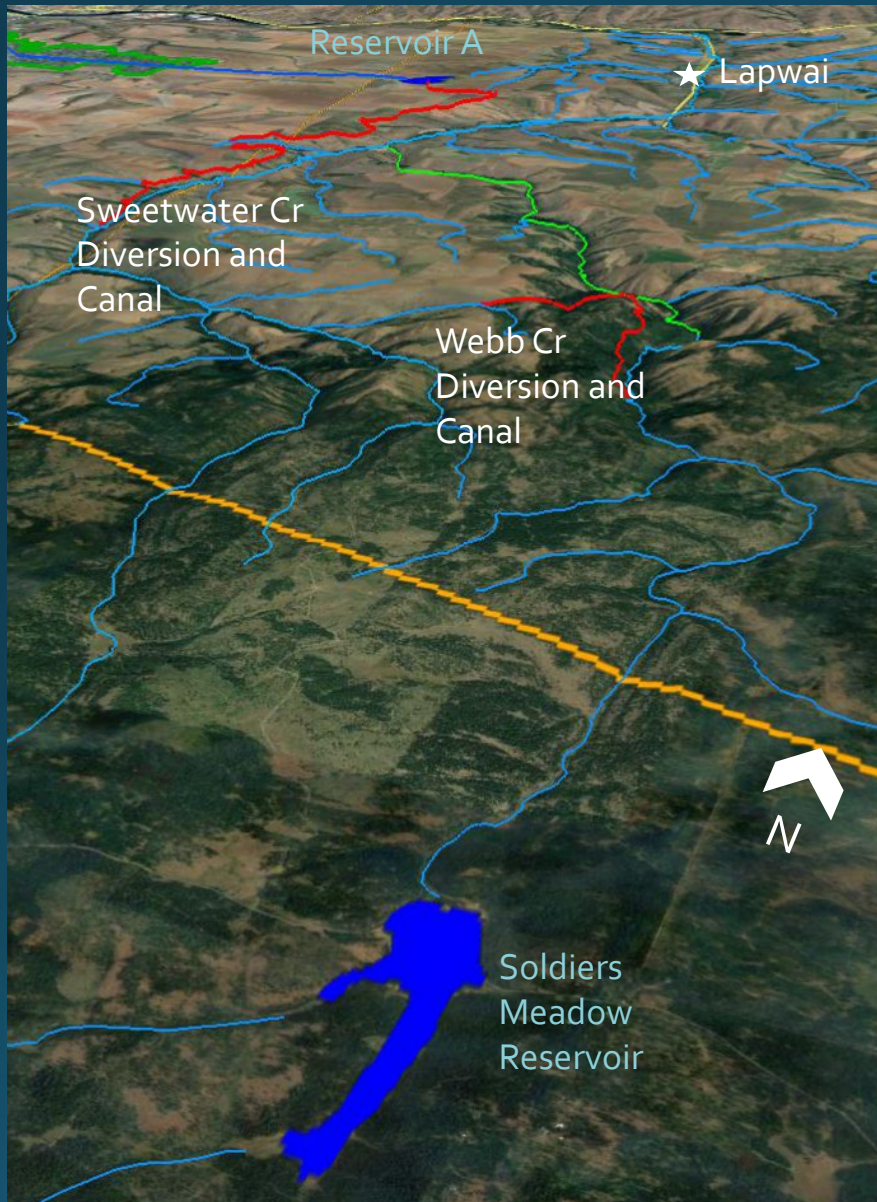
2023 Flows

July 27, 2023 - August 3, 2023
Discharge, cubic feet per second



- LAPWAI CREEK NR LAPWAI, ID - [13342450](#)
- POTLATCH RIVER BEL LITTLE POTLATCH CR NR SPALDING - [13341570](#)
- BIG CANYON CREEK NR PECK ID - [13341140](#)
- LAWYER CREEK AT KAMIAH ID - [13338950](#)

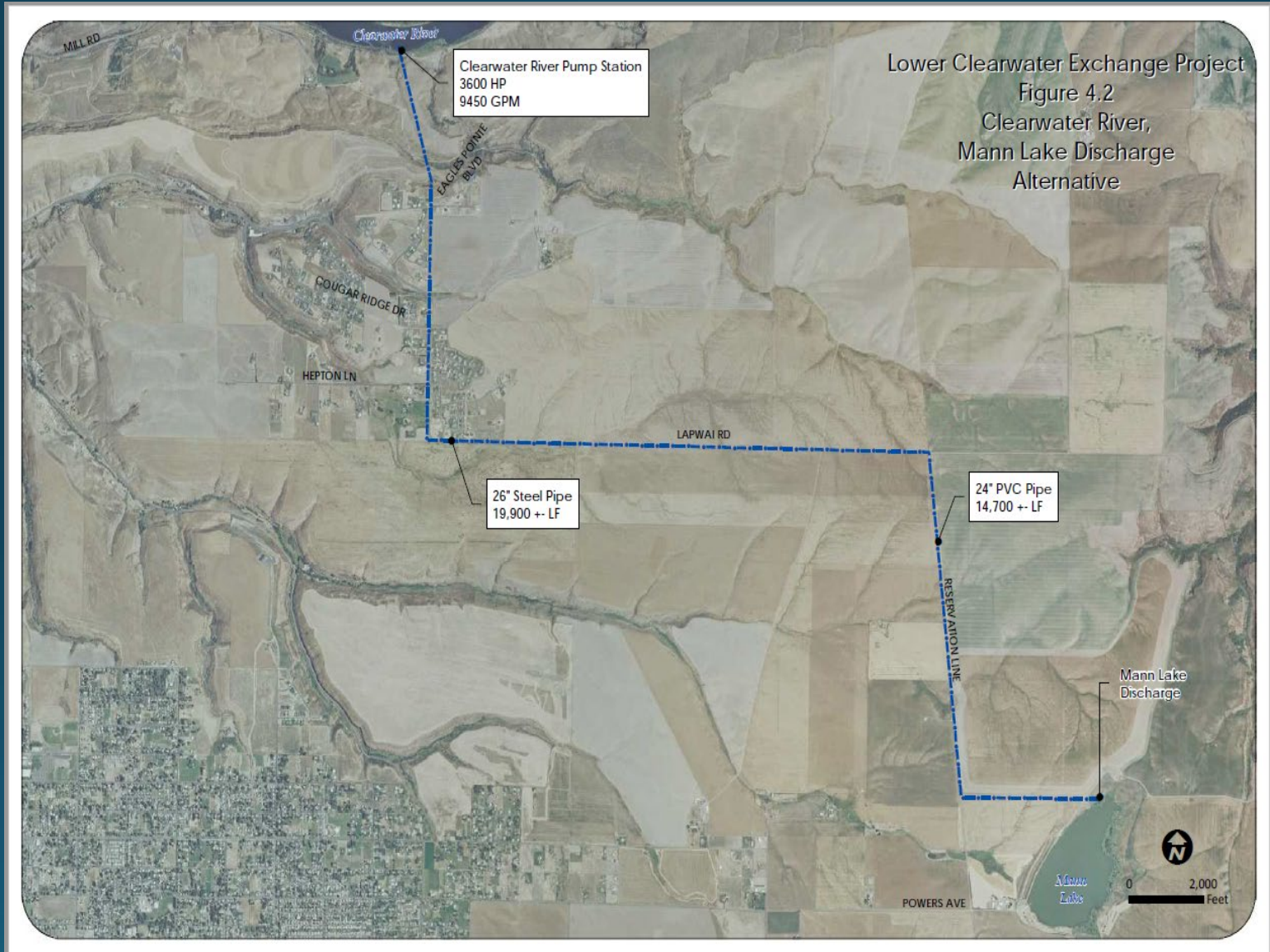
Webb Creek flow benefits



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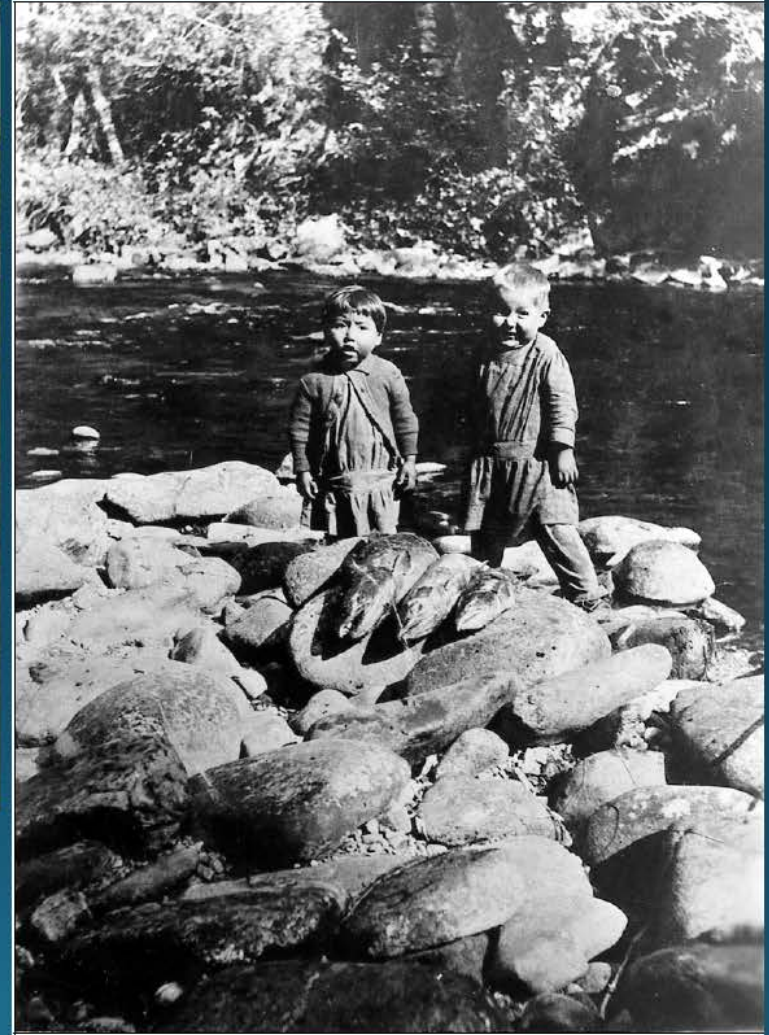
Key points moving forward

- Complete Title Transfer MOA which describes roles moving forward.
- Complete Title Transfer Agreement.
- Draft legislation.
- Determine long term legal protection of water rights.
- Funding to complete the project.

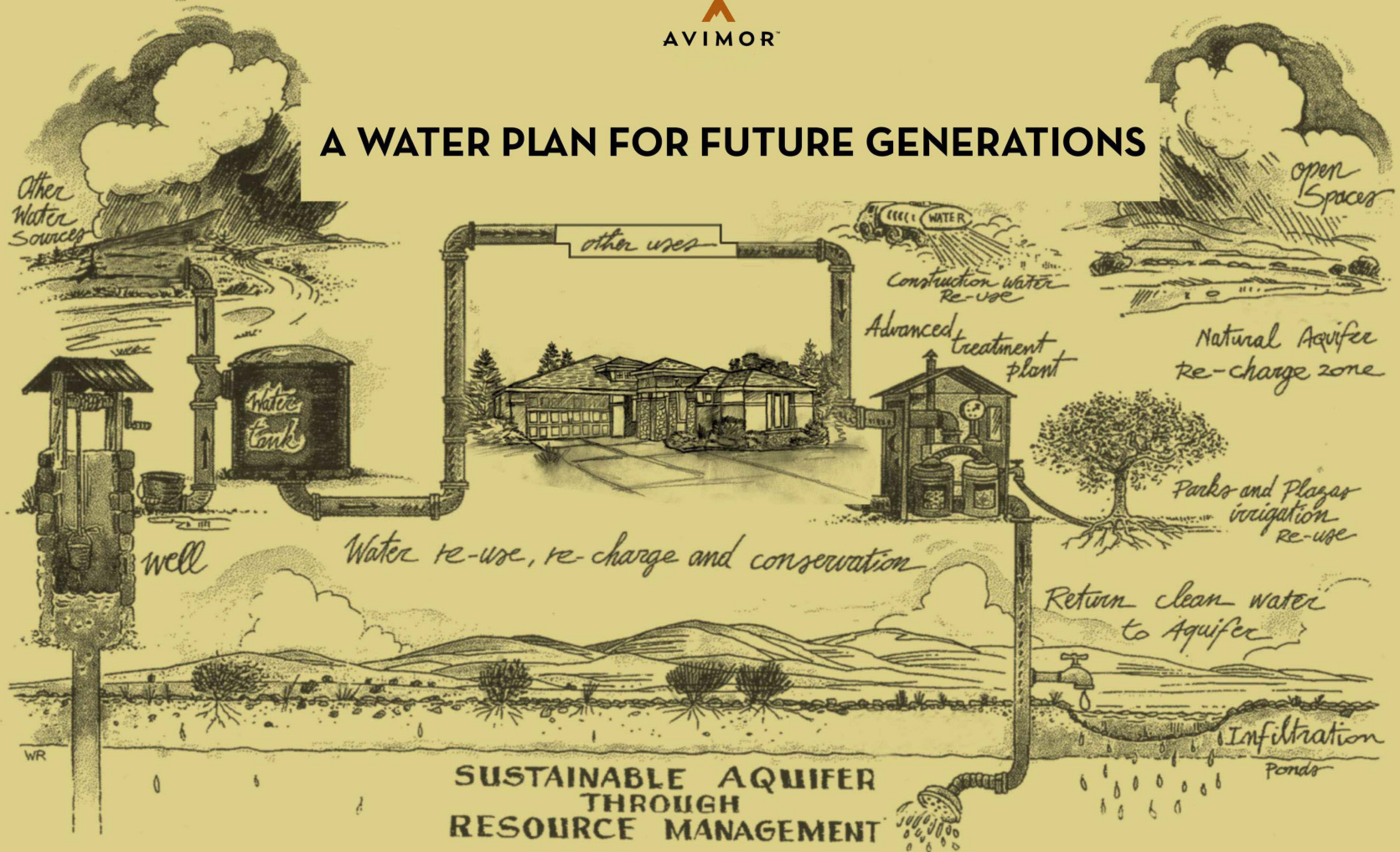
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- Ken Troyer and staff – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Questions



A WATER PLAN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



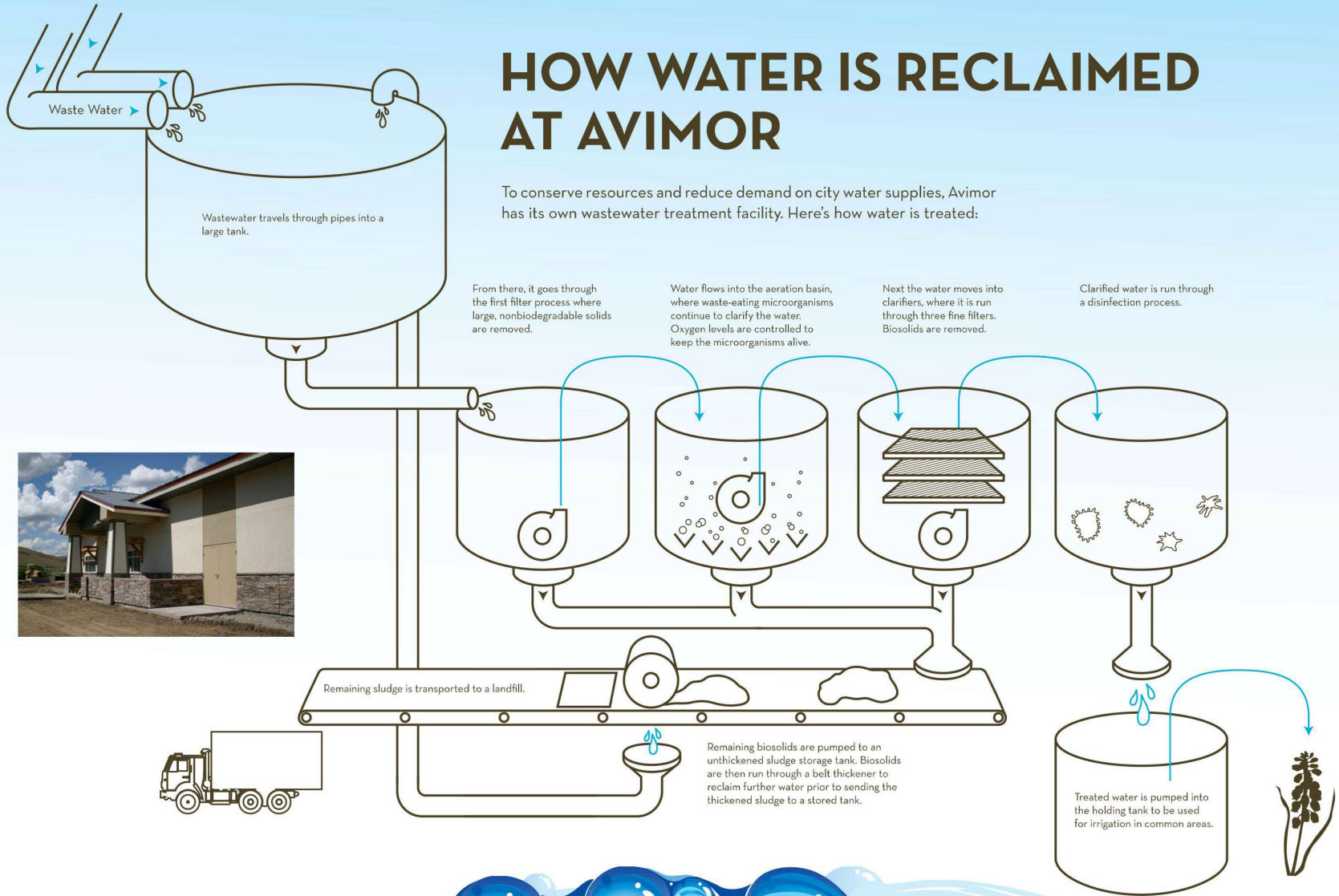
In Ada County, the average person uses 205 gallons of water per day, one of the highest averages in the country. At Avimor, conservation efforts will reduce the per-person average to just 100 gallons per day.

Irrigation demands account for 80% of a community's water usage. By collecting natural water, treating wastewater and storing it on site in an aquifer during the winter months, irrigation demands on outside water sources drop by more than 50%.

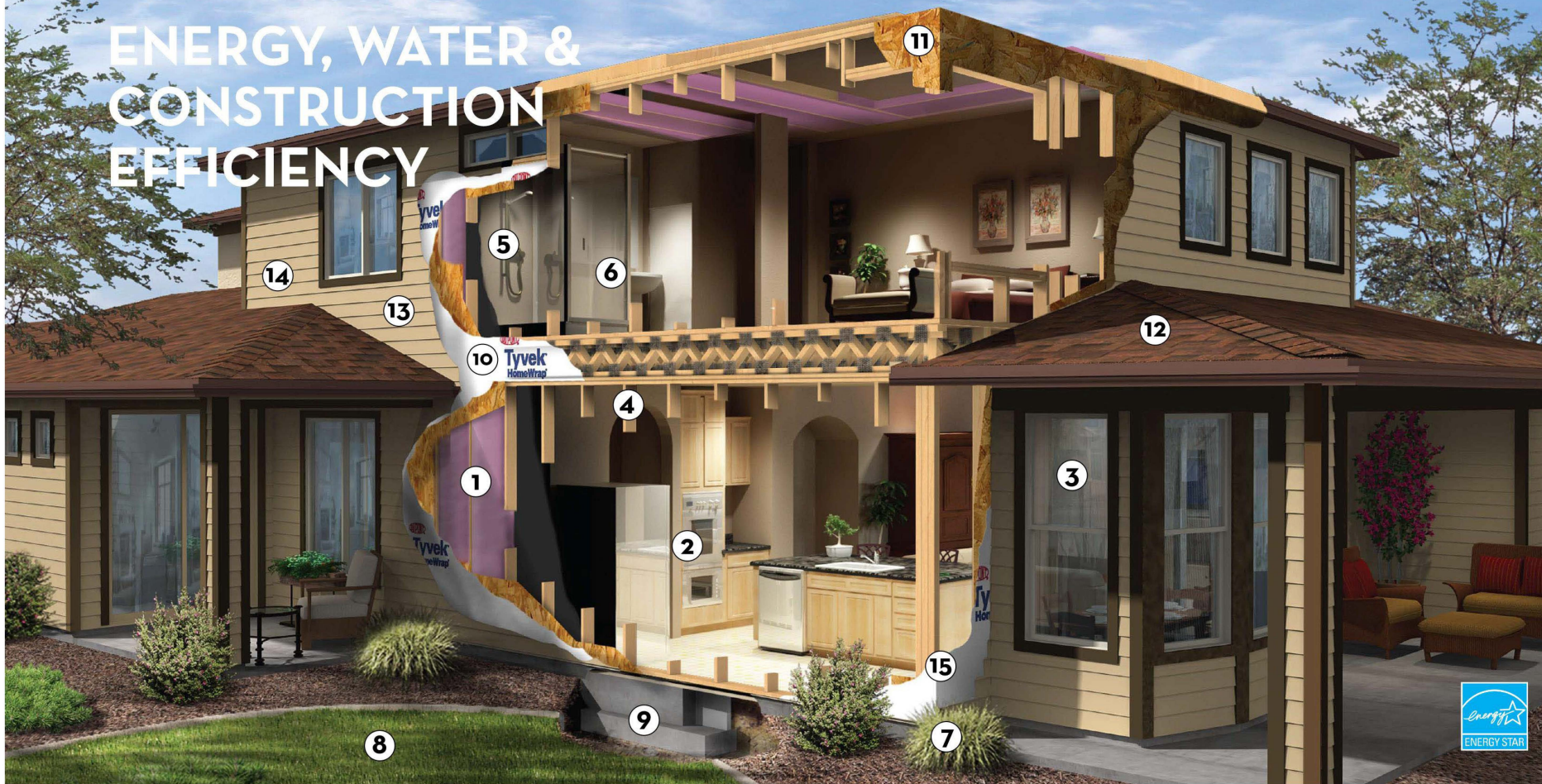
During the winter months when irrigation demands are low, reclaimed water will be stored in aquifers, also known as rapid infiltration ponds. When demands rise during the summer, the water will be pumped out and used to irrigate common areas.

HOW WATER IS RECLAIMED AT AVIMOR

To conserve resources and reduce demand on city water supplies, Avimor has its own wastewater treatment facility. Here's how water is treated:



ENERGY, WATER & CONSTRUCTION EFFICIENCY



ENERGY

- 1 Blown-in fiberglass insulation**
Blown-in insulation fills voids better, providing consistent coverage for greater comfort and energy savings.
- 2 Energy Star appliances**
All appliances that come with Avimor homes are Energy Star rated for energy efficiency.
- 3 Vinyl low-E windows**
Double pane, vinyl low-E windows keep your energy costs low and block out the harmful rays that can cause furnishings to fade in color.
- 4 2" x 6" construction**
Thicker exterior walls mean more room for insulation and greater resistance to thermal transfer in summer and winter.

WATER

- 5 Hot water recirculation pump**
This pump drastically reduces the time it takes for hot water to reach your faucet or showerhead, saving thousands of gallons per year.
- 6 Low-flow plumbing fixtures**
These next-generation low-flow fixtures perform beautifully while keeping utility bills low.
- 7 Drought-resistant plants**
Drought-resistant plants reduce irrigation demands and provide beautiful, natural landscaping.
- 8 Efficient use of turf**
Strategic turf placement reduces water use.

CONSTRUCTION

- 9 Slab on grade**
Structurally superior, this type of foundation also eliminates the need for a crawl space that can be vulnerable to mold growth.
- 10 Tyvek vapor barrier**
This innovative material prevents moisture from infiltrating exterior walls yet is breathable so moisture within walls can escape.
- 11 Fully "skinned" framing**
Full sheathing with oriented strand board (OSB) adds significant structural integrity and resistance to sheering forces.
- 12 Lifetime architectural shingles**
With a lifetime warranty and a Class A fire rating, these shingles look great and help protect your home against both weather and wildfires.
- 13 Maintenance-free stucco**
Acrylic stucco provides all the beauty of traditional stucco finishes, without the maintenance and repair issues.
- 14 Fiber cement siding**
Far superior to pressboard siding, fiber cement siding resists water, mold, insects, even fire.
- 15 Minimal construction waste**
Careful planning and recycling leads to just 5% construction waste, and that number is expected to drop as more conservation measures are put into place.

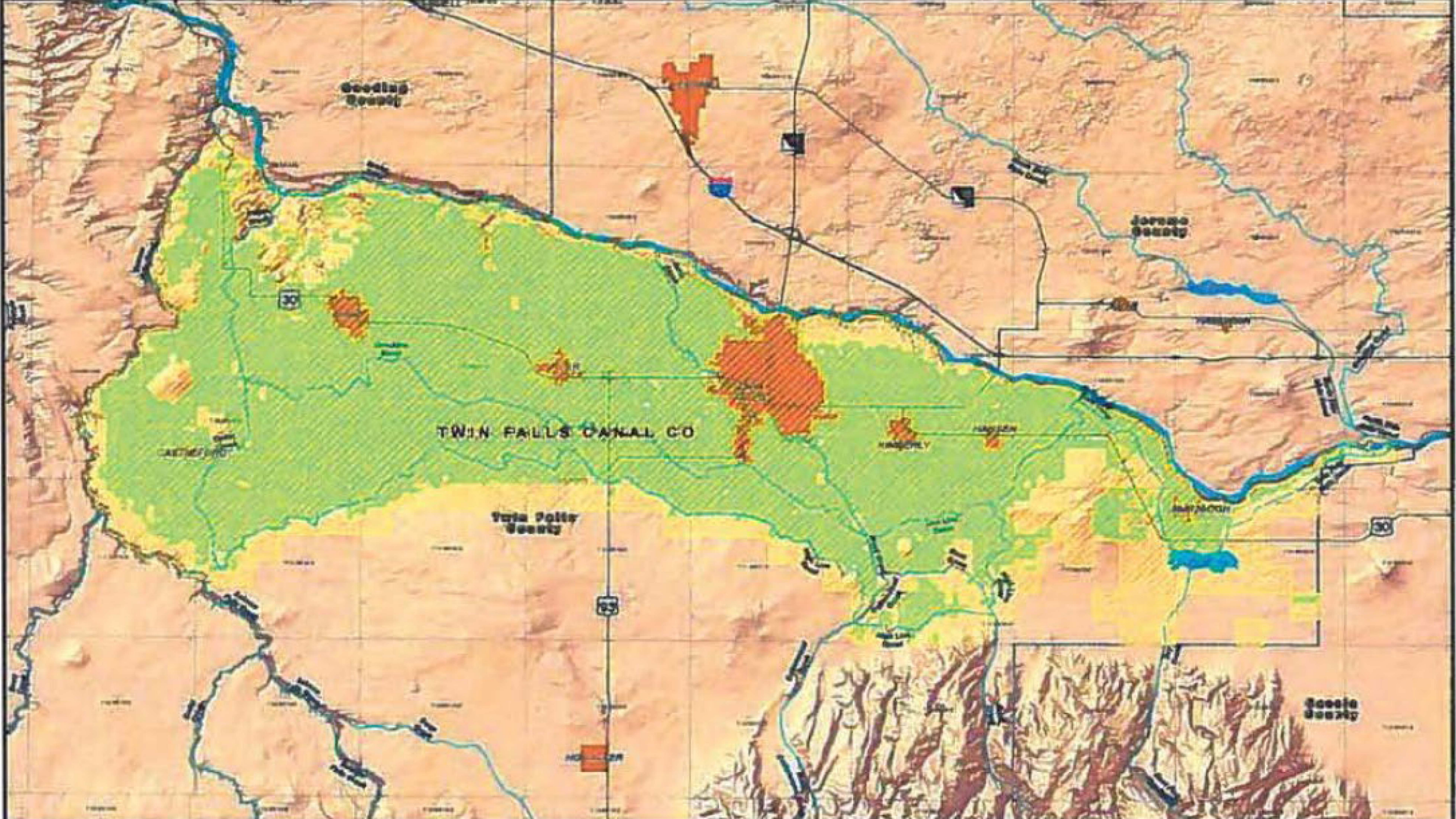




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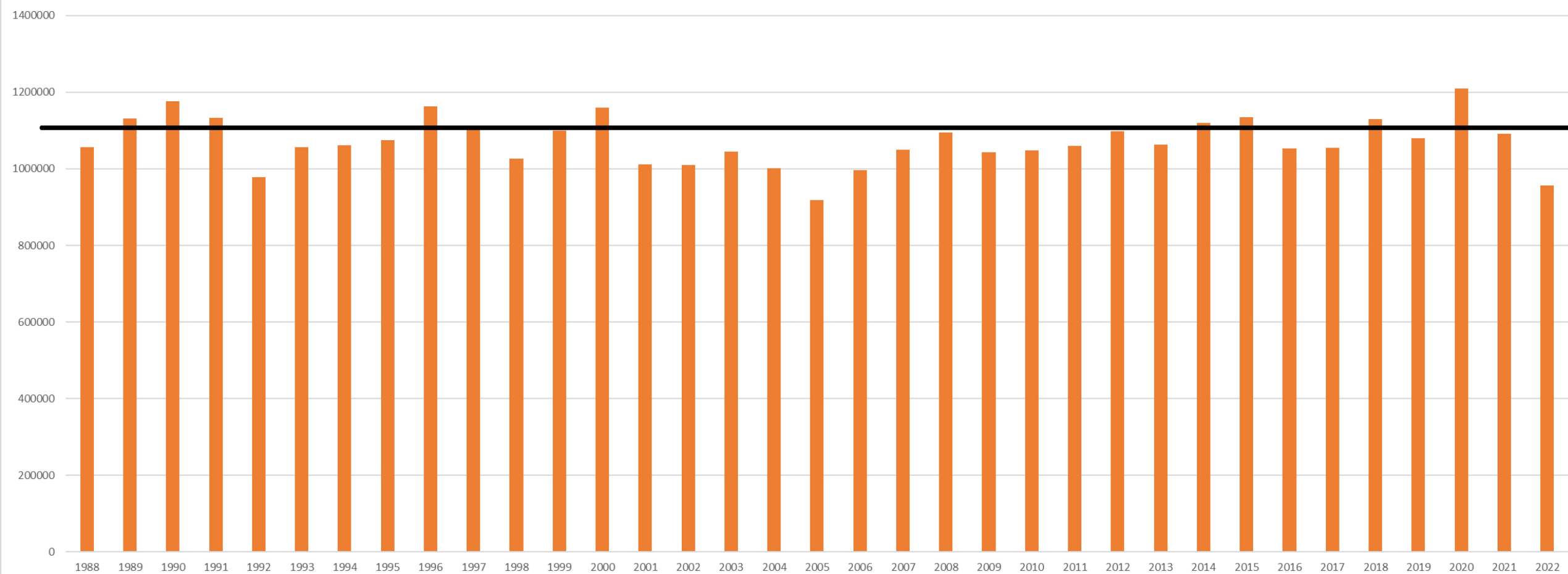
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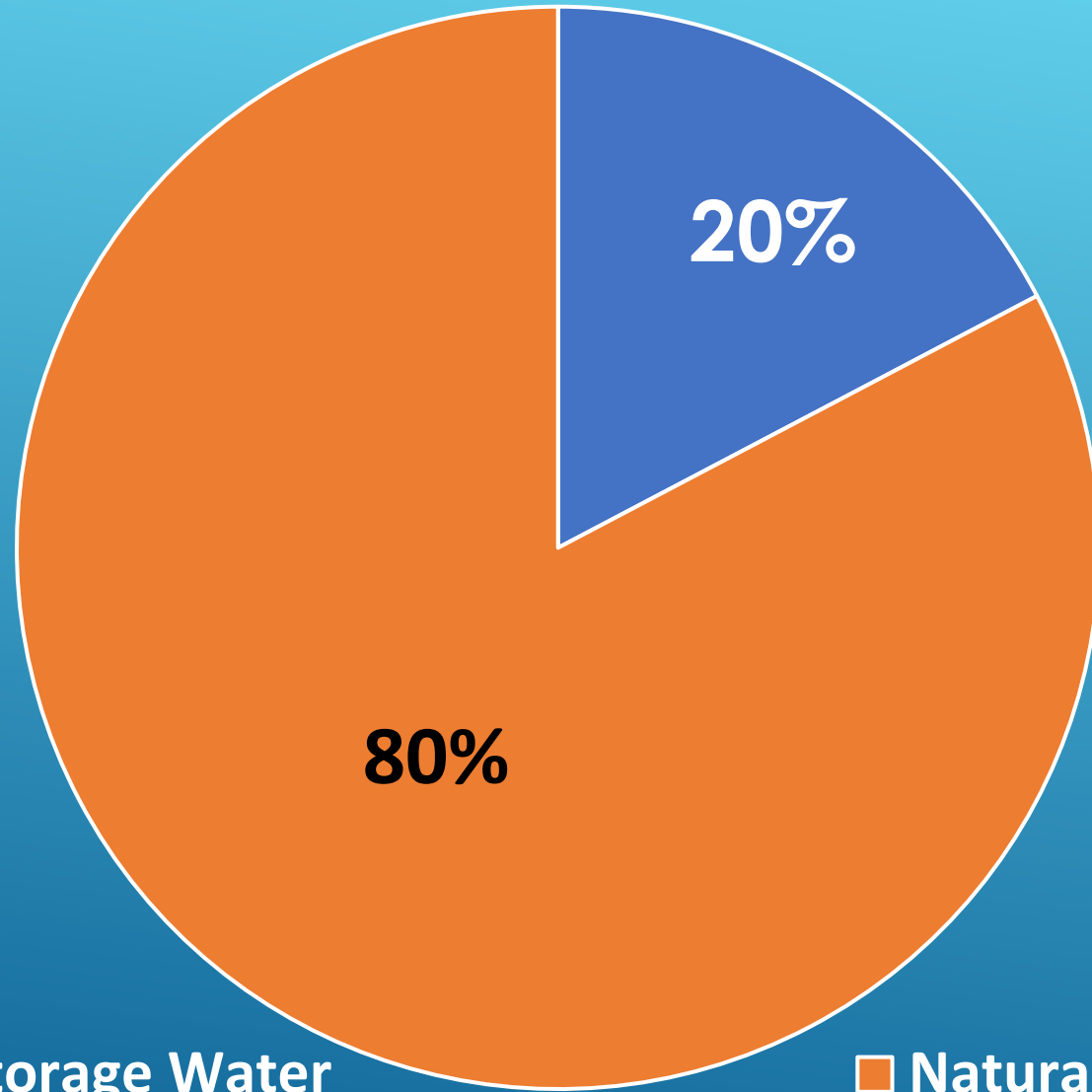
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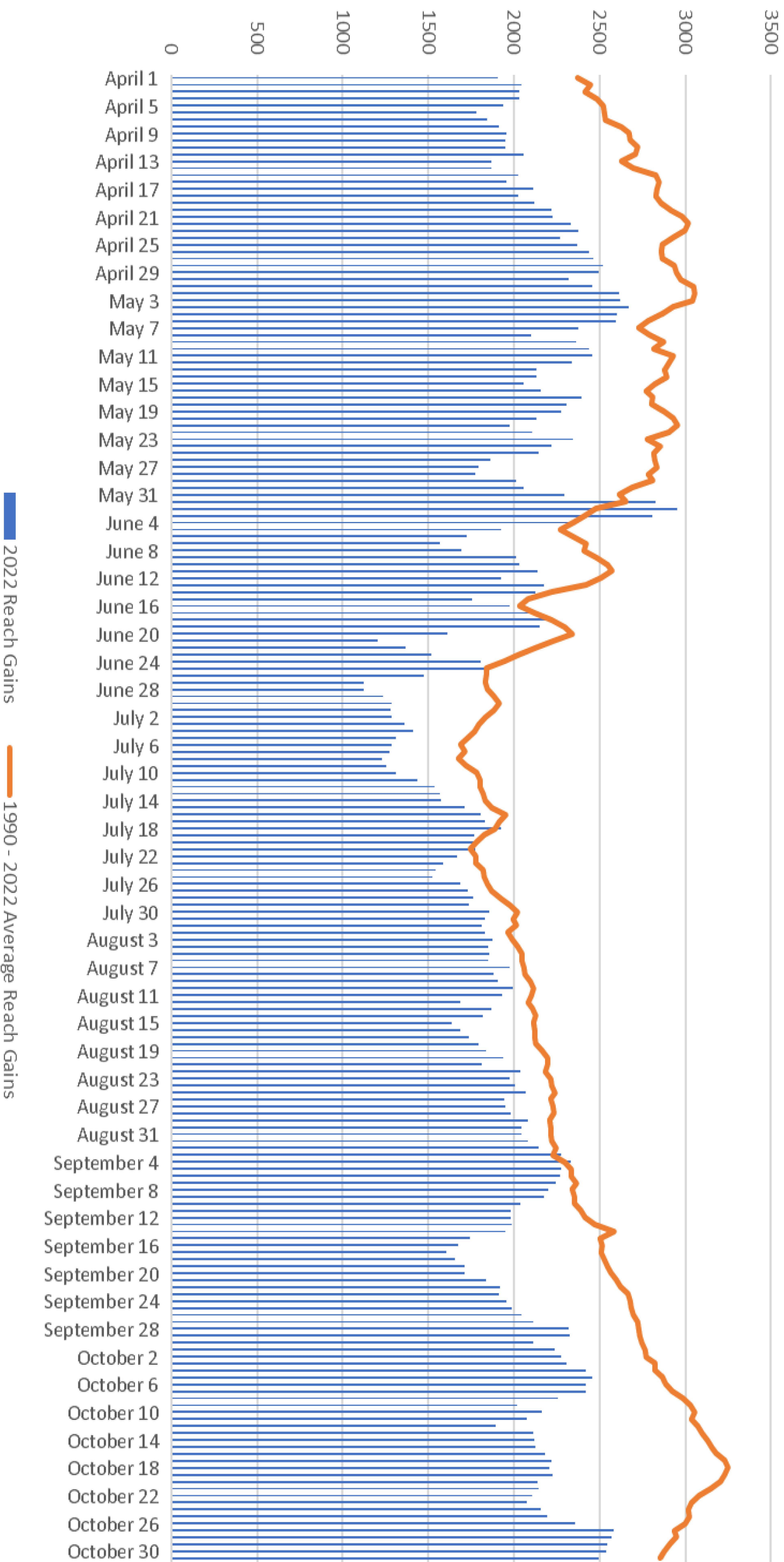
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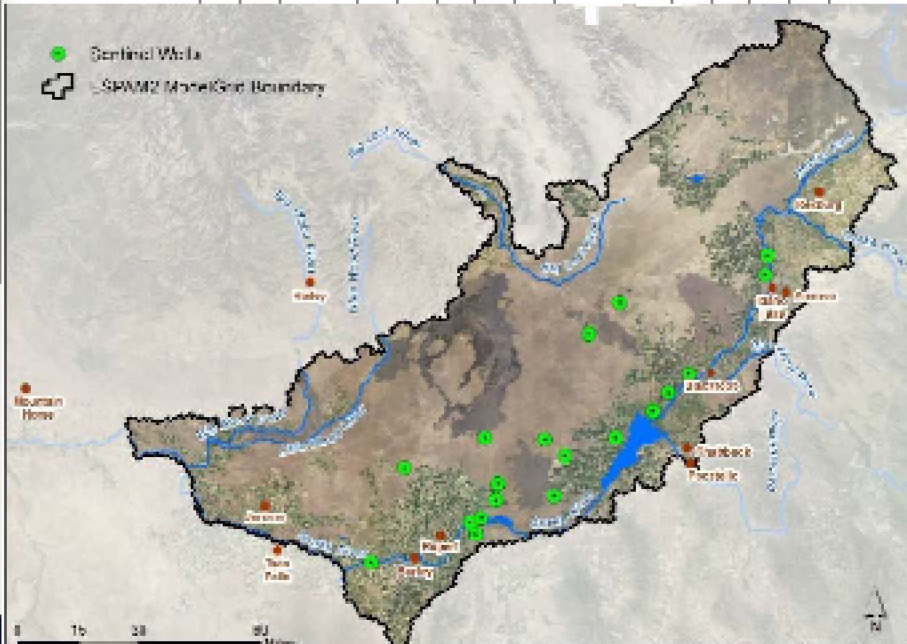
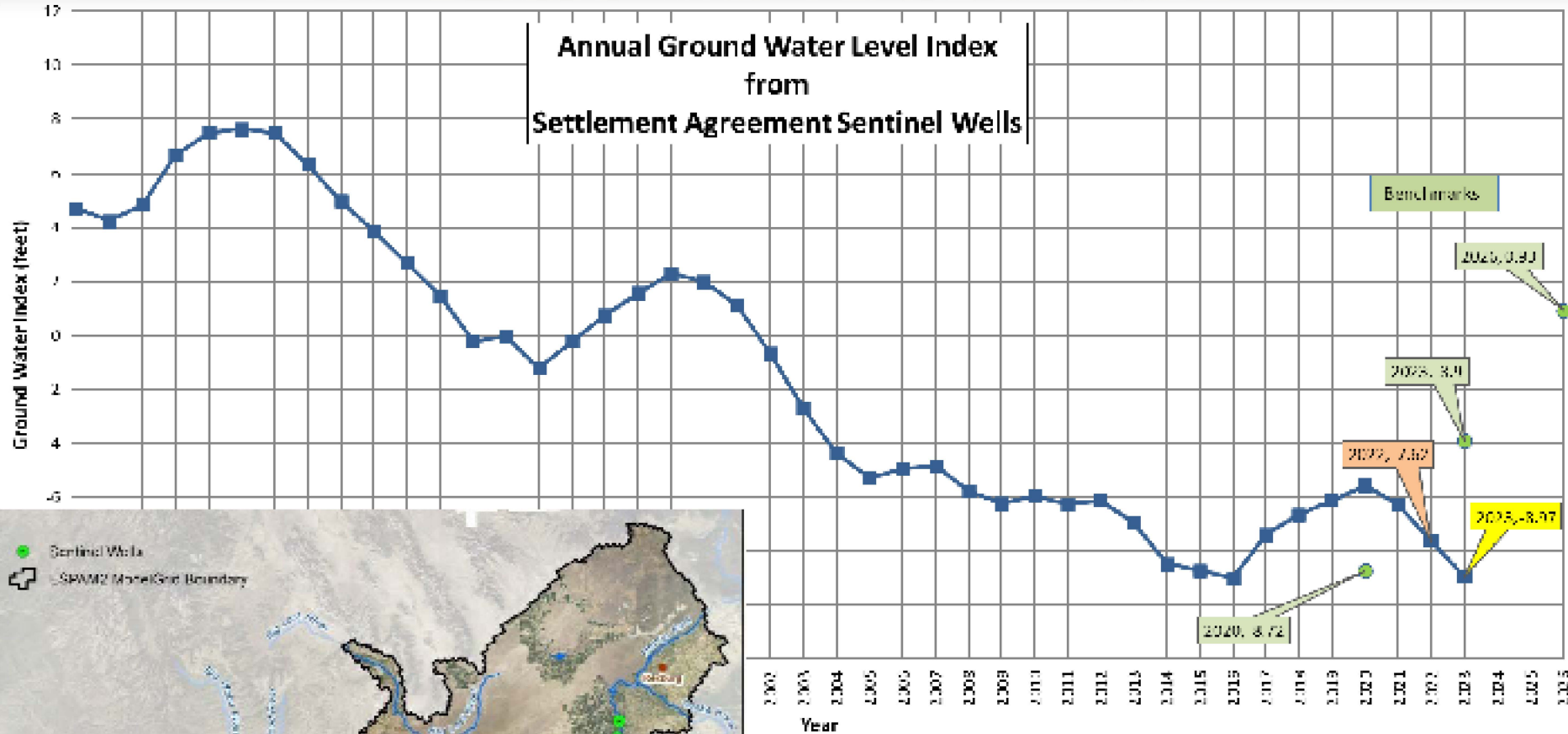
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Blackfoot to Milner Reach Gains April 1 - October 31

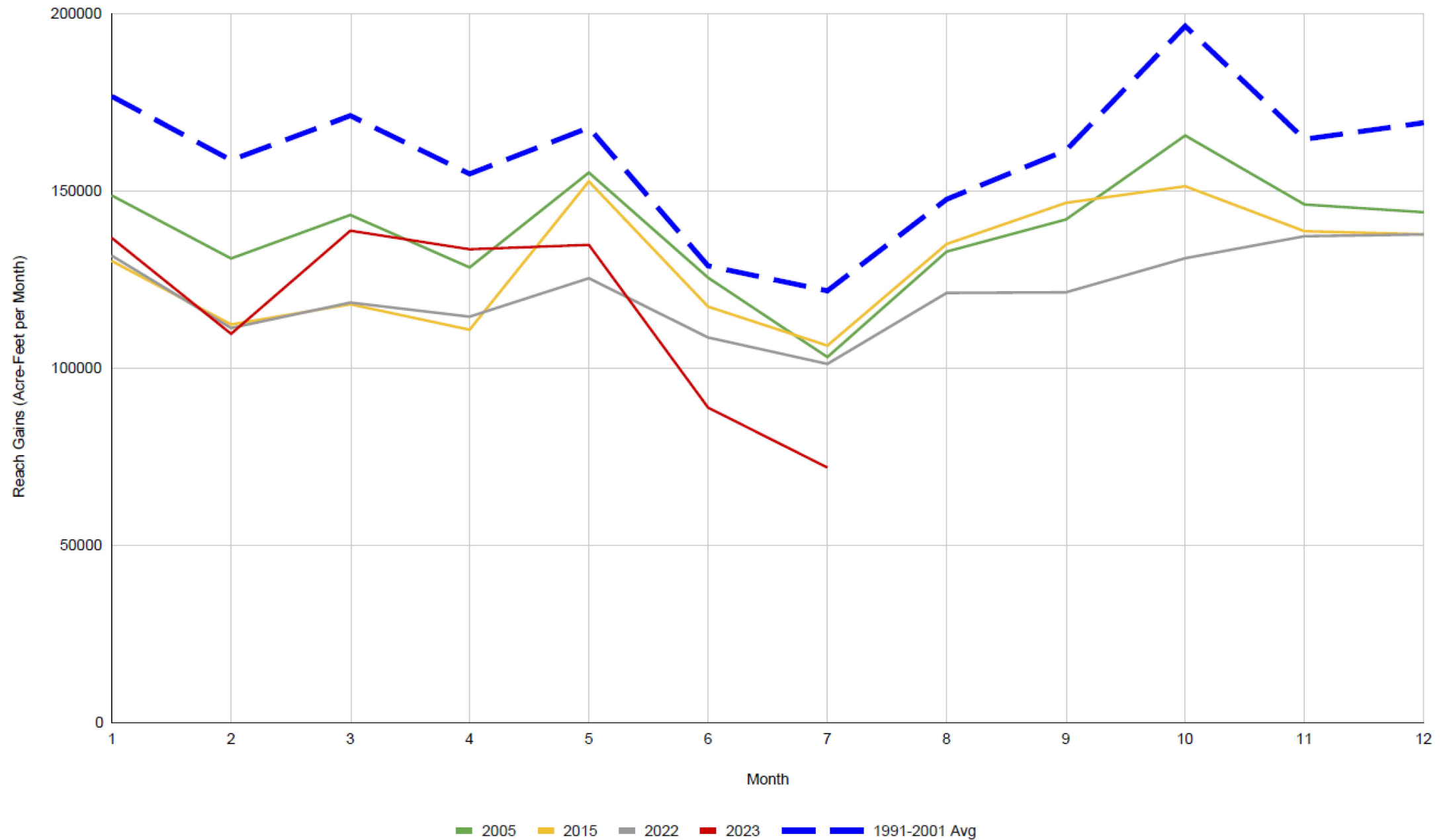


Reach Gain Comparison 2022 - 2023

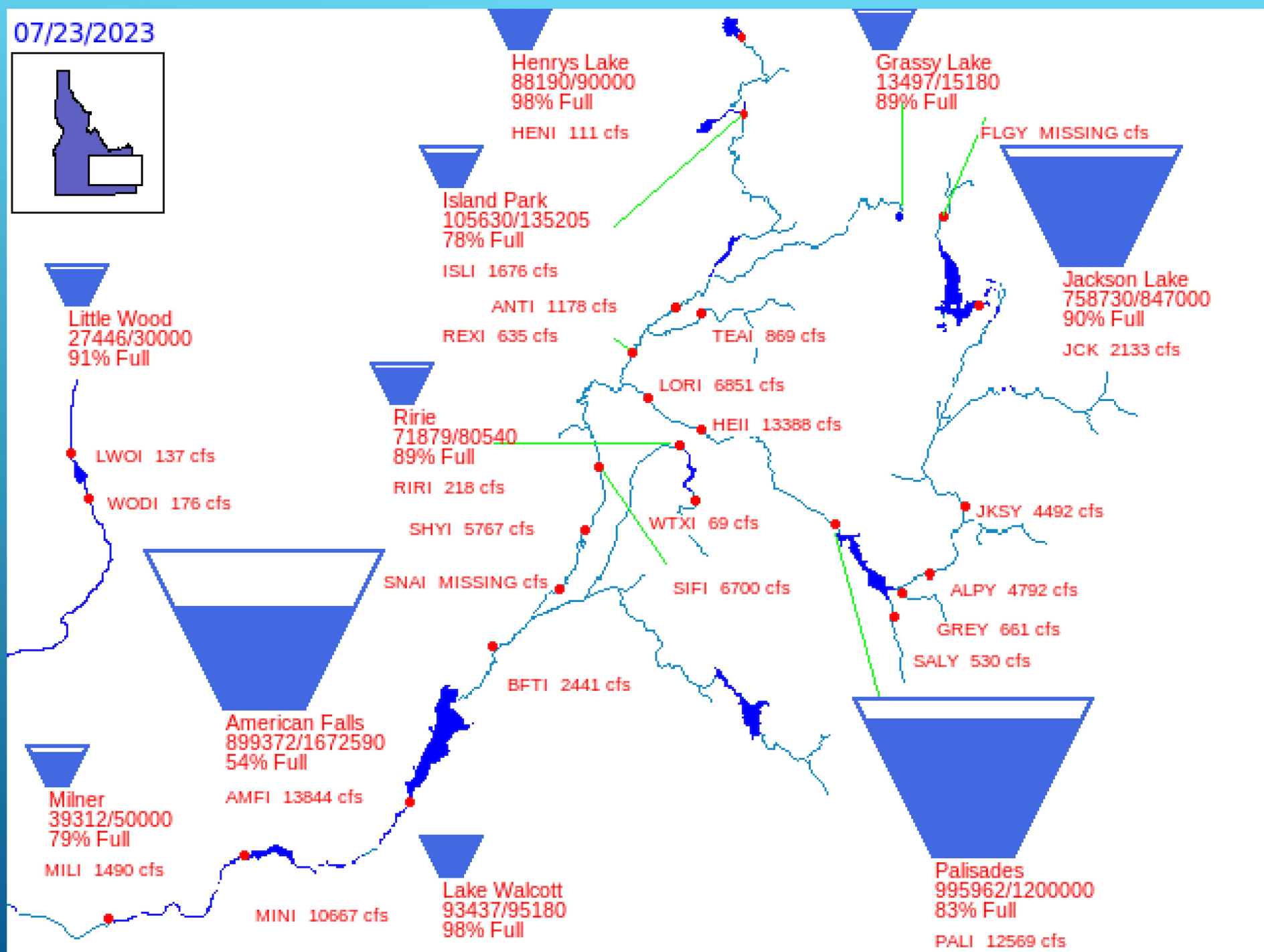
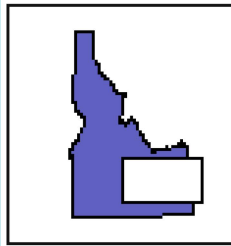




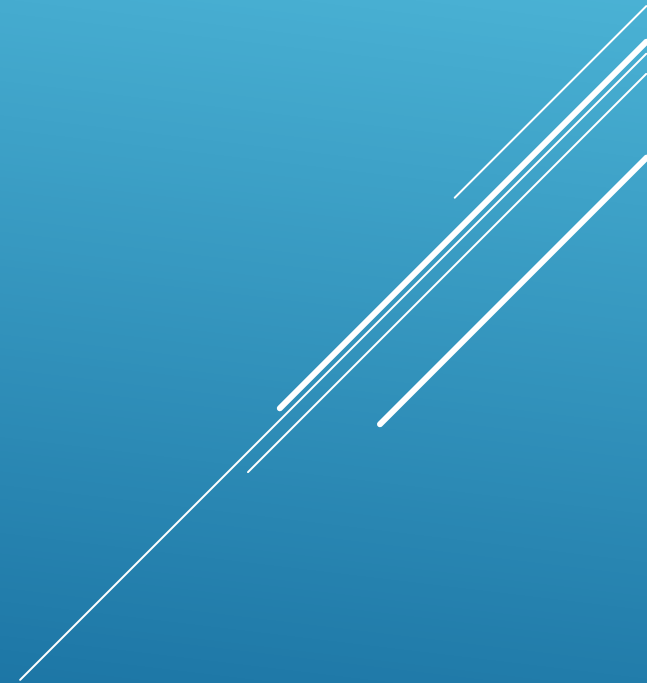
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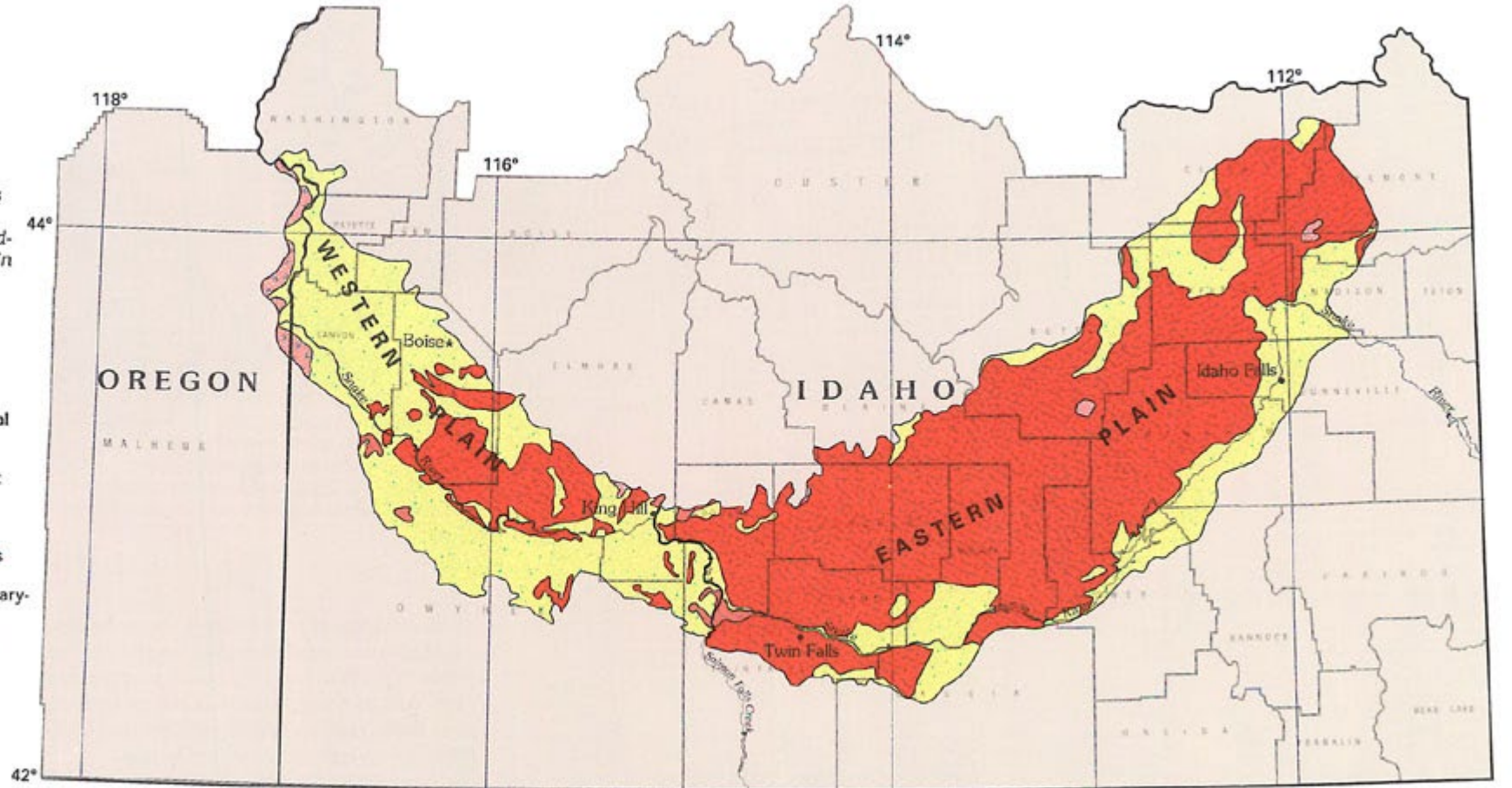
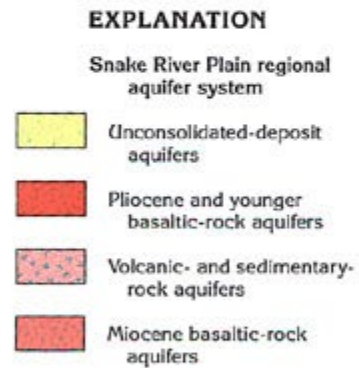
Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer: A Question of Billions

Jaxon Higgs - IGWA

August 7, 2023

Introduction

Figure 53. Pliocene and younger basaltic-rock aquifers predominate in the eastern plain, whereas unconsolidated-deposit aquifers predominate in the western plain.



Base modified from U.S. Geological Survey
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Modified from Whitehead, 1992

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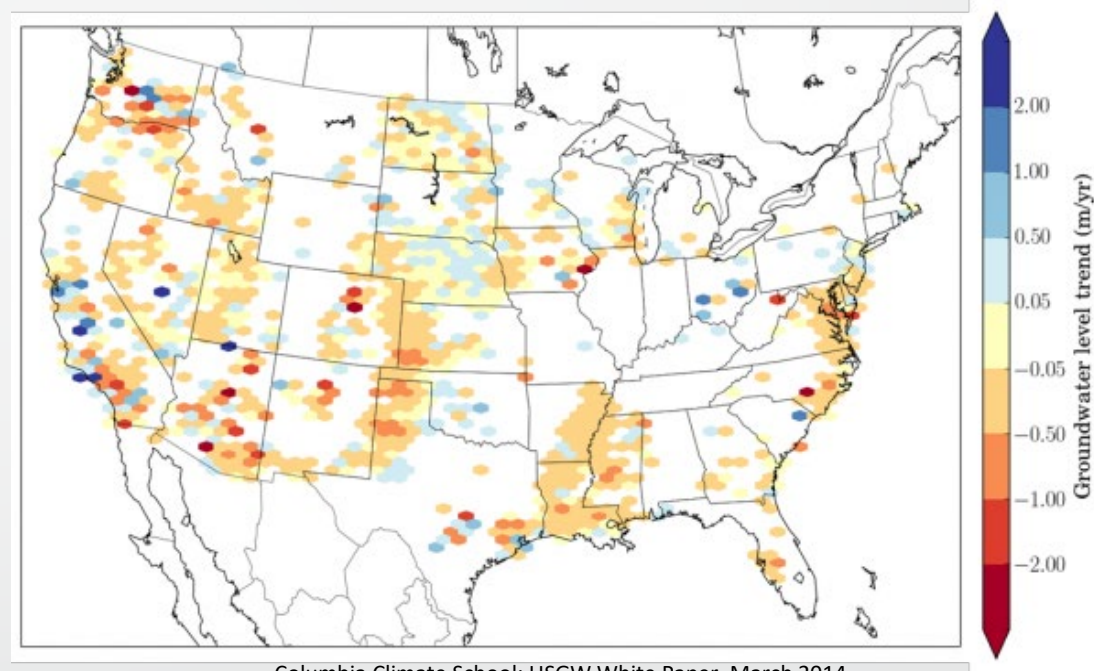
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Introduction

- Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer
 - One of the most prolific aquifers in the world
 - 10,800 sq miles¹
 - Top 1 ft contains **Billions** of gallons
 - 1,000,000 groundwater irrigated acres
 - @ \$10,000/ acre = **\$10B** land value
 - Other dependencies
 - Domestic/Municipal & other non-irrigation, surface water irrigation, aquaculture, power generation
 - Value? Many **Billions** of dollars
 - CAMP Documentation from 2009 states **\$10B** annual revenue¹

Item #1- Magnitude

- Stabilization has not been done in the Western US
- Aquifers of the West –
 - Central Valley
 - Ogallala
 - All of Southwest
- We've got a train rolling down the hill
 - going from forward to dead stop to reverse does not happen in an instant



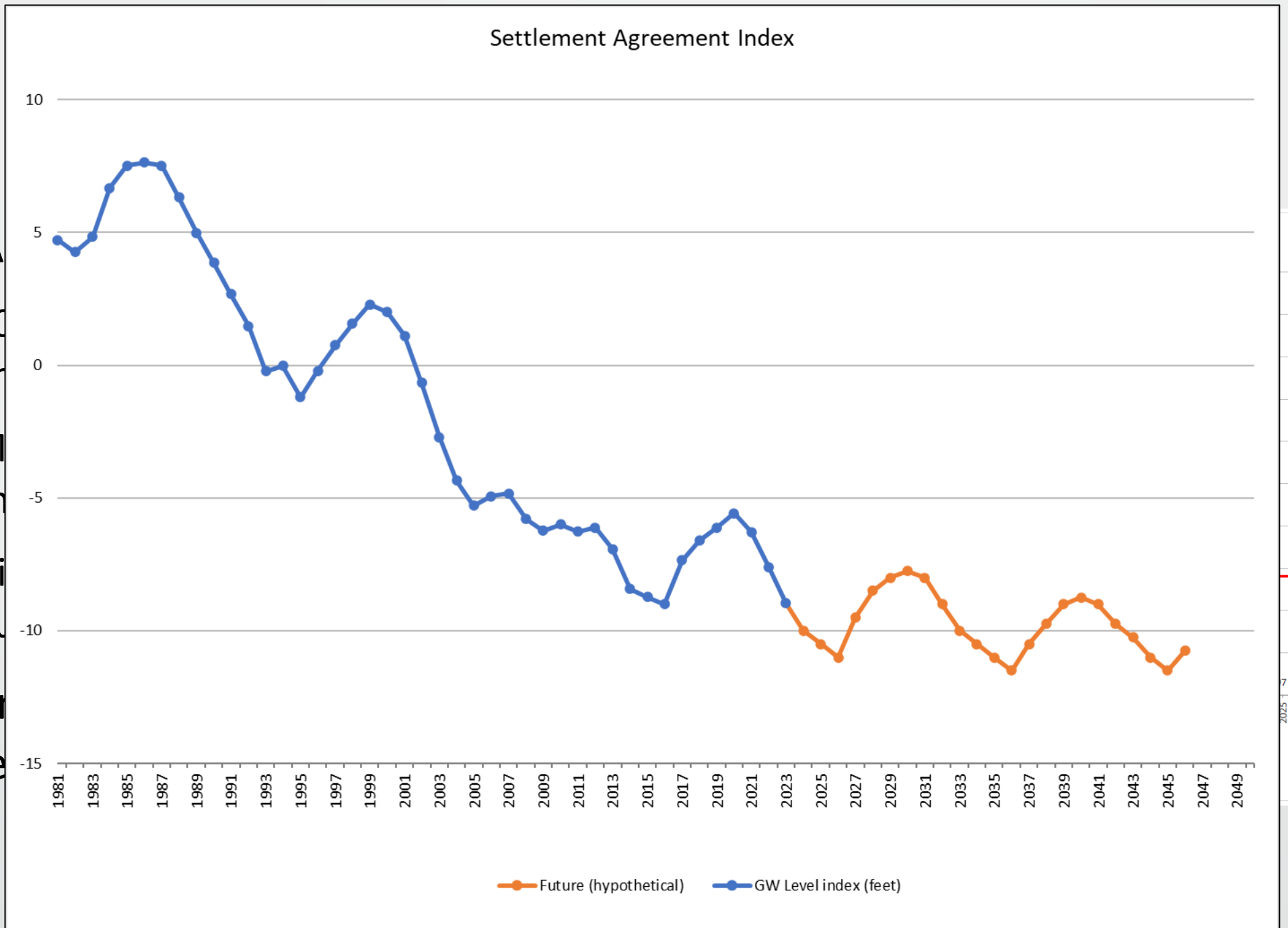
Columbia Climate School; USGW White Paper, March 2014

Item #2- Cost

- Recharge – flows greater than 10,000 cfs
 - Higher the flow, the fewer days it is available
- Through 2024 IWRB has or will have spent \$39.7M
 - Created 2,300 cfs capacity @ \$17,250/cfs
 - Recent projects roughly \$50,000/cfs
- Oakley Valley project completed at \$250,000/cfs
- Magic Valley & Raft River projects at \$400,000/cfs
- 10k cfs at \$100,000/cfs = \$1B
- **Billions in infrastructure (O & M not included)**

Settlement Agreement Index

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Conclusions

- Protect the **Billions**
 - Recognize the value of water
 - Be realistic
 - Work hard
- To the State of Idaho –
 - Well done to date
 - KEEP THE MONEY COMING

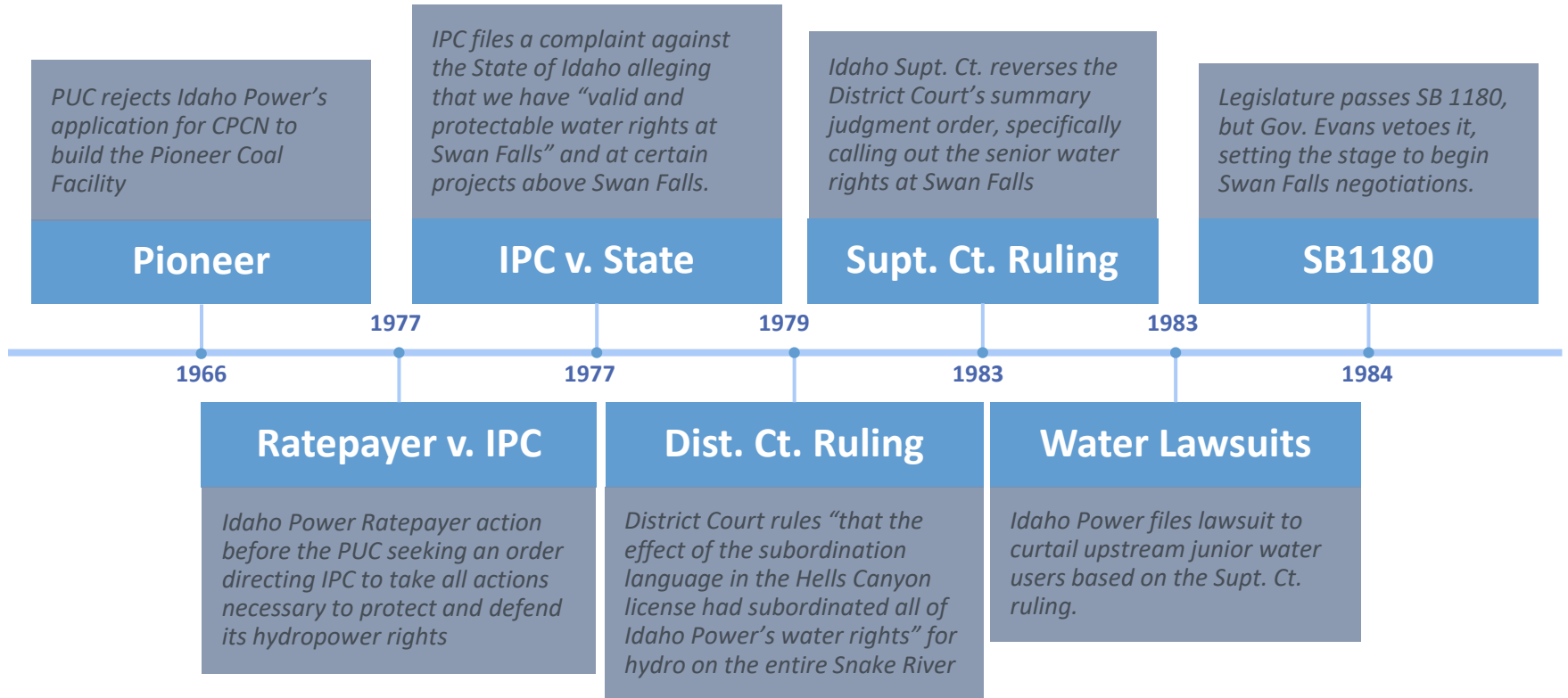


Governor's Water Summit

Swan Falls

History

Leading up to the Swan Falls settlement



Swan Falls Negotiations:

What Was at Stake?

- IPC:
 - 8,400 cfs of unsubordinated water rights at Swan Falls
 - Priority of ~1910 water rights
 - Swan Falls to run at historical minimum flows (4,500 cfs)
- The State/Irrigation Interests:
 - IPC can't become the "watermaster"
 - Existing (junior to 1910) and future irrigation uses

Framework for Final Resolution

- Minimum Flows of 3,900/5,600 cfs
- Creation of the Trust/Trust Water
- IPC agrees to Subordinate Trust Water subject to the terms of the Trust
- Milner Zero Flow
- Framework – Still Work to Do...

Trust Water Attributes

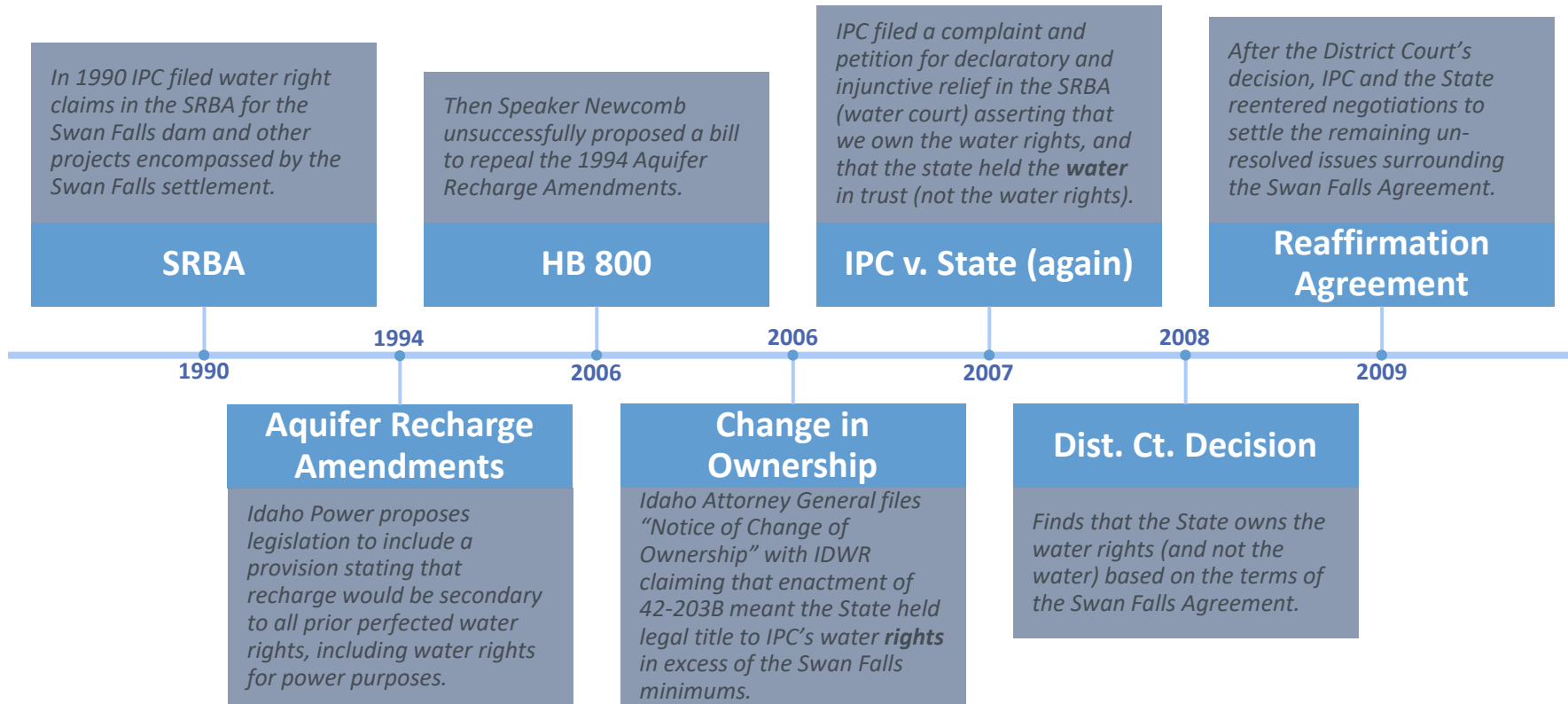
- Trust Property: IPC's water rights in excess of minimum flows
- Trustee: Held in trust by the Governor
- Beneficiary: For the benefit of IPC and the "people of Idaho"
- Implementation:
 - 20 Year Review/5 Year Review
 - State's Administration of Trust Water

Trust Water Criteria

- Rights junior to the Swan Falls Agreement – diverting water from the Trust Water area, with **priority dates junior** to the Swan Falls Agreement are considered Trust Water rights unless:
 - The water right is an A-List Right as decreed by the SRBA Court
 - The right authorizes the diversion of surface water tributary to the Snake River above Milner Dam
- Rights senior to the Swan Falls Agreement – diverting water from within the Trust Water area with **priority dates senior** to the Swan Falls Agreement are NOT considered Trust Water rights unless:
 - The water right is a B-List Right as decreed by the SRBA Court
 - The right is an enlargement right

A Little More History...

Leading up to the 2009 Swan Falls Reaffirmation

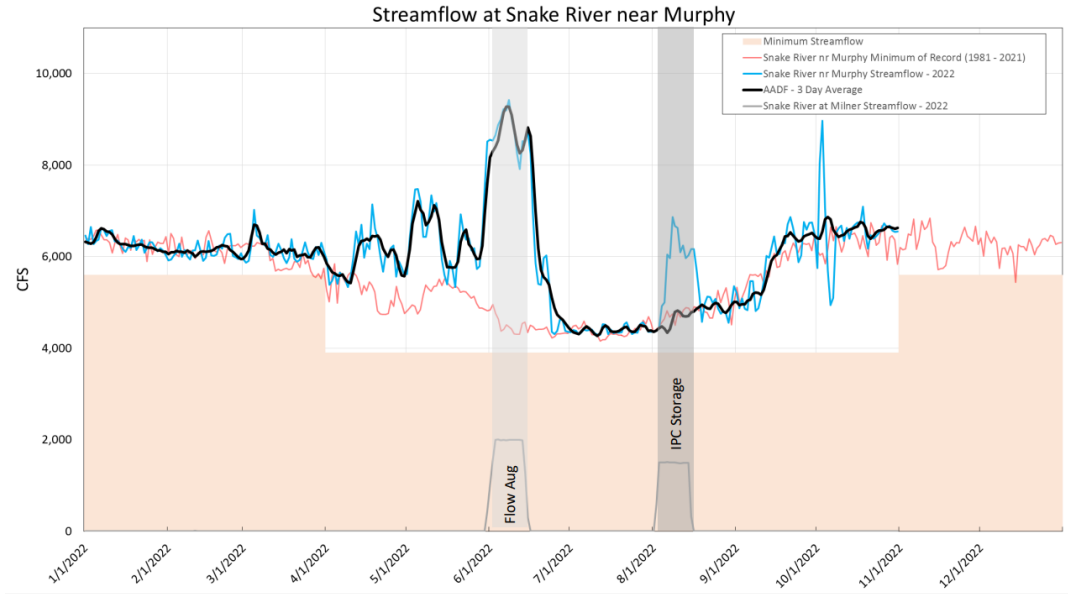


Framework Reaffirming Swan Falls

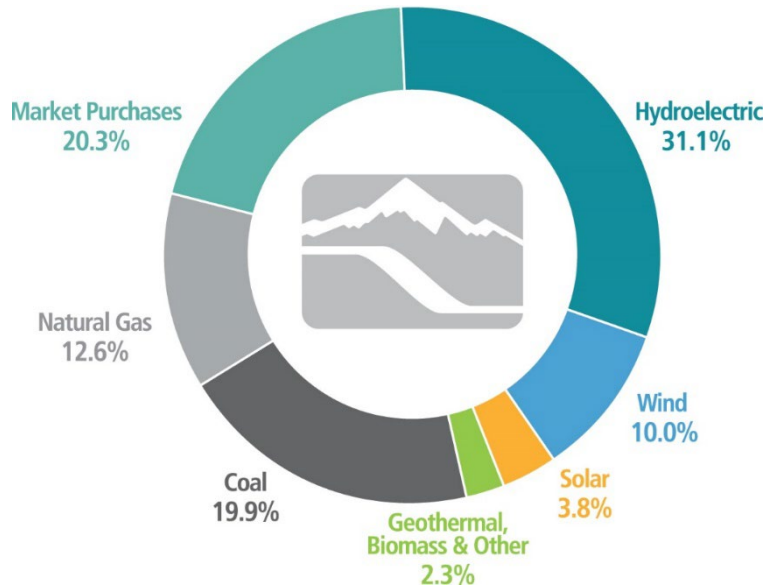
- Again, this is a framework, still work to do...
- Reaffirms the 1984 Swan Falls Agreement
 - Minimum Flows
 - Trust Water
 - Milner Zero Flow
- Recharge

39 Years Later...

- 4090 Trust Water Rights issued by IDWR
 - 3531 groundwater rights
 - 539 surface water rights
- Near Historic Minimums
- 2015 Swan Falls Violation
- *Question:* How should the Trustee (Governor) manage the Trust (Swan Falls water rights) for the benefit of the beneficiaries (IPC and the people of Idaho)?



Idaho Power's 2022 Energy Mix



Idaho is one of the fastest growing states in the nation:

- IPC hit the all-time record of energy consumption in 2021.
- 2022 was IPC's lowest hydro generation year since HCC was put in service and hydro is one of its most valuable resources.
- Thanks to hydro, IPC has some of the lowest cost energy in the nation.
- IPC relies on hydropower to balance intermittent resources like wind and solar.
- Resources like coal and natural gas are shrinking because of federal regulations.


Swan Falls Implementation Group

- In article III of the Framework and subsequent MOA, the Parties agreed:
 - that it was in their "mutual long-term interest to cooperate regarding management of the water resources of the Snake River basin."
 - to cooperatively explore the resolution of various issues.
- Formed two working groups (1) Swan Falls Policy and (2) Swan Falls Technical work group
- Purpose of the Implementation group is to work through implementation of the 2009 Reaffirmation Agreement for the benefit of beneficiaries.

Governor's Water Summit

Palouse Basin Alternate Water Supply Project

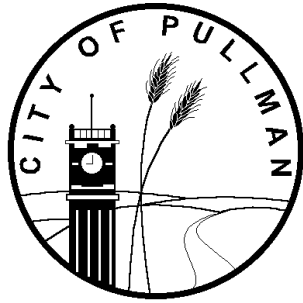
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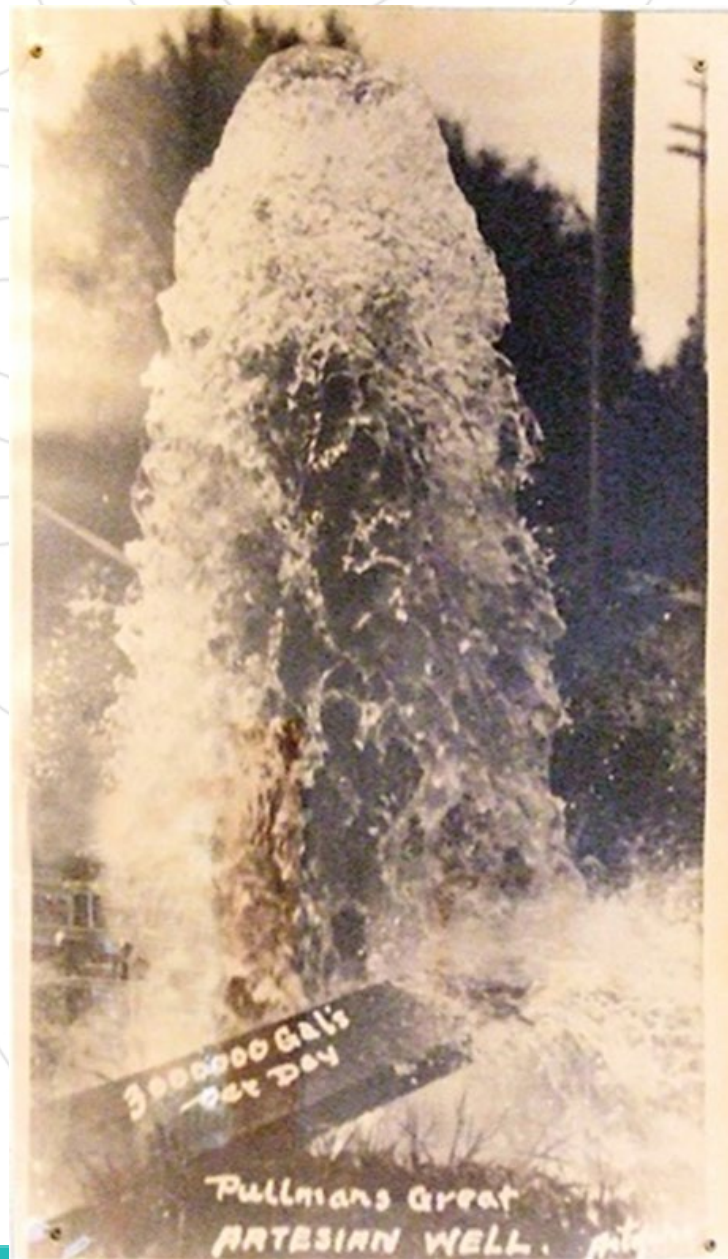
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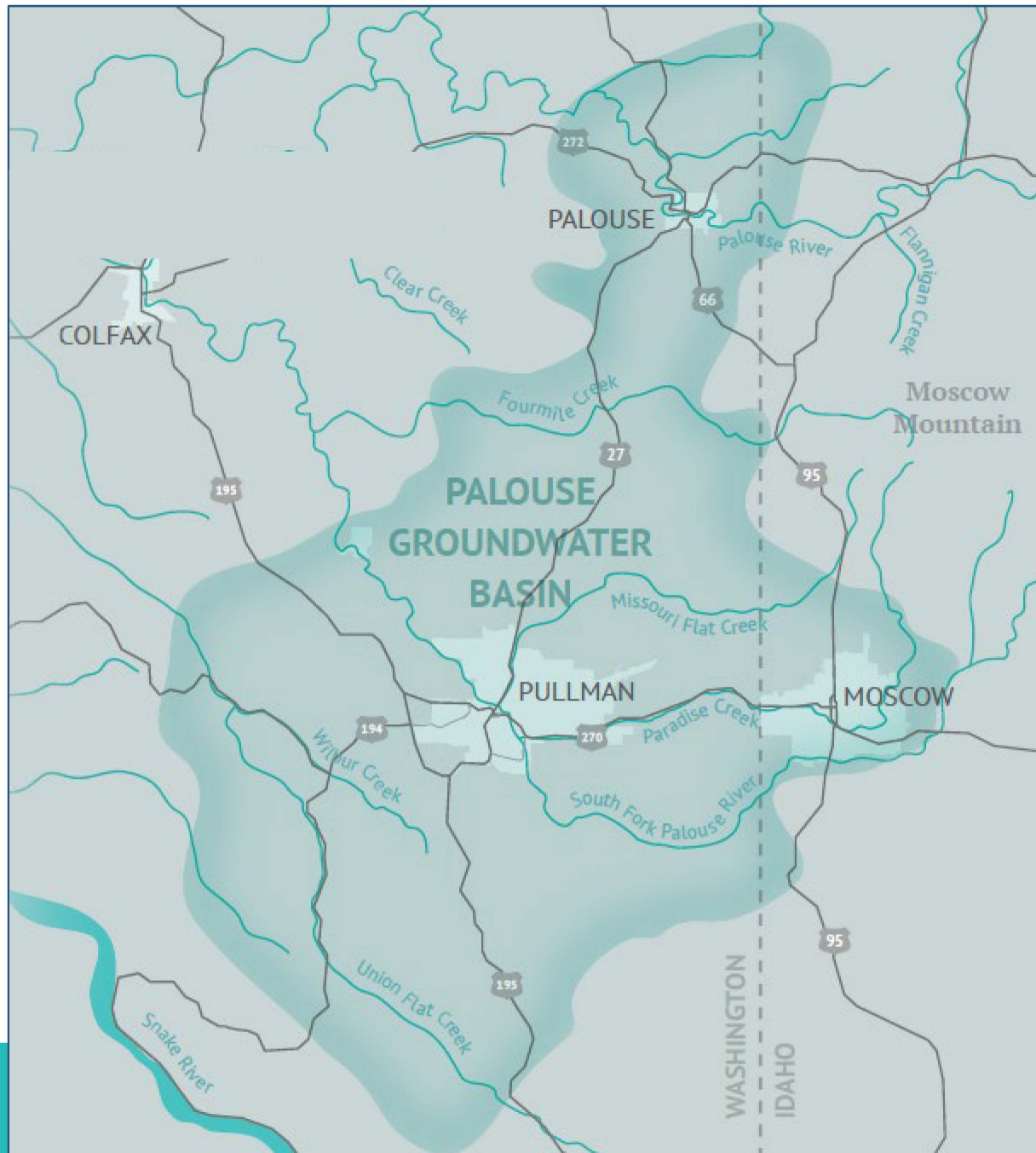
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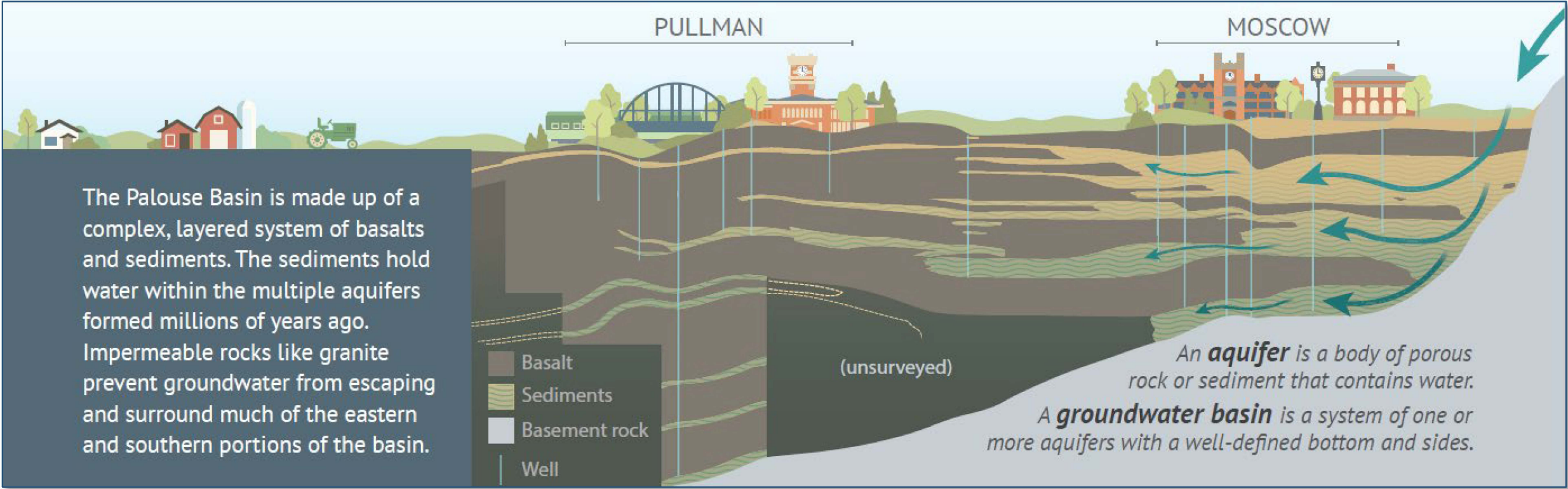
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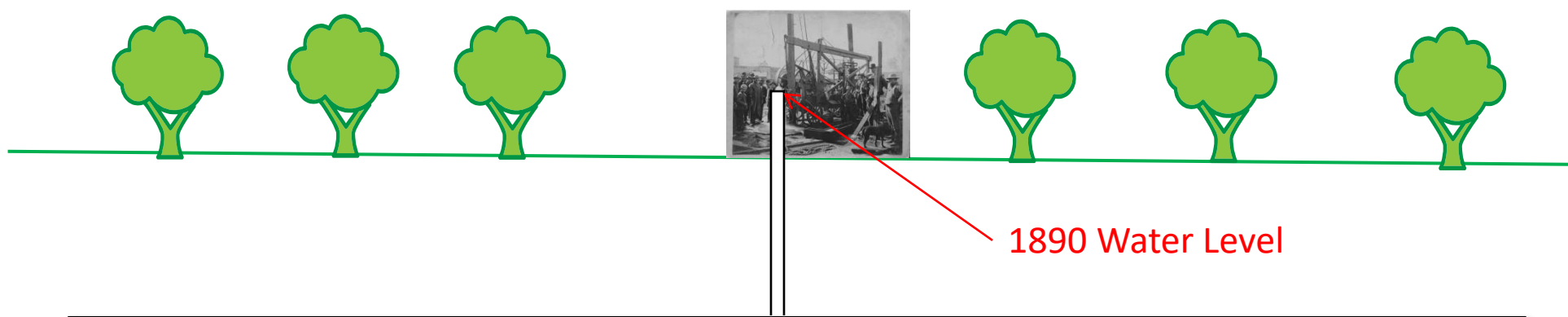


Palouse Basin

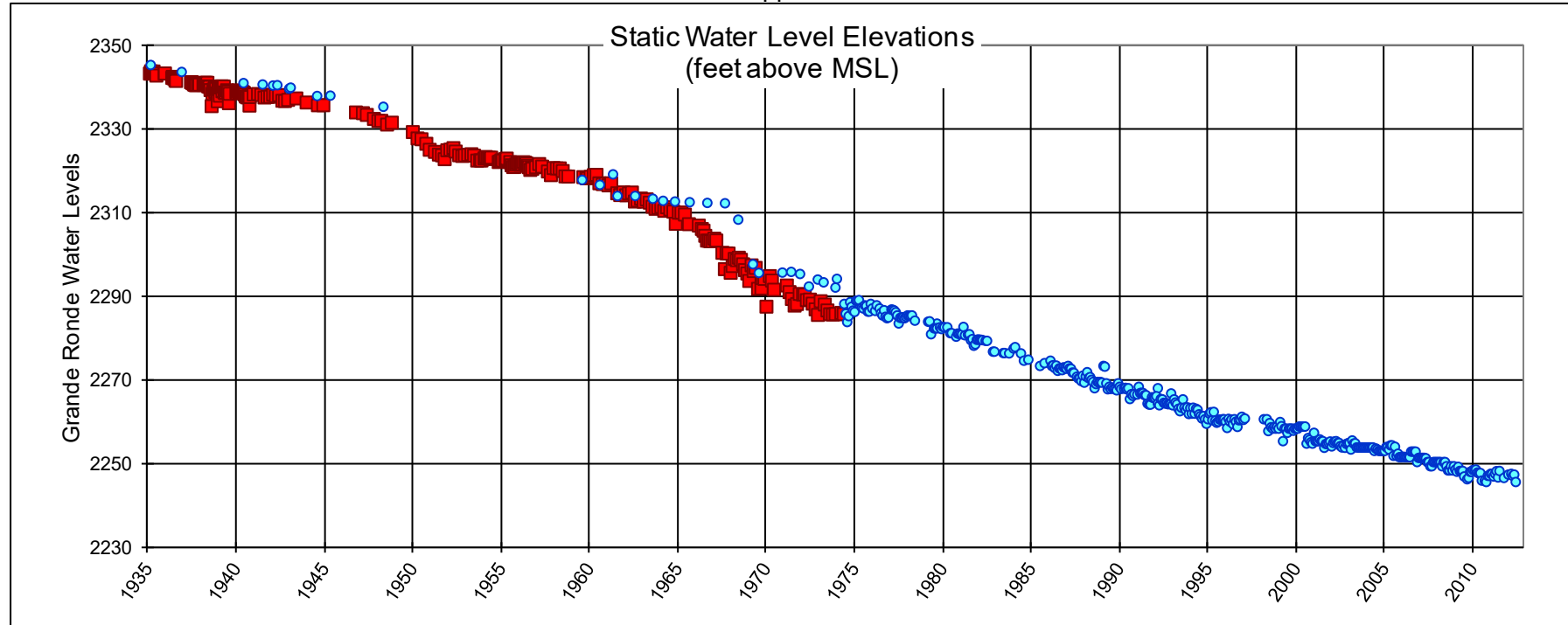








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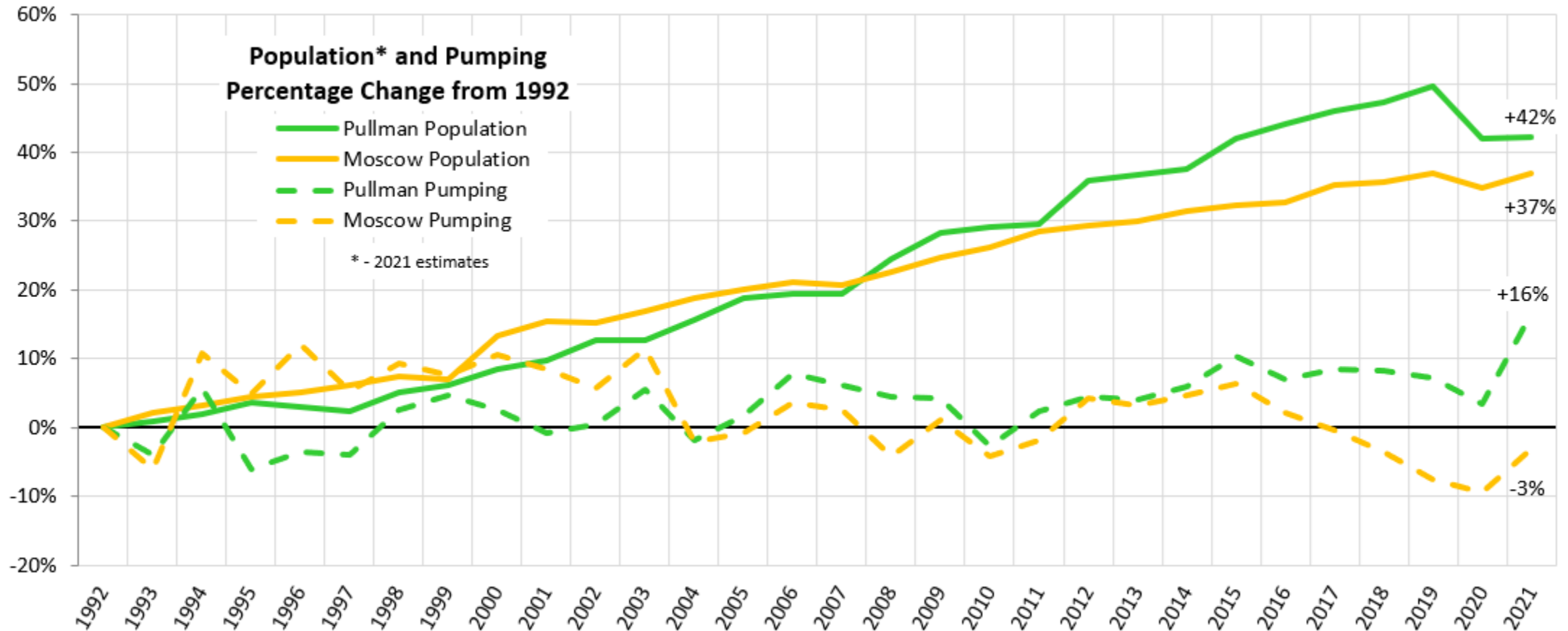
2022 Water Level

Ground Water Management Plan

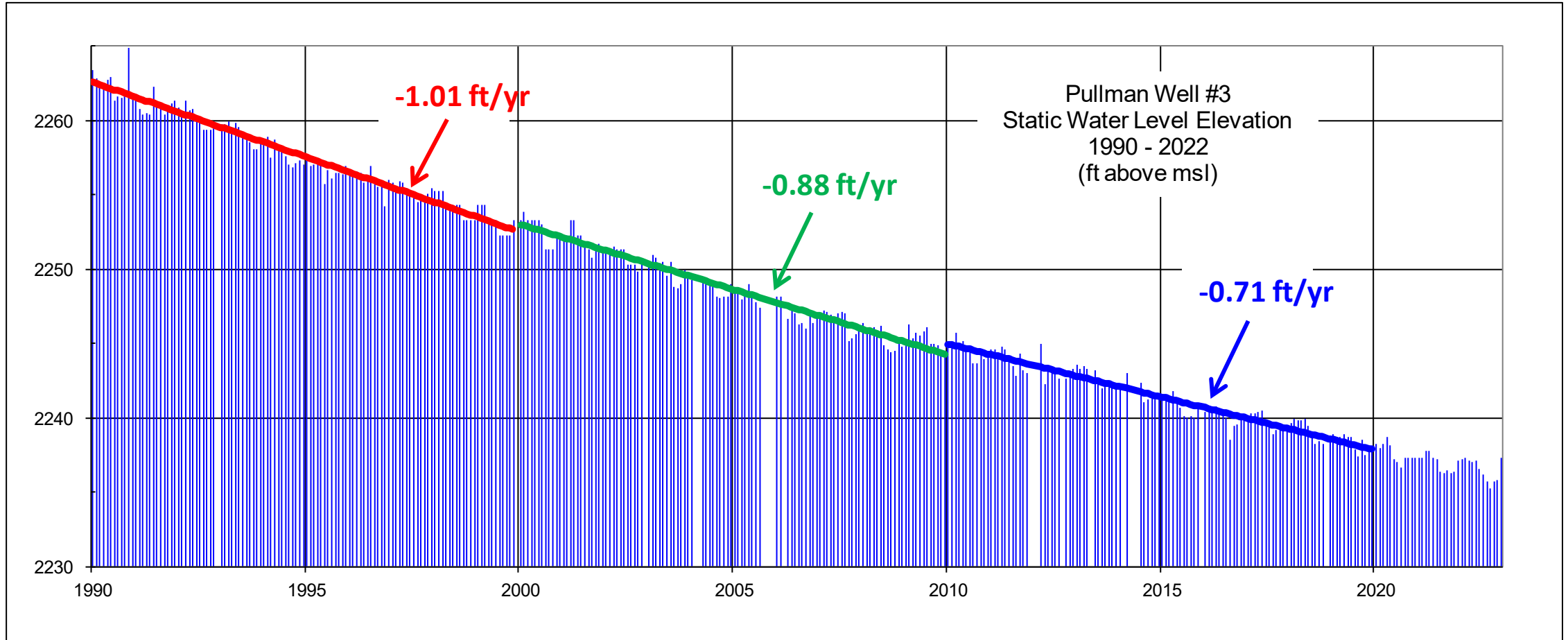
Pullman-Moscow
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September 1992

Pop & Pumping % Change from 1992



Declining Water Levels (Lower Aquifer)

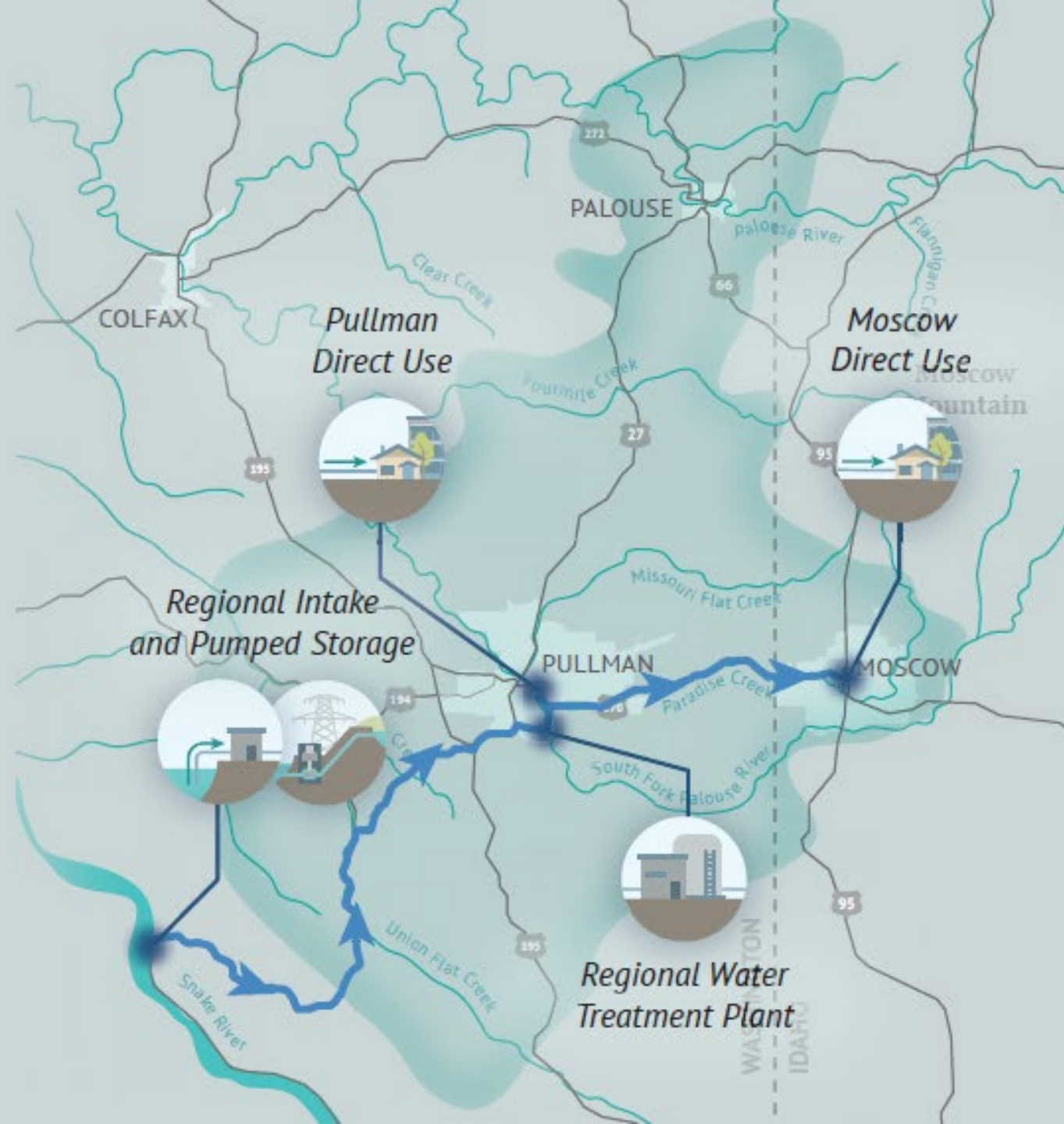
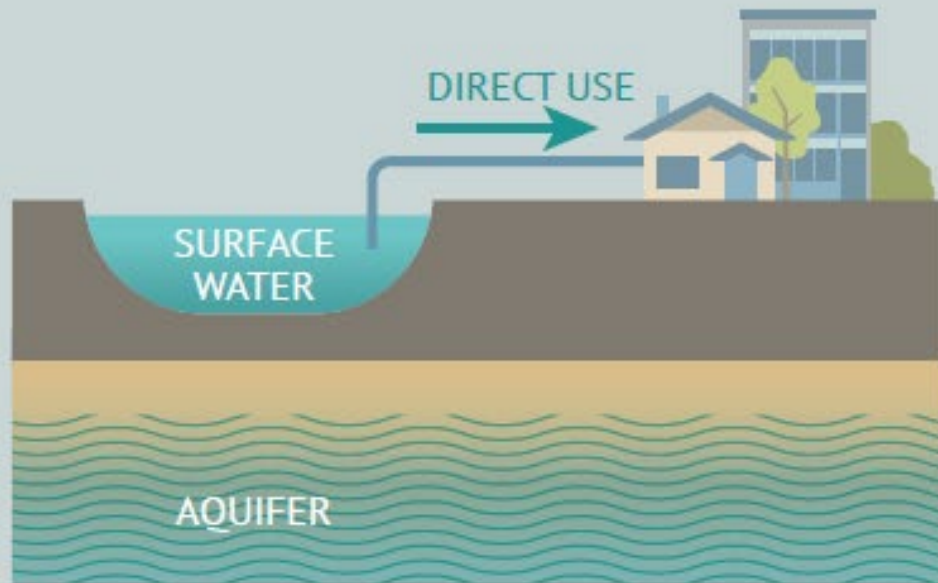


Alternative 1

Direct Use of the Snake River:

Surface water would be diverted from the Snake River and conveyed to a new regional water treatment plant. There it would be treated and conveyed into the existing municipal water system for Pullman and WSU. An additional pipeline would allow treated water to be conveyed to Idaho into the existing municipal system for Moscow and UI.

Due to the topography change from the Snake River to the Palouse region, the potential for an off-channel pumped storage reservoir and hydropower facility would be considered to help offset costs and create additional power for the region.



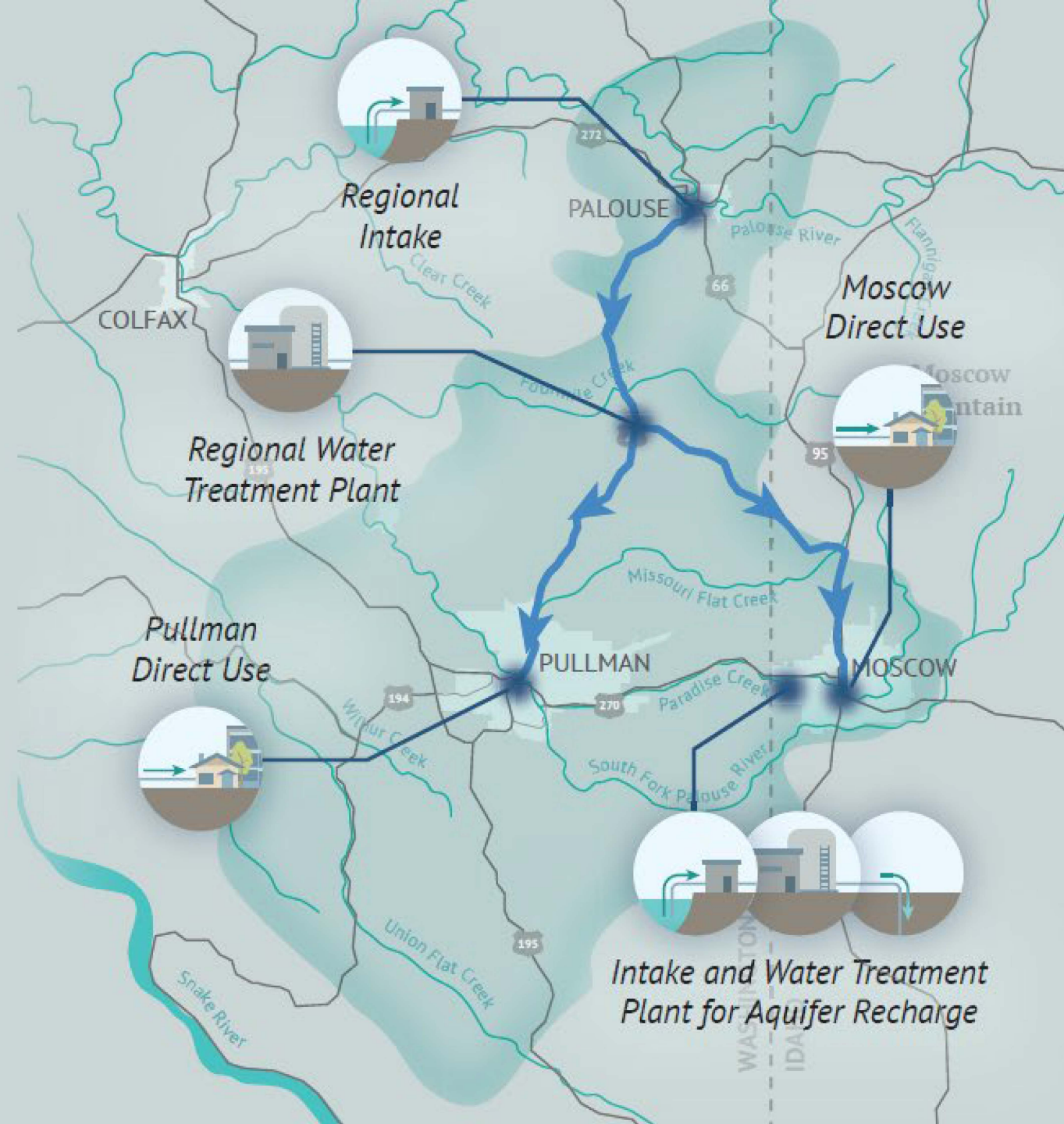
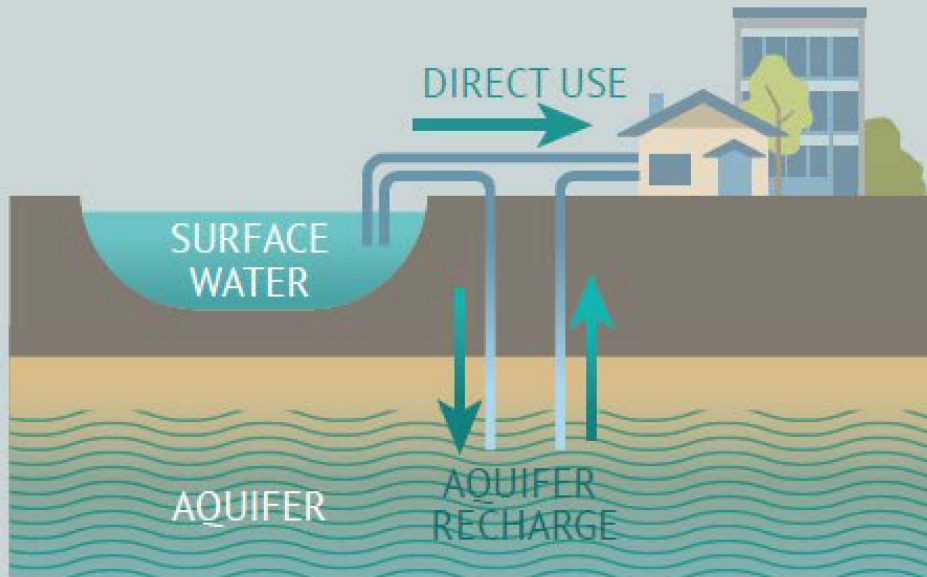
Alternative 2

Direct Use of the North Fork of the Palouse River:

Surface water would be diverted from the North Fork of the Palouse River near Palouse and conveyed to a new regional treatment plant. There it would be treated and conveyed into the existing municipal water system for Pullman and WSU. An additional pipeline would allow treated water to be conveyed to Idaho into the existing municipal system for Moscow and UI.

Aquifer Recharge from the South Fork of the Palouse River or Paradise Creek:

Surface water would be diverted from the South Fork of the Palouse River or Paradise Creek, treated, and injected into the aquifer system via recharge wells.



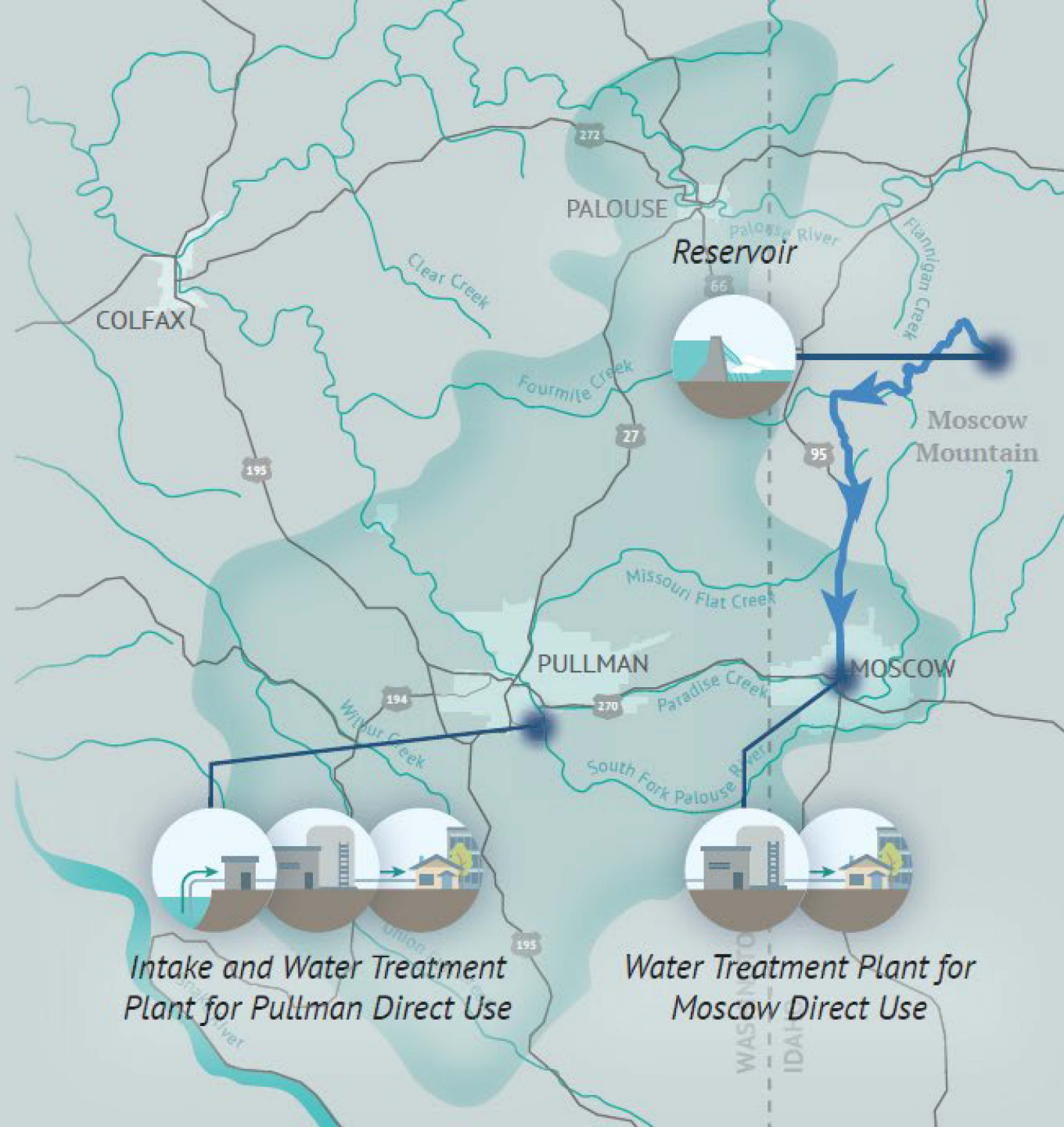
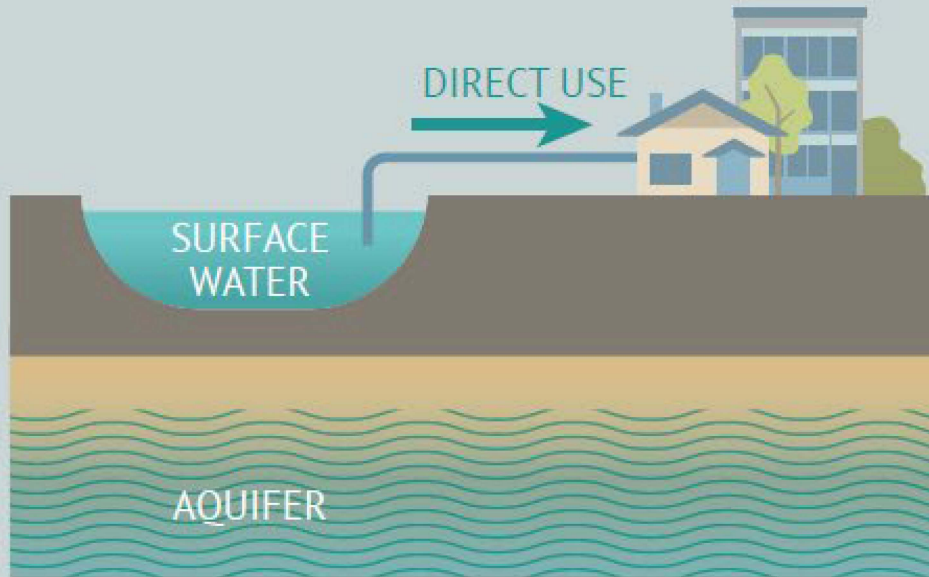
Alternative 3

Direct Use of Flannigan Creek:

Surface water from Flannigan Creek would be stored behind a new reservoir. Water would be pumped to Moscow to be treated and conveyed into the existing municipal water system for Moscow and UI.

Direct Use of the South Fork of the Palouse River:

Surface water would be diverted from the South Fork of the Palouse River, treated, and conveyed into the existing municipal water system for Pullman and WSU.



Alternative 4

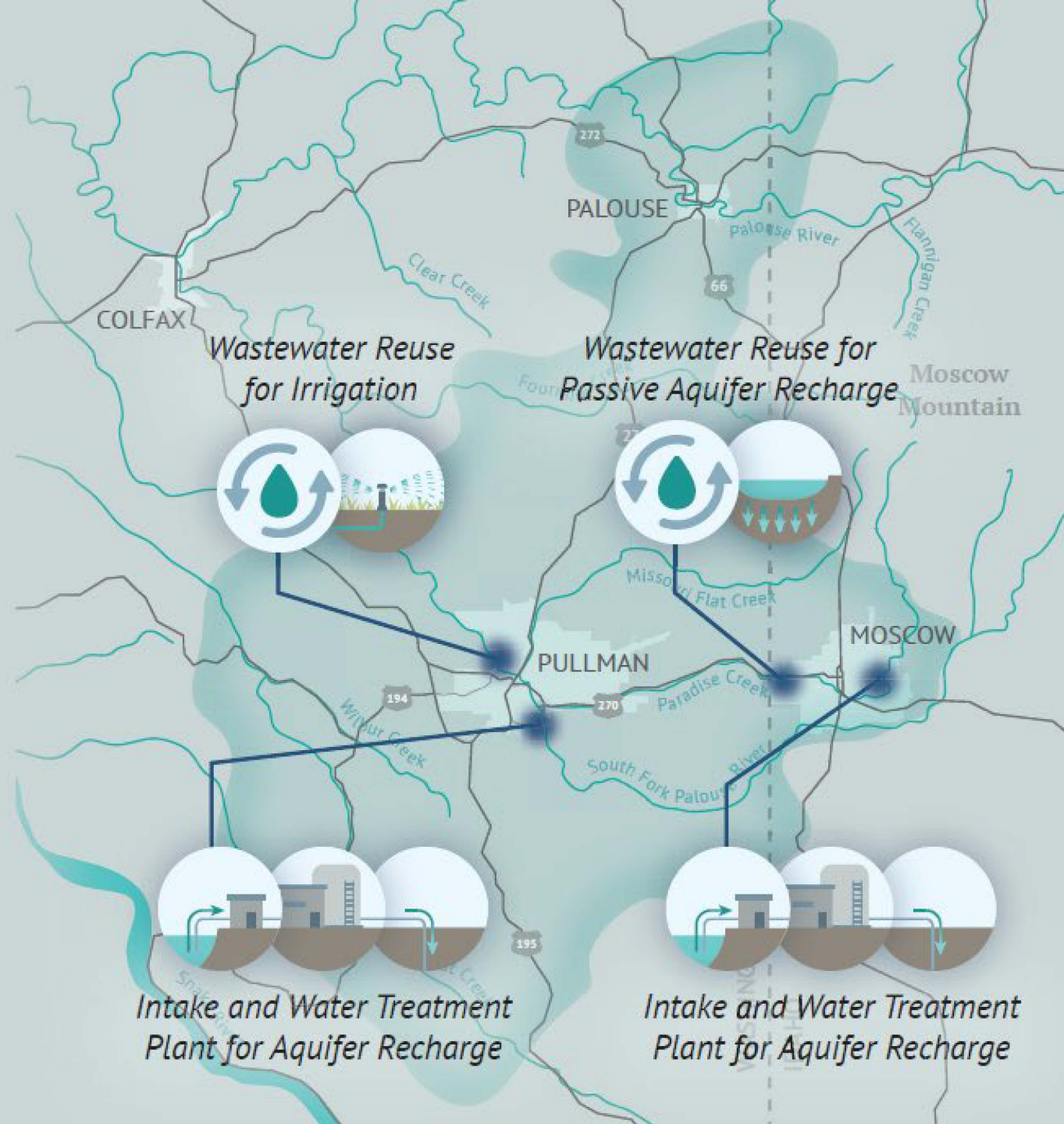
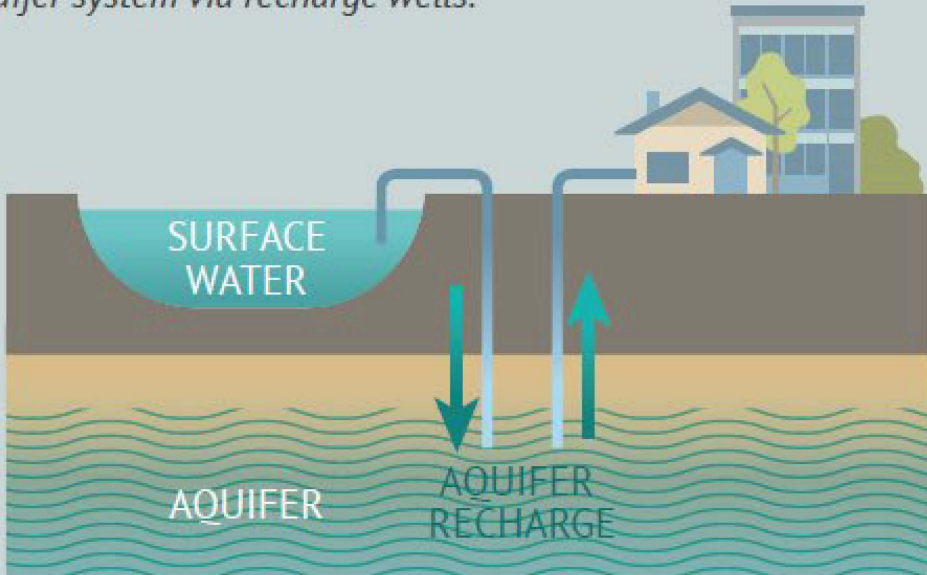
Aquifer Recharge from the South Fork of the Palouse River: Surface water would be diverted from the South Fork of the Palouse River in Pullman, treated, and injected into the aquifer system via recharge wells.

Aquifer Recharge from Paradise Creek: Surface water would be diverted from Paradise Creek in Moscow, treated, and injected into the aquifer system via recharge wells.

Pullman Wastewater Reuse: Using treated wastewater for irrigation in Pullman.

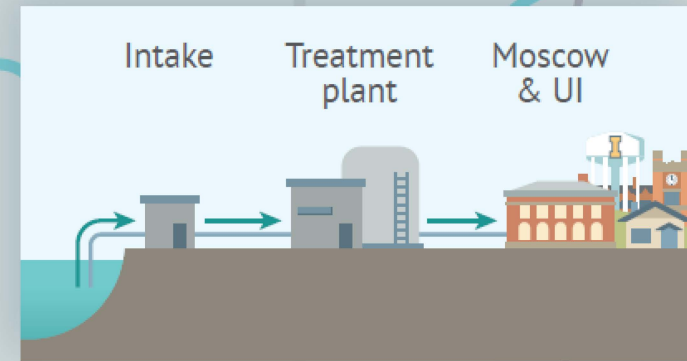
Moscow Wastewater Reuse: Using treated wastewater for passive aquifer recharge in Moscow.

Additional Water Conservation: Implementing conservation measures resulting in 15% less water than currently being used.

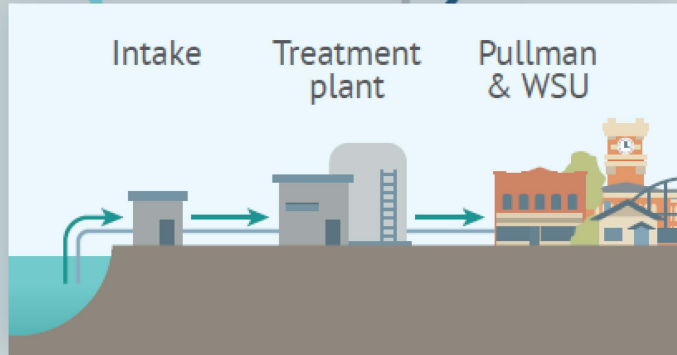


Paradise/South Fork Direct Use:

This project involves diverting water from Paradise Creek and the South Fork of the Palouse River to supply the communities of Moscow and Pullman. New facilities will collect and treat the water before directing it into existing city water systems. In addition to these direct use projects, additional conservation measures will be implemented with a goal to use 15% less water than currently being used.



Direct Use of Paradise Creek
Surface water would be diverted from Paradise Creek, treated, and then conveyed into the existing municipal water system for Moscow and UI.



Direct Use of the South Fork of the Palouse River
Surface water would be diverted from the South Fork of the Palouse River, treated, and then conveyed into the existing municipal water system for Pullman and WSU.

Protecting our critical groundwater resources will help our communities thrive and ensure safe, reliable drinking water for generations to come.

To learn more about the Palouse Basin Aquifer System or the proposed Paradise/South Fork Direct Use project, visit palousebasin.org

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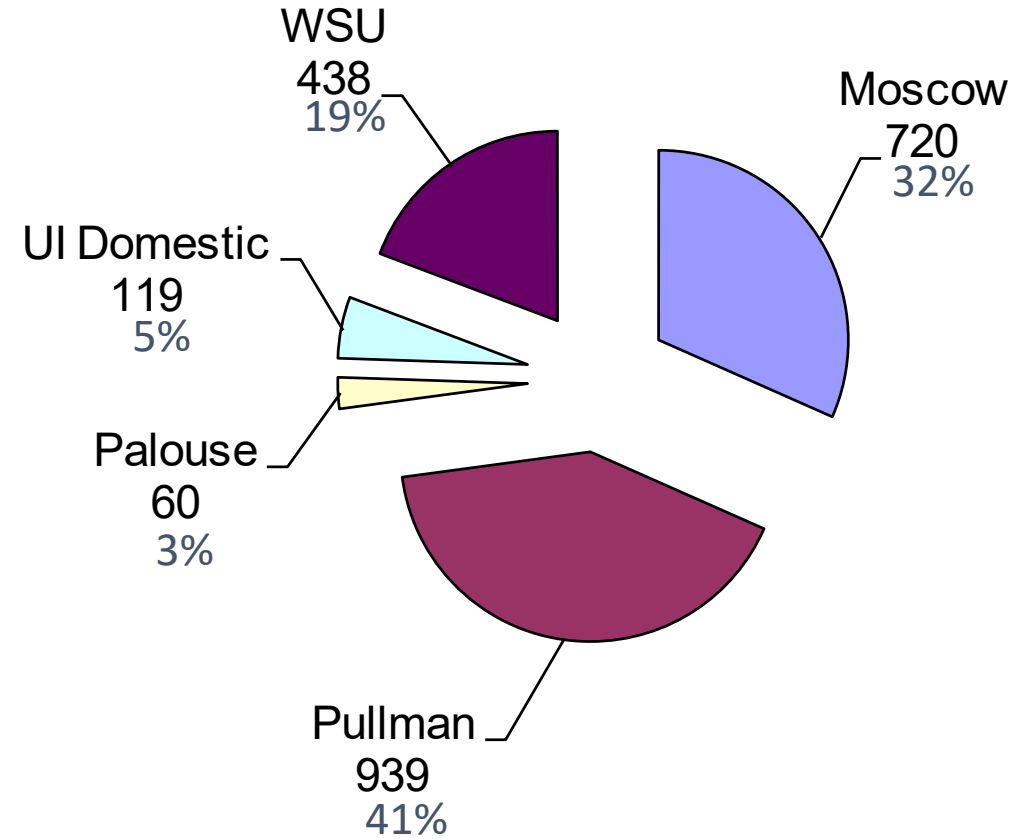
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Monthly Meetings on the Third Thursdays

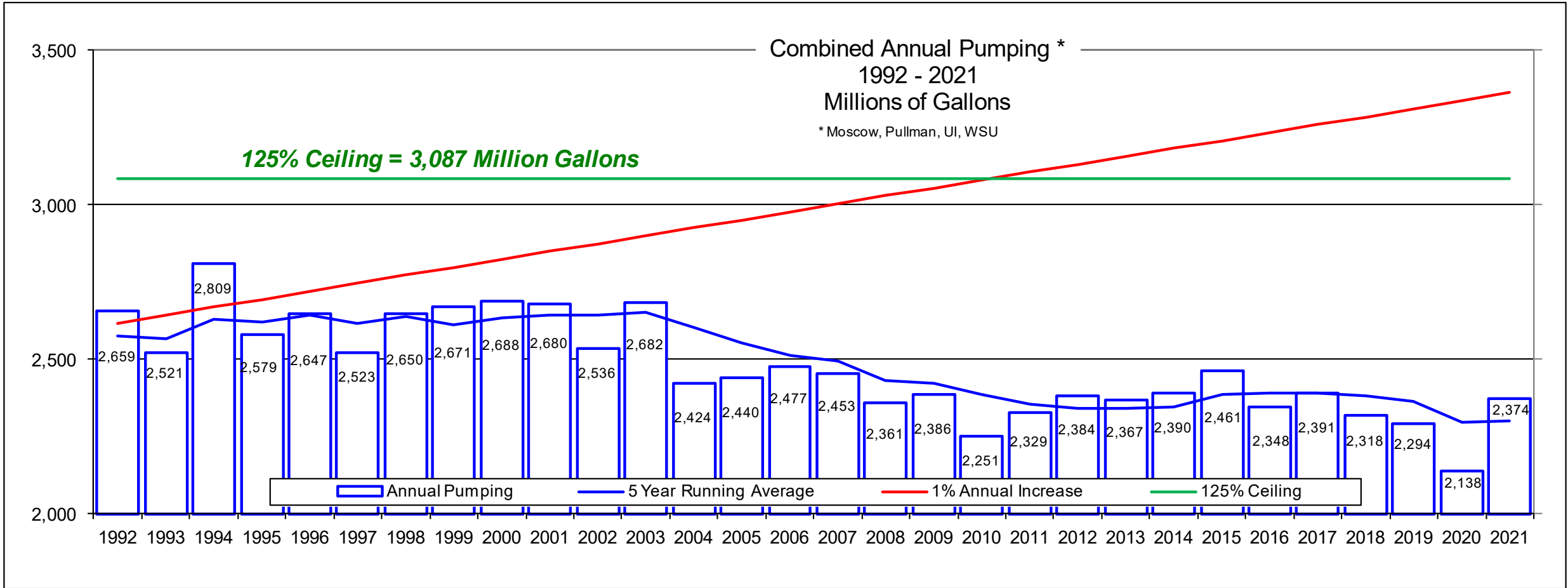
Pumping Data

2022 Water Use

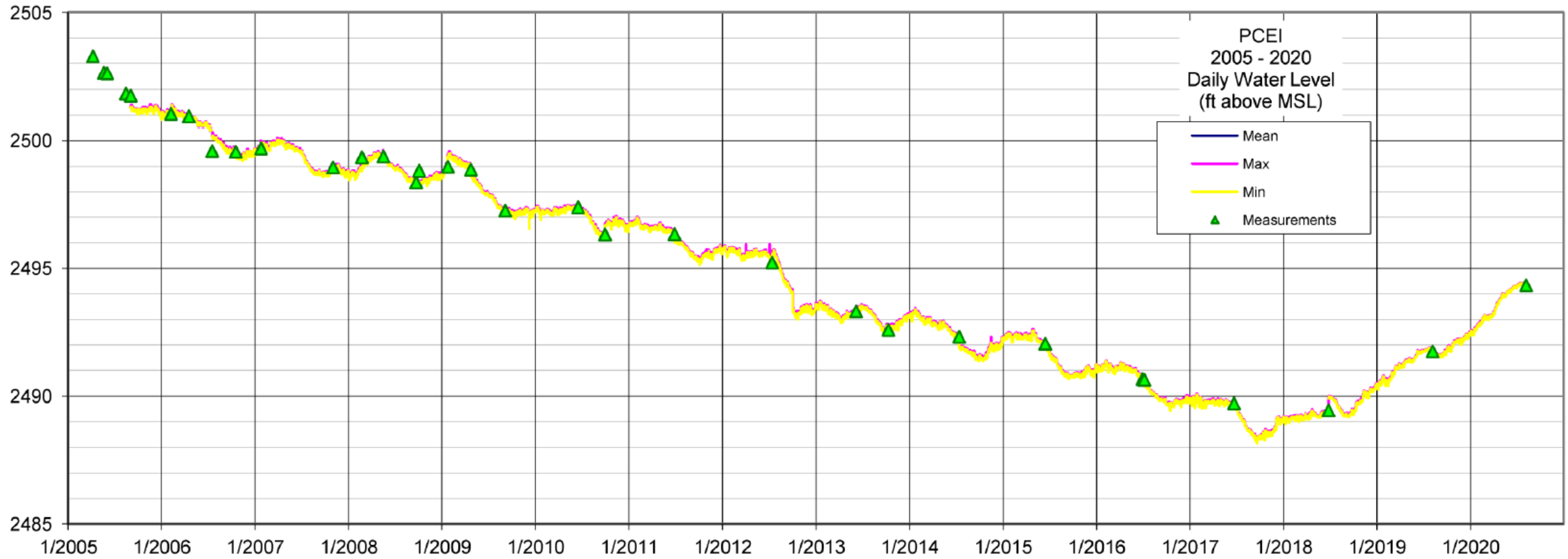
Total 2022 Pumping =
2.28 Billion Gallons



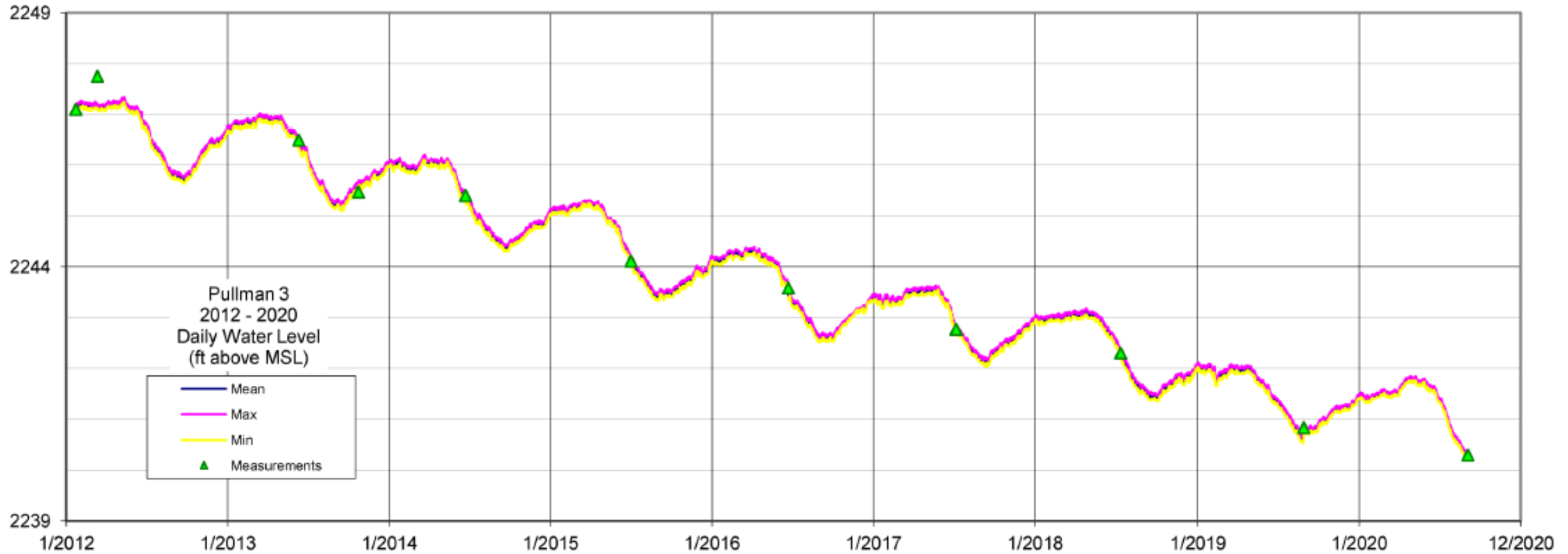
Combined Annual Pumping – 1992-2021



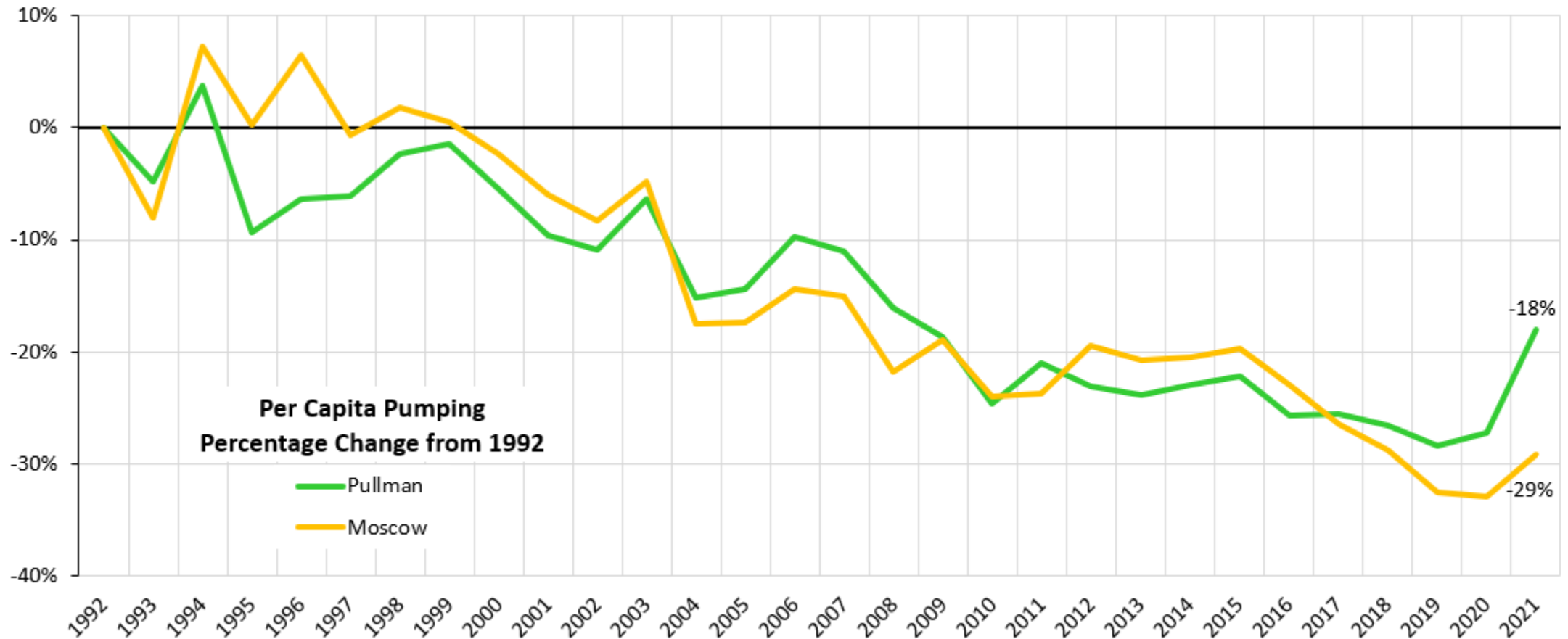
Upper Aquifer Levels



Lower Aquifer Levels



Per Capita Pumping % Change from 1992



Water Supply Alternatives

Progress in the Northern Idaho Adjudications

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Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

August 7, 2023



Overview



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- Reasons for Adjudication
- Adjudication Process Overview
- Status of Northern Idaho Adjudications (NIA)
 - Phase 1 – Coeur d’Alene-Spokane River Basin
 - Phase 2 – Palouse River Basin
 - Phase 3 – Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin
- Next Steps

Benefits of an Adjudication

- We need to avoid uncertain outcomes in competition for finite resources
 - Supplies of surface water and ground water are not always sufficient to meet demands
 - Northern Idaho population growth puts added pressure on Idaho water resources
 - Northern Idaho shares river basins and aquifers with other states
- Adjudication reduces uncertainty by:
 - Confirming private property rights so they can be defended and administered by priority in a time of shortage
 - Recording and confirming beneficial use rights and changes to recorded rights
 - Requiring the United States to claim its water rights in state court

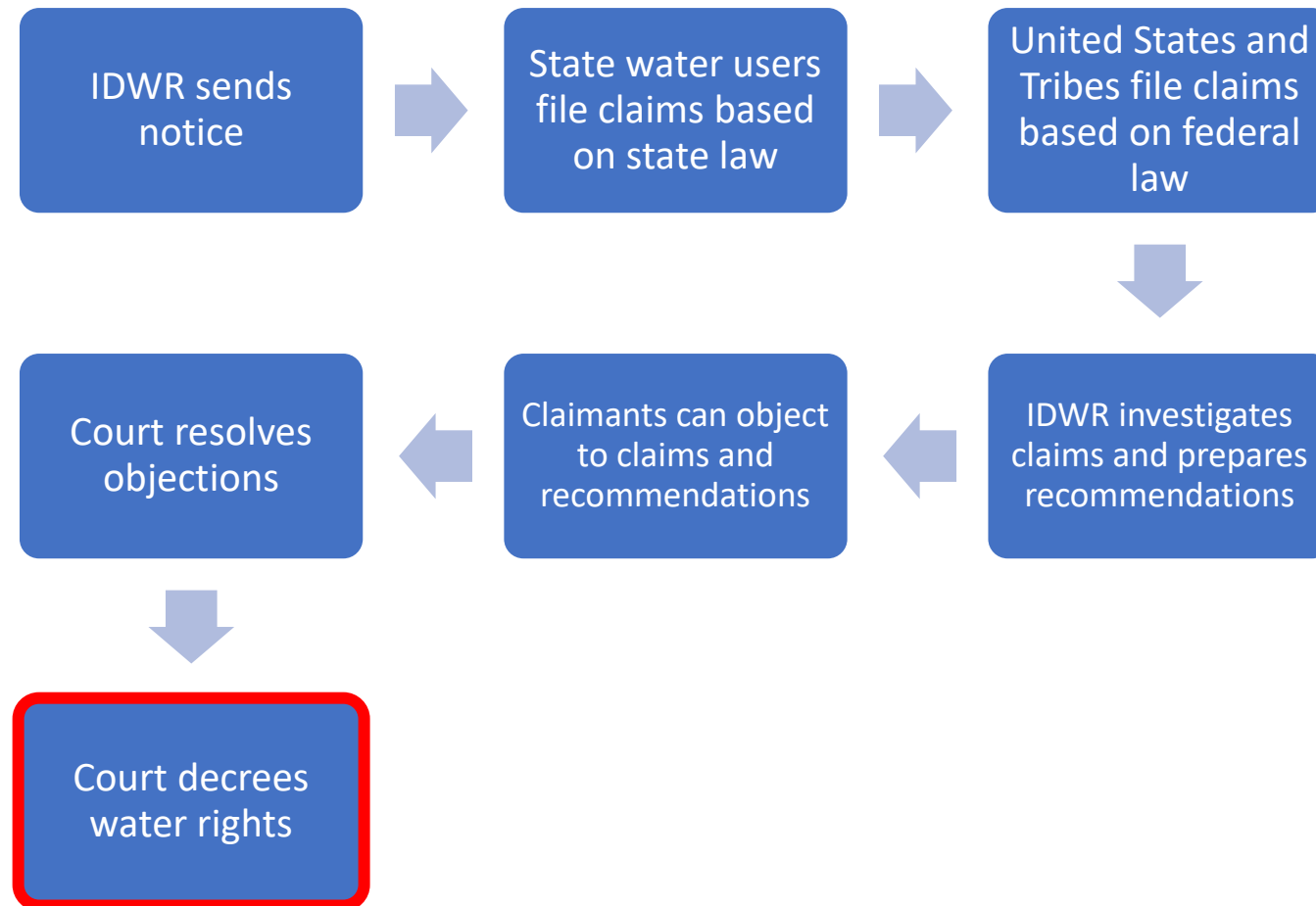


Adjudication Structure



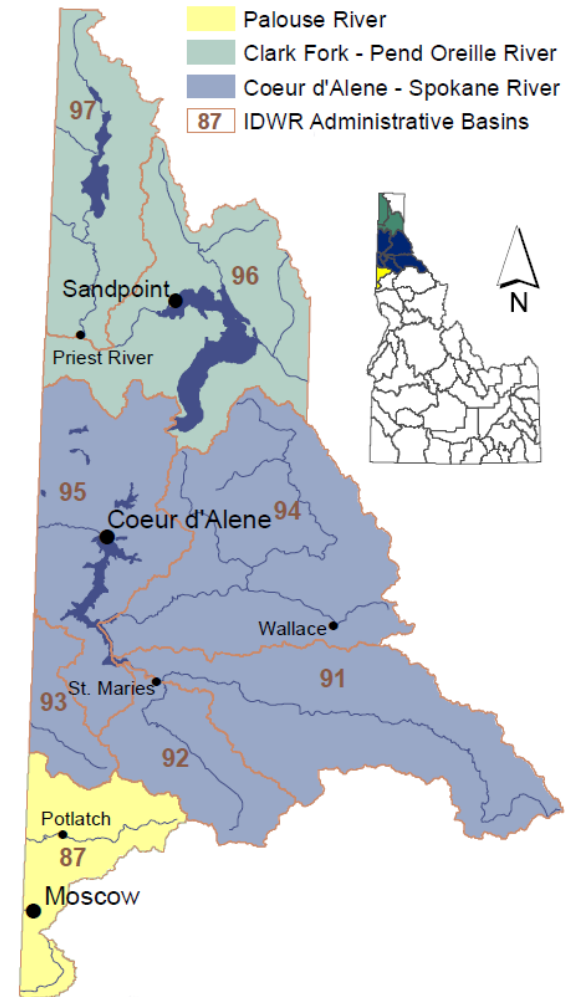
- Legislative authorization in Idaho Code § 42-1406B – passed 2006
- Administered by Idaho Water Court in Twin Falls
- Department of Water Resources is technical advisor to the court (not a party)

Adjudication Process Overview



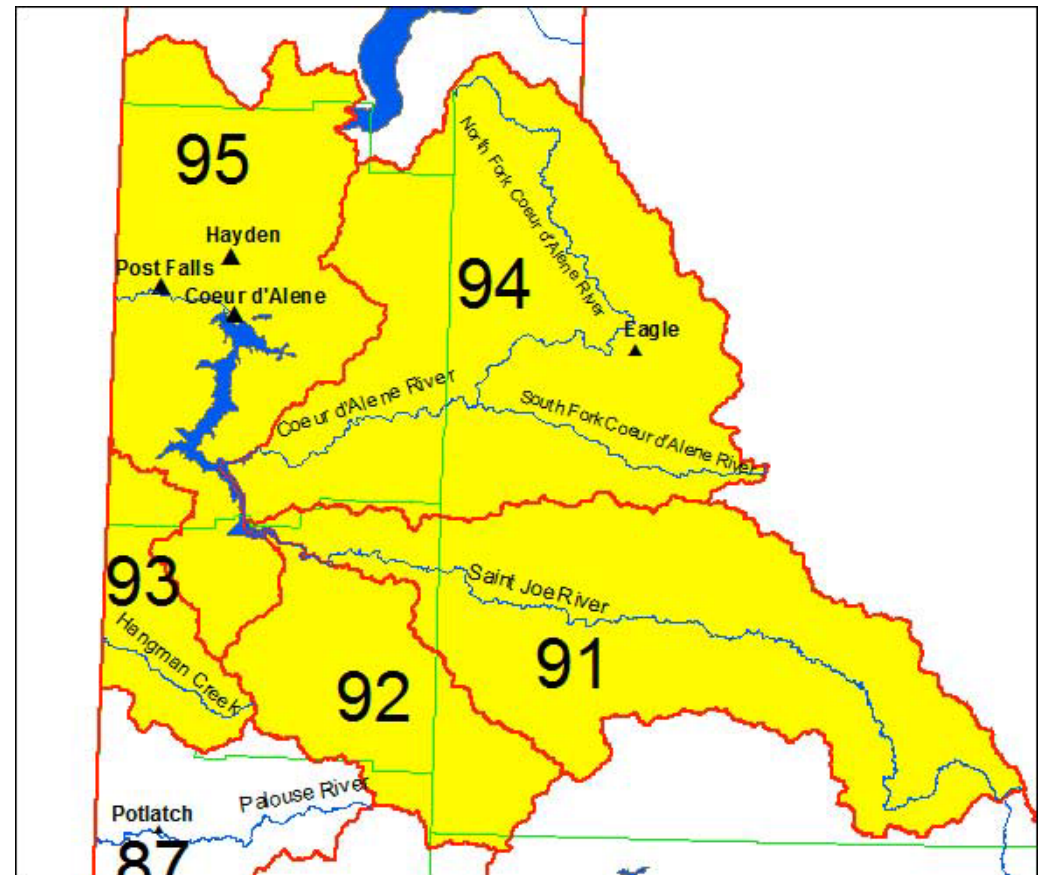
Phases of Northern Idaho Adjudication

- **Phase 1: CSRBA** – Commenced on November 12, 2008
- **Phase 2: PRBA** – Commenced on March 1, 2017
- **Phase 3: CFPRBA** – Commenced on June 15, 2021



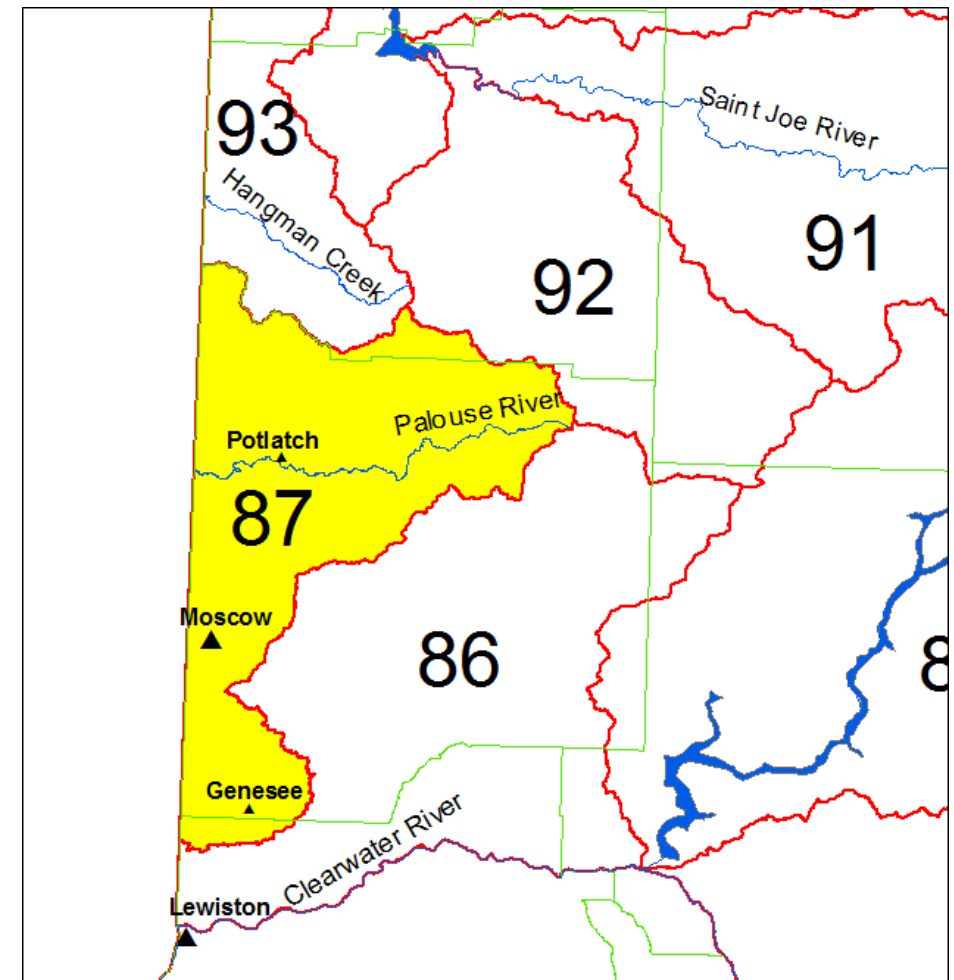
Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA)

- 14,266 state law based claims filed
- 13,780 state law based claims decreed
- 13 state law based claims with outstanding objections, including State of Idaho and Avista claims to water in Lake Coeur d'Alene
- 1,097 federal law based claims decreed
- 284 federal law based tribal claims with outstanding objections



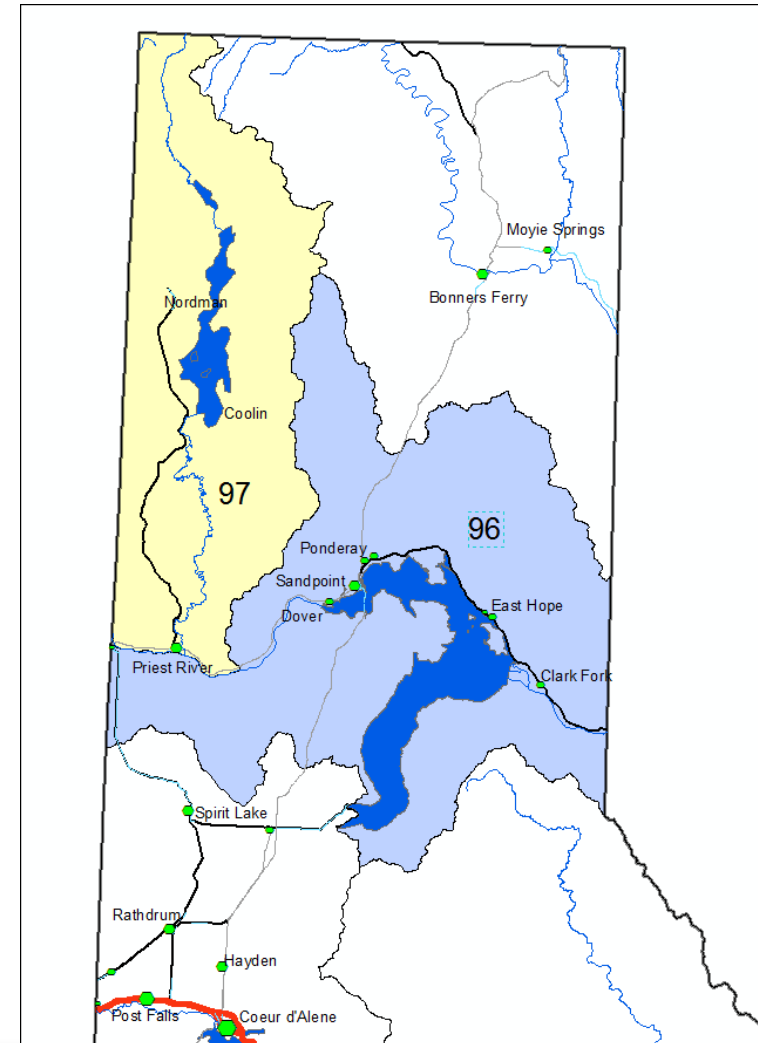
Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA)

- 2,015 state law based claims received
- 1,780 uncontested state law based claims ready for partial decree
- 81 state law based claims with outstanding objections
- 206 federal law based claims with outstanding objections



Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA)

- Commencement Order issued by District Court on June 14, 2021
- Basin 96 – Clark Fork River, Lake Pend Oreille, Pend Oreille River and tributaries
- Basin 97 -- Priest Lake, Priest River and tributaries
- 7,931 state law based claims filed so far



NIA Next Steps

- Resolve remaining claims and objections in CSRBA
- Resolve remaining claims and objections in PRBA
- Claim investigation, Director's reports, and objection resolutions in the CFPRBA
- Kootenai River Basin?



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Thank you



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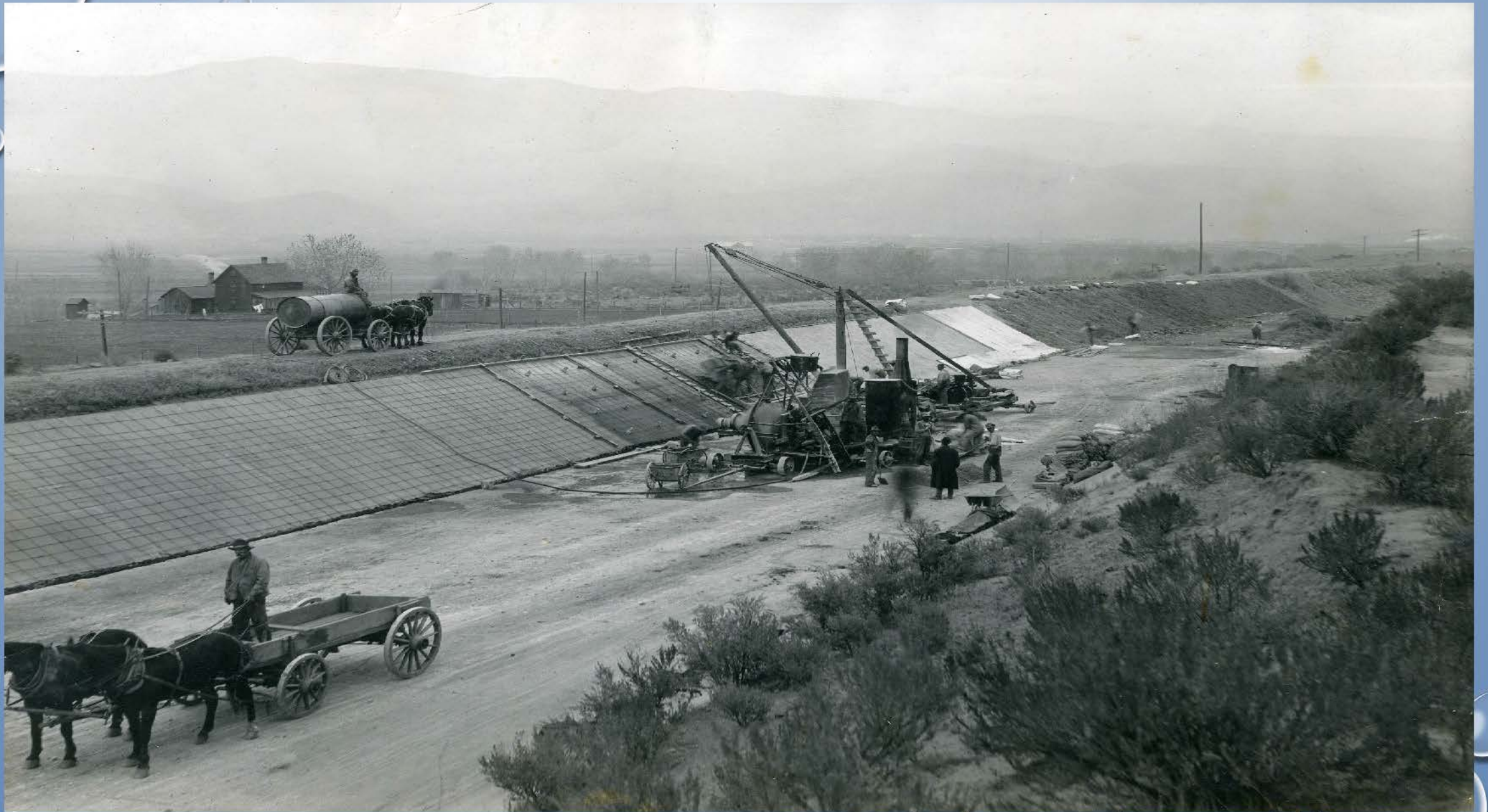


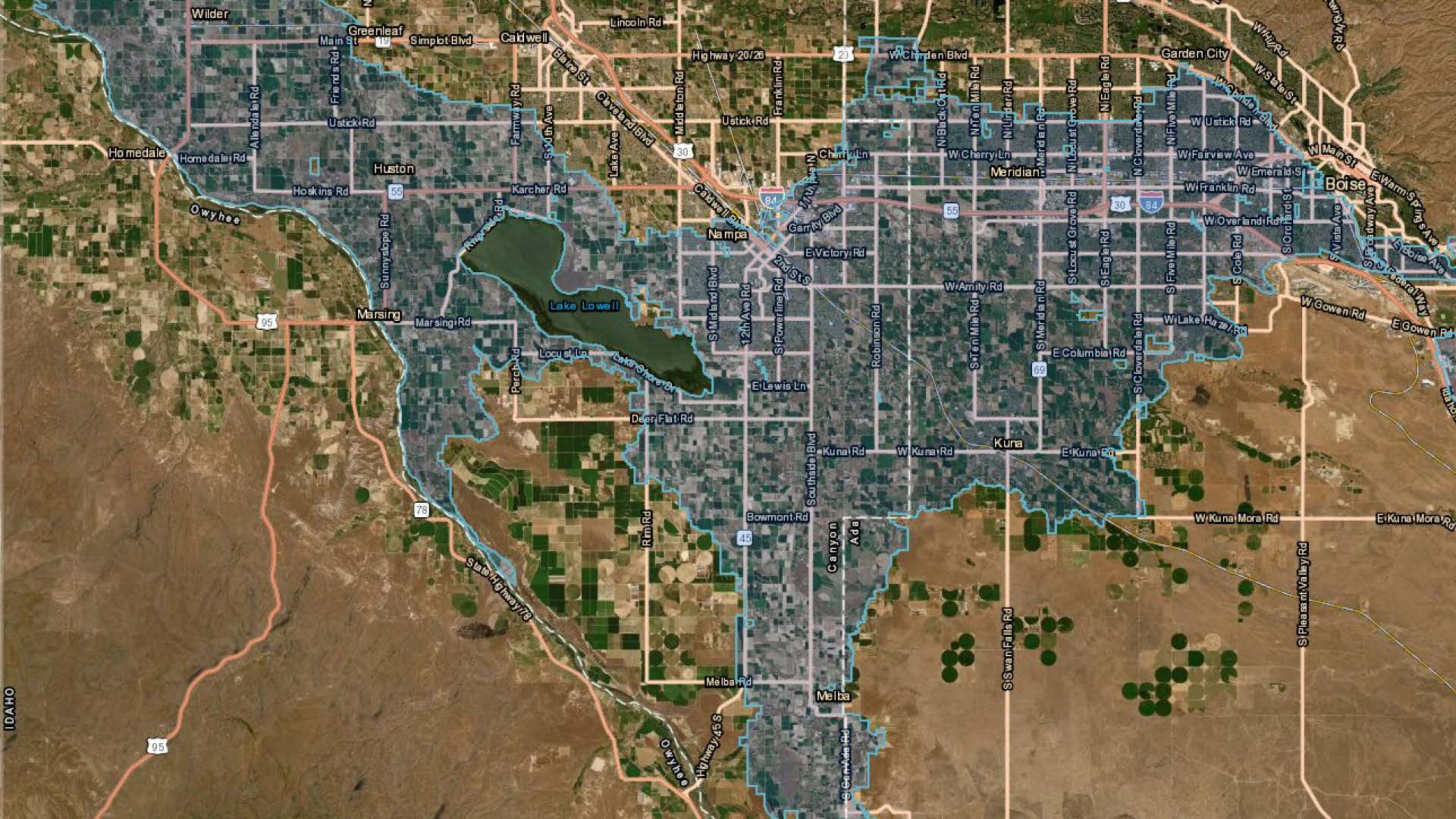
GOVERNOR'S WATER SUMMIT

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Greenleaf

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Caldwell

Highway 20/26

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Garden City

White Rd

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Ustick Rd

Farmway Rd

Blaine St

Middleton Rd

Ustick Rd

Franklin Rd

N Blackfoot Rd

N Ten Mile Rd

N Locust Grove Rd

N Eagle Rd

N Cloverdale Rd

N Five Mile Rd

Homedale

Home Dale Rd

Alameda Rd

Hoskins Rd

Huston

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E Warm Springs Ave

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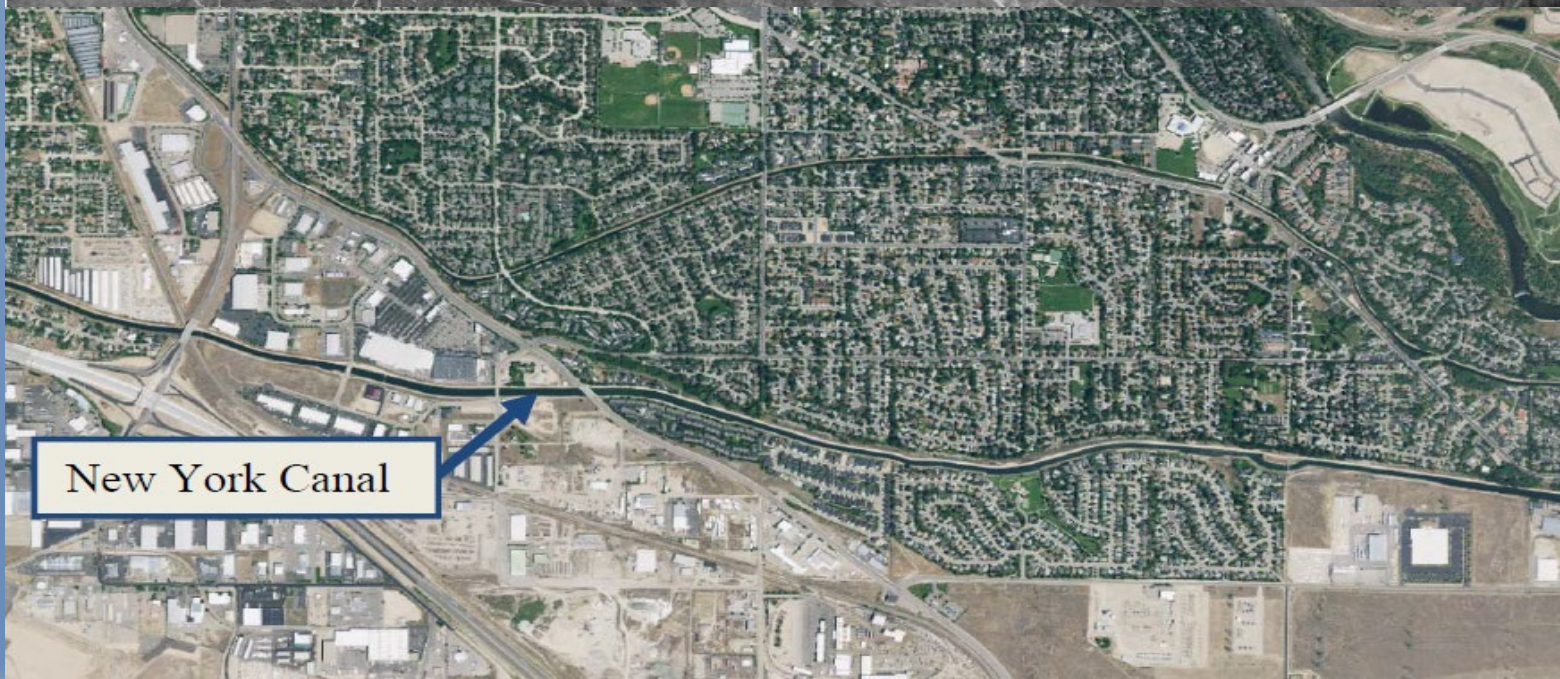
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1939

Population - Approx. 25,000



2023

Population - Approx. 240,000



Site of the 1955 Canal
Breach

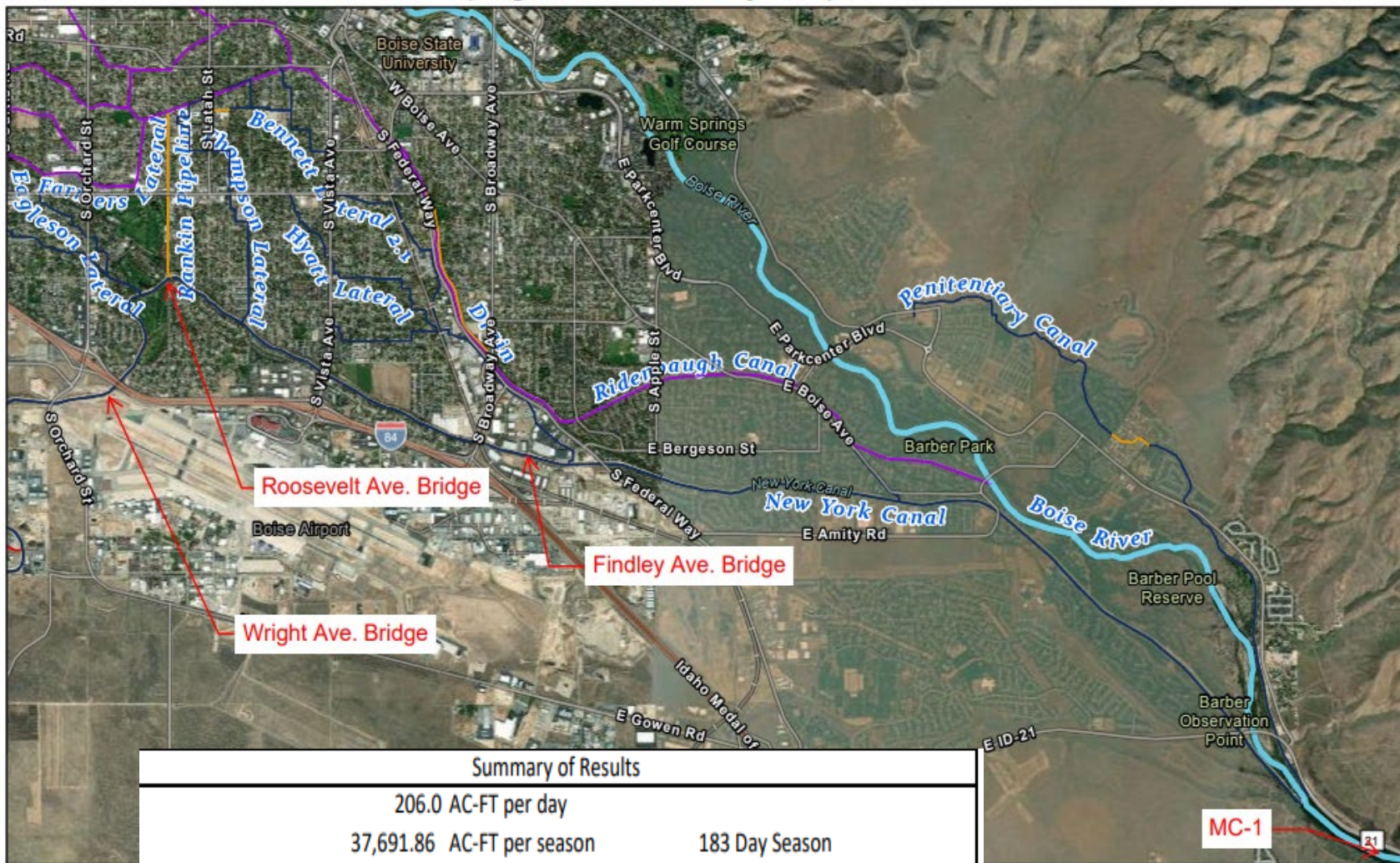


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Summary of Results

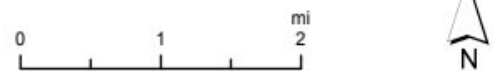
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4,895.05 AC-FT per mile	
29,370.28 AC-FT for 6 Miles	

**34,834 AC-FT from 1997 USGS study for this same stretch

7.58 % Variance

Legend

- Yes
- Transferred
- Verify
- Unknown



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2022 – B.O.R. Study

37,691 acre-feet loss

1997 - U.S.G.S. Study

34,834 acre-feet loss













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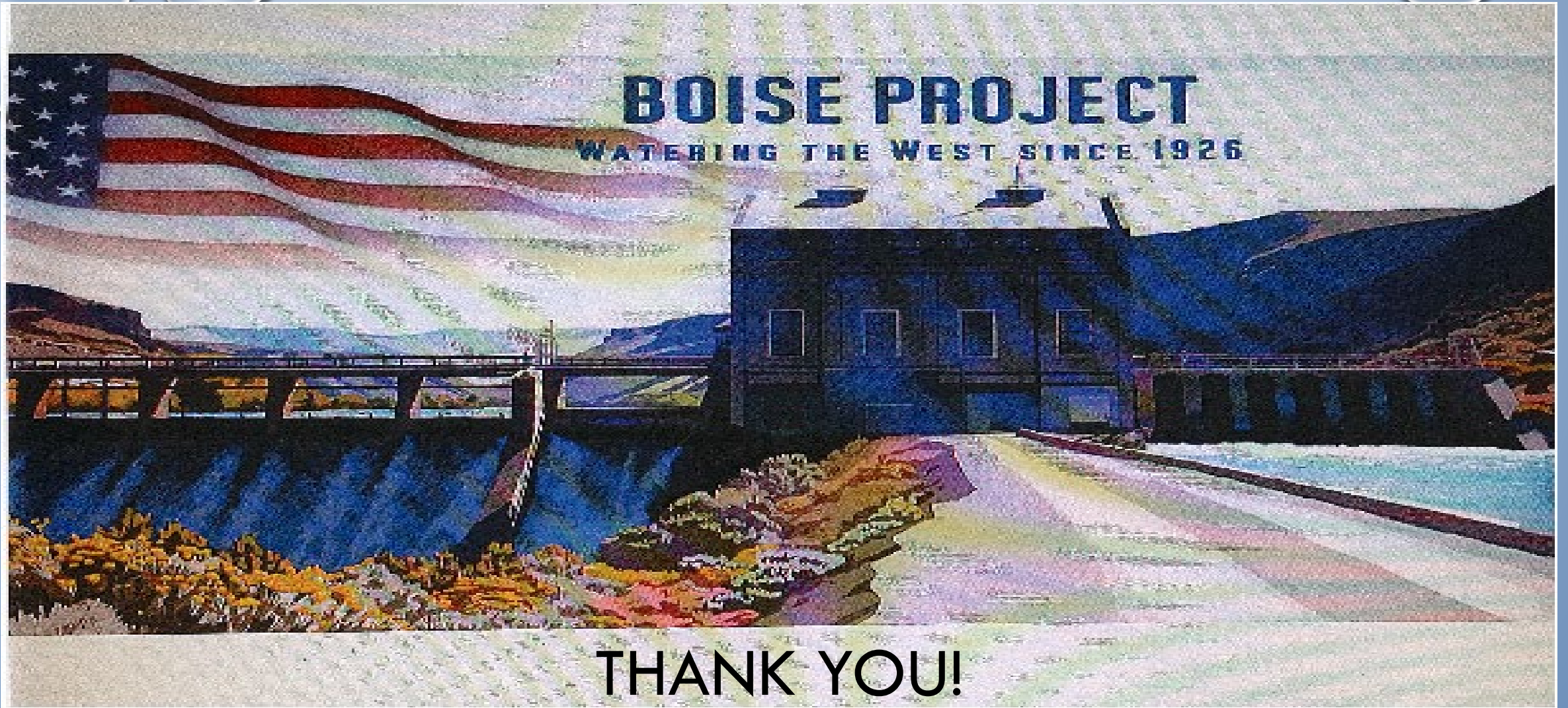


**CONTINUED RELIABILITY/ECONOMIC
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ANNUAL WATER SAVINGS
29,370.28 ac.ft.



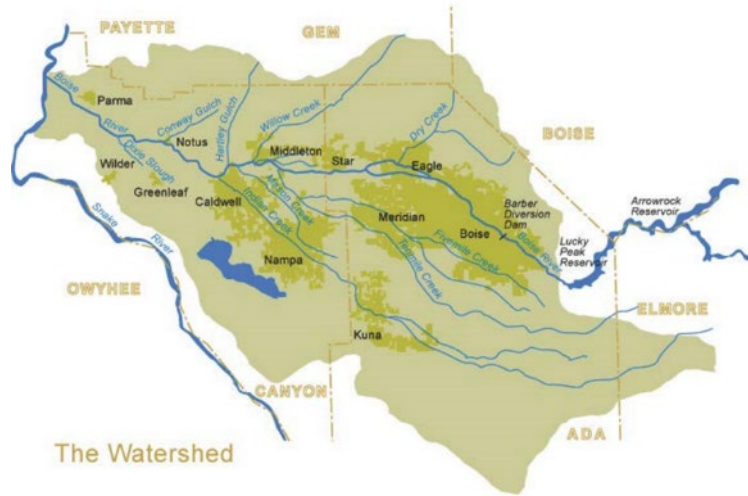
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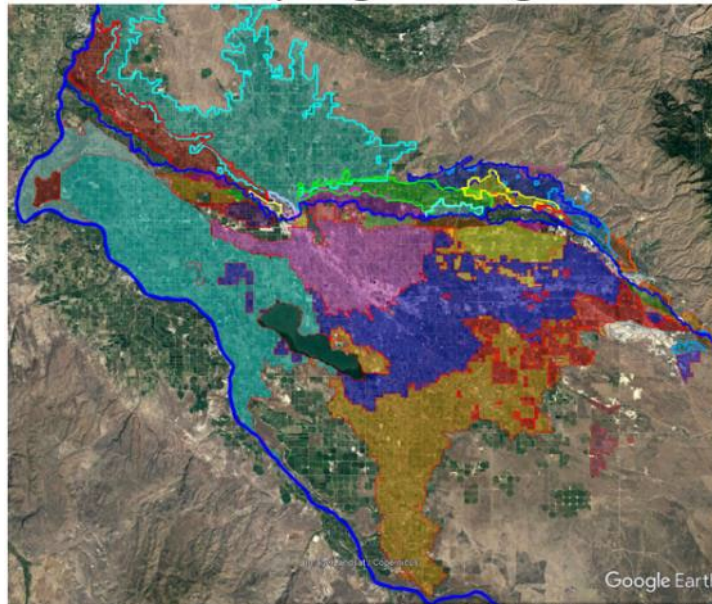
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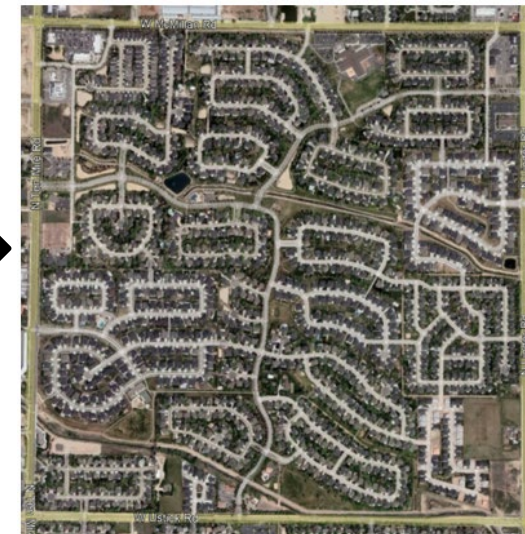
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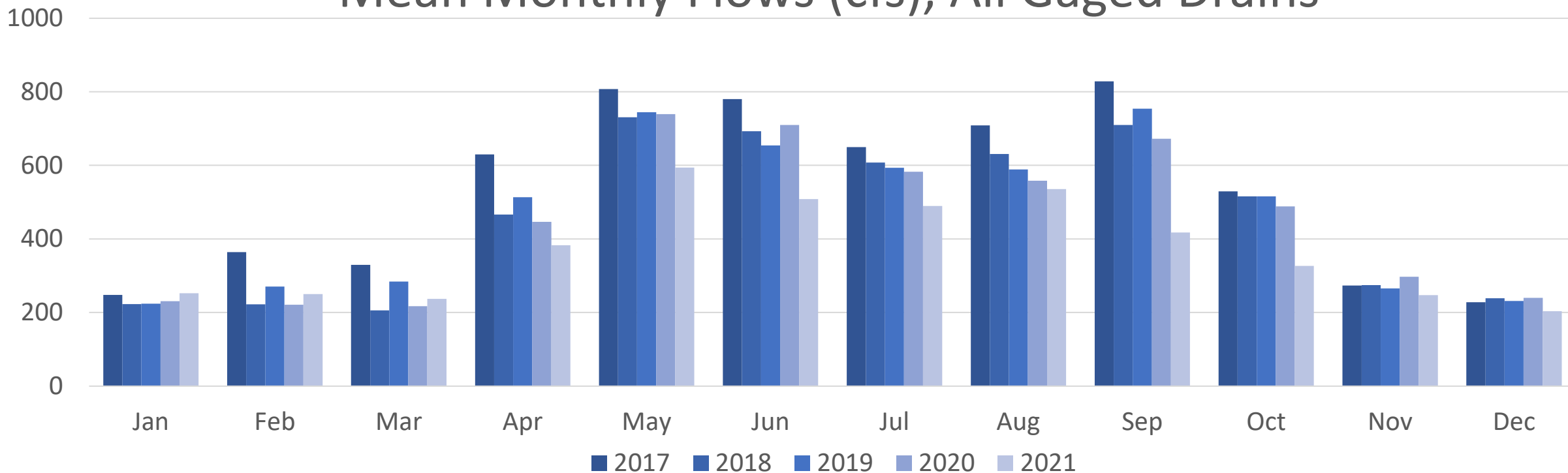
Treasure Valley Irrigation Organizations



Urbanization



Mean Monthly Flows (cfs), All Gaged Drains



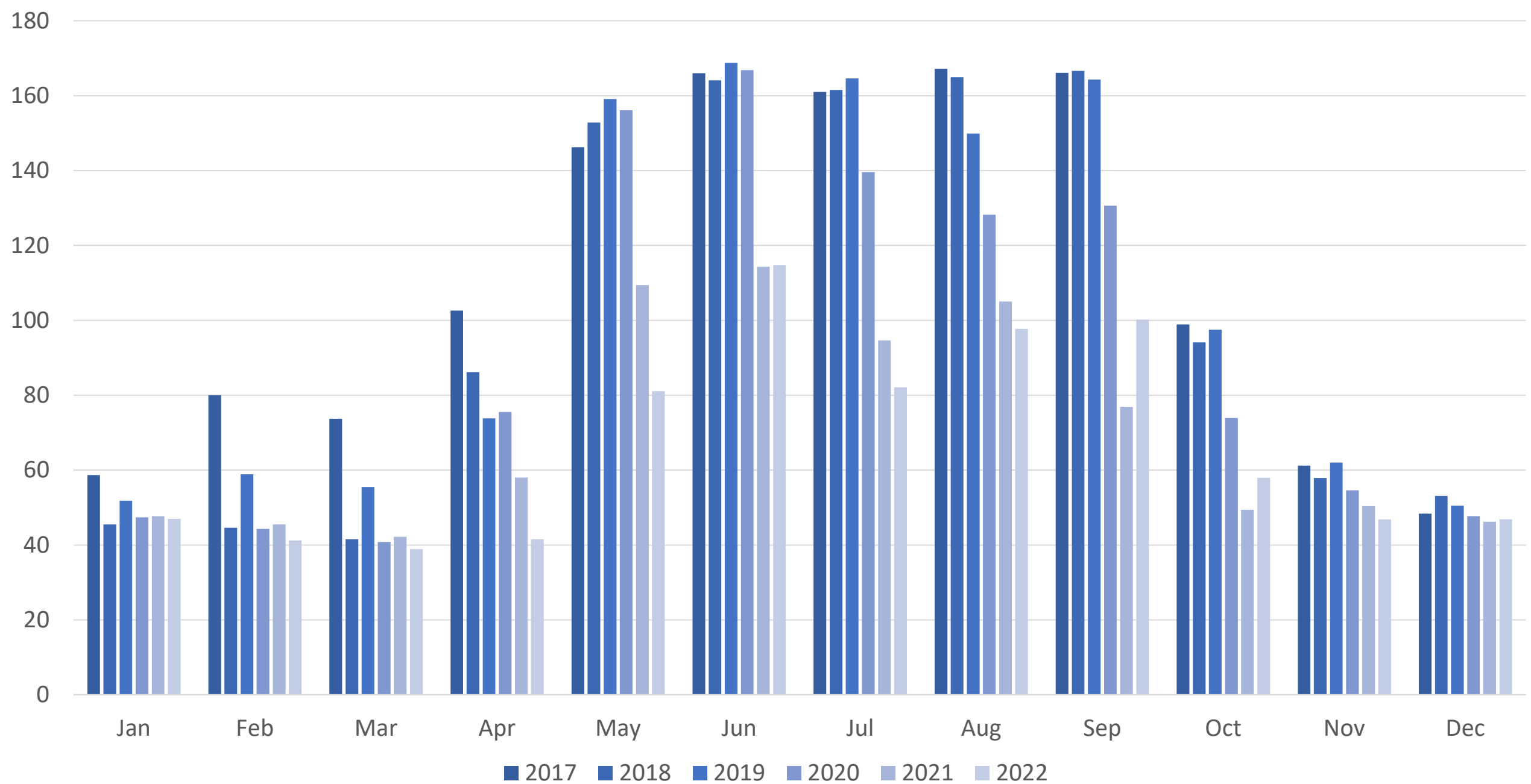
USGS Stream Flow Gages (2017-present)

- Eagle Drain
- Fifteen Mile Creek
- Mason Creek
- Mill Slough
- South Middleton Drain
- East Hartley Gulch
- West Hartley Gulch
- Conway Gulch
- Dixie Drain

Why are drains important to the water supply on the Boise River?

- All of the water released from Lucky Peak only makes it to Caldwell near the freeway
- The lower river is supplied 100% from return flows from the drains and groundwater
- On average 1,300 acre-feet of water is supplied to users at and below Caldwell on a daily basis
- This is roughly 234,000 acre-feet of water in an irrigation season
- This is a quarter of our storage supply in the Boise system

Mason Creek Mean Monthly Flows (cfs)



Boise River June 30, 2022 Low Flow

On June 30th of 2022, Water District 63 did not have enough water in the Boise River to supply the demand below Caldwell. The only reason we were able to deliver water to 5 different canal companies and farmers was that we had BOR flow augmentation water in the river. Looking at the accounting, we were approximately 150 CFS short in the river.

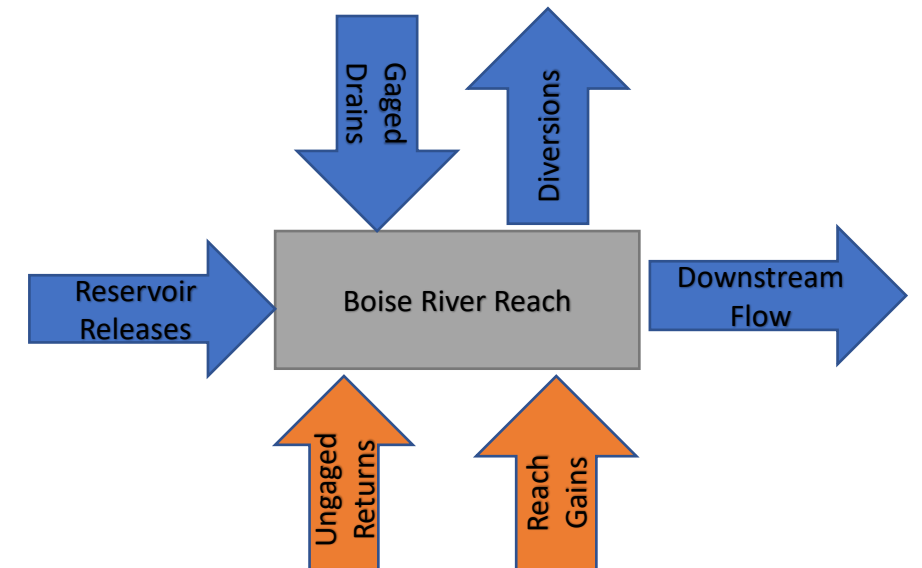
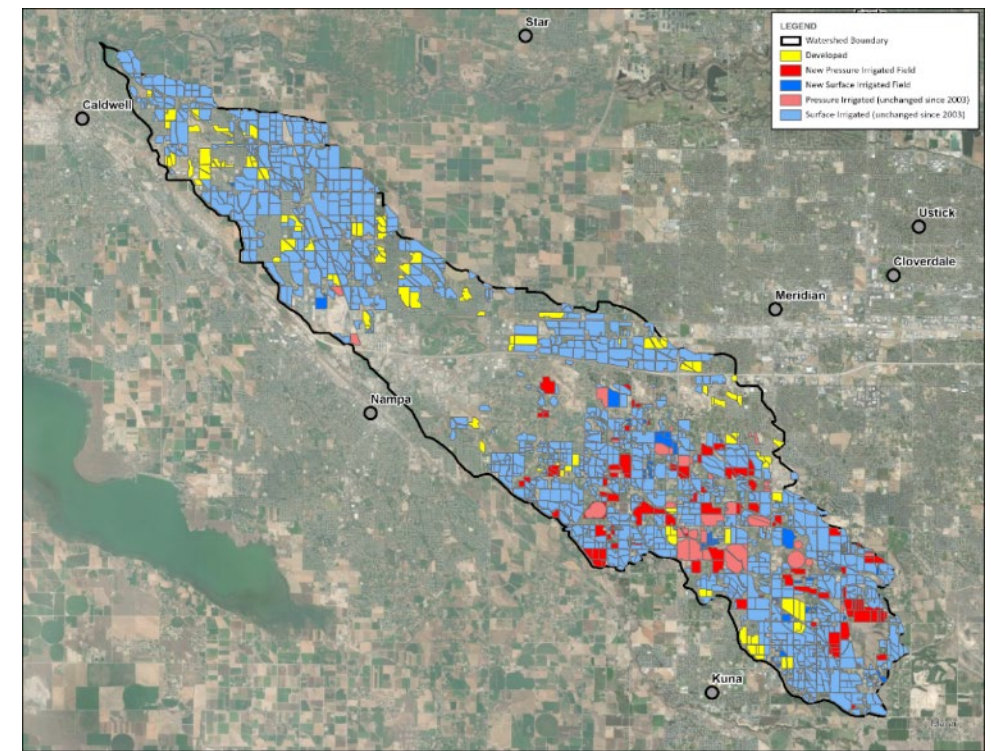
WATER DISTRICT 63 - BOISE RIVER FLOW ACCOUNTING (VER 2.1.2.126) - Jun 30, 2022											20221004
REACH FLOWS IN CFS	ACTUAL DATE	NATURAL FLOW	ACTUAL RMAINING FLOW	OPERATN NAT FLOW	STORERESRVOIR EVAP	NATURAL FLOW DIV	TOTAL RCH DIV	REACH			
								GAIN	LAST	RIGHT	
TWIN SPRINGS	Jun 30	2052.	2050.	2050.	0.	0.	2.	2052.	19031214		
FEATHERVILLE	Jun 30	1101.	1090.	1091.	0.	-1.	10.	1101.	19031214		
FTHRVL TO ANDERSN RANCH	Jun 30	1168.	585.	1158.	0.	-573.	22.	67.	19031214		
ANDSN RANCH TO ARROWROCK	Jun 30	3298.	4042.	3286.	0.	755.	14.	78.	19031214		
MORES CREEK	Jun 30	187.	182.	182.	0.	0.	4.	187.	19031214		
ARROWROCK TO LUCKY PEAK	Jun 30	3500.	4293.	3484.	0.	809.	14.	15.	19031214		
LUCKY PEAK TO DIVSN DAM	* Jun 30	3430.	2181.	1628.	0.	553.	1786.	-70.	19031214		
DIVSN DAM TO BOISE	* Jun 30	3430.	1730.	1180.	0.	550.	448.	0.	19031214		
BOISE TO GLENWOOD BR	Jun 30	3274.	1320.	776.	0.	544.	248.	-156.	19031214		
GLENWOOD BR TO MIDDLETN	Jun 30	3391.	794.	0.	250.	544.	643.	117.	19031214		
MIDDLETON TO CALDWELL	Jun 30	3800.	721.	127.	50.	544.	481.	409.	19500511		
CALDWELL TO NOTUS	* Jun 30	4055.	578.	0.	50.	528.	383.	255.	19500511		
NOTUS TO PARMA	Jun 30	4532.	764.	378.	0.	387.	149.	476.	20220101		
* - INDICATES FLOW ESTIMATED, NOT MEASURED							TOTALS:	4154.	4555.	4532.	

June 30, 2022

Drain	June 30 Mean Daily Flow, 2017-2022 (cfs)	June 30, 2022 Mean Flow (cfs)	Difference (cfs)
Eagle Drain	34	40	+6
Fifteen Mile Creek	103	97	-6
N Middleton Drain (Mill Slough)	38	25	-13
S Middleton Drain	71	43	-28
Mason Creek	151	75	-76
West Hartley Gulch	21	12	-9
East Hartley Gulch	55	47	-8
Conway Gulch	31	27	-4
Dixie Drain	160	135	-25
TOTAL	664	501	-163

Phase 1: Collect and Analyze Flow Data

- Monitor inflows and outflows within each drainshed
 - Large Drains and Subdrains
 - Diversions
 - Key Canal Crossings
 - Coordinate with water managers
 - Develop long-term plan to install and maintain network
- Develop Boise River Mass Balance
 - Measured inflows
 - Recorded diversions
 - Determine what isn't being measured
- Complete Drain Flow Trend Analysis
 - Quantify changes in drains
 - Evaluate correlation with changes in land use, management, and water use



Phase 2: Develop Tools for Better Management

- Correlate changes in land use, operations, climate, water supply availability, and groundwater to change in flows
- Evaluate flow records to quantify historic and ongoing changes
- Develop models to estimate changes as a function of influential factors
- Project changes in future drain flows and manage water delivery accordingly

Phase 3: Develop Water Supply Management and Mitigation Plan

- Alternatives Analysis
 - Surface Water Supply Management and Mitigation Alternatives
 - Groundwater Supply Management and Mitigation Alternatives
 - Water Conservation Alternatives
- Trade-off and Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Preferred Alternatives
- Implementation Plan

Big Wood and Little Wood River Systems



August 2020 Imagery