

Issues identified in the Bear River Basin

<u>Category</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Water Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bear River Compact Administration- Storage<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Smith's Fork- Compact Allocation<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Town of Bear River- Measuring device installation - info available on Web- Conveyance loss study (UW Water Research Program)- USCOE Flood Study- Groundwater - only compact with groundwater specifically in allocations- WWDC Small Water Projects<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spring development with NRCS in Cokeville
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Joint 3 State Water Quality Committee affiliated with Bear River Commission- Water Quality Task Force - Bear Lake Regional Commission staffs this<ul style="list-style-type: none">- responsible for reviewing stateline standards for compatibility- Upper Bear River Watershed Plan (in lieu of TMDL)- DEQ 319 Projects<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bridger Creek, Thomas Fork- AML Phosphate Mine
Future Demands and Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Town of Bear River- Cokeville spring developments- Smith's Fork (storage)- Wildlife Refuge land acquisition<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Woodruff Narrows Reservoir deliveries- Compact tie to elevation of Bear Lake- Downstream growth pressures on Bear River (Washakie Reservoir in Utah)
Habitat, Wildlife and Fisheries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Instream flow applications- Bonneville cutthroat trout petitioned- habitat improvements- upgrading measuring devices- Smith's Fork Reservoir project- Wildlife Refuge- Evanston river restoration- Upper Bear River Watershed plan- Aquatic Invasive Species, ex. Zebra Mussels
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Town of Bear River- WWDC Level I Study - Smith's Fork- Wind generation - Evanston diversifying- Wildlife Refuge development and related tourism impacts- WWDC Small Water Project program

NOTE: Per the meeting held 11-7-2005, the wording in blue are some of the issues that the BAG decided they wanted to have taken forward to the Framework consultant

Red issues were added at 4/28/09 Bear BAG Meeting