

# Wyoming's Bear River Basin Plan

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# Basin Planning Principles

- Grass Roots Participation
- Wyoming Water Law and Compact Agreement(s)
- Wyoming has the right to manage its resources for the benefit of its citizens

# Grass Roots Participation

- State Water Plan Questionnaire
- Basin Advisory Group (BAG)
- Public Meetings
- Internet Availability

# **Bear River Basin Advisory Group**

## **(The Process of Building Consensus)**

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*“The best thing the planning process can do is encourage communication among interest groups. We need to put issues on the table locally before outsiders do. If I have to take cows off my allotment, I’d rather hear that from my neighbors than the federal government”*

*Craig Lowham, Rancher*

*“The plan must be a constructive document, not a road block. It must be an entire package, and not be used by one party against another”*

*Gordon Park*



# Basin Advisory Group Structure

*“... this will allow us to work from the bottom up instead of the top down...”*

*Truman Julian, Rancher*

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**Nine local related water interests represented:**

- Agriculture
- Municipalities
- Counties
- Industries
- Recreation
- Environment
- Conservation Districts
- Interstate Compact
- Active River Basin Task Force(s)

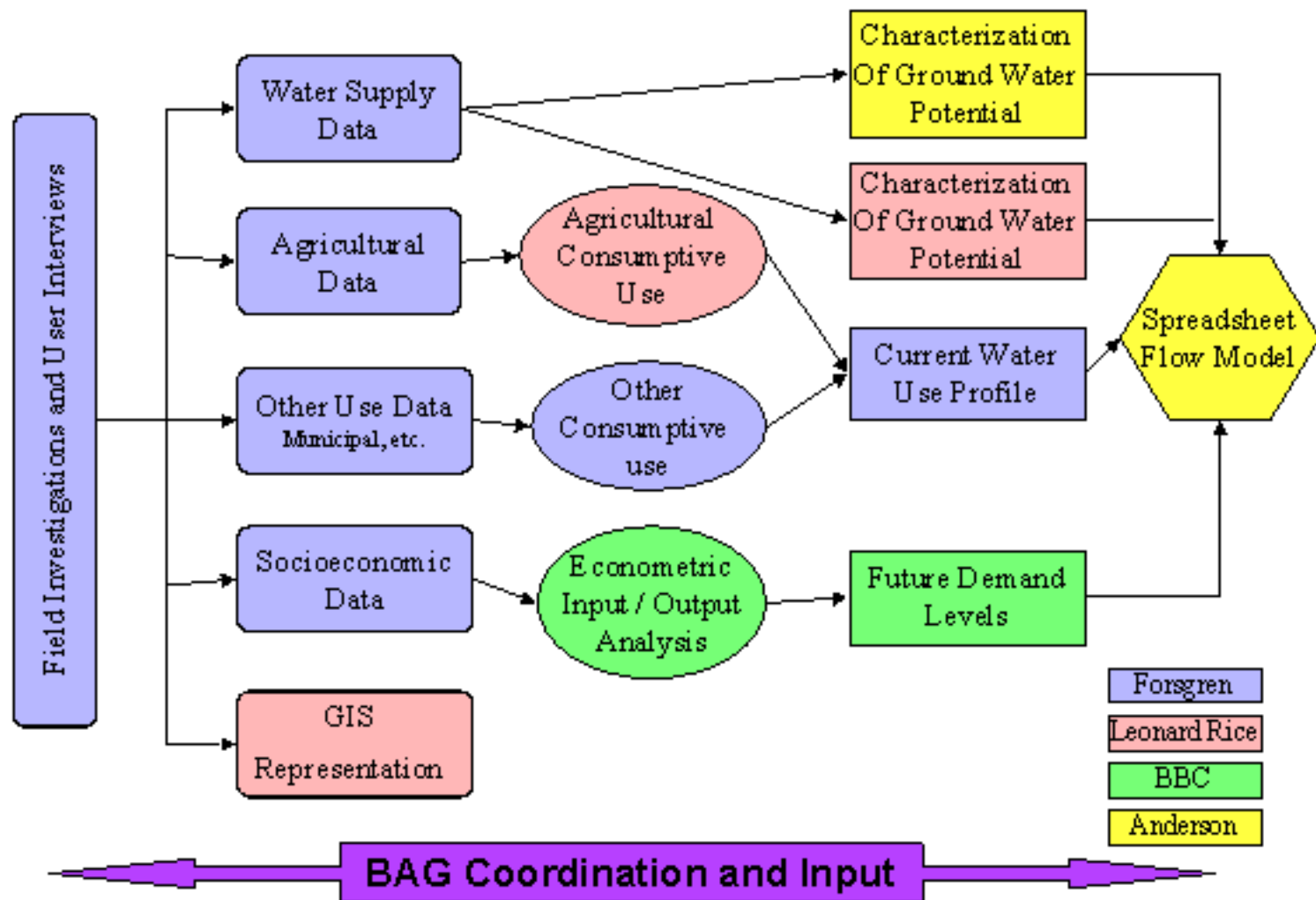
# Wyoming Philosophy and Approach

*The plan is a process. The product is a tool.  
The future of the plan is dynamic.*

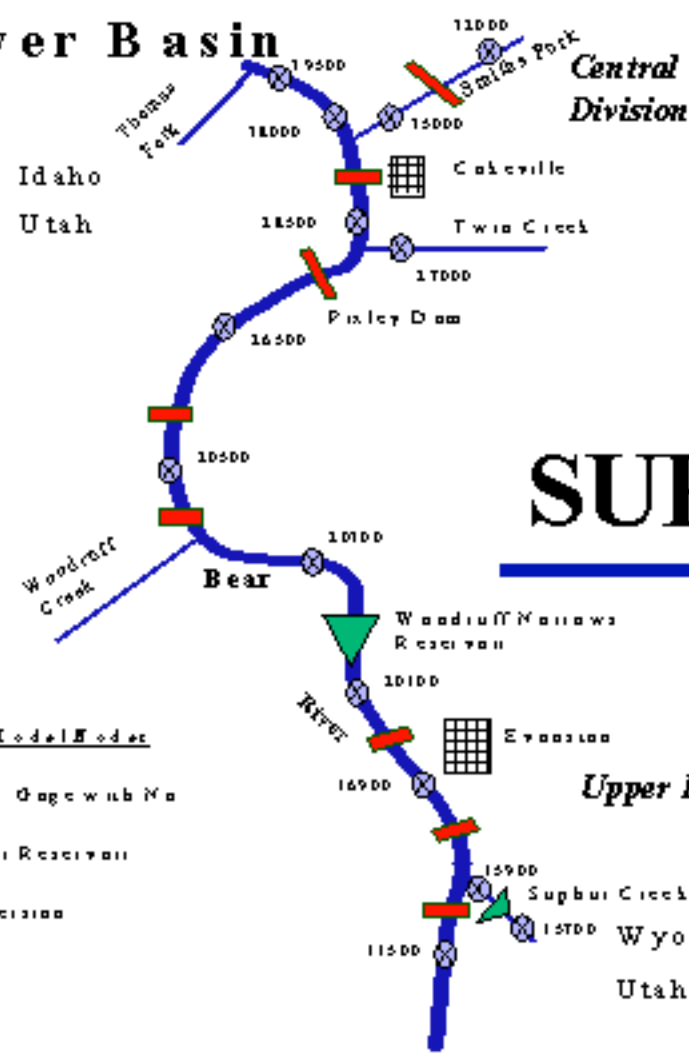
- Useful to a technical professional.
- Useable to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.
- Accessible to everyone.



# BASIN PLANNING PROCESS






# Bear River Basin



# WATER SUPPLY DATA

Location | Model | Notes

-  Stream Gauge with No
-  Major Reservoir
-  Division





# Surface Water Quality

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- Reviewed Continuous Monitoring Stations
- Used Total Dissolved Solids as Indicator
  - Easily and Often Measured
- Used Stream Classifications as Indicator



## Surface Water Quality Cont.

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### 💧 Long Term Gages (~10 years or more)

<b>Gage ID</b>	<b>Stream Name</b>	<b>Class ID</b>	<b>Period of Record</b>
10020100	Bear River above Reservoir near Woodruff	2	1985-Present
10027000	Twin Creek at Sage	2	1975-1981 and 1989-Present
10035000	Smiths Fork at Cokeville	2	1983-1988, 1989-1992 and 1993-Present
10038000	Bear River below Smiths Fork	2	1992-Present
10039500	Bear River at Border	2	1965-1989

# Surface Water Quality Conclusions

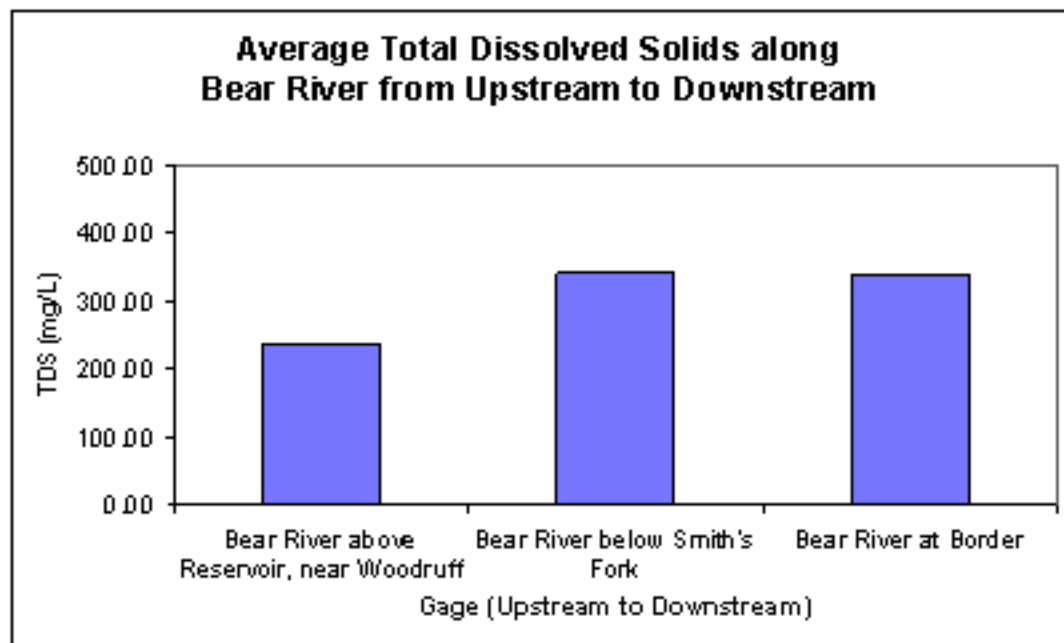
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- 💧 TDS Water Quality Standards
  - 💧 500 mg/L Domestic Use
  - 💧 2000 mg/L Agricultural and Livestock Use
- 💧 Only Twin Creek at Sage Exceeds Standard Frequently
- 💧 Bear River and other Tributaries Within Standards

## Surface Water Quality Conclusions (Cont.)

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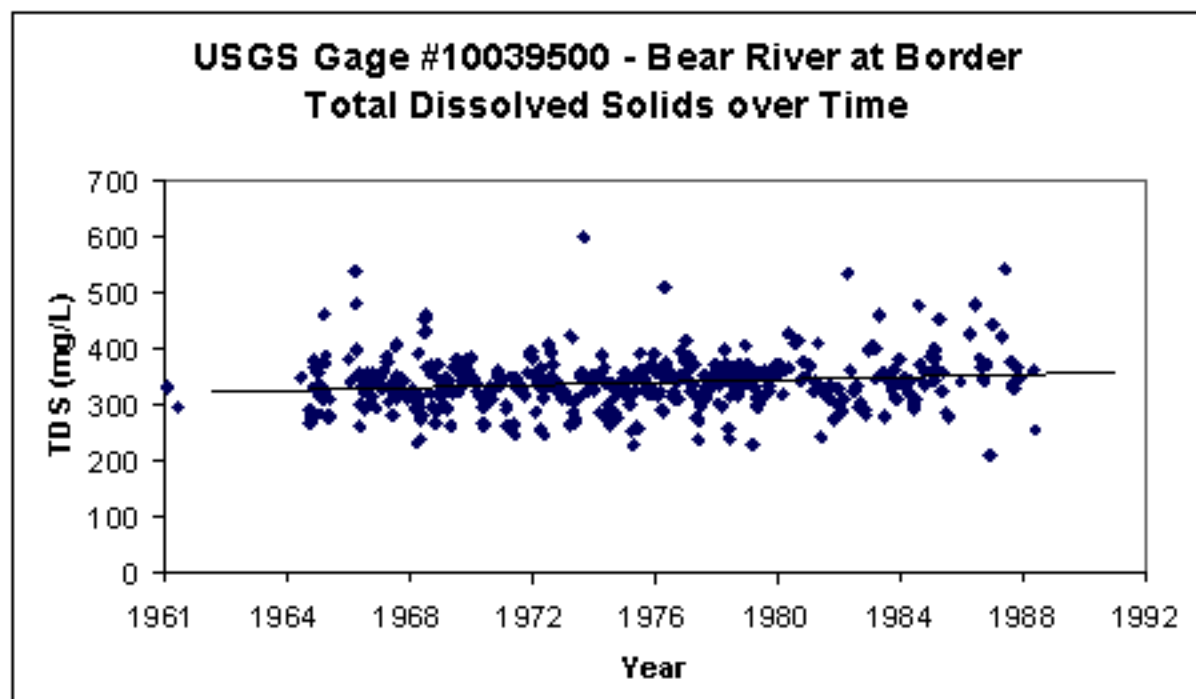
- Water Quality Degrades Slightly From Upstream to Downstream



## Surface Water Quality Conclusions (Cont.)

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💧 Water Quality Degrades Slightly Over Time

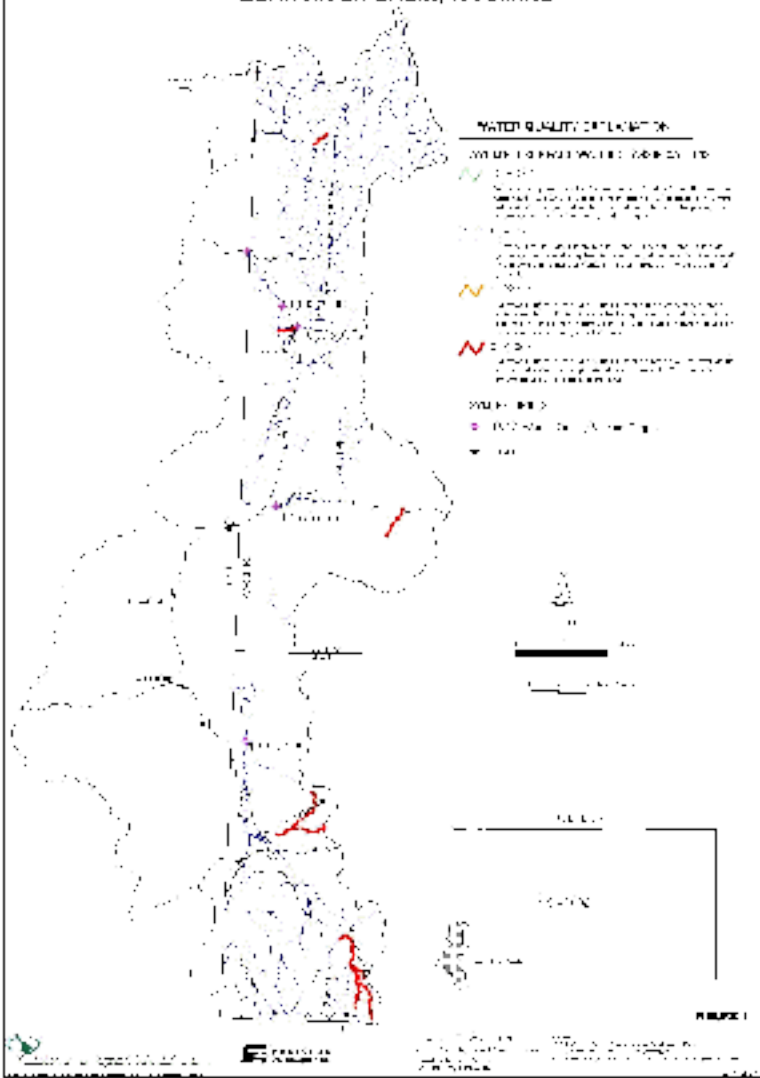


## Surface Water Quality Conclusions (Cont.)

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- ◆ DEQ Stream Classifications
  - ◆ Mostly Class 2 in Basin (Presently support fish or have adequate flow and quality to support fish)
  - ◆ Some Class 4 (Do not support fish, in the Bear River Basin because of intermittent flow, not due to quality problems)

# WATER QUALITY STREAM GAGES AND CLASSIFICATIONS BEAR RIVER BASIN, WYOMING



# Basin Water Use

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💧 **Agricultural**

💧 Municipal

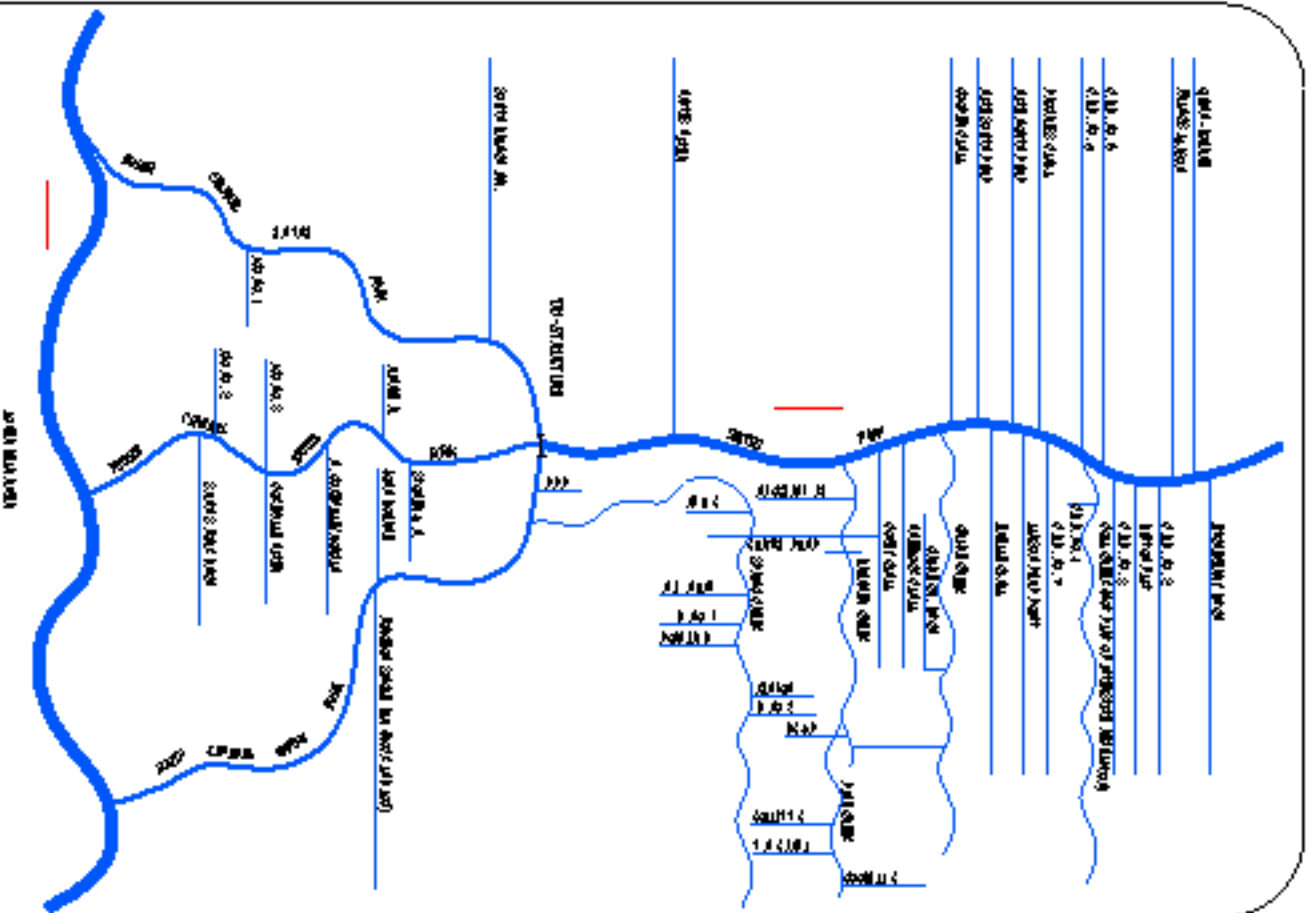
💧 Industrial

💧 Environmental

💧 Recreational







SWITCHES POOR DIVERSION SCHEMATIC

<b>Key Ditch System</b>	<b>Average Annual Diversion (acre-feet)</b>
Hilliard East Fork	2,860
Lannon and Lone Mountain	3,320
Hilliard West Side	4,310
Bear Canal	8,960
Crown and Pine Grove	4,210
Mc Graw (and Big Bend)	4,440
Lewis	1,250
Myers No 2	1,100
Myers No 1	870
Myers Irrigation	930
Booth	2,620
Anel	1,420
Evanston Water Supply	1,140
Evanston Water Ditch	3,450
Rocky Mountain Blythe	2,380
John Sims	2,780
SP Ramsey	2,720
Chapman	18,040
Morris Brothers	780
Tunnel	2,880
Francis Lee	6,550
Bear River Canal	9,230
Pixley Dam	7,555
BQ Dam	12,081

# Upper Division Key Diversions

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Key Ditch System	Source	Average Annual Diversion (acre-feet)
Quinn Bourne	Smiths Fork	1,350
Button Flat	Smiths Fork	640
Emelle	Smiths Fork	2,260
Cooper	Smiths Fork	1,190
Covey	Smiths Fork, Bruner Creek, Spring Creek	16,380
VH Canal	Pine Creek	2,740
Goodell	Pine Creek	1,650
Whites Water	Smiths Fork	5,460
S. Branch Irrigating	North Channel Smiths Fork	3,900
Alonzo F. Sights	Bear River	2,990
Oscar E. Snyder	Bear River	4,040
Cook Brothers	Bear River	8,020

# Central Division Key Diversions

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Subject: Bear River Basin Plan  
Key Structures and Diversions  
HILLIARD/EAST FORK DIVERSION

Date: September 10, 2000

Diversion Description: Diversion consists of a 7-foot wide wood structure with a single rectangular steel/tilt gate. Placing a rock dam across the main channel next to main.



Hilliard East Fork diversion structure

Diversion Location: Diversion is on the East Fork of the Upper Bear in Utah. Irrigated lands are located in Wyoming as shown in the location map hereafter.

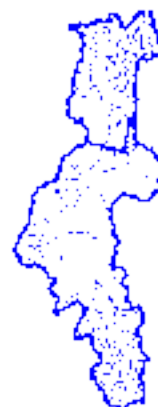
Latitude: N 40° 34' 12.5"  
Longitude: W 110° 48' 33"

Conveyance Description: Open Channel Canal, approximately 47,320 feet in length.<sup>1</sup>

Direct Flow Water Rights<sup>2</sup>

Priority Date	Permit Number	Permitted Use	Permitted Acre	Flow (CFS)	Cumulative (CFS)	Comment
-1914	U21-337	Irrigation	244	2800	2800	

# Key Diversion Documentation



#### Associated Storage Rights:

Reservoir	Shareholder	Volume (Acres-ft)	Est. % of Volume Total this Diversion	Comments
Whitney	Hilliard East Fork	696	100%	
Sulphur Canal	Danck Corporation	207	13%	
Sulphur Canal	Hilliard East Fork	913	100%	By Exchange
Sulphur Canal	John Lester	27	100%	By Exchange
Sulphur Canal	Broadbent Land Co.	4.0	100%	By Exchange

**Irrigation Practices:** Land is all flood irrigated. Irrigators on the lower reaches of the canal reportedly take turns rotating irrigation within a full canal.

**Estimated Diversion Efficiency:** Canal losses are relatively high due to porous nature of soils in the higher reaches of the Upper Bear.

Calculated Diversion Efficiency = Conveyance Efficiency X Application Efficiency:

Conveyance Efficiency:	40%
Application Efficiency:	55%
Overall Diversion Efficiency:	22%

Conveyance Efficiency is estimated by total length of main canal. Application Efficiency for Flood Irrigation and Sprinkler Irrigation is estimated at 55% and 85% respectively.

**Crop Types / Consumptive Use:** Water is used primarily to irrigate meadow grasses, primarily timothy, meadow foxtail, etc.

**Return Flows:** Base return flows primarily captured in Base of Hollow which empties into Sulphur Canal immediately below Sulphur Canal Reservoir. It is estimated that approximately 20% of the return flows enter the measure itself.

The following return flow pattern was adopted for modeling in this study as follows:

Mo. mth. (after initial Diversion)	Percent of Return
0	30%
1	25%
2	15%
3	10%
	100%

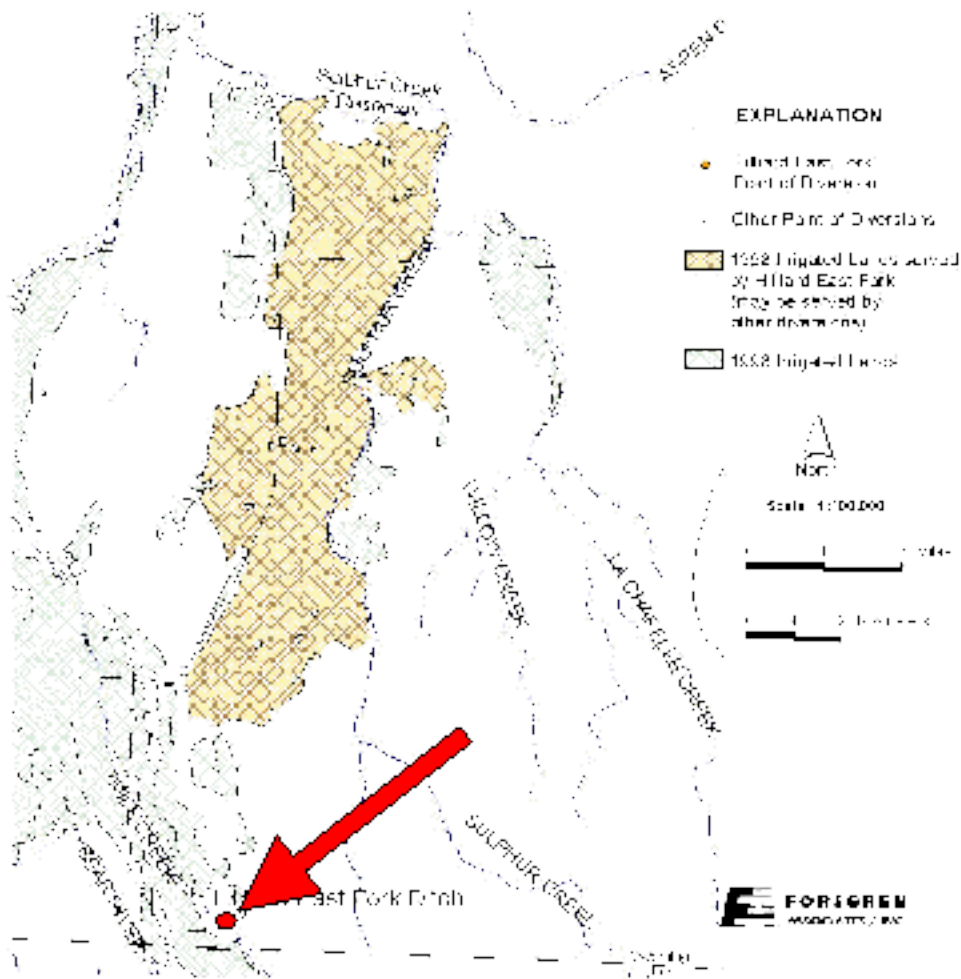
# Key Diversion Documentation

**Other Operational Information:** This diversion is typically one of the first targeted due to its relatively junior (1914) water right. The Hilliard East Diversion and upper portion of the canal are subject to ice problems during the early part of the irrigation season. Hilliard East irrigators, therefore, typically rely on a supplemental supply water right out of Hill Canal through June. Hill Canal is generally called into regulation after the month of June, at which time the Hilliard East irrigators utilize this diversion. The Hilliard Diversion is typically utilized from mid-July through mid-October.

#### References:

- USDI - Soil Conservation Service Economic Research Service-Forest Service in Cooperation with the States of Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Irrigation Conveyance Systems, Working Paper for the Bear River Basin Type IV Study, Idaho-Utah-Wyoming, April 1976
- Water rights summary obtained from State Engineer Interstate Rights - revised April 14, 1999
- Irrigation practices based on field investigation and interview with Mr. Don Greenman, Water Superintendent - November 6, 1999.
- State of Utah Natural Resources, Water Budget Studies - Utah, Bear River study Area, September 1994

Hilliard East Fork Point of Diversion  
Bear River Basin, Wyoming



# Key Diversion Mapping



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BEAR RIVER WYOMING DIVERSIONS  
MONTHLY DIVERSION RECORDS

HILLIARD EAST FORK

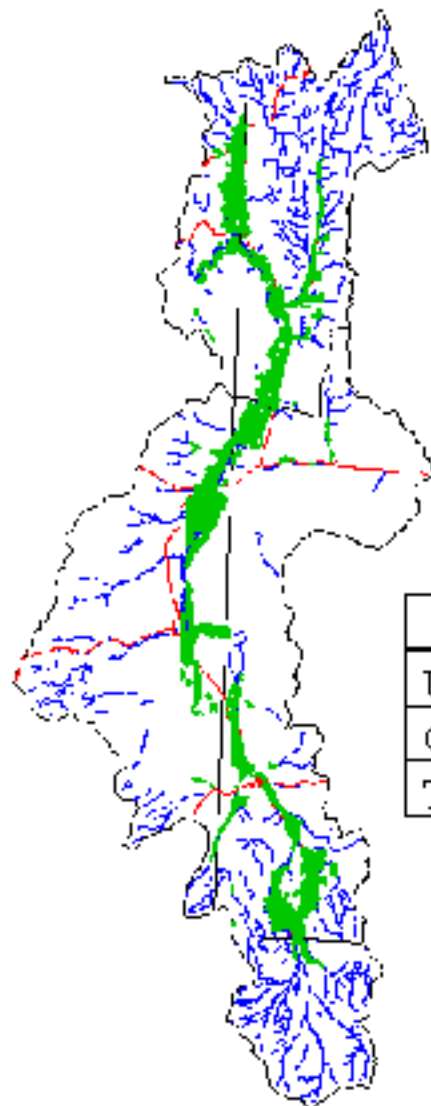
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* 1970															
1971	2	0.1	4.0	183	6.1	353.0	720	23.2	1428.1	126	4.1	246.9	340	11.3	674.4
1972	56	3.1	182.4	454	15.1	500.5	479	15.5	550.1	251	8.1	487.9	128	4.3	253.9
1973	0	0.0	0.0	198	6.6	352.7	507	16.4	1005.6	14	0.5	27.8	198	5.3	313.4
1974	0	0.0	0.0	125	4.2	247.5	678	21.9	1344.8	36	1.2	71.4	99	3.1	184.5
1975	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	387	12.5	767.6	514	16.6	1089.5	462	15.4	916.4
1976	0	0.0	0.0	646	21.6	1285.3	496	16.0	563.8	33	1.1	65.5	6	1.6	97.2
1977	47	1.5	93.2	265	8.8	525.6	3	0.1	6.0	41	1.3	81.3	0	0.0	0.0
1978	3	0.1	6.0	57	1.9	113.1	618	19.9	1225.8	116	3.7	231.1	291	9.7	577.2
1979	0	0.0	0.0	418	13.9	829.1	678	21.9	1344.8	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
1980	31	1.0	61.5	276	9.2	547.4	507	29.3	1756.0	187	6.0	370.9	305	10.2	605.9
1981	36	1.2	71.4	323	10.8	640.7	759	25.8	1584.8	63	2.0	125.0	0	0.0	0.0
1982	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	648	20.9	1285.3	217	7.0	430.4	644	21.5	1277.4
1983	0	0.0	0.0	18	0.6	35.7	327	10.5	648.6	416	13.4	825.1	119	4.0	236.0
1984	0	0.0	0.0	90	3.0	178.5	957	28.0	1719.7	225	7.3	446.3	153	5.1	333.5
1985	0	0.0	0.0	501	16.7	583.7	532	30.1	1848.6	122	3.9	242.0	82	2.7	162.6
1986	0	0.0	0.0	9	0.3	17.9	951	21.3	1111.1	146	4.7	289.6	391	11.7	686.2
1987	82	2.6	162.6	883	29.4	1751.4	694	22.4	1376.5	0	0.0	0.0	24	0.8	47.6
1988	0	0.0	0.0	580	22.0	1305.1	455	14.7	502.5	5	0.2	5.5	0	0.0	0.0
1989	73	2.4	144.8	646	21.5	1281.3	853	28.8	1771.2	44	1.4	87.3	0	0.0	0.0
1990	44	1.4	82.2	842	28.1	1670.1	872	28.1	1729.6	44	1.4	87.3	254	8.5	503.8
1991	0	0.0	0.0	133	4.4	263.8	916	29.5	1616.9	112	3.6	222.1	0	0.0	19.8
1992	189	6.1	374.9	797	26.6	1580.8	688	22.2	1364.6	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
1993	0	0.0	0.0	114	3.8	225.1	1004	32.4	891.4	509	16.4	1009.6	436	14.5	854.8
1994	245	7.9	485.0	764	25.5	1515.4	697	22.5	1382.5	7	0.2	13.9	9	0.3	17.9
1995	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	509	16.4	1009.6	779	25.1	1546.1	771	25.7	1529.3
1996	0	0.0	0.0	304	10.1	603.0	1026	34.4	2112.4	258	9.6	591.1	0	0.0	0.0
1997	0	0.0	0.0	265.6	8.9	525.8	1033	33.3	2048.9	279.2	9.0	553.8	1038	3.5	205.9
1998	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	777.2	23.1	1422.5	258.7	9.6	592.5	696.7	22.2	1322.4
1999	0	0.0	0.0	150	5.0	257.5	562	32.0	867.6	434	14.0	883.8	508	17.0	1005.6
AVERAGES		1.4	82.2		10.6	824.0		22.6	824.6		6.8	388.7		8.8	407.8

Notes: \*1. No published records are available for 1970 diversion for 1970

2. Diversion is located at a high elevation making snow and ice a problem early in the season. Irrigators typically utilize a supplemental supply out of Mill Creek at least through June until Mill Creek regulation is called for.

# Irrigated Lands Mapping

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Location	Irrigated Acreage (acres)
Upper Division	40,400
Central Division	23,500
Total Bear River Basin	63,900

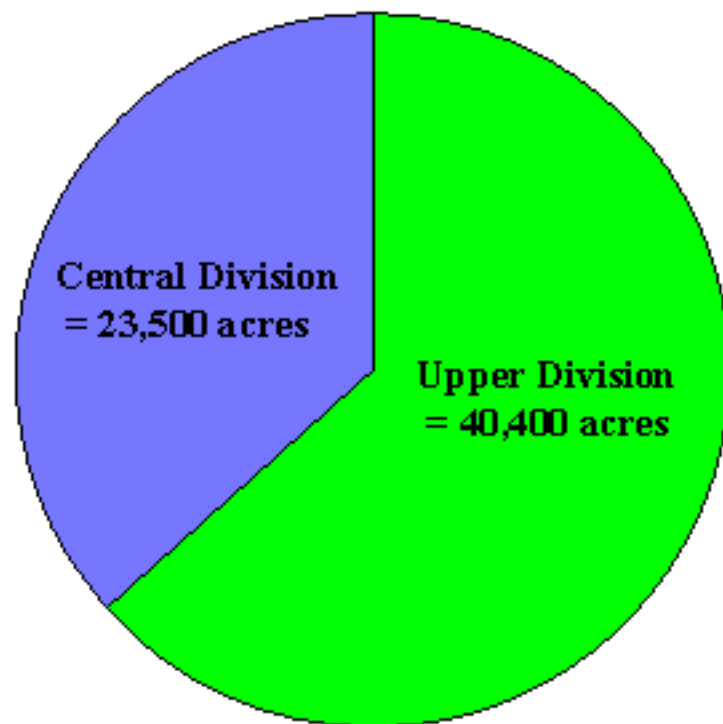
1970 Irrigated Lands = 58,691 Acres



# Basin Agricultural Summary

## 1998 Irrigated Acreage

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Total = 63,900 acres

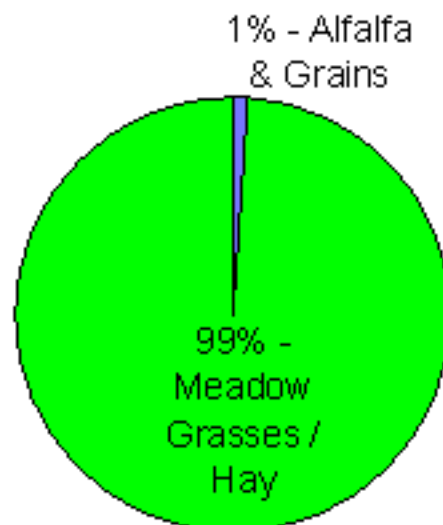


# Basin Agricultural Summary

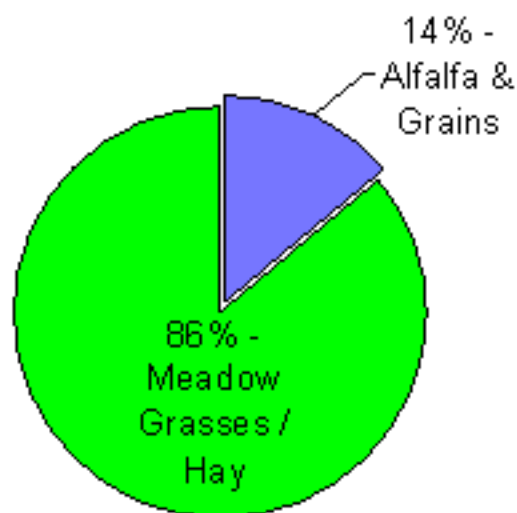
## 2000 Basin Crop Types

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### Upper Division



### Central Division



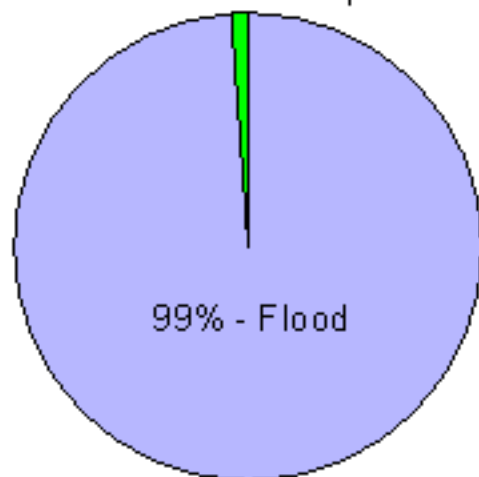
# Basin Agriculture Summary

## 2000 Irrigation Application Methods

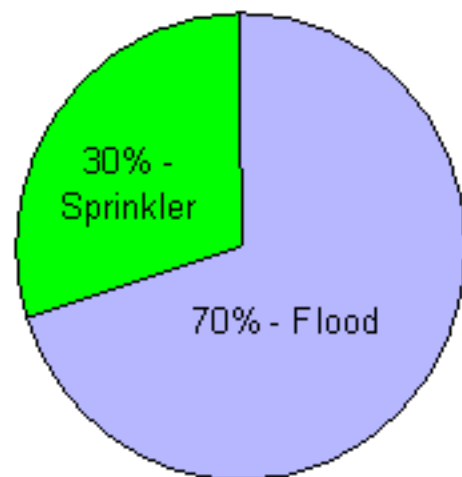
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**Upper Division**

1% -  
Sprinkler



**Central Division**



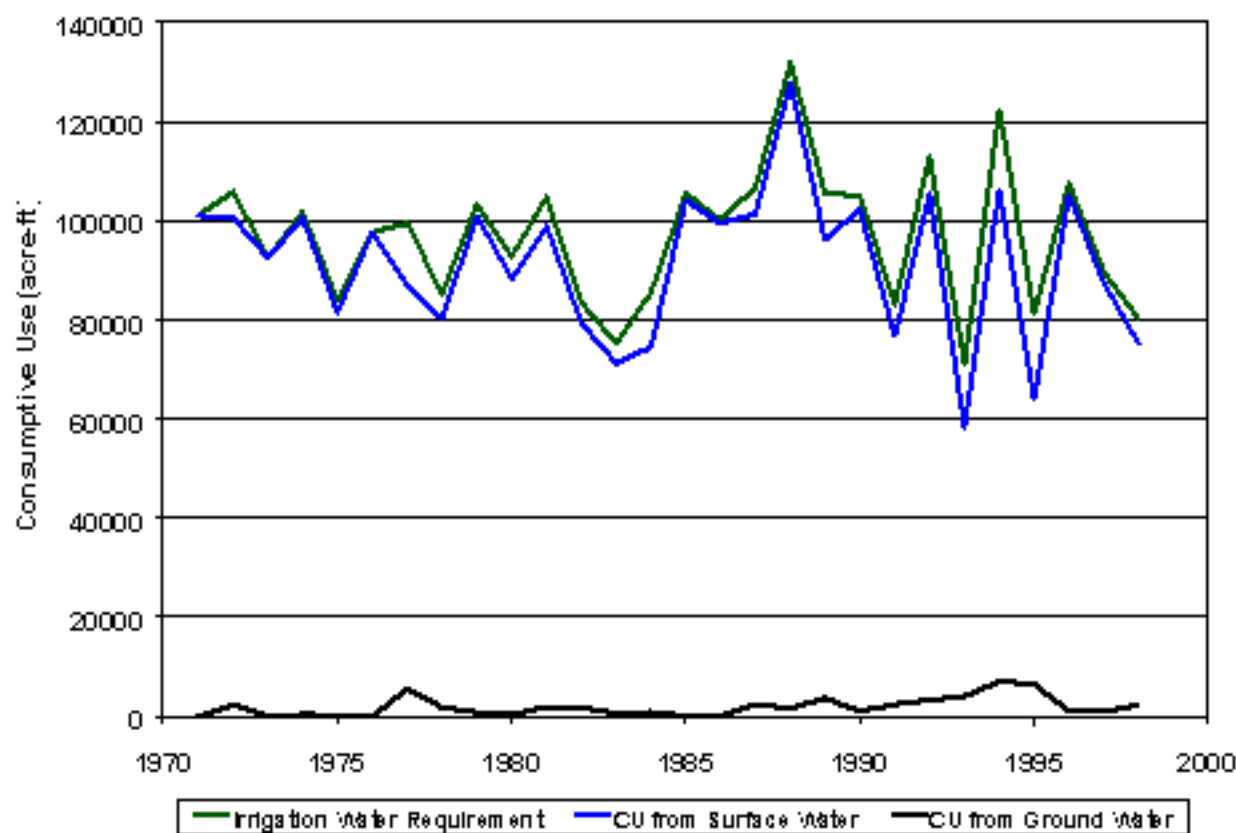
# Upper Division Diversion Efficiencies

Model Node ID	Division Name	Conveyance Efficiency	Application Efficiency	Division Efficiency	Irrigation Methods
1.14	Hilliard East Fork	40 %	55 %	22 %	100 % Flood
1.01	Lannon and Lore Mountain	45 %	55 %	25 %	100 % Flood
1.02	Hilliard West Side	40 %	55 %	22 %	100 % Flood
1.03	Bear Canal	40 %	55 %	22 %	100 % Flood
1.04	Crown and Pine Grove	50 %	55 %	27 %	100 % Flood
1.05	McGraw (and Big Bend)	55 %	55 %	30 %	100 % Flood
1.06	Lewis	55 %	55 %	30 %	100 % Flood
1.07	Myers No. 2	50 %	55 %	27 %	100 % Flood
1.08	Myers No. 1	50 %	55 %	27 %	100 % Flood
1.09	Myers Irrigation	55 %	55 %	30 %	100 % Flood
1.11	Booth	50 %	55 %	27 %	100 % Flood
1.12	Arnel	55 %	55 %	30 %	100 % Flood
1.13	Evanson Water Supply	50 %	55 %	27 %	100 % Flood
3.01	Evanson Water Ditch	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
3.02	Rocky Mountain Bluffs	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
4.01	John Simms	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
4.02	SP Ramsey	60 %	55 %	33 %	100 % Flood
5.01	Chapman (WV portion)	50 %	55 %	27 %	100 % Flood
5.02	Morris Brothers	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
5.03	Tunnel	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
7.01	Francis Lee	60 %	55 %	33 %	100 % Flood
7.02	Bear River Canal	60 %	55 %	33 %	100 % Flood
7.03	Utah Aggregate Ditches	92 %	65 %	60 %	67 % Flood 33 % Center Pivot
8.00	BQ Dam Diversion	55 %	60 %	33 %	90 % Flood 10 % Center Pivot
8.01	Pitkin Dam	55 %	60 %	33 %	90 % Flood 10 % Center Pivot
Varies	Aggregate Systems	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood

# Central Division Diversion Efficiencies

Model Node ID	Diversion Name	Conveyance Efficiency	Application Efficiency	Diversion Efficiency	Irrigation Methods
10.01	Quinn Bourne	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
10.02	Button Flat	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
10.03	Emelle	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Hand-line Sprinkler
10.04	Cooper	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
10.05	Covey	45 %	65 %	30 %	70 % Flood 30 % Center Pivot Sprinkler
10.06	VH Canal	55 %	85 %	47 %	100 % Center Pivot Sprinkler
10.07	Goode II	55 %	85 %	47 %	100 % Center Pivot Sprinkler
10.08	Whites Water	60 %	65 %	40 %	60 % Flood 40 % Hand-line Sprinkler
10.09	S. Branch Irrigating	60 %	70 %	42 %	40 % Flood 60 % Hand-line Sprinkler
11.01	Abnzo F. Sights	65 %	65 %	42 %	60 % Flood 40 % Hand-line Sprinkler
11.02	Oscar E. Snyder	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
11.03	Cook Brothers	65 %	55 %	36 %	100 % Flood
Varies	Aggregate Systems	65 %	65 %	42 %	67 % Flood 33 % Center Pivot Sprinkler

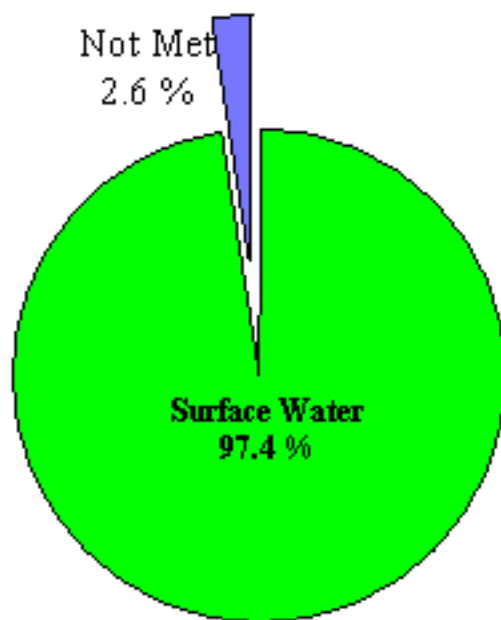
# Agricultural-Crop Consumptive Use Summary



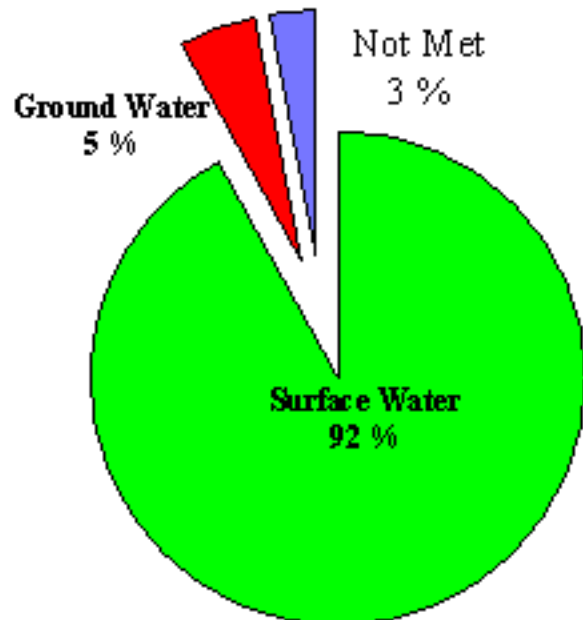
# 1971-1998 Average Annual Source of Irrigation Supply

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## Upper Division



## Central Division



# 1971-1998 Average Annual Crop Consumptive Use

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Irrigation Water Requirement	Upper Division	Lower Division	Total
From Surface Water	62,300	30,000	92,300
From Ground Water	300	1,600	1,900
Not Satisfied	1,700	1,000	2,700

*Results in Acre-Feet*

- ◆ Upper Division has supplemental water from Whitney Reservoir, Sulphur Creek Reservoir, and Woodruff Narrows Reservoir.
- ◆ Lower Division has some supplemental wells.
- ◆ **Without supplemental sources, both divisions would have an average annual shortage of over 20 percent.**





# Agricultural - Livestock Use

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- 💧 Livestock Water Use Based on:
  - 1998 County Livestock Statistics
  - Estimated Use
    - 12 gal/day for Cattle
    - 2 gal/day for Sheep
- 💧 Estimated Use = 530 acre-feet for 1998

# Basin Water Use

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- 💧 Agricultural
- 💧 **Municipal**
- 💧 Industrial
- 💧 Environmental
- 💧 Recreational



# Municipal and Domestic Use

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## 💧 Municipal Use

- Evanston (Surface Water)
- Cokeville (Ground Water)

## 💧 Domestic Use (Ground Water)



# Evanston Municipal Use

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- ◆ Diversion (Bear River/Sulphur Creek Reservoir) = 4,300 acre-feet per year
- ◆ Per Capita Use = 316 gal/capita/day
- ◆ Actual Annual Consumptive Use = 2,700 acre-feet



## Cokeville Municipal Use

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- Pumping = 810 acre-feet per year
- Per Capita Use = 1440 gal/capita/day
- Actual Annual Consumptive Use = 45 acre-feet



## Domestic (Rural) Use

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- Based on Rural Population in the Basin
- Rural Use from Individual Wells
- Annual Consumptive Use = 500 acre-feet



# Basin Water Use

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- 💧 Agricultural
- 💧 Municipal
- 💧 **Industrial**
- 💧 Environmental
- 💧 Recreational



# Industrial Use

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## 💧 Current Industrial Uses

- Chevron (Surface Water – 310 to 440 AF/year)
- BP Amoco (Ground Water – 90 to 155 AF/year)

💧 Total Average Use = 400 to 595 acre-feet/year





# Basin Water Use

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- ⦿ Agricultural
- ⦿ Municipal
- ⦿ Industrial
- ⦿ **Environmental**
- ⦿ Recreational



# Environmental Use

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- Current and Proposed Environmental Uses
  - Instream Flow Filings
  - Minimum Reservoir Releases
  - Minimum Reservoir Conservation Pools
  - Natural Wetlands
  - Bear Valley Wildlife Refuge





# Environmental Use - Reservoirs

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- Conservation Pools Provide Minimum Volume to Maintain Existing Aquatic Life
- Minimum Releases Provide Minimum Flow to Maintain Downstream Fisheries

**MINIMUM RESERVOIR POOLS AND RELEASES**

<b>Reservoir</b>	<b>Minimum Conservative Pool</b>	<b>Minimum Downstream Release</b>
<b>Sulphur Creek Reservoir</b>	<b>4,180 AF</b>	<b>9 CFS</b>
<b>Woodruff Narrows Reservoir</b>	<b>1,600 AF (Plus 4000 AF permitted to Fish &amp; Wildlife)</b>	<b>10 CFS</b>

*Source: Wyoming Game and Fish*

# **Environmental Use - Wildlife Refuge**

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- Land Acquisition Phase
  - Willing Buyer/Willing Seller Philosophy
  
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife and SEO Agreement
  - Water Use Quantity will not Increase from Historic
  - Timing of Depletions will be Maintained



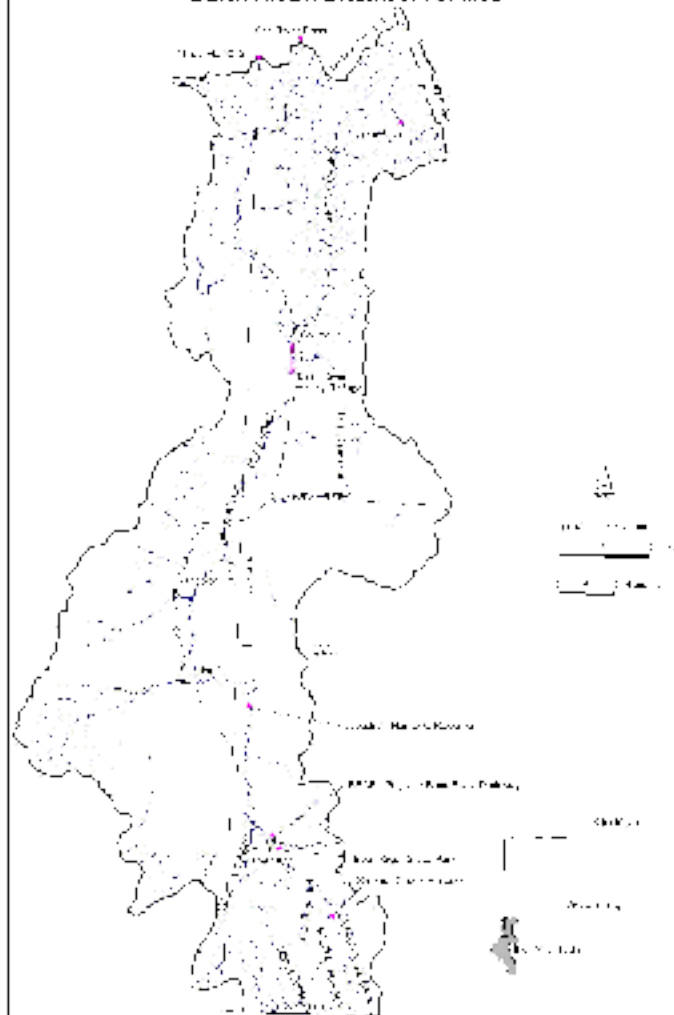
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- 💧 **Recreational**



WATER BASED RECREATION SITES  
BEAR RIVER BASIN, WYOMING



# Current Recreational Uses

- Boating
- Fishing
- Water Fowl Hunting
- Swimming
- Destination Activities

# Water-Based Recreation Destinations

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- 💧 Bridger-Teton National Forest
- 💧 BLM Lands
- 💧 Bear River State Park
- 💧 Sulphur Creek Reservoir
- 💧 Woodruff Narrows Reservoir
- 💧 Bear River Parkway





# Consumptive Use Summary

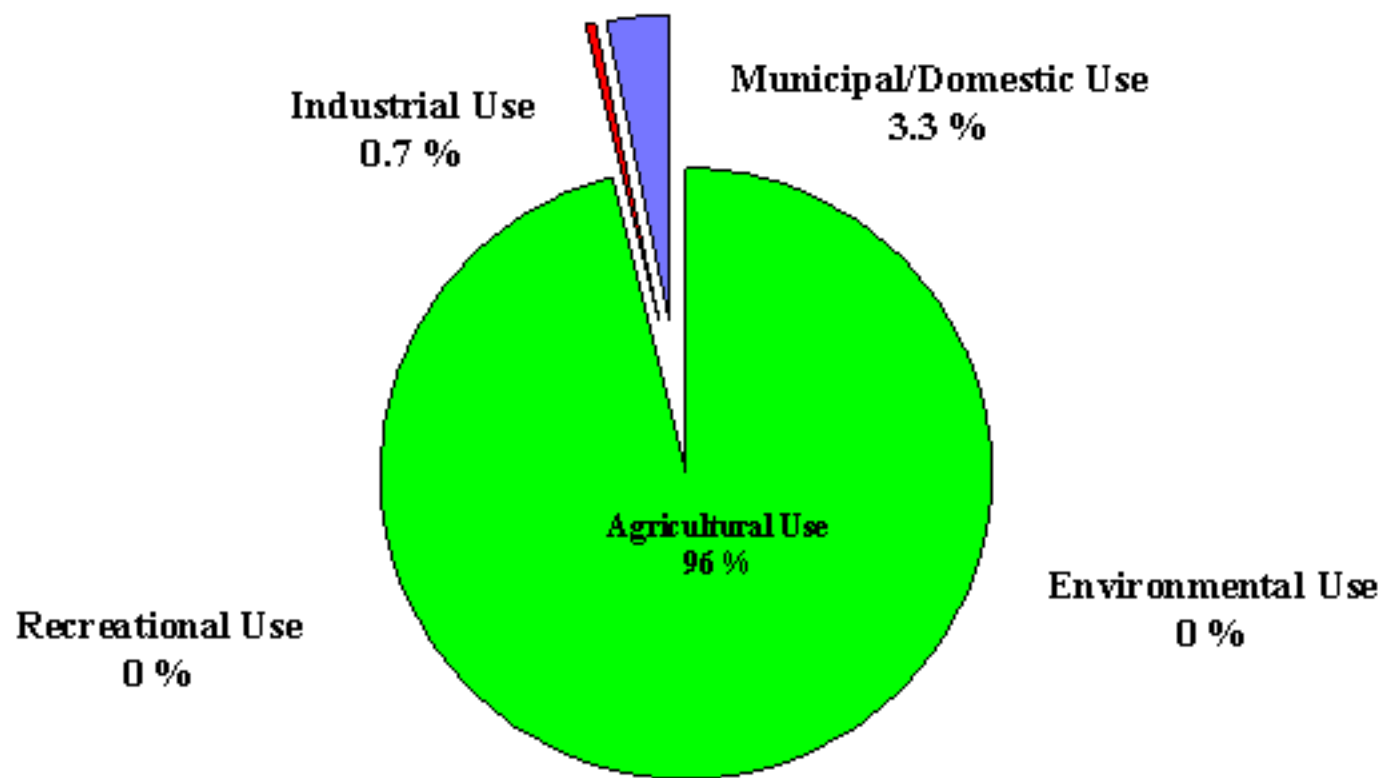
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- Agricultural - 94,730 acre-feet
- Environmental - 0 acre-feet
- Industrial – 595 acre-feet
- Recreational - 0 acre-feet
- Municipal / Domestic - 3,245 acre-feet
- Total = 98,570 acre-feet

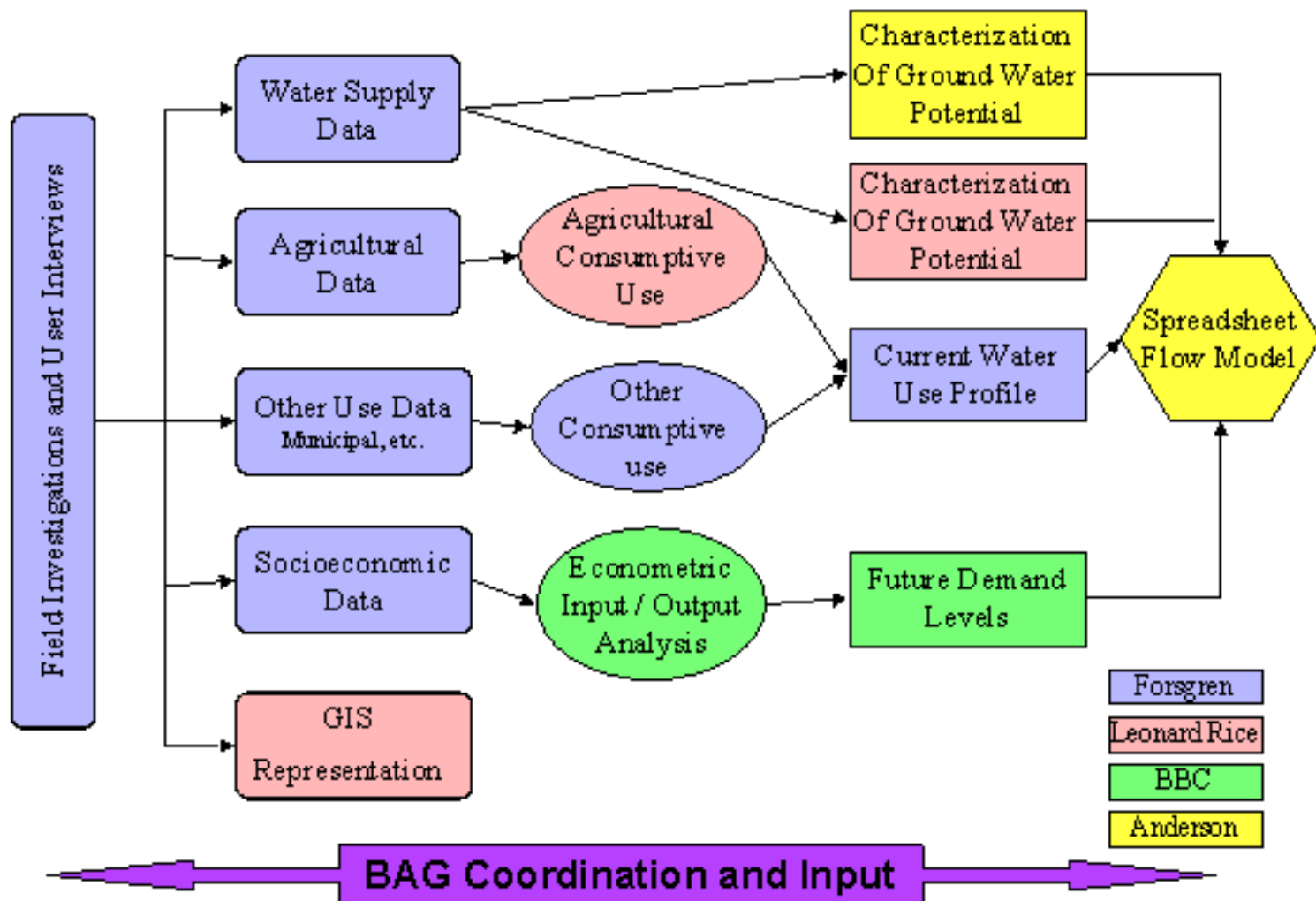
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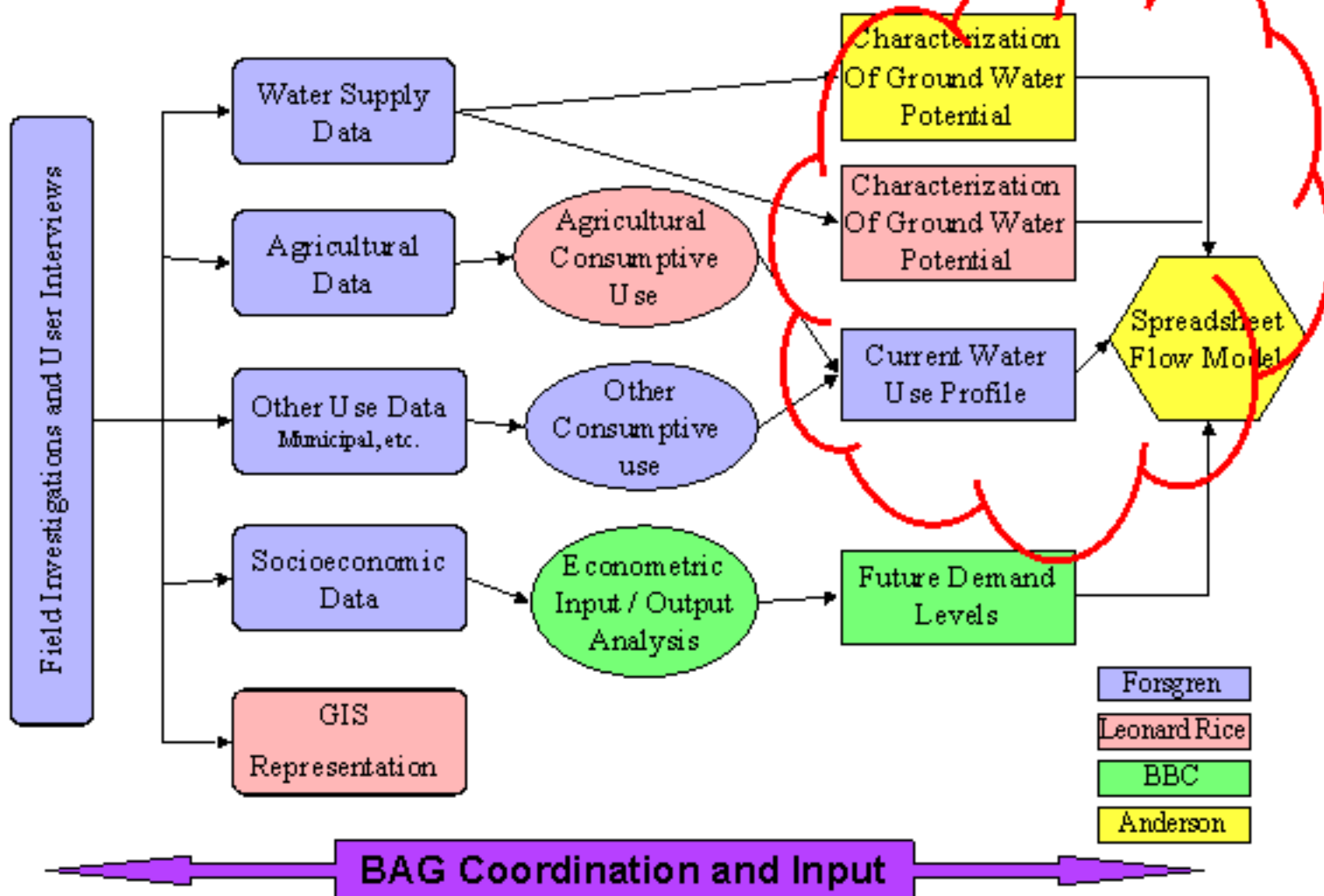
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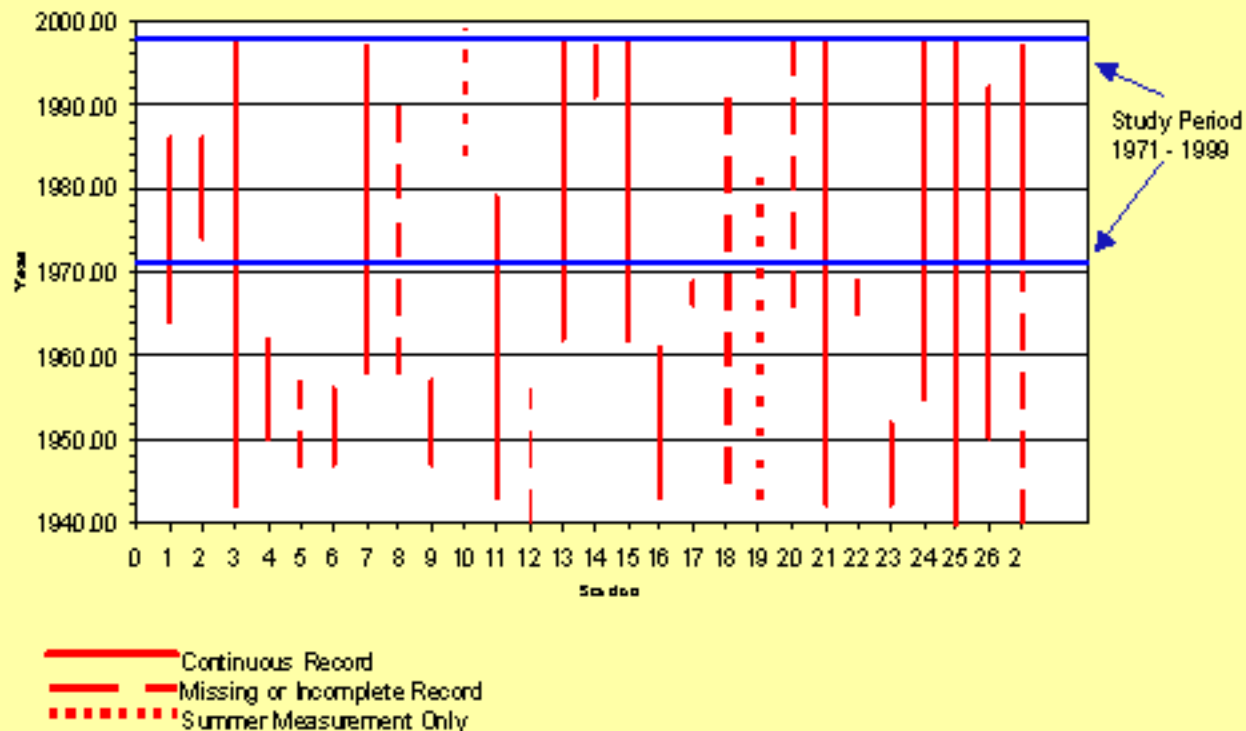
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- **Period Selection (Wet, Dry, and Normal Years)**
- Model Development
- Calibration
- Available Surface Water Determination



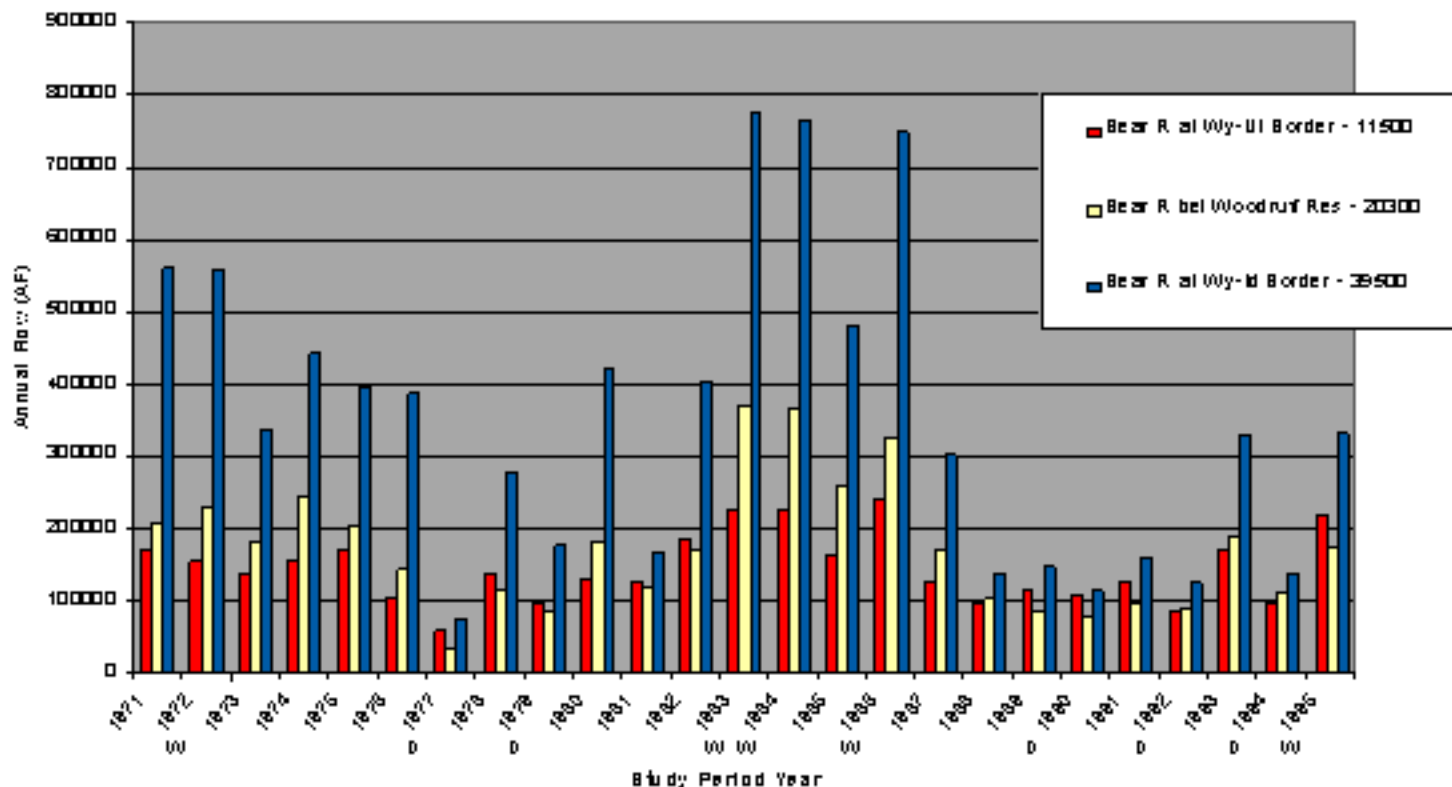
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Summary of Available Streamflow Data  
Bear River Basin Planning Study

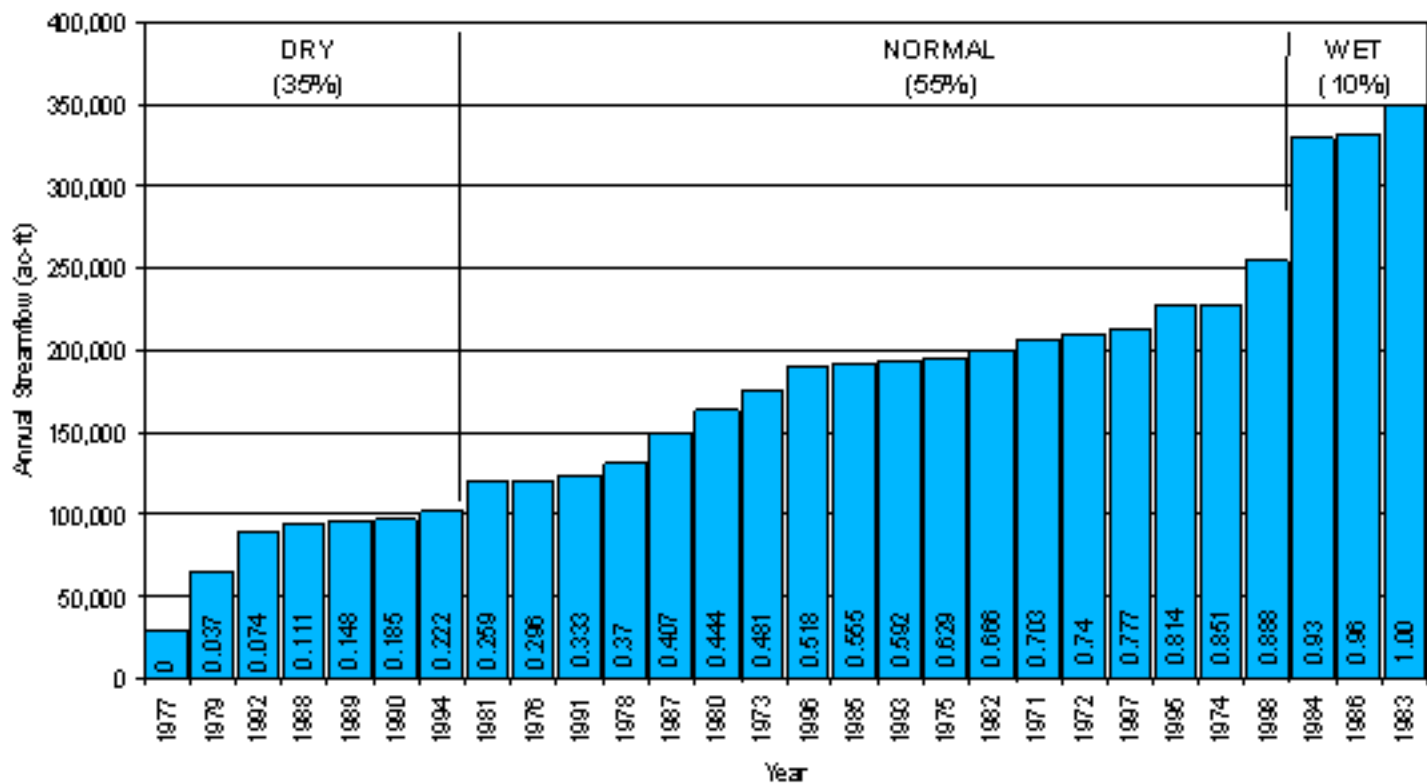


# Wet, Dry, Normal Years

Annual Flows at Selected Gages



### Ranked Annual Streamflow Gage 10016900 Bear River at Evanston, Wyoming





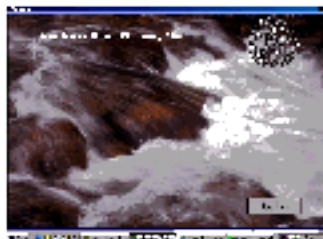
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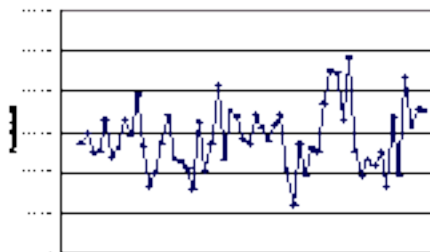
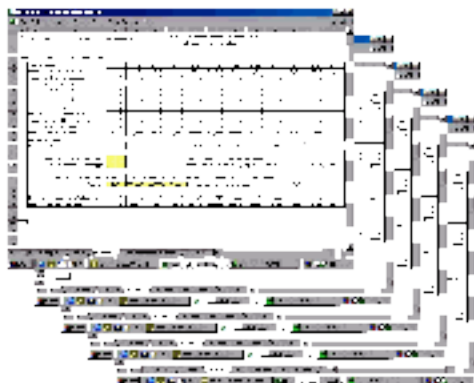
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# Spreadsheet Model Development



Graphical User Interface



Output and Results

## Spreadsheet Model

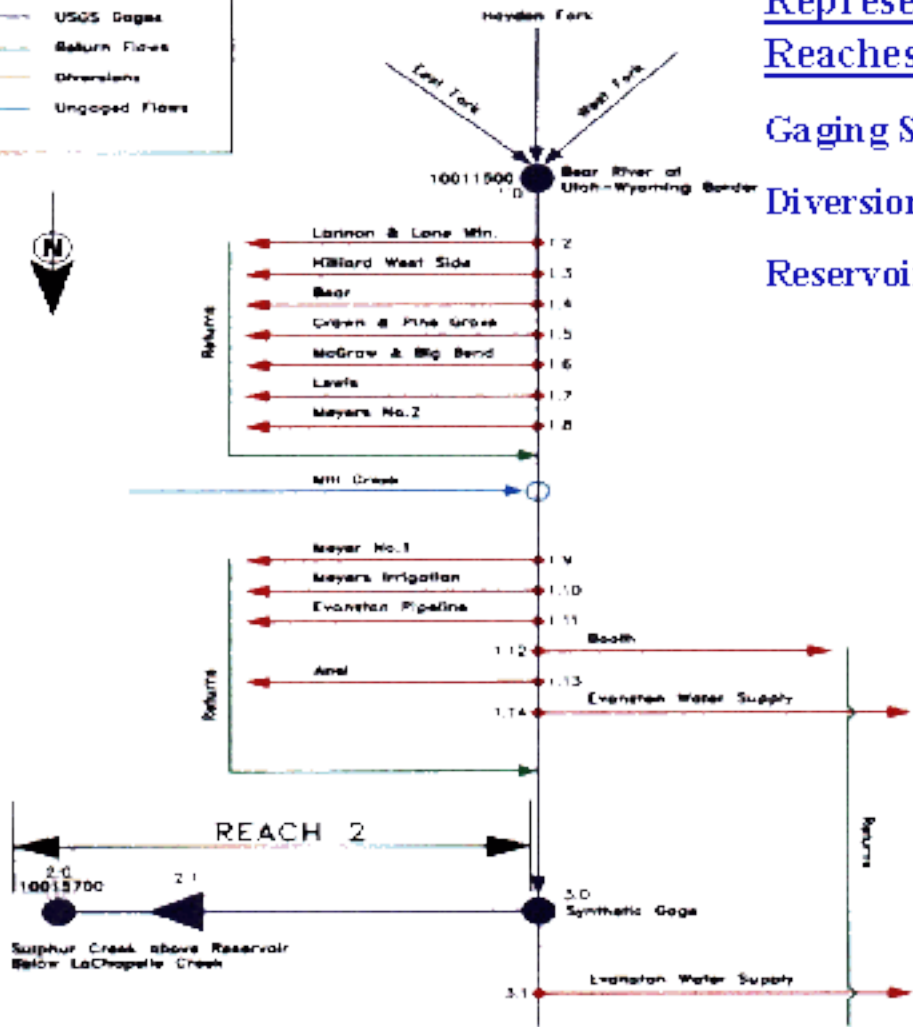
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# The Node Diagram

**LEGEND**

-  USGS Gages
-  Return Flows
-  Diversions
-  Ungaged Flows



A Graphical Representation of River Reaches:

Gaging Stations

Diversions

Reservoirs

REACH 1

REACH 2

Sulphur Creek above Reservoir Below LaChapelle Creek





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Reach 5: Confluence Yellow Creek to Gauge 10020100 (Pass Above Windraft Minimum Res.)

Node 5.2 Morris Dros. Irrigation Diversion

Inflow Table	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Node 5.2 Upstream Inflow	2,749	2,372	2,034	7,006	12,701	48,633	19,797	5,016	4,000	4,062	3,401	3,000
Node 5.2 Return Gains/Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Node 5.2 Return Loss												
From Node 5.1	27	0	0	0	737	1,818	1,753	1,247	987	515	204	85
From Node _____	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
From Node _____	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
From Node _____	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irrigation Returns to Node 5.2	27	0	0	0	737	1,818	1,753	1,247	987	515	204	85
Node 5.2 Return Effects (Losses)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Node 5.2 Import/Export	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Node 5.2 Inflow</b>	<b>2,774</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>12,701</b>	<b>48,633</b>	<b>17,553</b>	<b>6,060</b>	<b>5,317</b>	<b>4,506</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>3,148</b>

Outflow Table

Diversion from Node 5.2					121	309	87	52	59			
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Diversion Efficiency Type: **1** Select Efficiency Type based upon type of user  
 Return Flow Delay Type: **2** Select Return Flow Delay Type based upon desired return distribution  
 These Diversions Will Return to: **Node 5.2, Node 1, Node 5.2, Node \_\_\_\_\_** Enter nodes to add these returns to  
 Relative Percentages: **0%, 30%, 10%, \_\_\_\_\_** Percentage of returns to each node

Net Return from Node 5.2 Diversion	0	0	0	0	53	84	35	24	0	0	0	0
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Note: The numbers in row above will be added back into the model at the nodes specified.

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Node 5.2 Tuned

Navigation / Efficiency / Reach 1 / Efficiencies and Returns / Sheet 1

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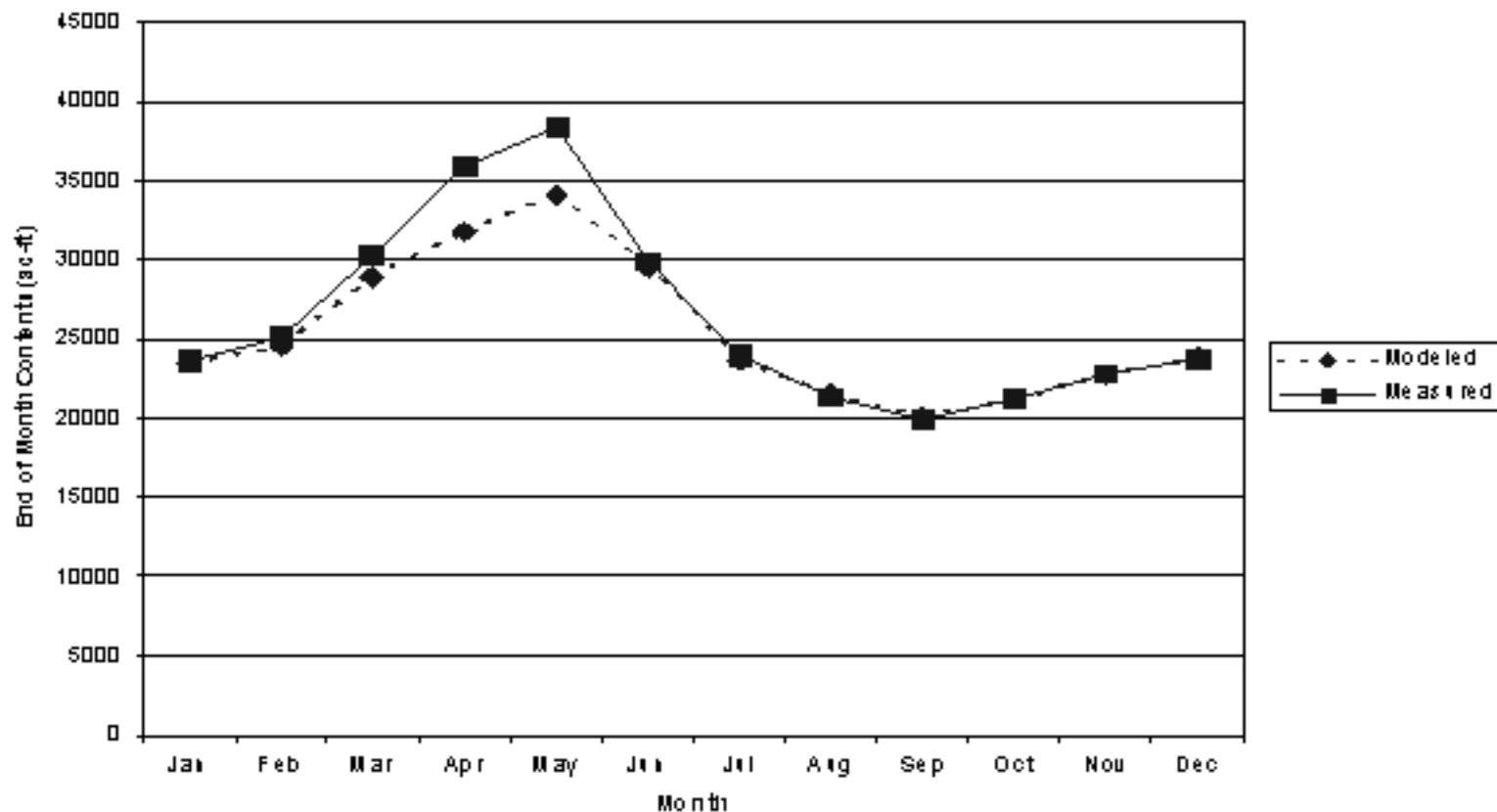
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# Model Calibration

Woodruff Narrows  
End of Month Contents – Normal Year Hydrology



# Basin Spreadsheet Modeling

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- 💧 Period Selection
- 💧 Model Development
- 💧 Model Calibration
- 💧 **Available Surface Water Determination**





# Normal Year

## Compact Allocation

Return to Start

Compact Allocation:  
Central Division

Results Options

### Upper Division

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
169	760	675	372	79	Upper Utah Section Diversion (1)
10,165	25,939	22,844	11,022	8,280	Upper Wyoming Section Diversion
3,632	-2,074	-4,155	-1,092	-841	Woodriff Narrows Reservoir Change in Storage Water
38,158	68,215	30,566	4,633	6,239	Lower Utah Section Diversion
5,077	10,927	3,324	147	162	Lower Wyoming Section Diversion
40,023	38,213	25,526	9,038	5,950	Bear River Below Pkley Dam
97,223	142,980	78,779	24,120	19,859	Total Upper Division Divertible Flow (ac-ft)
1,581	2,403	1,281	392	334	(cfs)

Is Total Upper Division Divertible Flow less than 1250 cfs? If so, Water Emergency (W.E.) exists.

No W.E.    No W.E.    No W.E.                         W.E.    W.E.

			145	119	Upper Utah Section Allocation
			11,891	9,796	Upper Wyoming Allocation
			9,769	8,047	Lower Utah Section Allocation
			2,316	1,907	Lower Wyoming Section Allocation

NOTE: (1) Upper Utah District is not modeled explicitly in this model. Diversion data are included here for computation of Compact allocations.



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Upper Division

Results Options

## Central Division

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
9,409	23,804	21,358	11,988	5,867
+	+	+	+	+
14,094	27,139	14,878	7,282	6,947
+	+	+	+	+
83,291	70,058	40,810	16,886	12,117
-	-	-	-	-

(1) Wyoming Distributions

(2) Idaho Distributions

(3) Rainbow Inlet Canals Plus Bear River Main Stem Flow below Stewart Dam

106,796	121,001	77,046	36,155	24,631
1,737	2,033	1,253	608	414
			W.E.	W.E.

Total Central Division Divertible Flow (ac-ft)  
(cfs)

Is Total Divertible Flow (2) < 870 cfs? If so, Water Emergency (W.E.) exists.

OR

34,070	39,604	20,052	10,016	6,728
573	666	326	168	113
		W.E.	W.E.	W.E.

Flow of Bear River at Border Gaging Station (ac-ft)  
(cfs)

Is Flow at Border < 350 cfs? If so, Water Emergency (W.E.) exists.

		33,130	15,547	10,591
		43,916	20,609	14,039

Allocation in the State of Wyoming

Allocation in the State of Idaho



# Normal Year Compact Allocation

Return to Start

Compact Allocation:  
Upper Division

Results Options

## Central Division

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
	9,409	23,804	21,358	11,988	5,867	(1) Wyoming Distributions
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	14,094	27,139	14,878	7,282	6,947	(2) Idaho Distributions
	+	+	+	+	+	
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# Summary of Outflow by Reach

## Normal Year Hydrology

Row Downstream of Each Reach	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Reach 1	3,772	3,734	9,085	18,689	46,880	51,850	13,827	3,054	2,680	5,012	4,203	3,965
Reach 2	395	491	1,335	3,251	5,239	2,337	187	1,291	1,547	854	657	365
Reach 3	4,168	4,225	10,391	21,921	53,605	54,311	14,855	3,051	3,304	4,877	4,941	4,373
Reach 4	4,675	4,753	11,805	23,207	59,253	61,165	18,859	3,285	3,351	5,330	5,272	4,783
Reach 5	4,675	4,753	11,805	23,199	55,645	57,017	16,545	2,888	3,089	5,484	5,325	4,783
Reach 6	3,447	3,544	7,188	20,048	53,673	60,309	22,031	4,311	4,119	4,180	3,578	3,365
Reach 7	6,813	7,466	16,963	28,230	41,780	35,818	16,650	5,823	4,378	7,625	7,832	6,901
Reach 8- Ritey Dam Release	4,745	4,836	11,520	18,627	40,023	38,213	25,926	9,036	5,990	6,162	5,932	5,260
Reach 9	13,649	13,889	28,008	52,402	88,985	92,123	50,178	19,419	14,348	16,943	16,393	14,929
Reach 10	7,177	7,113	12,288	25,622	41,323	44,000	19,130	7,845	6,930	9,110	8,605	7,872
Reach 11- Rowat Border Gage	14,320	14,374	28,480	55,595	89,113	91,543	50,541	19,337	13,896	17,291	16,919	15,280
Reach 12- Stewart Dam Release	299	291	485	378	645	295	1,004	691	949	659	513	422



# Summary of Water Availability

Upper Division												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>1. Flow below Policy Dam (AF)</b>												
Dry	1,972	1,885	3,744	3,994	1,899	7,801	8,342	2,572	1,492	1,795	2,255	1,959
Normal	4,745	4,398	11,520	13,827	40,029	33,219	25,528	9,088	5,990	8,182	5,992	5,280
Wet	8,098	7,198	20,228	32,192	38,960	32,995	40,990	20,299	13,027	15,040	12,919	3,975
<b>2. Total Available Flow (AF)</b>												
Dry	-	-	-	-	38,387	35,725	34,175	12,712	7,329	-	-	-
Normal	-	-	-	-	37,229	14,293	73,773	24,120	19,389	-	-	-
Wet	-	-	-	-	144,578	219,929	30,251	25,813	23,329	-	-	-
<b>3. Min. Compad Flow Required (AF)</b>	0	0	0	0	78,381	74,381	78,381	78,381	74,381	0	0	0
(cfs)	0	0	0	0	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	0	0
<b>4. Available Flow for WY (AF)</b>												
Dry	1,972	1,885	3,744	3,994	0	11,414	0	0	0	1,795	2,255	1,959
Normal	4,745	4,398	11,520	13,827	20,982	83,569	1,913	0	0	8,182	5,992	5,280
Wet	8,098	7,198	20,228	32,192	87,715	199,802	14,080	0	0	15,040	12,919	3,975
<b>5. Preferable Reaches</b>	7,394.5	7,394.5	7,394.5	7,394.5	4,588.7	4,588.7	4,588.7	none	none	7,394.5	7,394.5	7,394.5

Notes: 1. Flow below Policy Dam is 100,000 cfs. Flow below Policy Dam. This constitutes the flow out of the Upper Division.  
 2. Total Available Flow is combined diversion (normal development) of Wyoming and Utah in Upper Division plus flow below Policy Dam (1,250 cfs km).  
 3. Minimum Compad Flow is minimum flow above 1,250 cfs Total Available Flow, including Policy Dam release(s) or zero for non-irrigation season.  
 4. Available Flow is physically available flow, based on present development, above required Compad flow, which is flow in item 1 during non-irrigation season or flow in item 2 above item 3 in irrig. season.  
 5. Preferable reaches are stream reaches where flow is physically available but may be impacted by potential reduction of the reaches of the division.



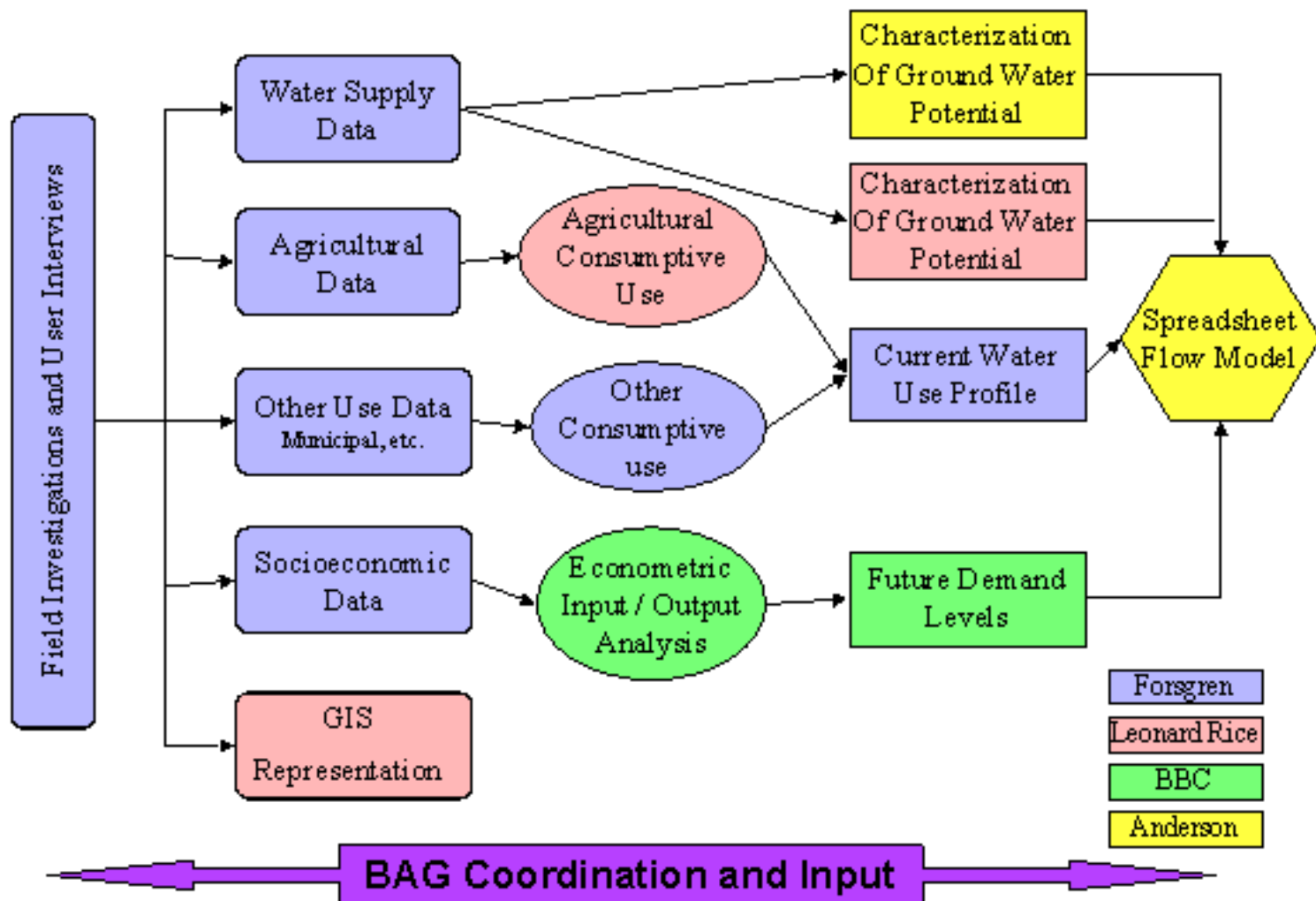
# Summary of Water Availability

Central Division												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>1. Flow at WYLD Border Gauge (AF)</b>												
Dry	3,243	7,537	12,943	13,543	13,140	22,487	14,191	8,274	5,893	8,792	3,400	3,080
Normal	14,320	14,974	20,480	33,598	32,119	31,349	50,941	19,397	19,330	17,291	18,919	15,280
Wet	13,350	22,400	31,890	73,780	158,070	213,802	31,347	27,510	32,109	34,920	32,349	24,330
<b>2. Flow below Stevail Dam (AF)</b>												
Dry	531	844	824	491	490	888	893	798	708	721	407	309
Normal	293	291	435	373	848	2,308	1,004	891	949	893	519	422
Wet	133	201	435	490	11,537	29,122	19,782	840	742	511	394	314
<b>3. Total Available Flow (AF)</b>												
Dry	-	-	-	-	35,349	49,094	29,982	15,945	10,829	-	-	-
Normal	-	-	-	-	108,795	121,001	77,048	28,155	24,891	-	-	-
Wet	-	-	-	-	197,329	257,329	110,059	37,049	49,494	-	-	-
<b>4. Min. Compact Flow Required (AF) (cfs)</b>	21,521	19,439	21,521	20,327	33,425	31,789	39,493	33,493	31,789	21,521	20,327	21,521
<b>5. Available Flow to WY (AF)</b>												
Dry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal	0	0	8,909	34,789	53,900	89,232	29,551	0	0	0	0	0
Wet	0	2,982	30,189	34,292	194,349	197,775	50,560	3,549	0	12,799	11,718	2,389
<b>6. Preferred Reaches</b>	none	3, 11 & 12	3, 11 & 12	3, 11 & 12	3, 11 & 12	3, 11 & 12	3, 11 & 12	3, 11 & 12	none	3, 11 & 12	3, 11 & 12	3, 11 & 12

- Notes: 1. Flow at WYLD Border Gauge or page 10000000 Base Flow at Border, above Idaho divisions. One of Compact flow limitations triggers a flow of 250 cfs at the page.
2. Flow below Stevail Dam equal to PPSL, or referenced in compact as part of the minimum of 370 cfs in item 4 (the gain is total Available Flow).
3. Total Available Flow is combined divisions (present development) of Wyoming and Idaho in Central Division plus flow below Stevail Dam.
4. Minimum Compact Flow is minimum flow above 250 cfs at Border Gauge or flow above 370 cfs Total Available Flow, including Stevail Dam release.
5. Available Flow is physically available flow, based on present development, above required Compact flows, which are minimum of flow in item 2 above 370 cfs or flow in item 1 above 250 cfs.
6. Preferred reaches are stream reaches where flow physically occurs, but may be impacted by potential projects in Upper Division and potential projects in the reaches of the division.

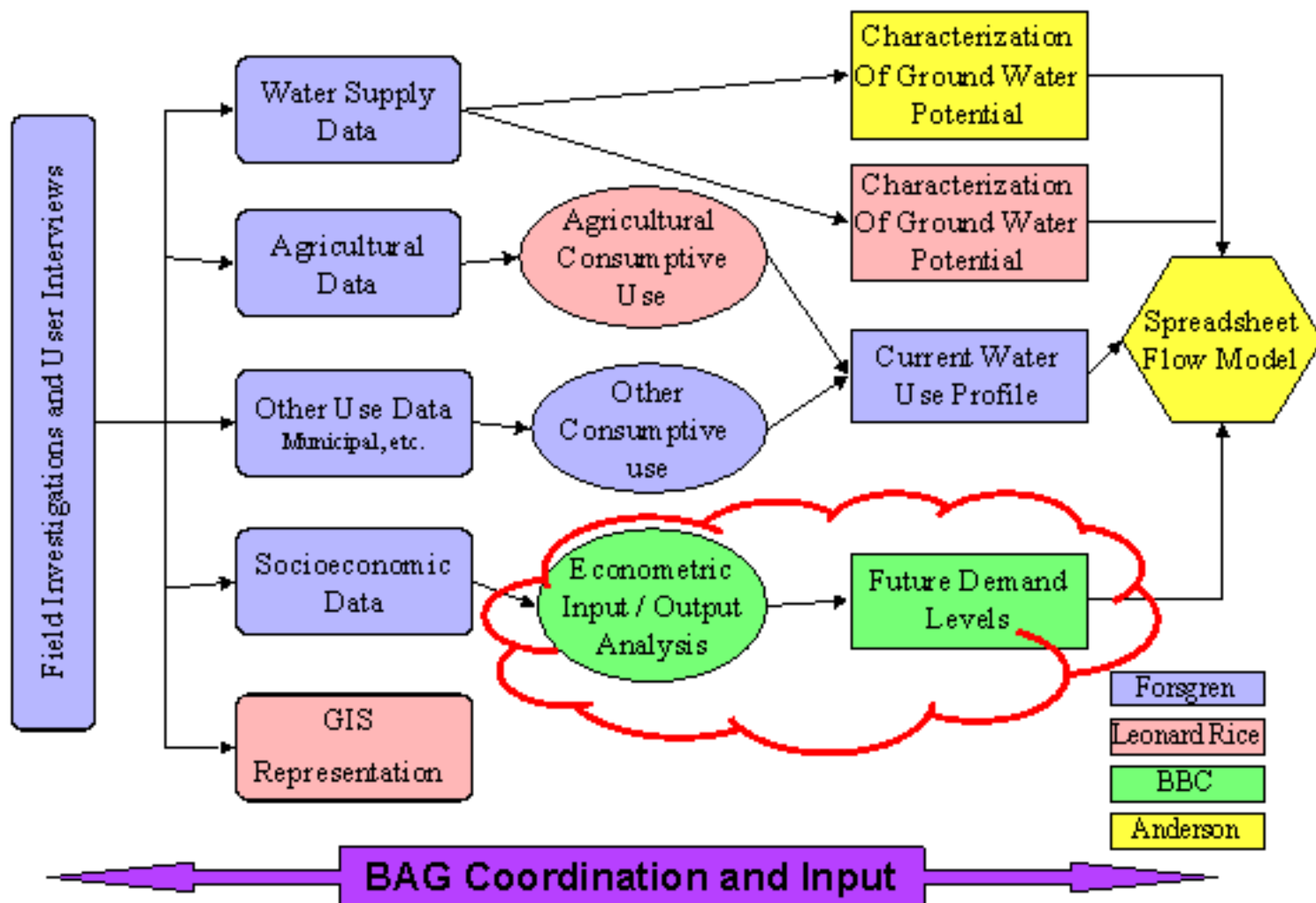


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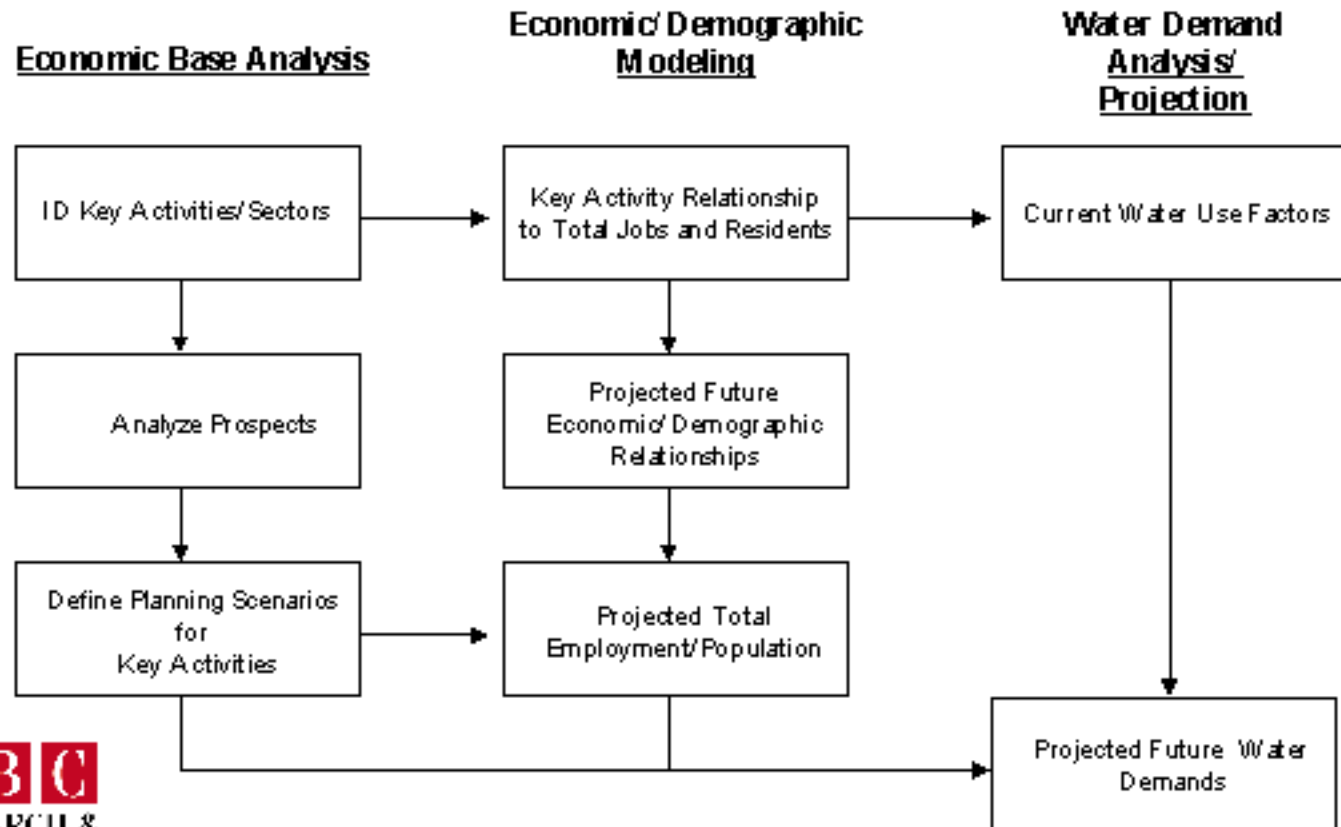




# Basin Economics / Future Demands



# Overview of Bear River Basin Demand Projection Methodology



# Basin Economic Modeling

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## Key Economic Activities & Sectors

- Agriculture
- Energy
- Tourism
- Manufacturing / Commercial



## Summary of Planning Scenarios – Key Activities

### High Case

- **Agriculture:** Growth in livestock, small increase in acreage, little or no change in number of farms or farm workers.
- **Energy:** Enhanced recovery and high prices support production similar to current.
- **Tourism:** Substantial growth due to increased traffic and Evanston visibility.
- **Manufacturing/Commercial:** Major growth engine for region.

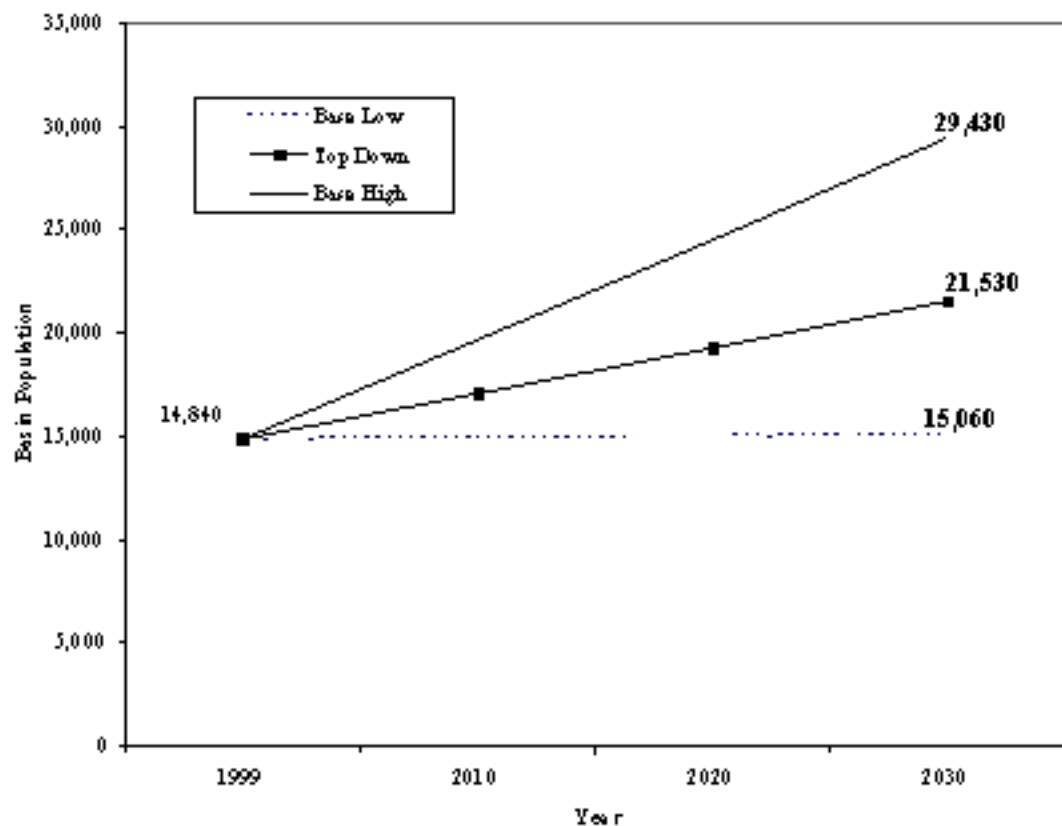
### Low Case

- **Agriculture:** Decline in livestock and acreage due to grazing limitations, refuge implementation.
- **Energy:** Sector essentially gone by 2030.
- **Tourism:** Substantial growth, but less than High Case.
- **Manufacturing/Commercial:** Growth approximately offsets energy losses.



## Alternative Population Projections for Bear River Basin

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## Water Demand Factors by Economic Sector (Annual Diversions and Annual Consumptive Use)

Demand by Type of Use	Units	Diversions		Consumptive Use	
		Normal Year	High Demand Year	Normal Year	High Demand Year
<b>Agriculture</b>					
Irrigation	<i>acre feet per acre</i>	4.52	-	1.45	2.01
Surface Water		4.47	6.24	1.42	1.98
Ground Water		0.05	0.17	0.03	0.11
Livestock	<i>acre feet per animal unit</i>	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
<b>Municipal</b>					
Bismarck					
Residential	<i>Gallon of capacity per day</i>	157.68	172.72	95.38	110.89
Commercial	<i>Gallon of capacity per day</i>	70.59	77.97	42.80	50.35
Institutional	<i>Gallon of capacity per day</i>	80.43	104.71	49.47	73.74
Cokeville	<i>Gallon of capacity per day</i>	1,070.00	1,070.00	827.08	830.79
Rural Domestic	<i>Gallon of capacity per day</i>	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
<b>Industrial</b>					
Natural Gas	<i>acre feet per Bcf of production</i>	1.91	2.49	1.91	2.49
Whitney (Chevron)		1.09	1.54	1.09	1.54
Whitney (BP-Amoco)		0.82	1.15	0.82	1.15



## Current and Projected 2030 Water Demands Diversion Needs, Normal and High Demand Years

By Type of Use	Current (2000)	2030		
		High Scenario	Middle Scenario	Low Scenario
Agricultural	295,200 - 419,700	312,200 - 443,900	293,200 - 416,800	277,600 - 394,700
Municipal	4,500 - 5,000	8,600 - 9,800	6,300 - 7,200	4,500 - 5,100
Rural Domestic/ Industrial	1,000 - 1,300	1,500 - 1,700	1,000 - 1,100	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,700 - 426,000</b>	<b>322,300 - 455,400</b>	<b>300,500 - 425,100</b>	<b>282,600 - 400,300</b>
<b>By Source</b>				
Surface Water	293,800 - 416,400	314,500 - 444,800	293,700 - 415,700	276,600 - 392,900
Ground Water	6,900 - 9,600	7,800 - 10,600	6,800 - 9,400	6,000 - 8,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,700 - 426,000</b>	<b>322,300 - 455,400</b>	<b>300,500 - 425,100</b>	<b>282,600 - 400,300</b>



## Comparison of Projected Acre-Foot Increases in Bear River Basin Diversions Needed Versus Available Supply

(NORMAL YEAR)

<b>Upper Division</b>					
	<b>Projected Demand Growth by Month</b>			<b>Available Surface Supply</b>	<b>Surplus/ (Shortage)</b>
	<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>		
Jan	2	156	158	4,745	4,587
Feb	2	150	152	4,836	4,684
Mar	2	152	155	11,520	11,365
Apr	38	145	183	18,627	18,444
May	813	237	1,050	19,049	17,999
Jun	2,725	491	3,217	66,197	62,980
Jul	3,210	698	3,908	97	(3,811)
Aug	1,457	803	2,260	0	(2,260)
Sep	405	551	956	0	(956)
Oct	42	269	311	6,162	5,851
Nov	2	141	143	5,932	5,789
Dec	2	143	145	5,260	5,115
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,702</b>	<b>3,936</b>	<b>12,637</b>	<b>142,425</b>	<b>129,788</b>



# Comparison of Projected Acre-Foot Increases in Bear River Basin Diversions Needed Versus Available Supply

(NORMAL YEAR)

Central Division					
	Projected Demand Growth by Month			Available Surface Supply	Surplus/ (Shortage)
	Agriculture	Other	Total		
Jan	2	0	2	0	(2)
Feb	2	0	2	0	(2)
Mar	2	0	2	6,939	6,937
Apr	10	0	10	34,769	34,759
May	610	0	610	53,300	52,690
Jun	2,804	0	2,804	69,232	66,428
Jul	3,008	0	3,008	23,551	20,543
Aug	1,575	0	1,575	0	(1,575)
Sep	319	0	319	0	(319)
Oct	22	0	22	0	(22)
Nov	3	0	3	0	(3)
Dec	2	0	2	0	(2)
Total	8,359	0	8,359	187,791	179,432

# Comparison of Projected Acre-Foot Increases in Bear River Basin Diversions Needed Versus Available Supply

(DRY YEAR)

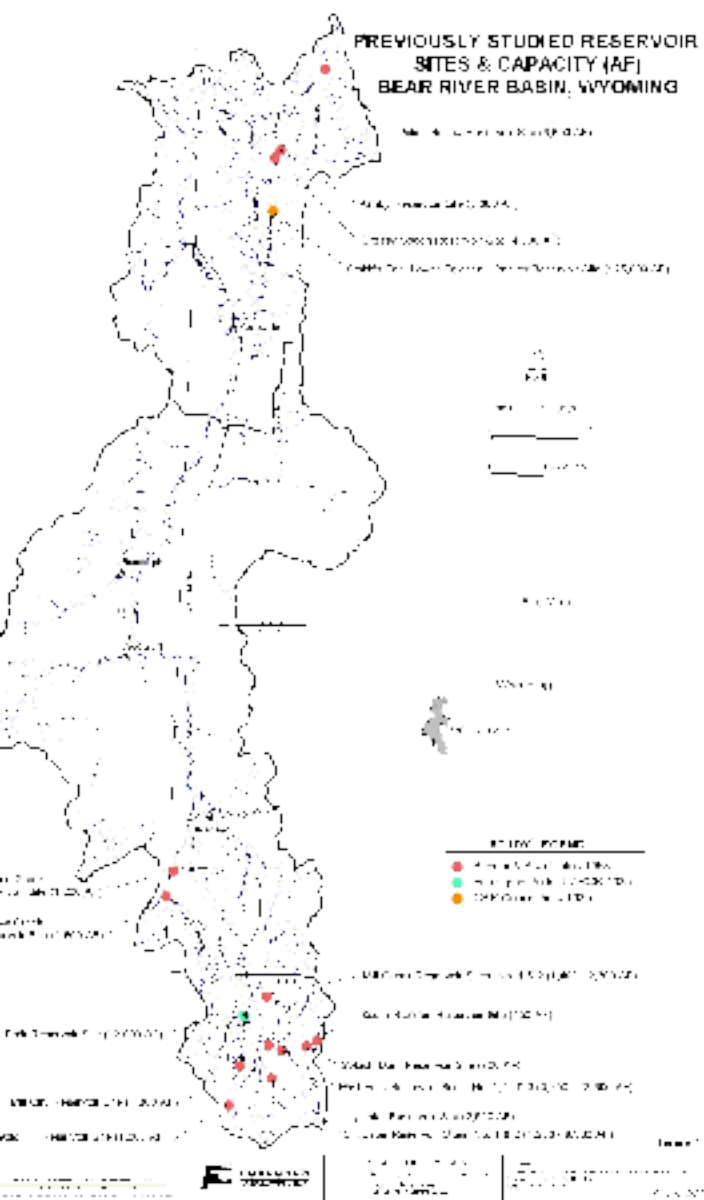
<b>Upper Division</b>					
	<b>Projected Demand Growth by Month</b>			<b>Available Surface Supply</b>	<b>Surplus/ (Shortage)</b>
	<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>		
Jan	2	180	183	1,972	1,789
Feb	2	173	176	1,665	1,489
Mar	2	176	178	3,744	3,566
Apr	51	168	219	3,934	3,715
May	1,128	274	1,403	0	(1,403)
Jun	3,789	568	4,356	9,524	5,168
Jul	4,463	806	5,269	0	(5,269)
Aug	2,025	927	2,952	0	(2,952)
Sep	561	636	1,197	0	(1,197)
Oct	58	311	369	1,735	1,366
Nov	2	163	165	2,255	2,090
Dec	2	165	168	1,959	1,791
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,088</b>	<b>4,547</b>	<b>16,635</b>	<b>26,788</b>	<b>10,153</b>

# Comparison of Projected Acre-Foot Increases in Bear River Basin Diversions Needed Versus Available Supply

(DRY YEAR)

<b>Central Division</b>					
	<b>Projected Demand Growth by Month</b>			<b>Available Surface Supply</b>	<b>Surplus/ (Shortage)</b>
	<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>		
Jan	2	0	2	0	(2)
Feb	2	0	2	0	(2)
Mar	2	0	2	0	(2)
Apr	12	0	12	0	(12)
May	847	0	847	0	(847)
Jun	3,899	0	3,899	0	(3,899)
Jul	4,183	0	4,183	0	(4,183)
Aug	2,189	0	2,189	0	(2,189)
Sep	441	0	441	0	(441)
Oct	30	0	30	0	(30)
Nov	3	0	3	0	(3)
Dec	2	0	2	0	(2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,612</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,612</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(11,612)</b>

# Previously Studied Potential Storage Sites



## ◆ Banner & Assoc. (1958)

- Twin Creek
- Upper Bear- East & West Forks & Mill Creek (13 sites)
- Yellow Creek (2 sites)
- Smiths Fork (3 sites)

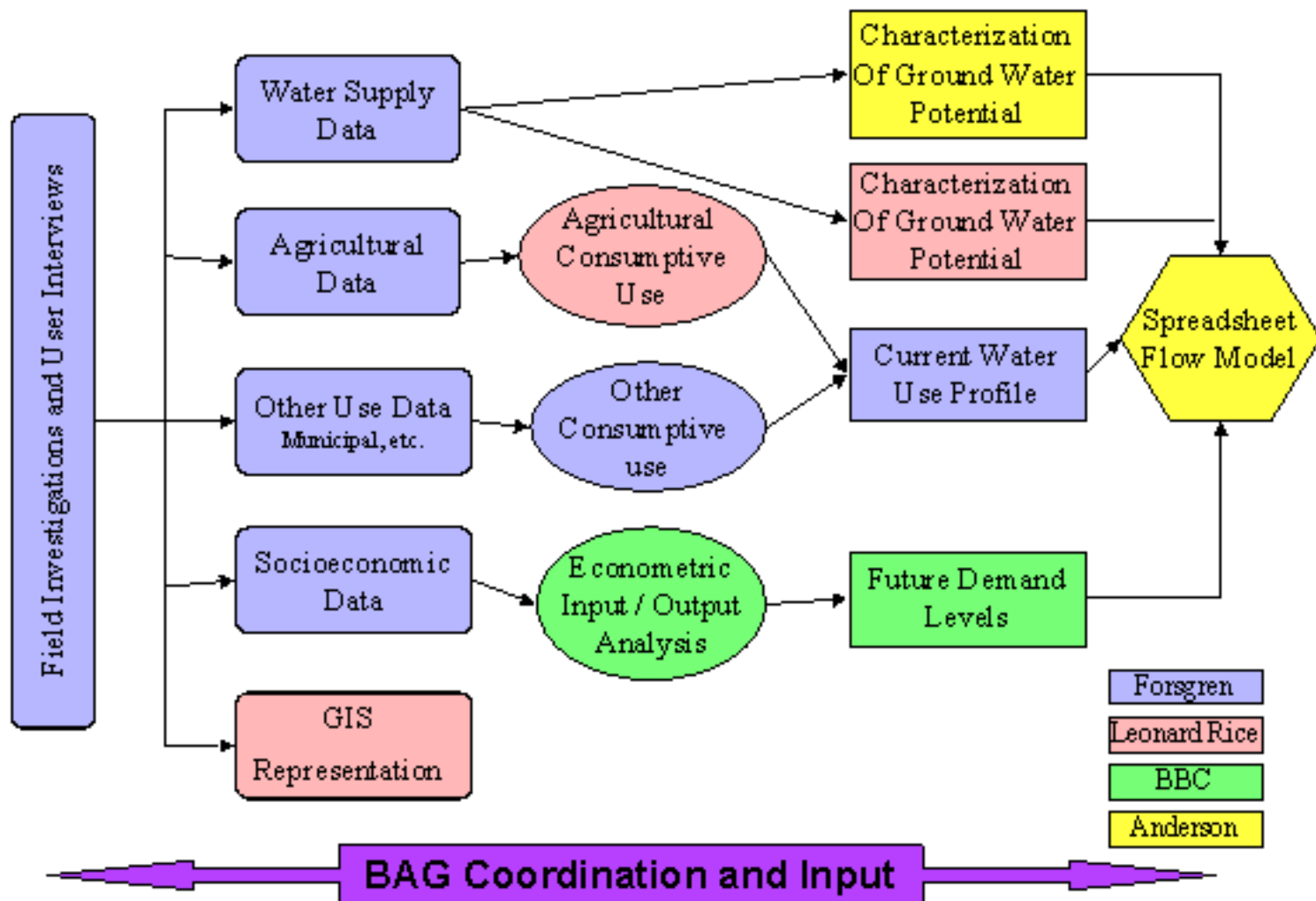
## ◆ Forsgren-Perkins / RBG (1985)

- West Fork Site

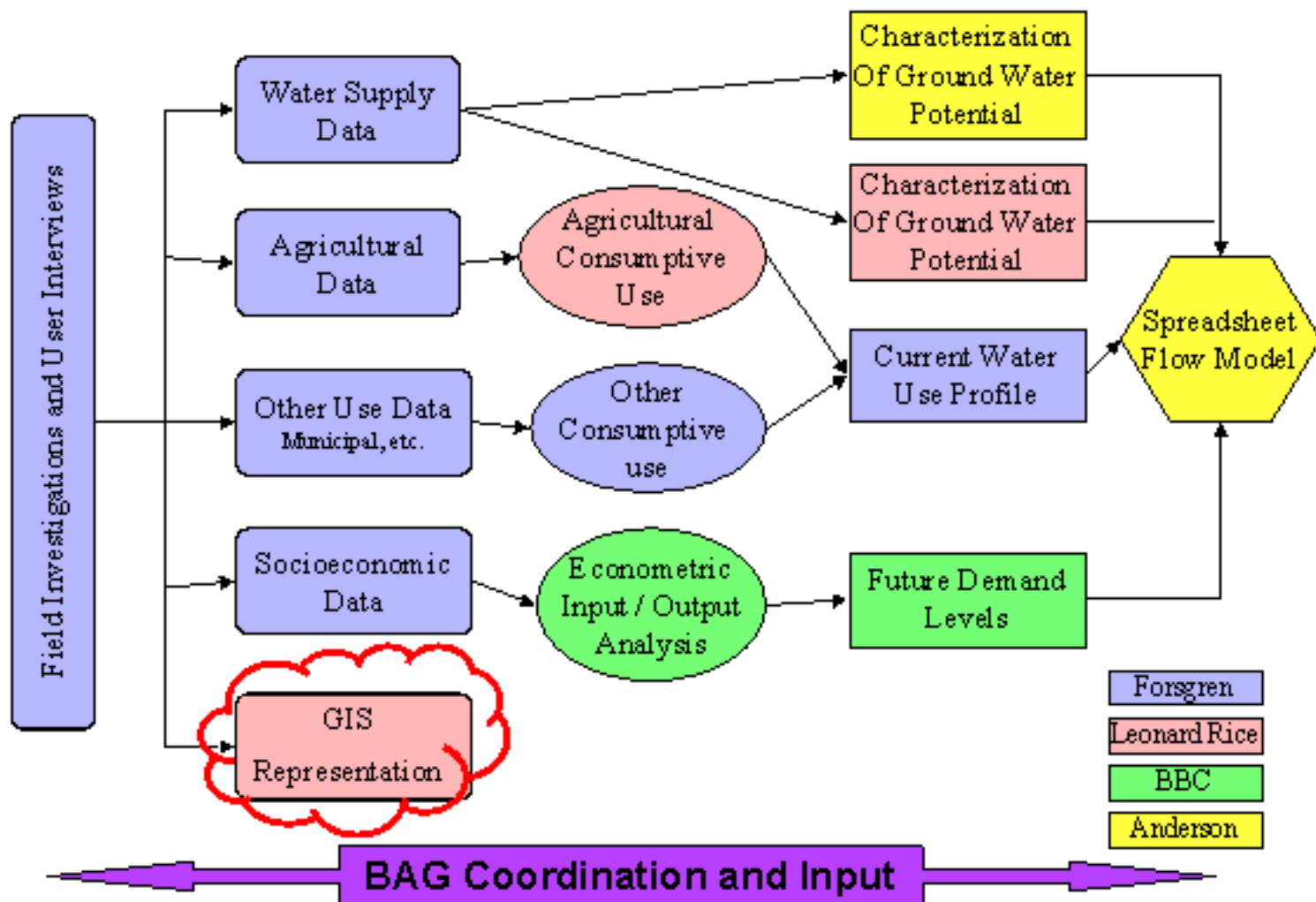
## ◆ GBR Consultants (1985)

- Smiths Fork Teichert-Bagley site

# BASIN PLANNING PROCESS



# GIS REPRESENTATION



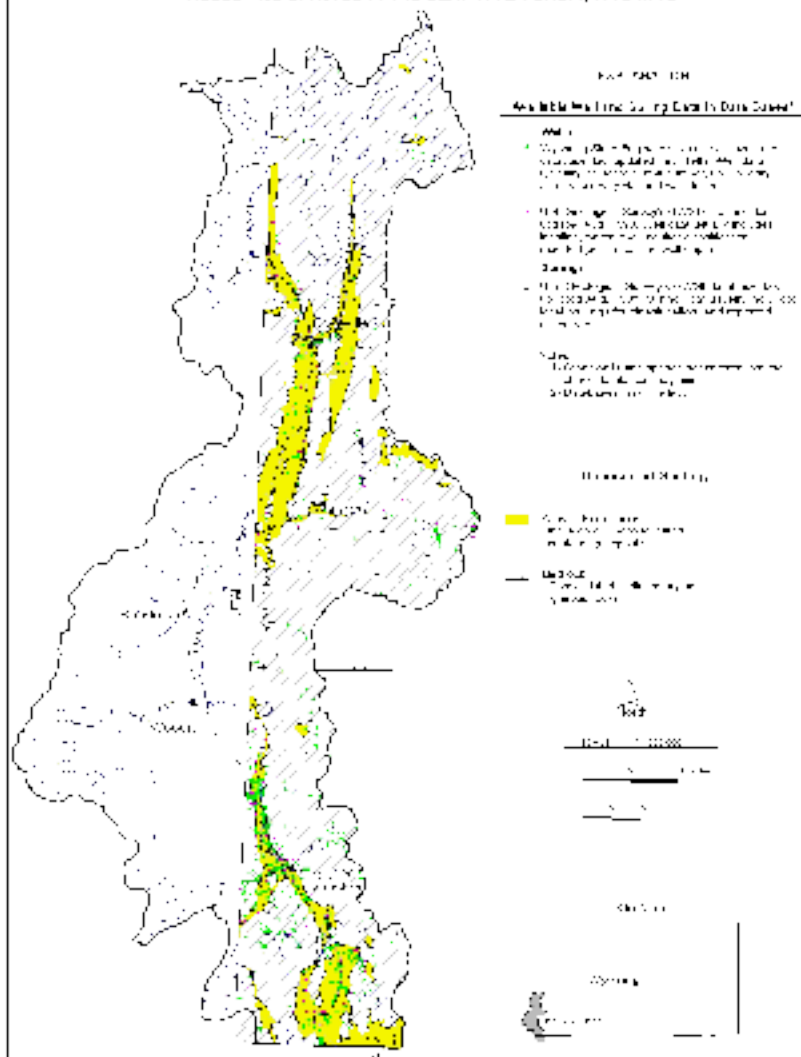


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WELLS AND SPRINGS IN THE BEAR RIVER BASIN, WYOMING



# Documented Wells and Springs



# Reported Well Yields

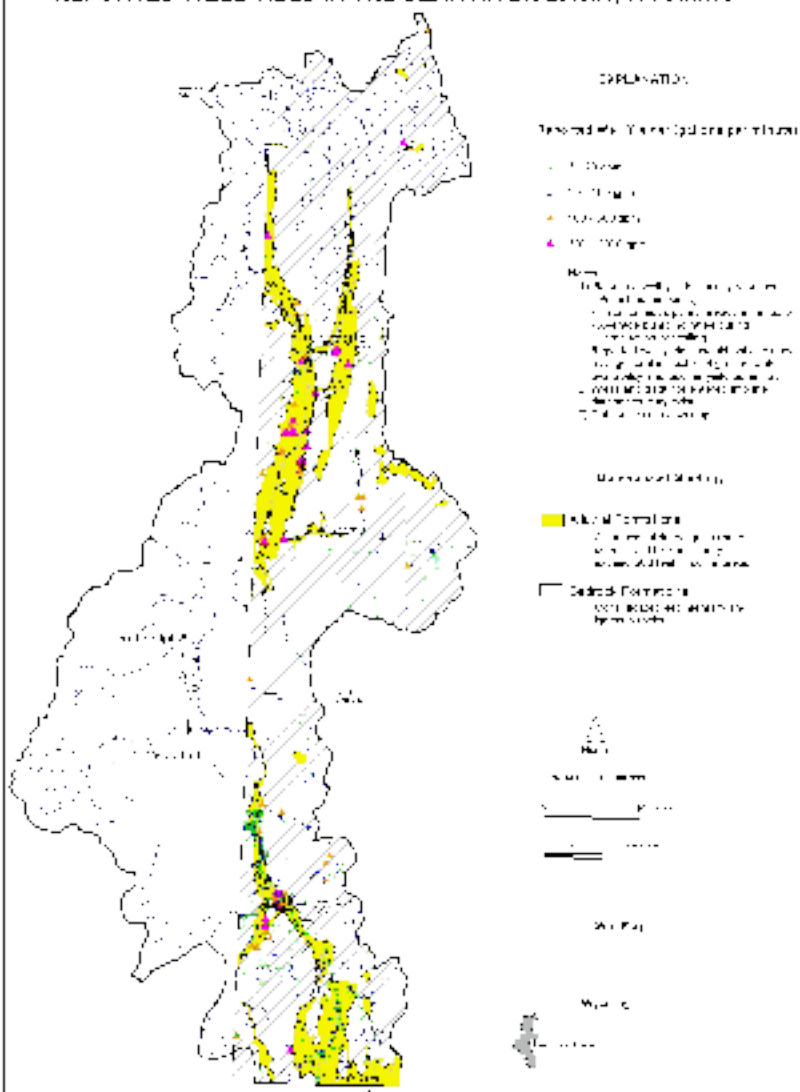
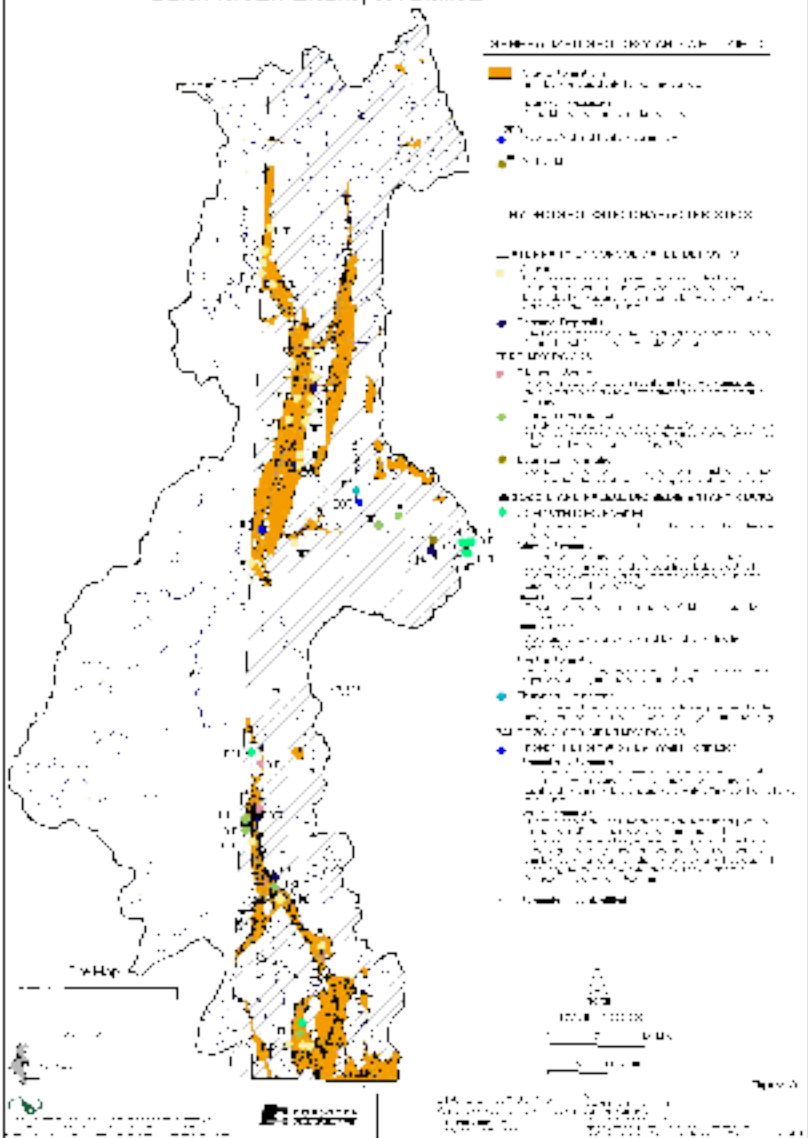


Figure 1

**AQUIFER CHARACTERISTICS OF EXISTING WELLS  
BEAR RIVER BASIN, WYOMING**



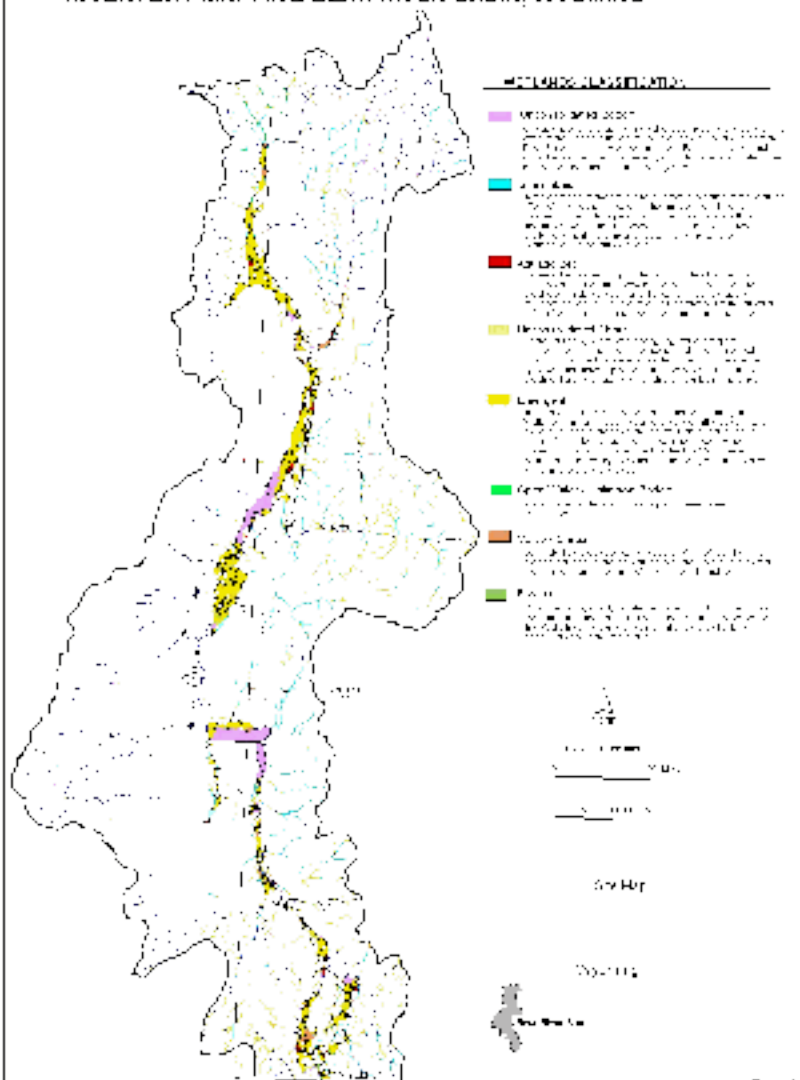
# Well Aquifer Characteristics











# National Wetlands Inventory

*(U.S. Fish & Wildlife)*

