### Bear River Hydrology Model Project



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#### Project's Purpose

- Continue the river basin planning process
- Develop a <u>Decision Support System</u> (DDS) for the Bear River Basin

#### Decision Support System

- A water resources management tool
- Helps plan for future water needs and address real-time water supply issues
- Water rights and priority dates are accounted for
- Computer program application: <u>StateMOD</u>

#### State MOD

- A public domain, water rights allocation, DSS software
- Developed by the State of Colorado as part of Colorado's Decision Support System tools (<a href="http://cdss.state.co.us">http://cdss.state.co.us</a>)

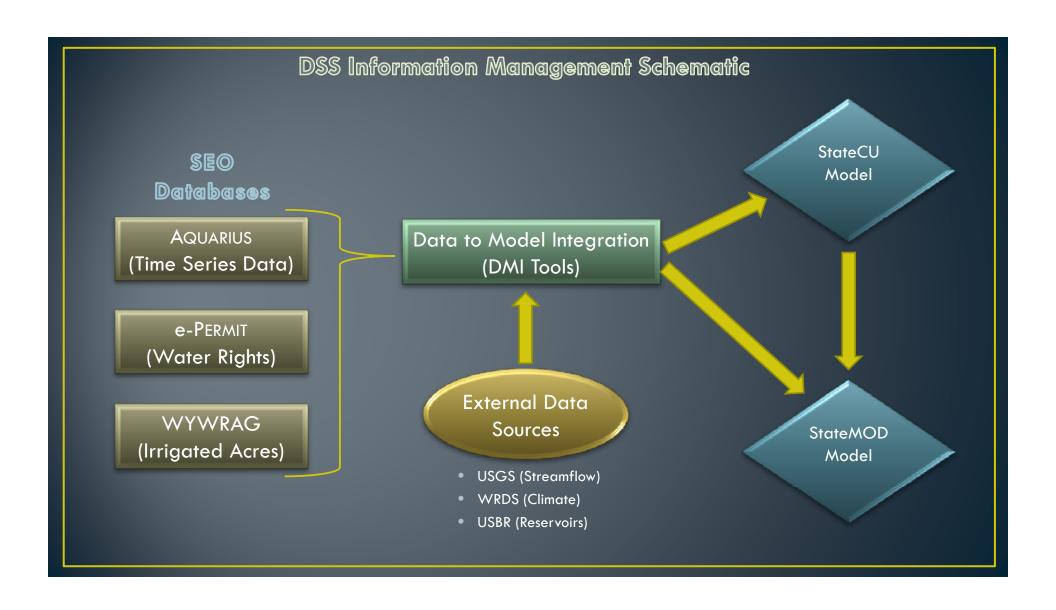
#### Example Uses of a DSS Model

- Determine water availability for new storage projects
- Size reservoirs
- Assess risk of existing water rights under varying hydrologic conditions
- Consider impacts of various project operations and administrations
- Predict the need for additional regulation
- Assess and help to mitigate demand shortages

#### Cooperative Effort



Project aims to establish protocol & in-house knowledge to eventually expand DSS models to other river basins in Wyoming



### Progress Thus Far Includes:

Defining the Model Extent

Compiling Input Data

StateMOD Approach

**Input File Development** 

Inflow Hydrology

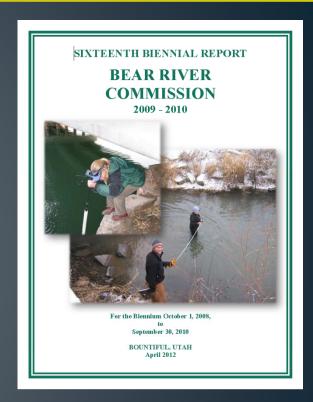
Physical Streams Water Demands Administrative Conditions

#### Model Extent

- Upper and Central Divisions
- Streams and Tributaries
- Gaging Stations
- Reservoirs
- Points of Diversion (POD)

#### **Diversions**

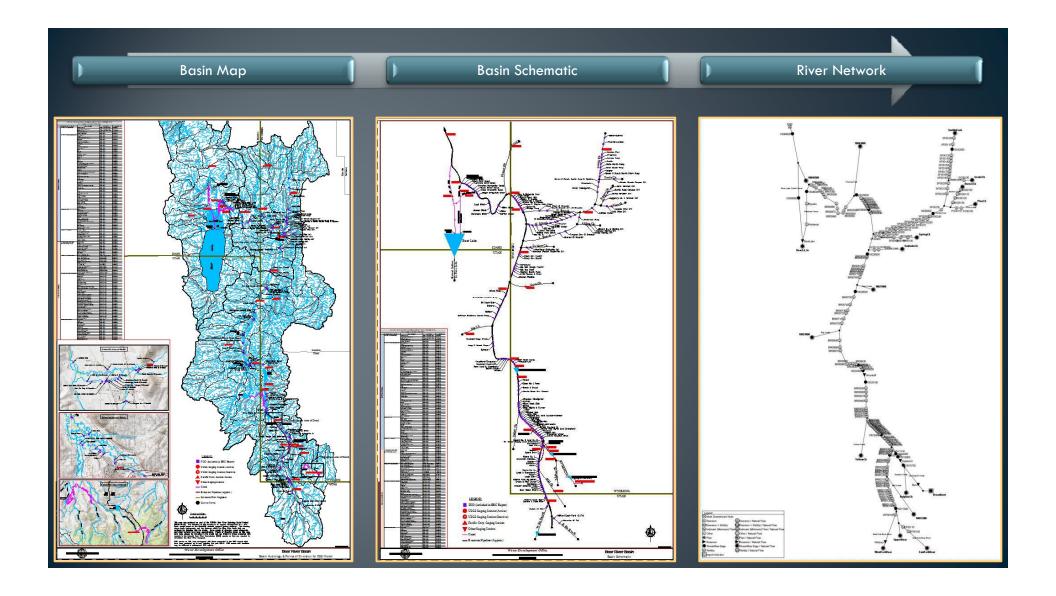
- Inclusive of all diversions presented in the <u>Bear River</u>
   <u>Commission Reports</u> as required to administer the Bear River Compact
- Confirmed POD locations and stream order



Basin Map

Basin Schematic

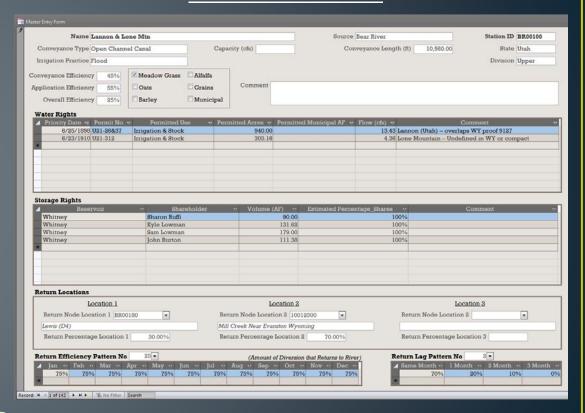
River Network



#### Input Data

- Streamflow Records
  - USGS
  - Pacific Corp.
- Historic Diversion Records
  - Digitized from Bear River
     Commission Reports
- Return Flows
  - Location, timing, and amounts
- Reservoir Data
  - End of month storage
  - Volume and area-capacity curves
  - Operating rules
- Water Rights Data
  - SEO mapping water rights and acreages associated with each POD

#### **Diversions Database**



#### Forthcoming Model Development

- Continue Data and Information Gathering
  - Climate, crops, Compact, basin operation & management
  - Utah & Idaho water rights
- Develop Required StateMOD and StateCU Input Files

## StateMOD Model

#### Base Flow Model

#### Calibration

#### Future Scenarios

- Natural flows
- Uses historic data
- Distribute gains to tributaries
- Includes water rights
- Tweak input data
- "What if" model runs
- Determine; size; assess; consider; predict; etc.

## ANTICIPATED COMPLETION: FALL, 2013

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Questions?

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