CUB RIVER WATERSHED PLAN-EA

Public Scoping Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
1. Team Introductions
2. NRCS Program Overview
3. Project Overview
   • Purpose and Need
   • Project Location
   • Project Benefits
4. NEPA Process
5. Ways to Be Involved
6. Q&A
**INTRODUCTIONS**

**LEAD AGENCY - NRCS**

Bruce Sandoval  
NRCS Watershed Program Manager  
USDA NRCS

**PROJECT SPONSORS**

Franklin County  
Cache Water District  
Cub River Irrigation Company

**CUB RIVER WATERSHED PLAN EA TEAM**

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NRCS Program Overview

- Flood Prevention (Flood Damage Reduction)
- Watershed Protection
- Public Recreation
- Public Fish and Wildlife
- Agricultural Water Management
- Municipal and Industrial Water Supply
- Water Quality Management

PL-566 Authorized Project Purposes

NRCS Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention Program helps units of Federal, state, local and tribal governments protect and restore watersheds. Provides financial and technical assistance for eligible project purposes.

Public Law (PL) 83-566
- Planning
- Design
- Construction

Provides financial and technical assistance for:
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NRCS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WATERSHED PROJECT PLAN

- Planning and Environmental Assessment Process
  - NEPA Compliance
  - PL-566
  - PR&G (Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines for Water and Lake Related Resources Implementation Studies)

✓ Documents the Planning and Decision-Making Process
✓ Overlapping requirements
✓ Final product: Watershed Plan-EA or -EIS
The United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) is proposing this watershed plan through the Watershed Protection & Flood Prevention Program.

The plan is sponsored by Franklin County, ID and co-sponsored by Cub River Irrigation Company and Cache Water District.

Federal funds through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL 83-566) will be used to complete the planning process.
PURPOSES:

- **FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION** for communities, infrastructure, and to stabilize the aquifer and agricultural lands
- **AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT** to provide additional water through conservation to support agricultural needs
- **PUBLIC RECREATION** to provide recreational opportunities
- **PUBLIC FISH AND WILDLIFE** to improve habitat

NEEDS:

- Provide flood protection by relying on storm water infrastructure
- Improve infrastructure deficiencies
- Provide additional agricultural water through conservation
- Provide recreation access
- Improve fish and wildlife habitat
Project Benefits

- Improve Agricultural Water Management
- Increase Public Safety & Health
- Optimize System Efficiencies
- Recreational Opportunities
- Address Flood Prevention
- Fish & Wildlife Enhancements
**NEPA Process**

**NEPA Compliance**
Planning / EA
18 – 24 Months

- Initiate Environmental Assessment
- Develop project purpose & need
- Scoping process (public & agency)
- Collect & review comments

**Project Final Design***
9 – 12 Months

- Collect and analyze existing data & conditions
- Develop alternatives
- Identify & conduct needed resource surveys
- Analyze alternatives (30% design)
- Evaluate potential impacts to environmental resources
- Draft Watershed Plan-EA
- Decision Document

**Construction**
Approx. 2023 - 2025

* Contingent on environmental and funding approval
** Pending environmental approval

We are here

**Anticipated Project Timeline**
Ways to be Involved

Written comments can be digitally submitted during the public scoping period: November 19, 2020 – December 18, 2020

Ways to submit:

- Email comment (including name and contact information) to: Monique Robbins (Franson Civil Engineers) - mrobbins@fransoncivil.com
- Digital form found at www.fransoncivil.com/cub-river-watershed-ea

If you'd like to stay informed about this project, please complete the survey found at www.fransoncivil.com/cub-river-watershed-ea

Project information may also be found at www.id.nrcs.usda.gov
QUESTIONS