
CUB RIVER WATERSHED PLAN-EA

Public Scoping Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.



MEETING AGENDA

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

Chad Brown, P.E.
Project Manager
Franson Civil Engineers

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NEPA Specialist
Franson Civil Engineers



WATERSHED OPERATIONS PROGRAM

- **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.**

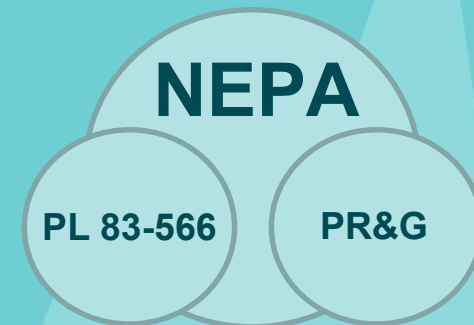
- **Public Law (PL) 83-566**
 - Planning
 - Design
 - Construction

PL-566 AUTHORIZED PROJECT PURPOSES

- **Provides financial and technical assistance for:**
 - Flood Prevention (Flood Damage Reduction)
 - Watershed Protection
 - Public Recreation
 - Public Fish and Wildlife
 - Agricultural Water Management
 - Municipal and Industrial Water Supply
 - Water Quality Management

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



PROJECT OVERVIEW



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.

PURPOSE AND NEED

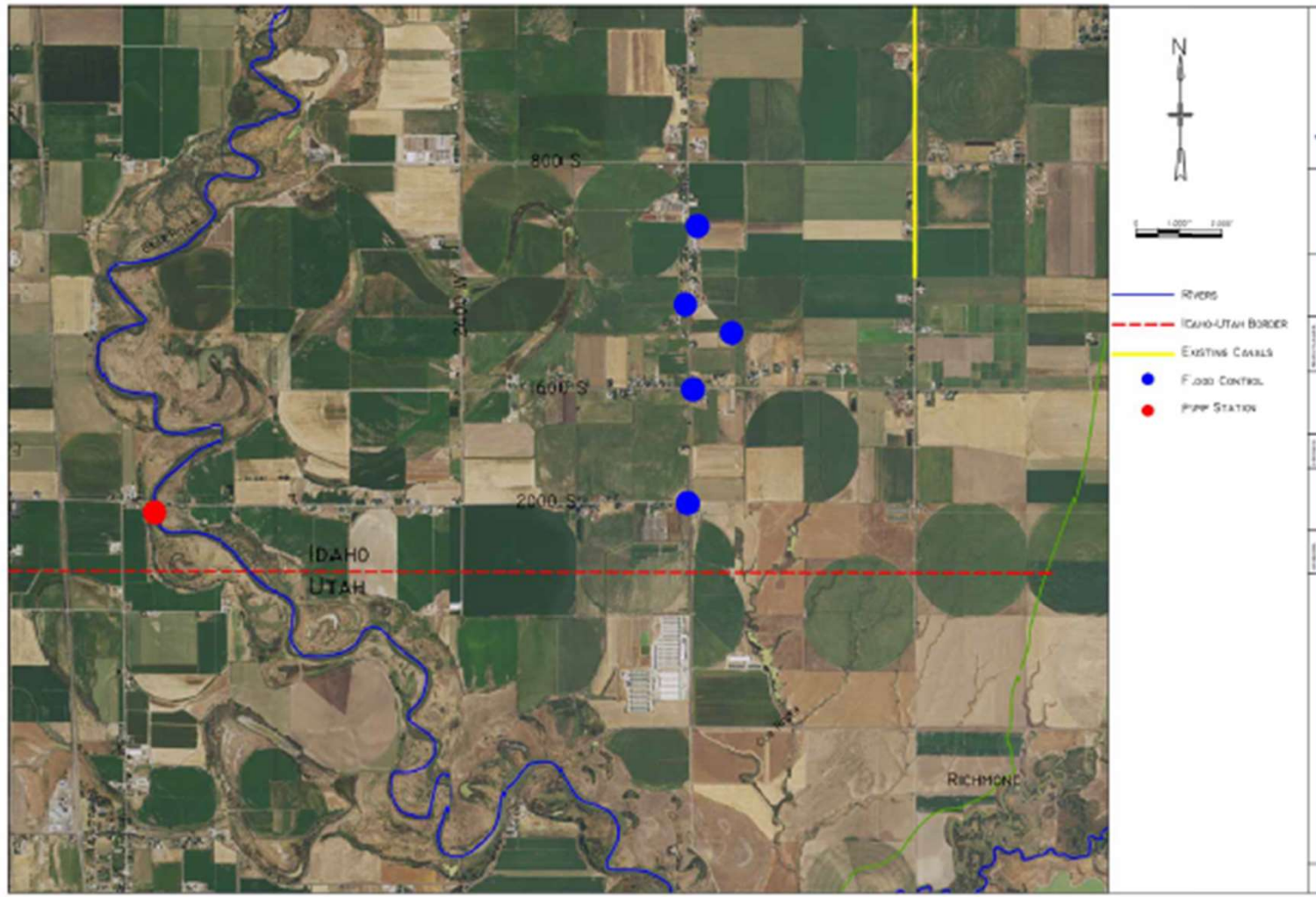
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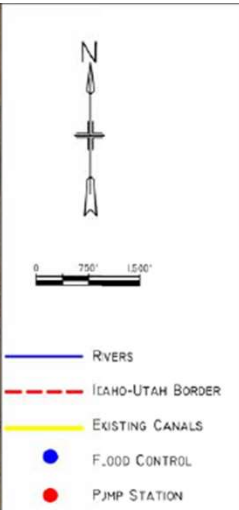
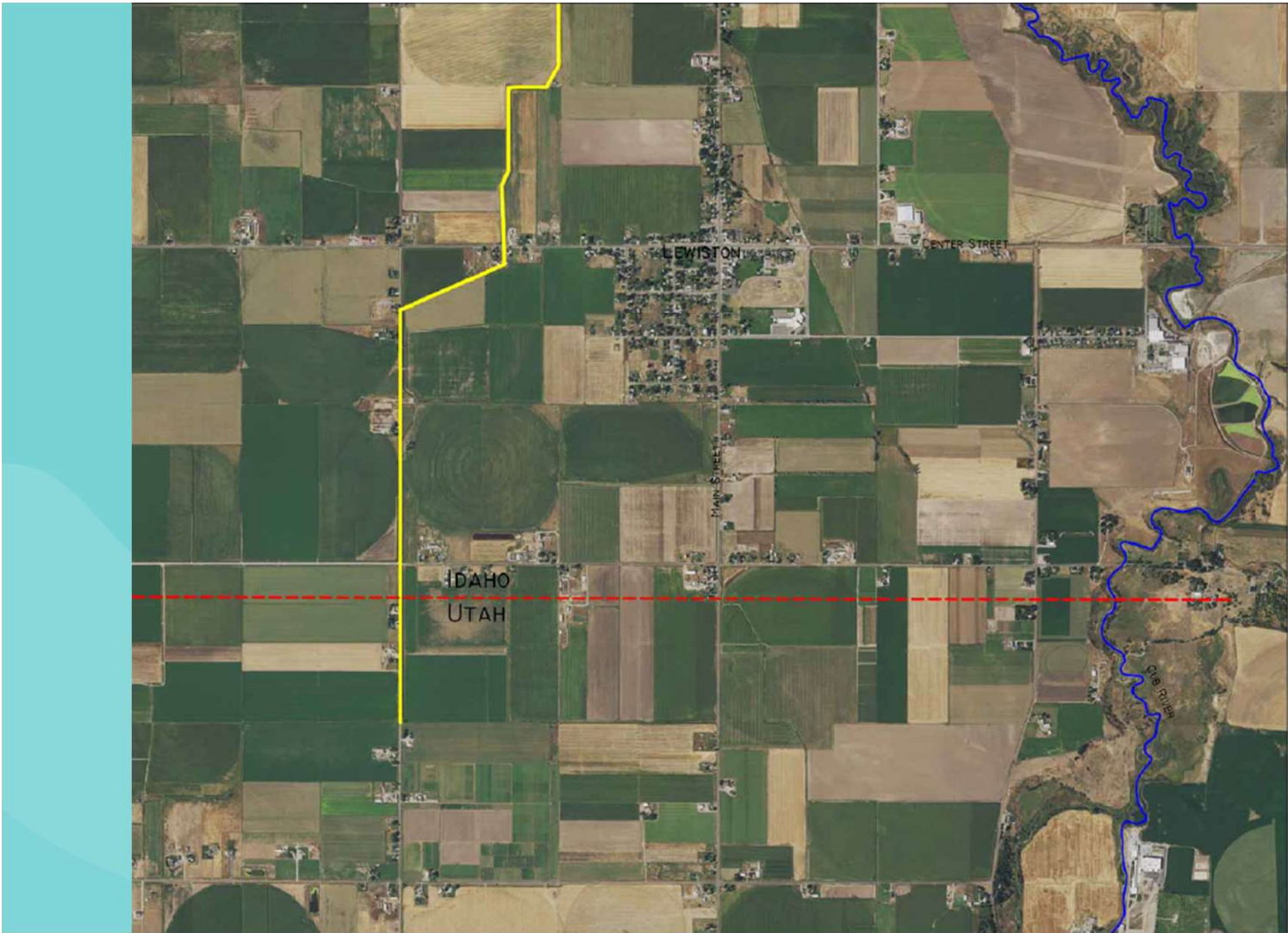
- ✓ **FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION** for communities, infrastructure, and to stabilize the aquifer and agricultural lands
- ✓ **AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT** to provide additional water through conservation to support agricultural needs
- ✓ **PUBLIC RECREATION** to provide recreational opportunities
- ✓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



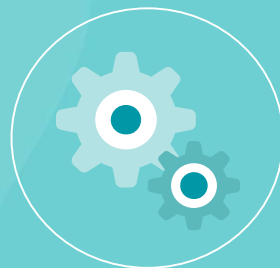
Increase
Public Safety
& Health



Recreational
Opportunities



Address
Flood
Prevention



Optimize
System
Efficiencies



Fish & Wildlife
Enhancements



ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMELINE

★ WE ARE HERE

**NEPA COMPLIANCE
PLANNING / EA**
18 – 24 MONTHS

**PROJECT FINAL
DESIGN***
9 – 12 MONTHS

CONSTRUCTION**
APPROX. 2023 - 2025

* Contingent on environmental and funding approval

** Pending environmental approval

NEPA PROCESS

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

- 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



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@fransonicivil.com
- Digital form found at www.fransonicivil.com/cub-river-watershed-ea



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



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



QUESTIONS

