







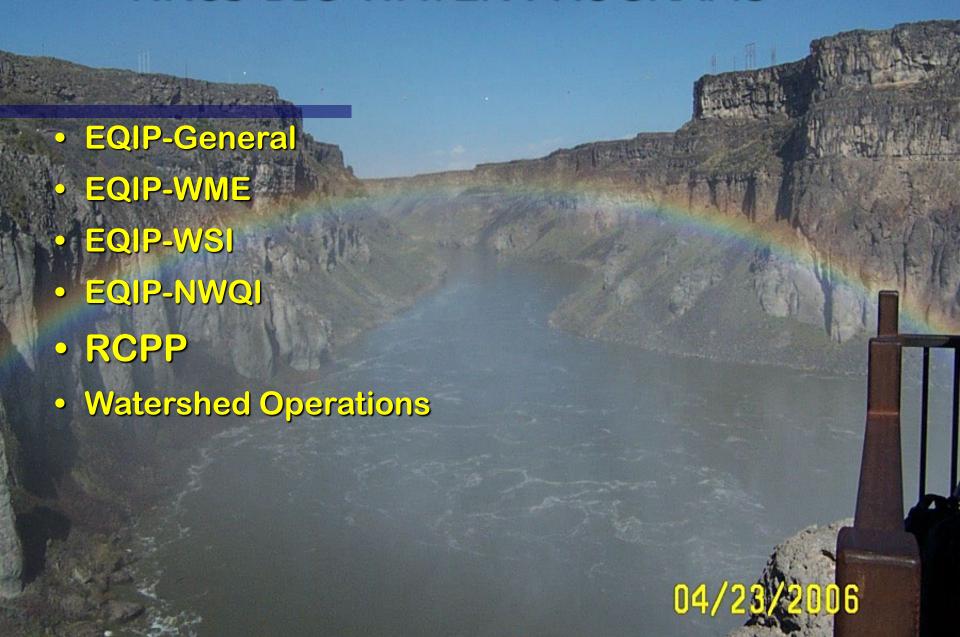
Current Watershed Projects

Raft River

- Flood Control
- Ag Water Management Aquifer Recharge
- City of Cotton Wood Municipality
- Flood Control
- Recreation
- North Cache Valley
- AG Water Management

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NRCS BIG WATER PROGRAMS



EQIP - WME

Environmental Quality Incentives Program Water Management Entities

- Water Management Entity:
 - A State, irrigation district, ground water management district or similar entity that has responsibilities related to water delivery to eligible lands.
 - Contracts are up to \$450k, with a waiver can go to \$900k
- Types of Projects:
 - Irrigation Infrastructure measures that conserve water including aquifer recovery
 - Water Conserving practices such as irrigation scheduling, low water use crops and deficit irrigation
- Larger Projects might include multiple individual EQIP contracts
- Applications Due: January 28th

EQIP - WSI

Environmental Quality Incentive Program – WaterSMART Initiative

- WaterSMART Initiative (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow):
 - Group EQIP Project and/or WME Project has connection/NEXUS to current or historic BOR WaterSMART project
 - Nationally selected 17 western states where BOR operates
- Types of Projects:
 - Irrigation Infrastructure measures that conserve water
 - Conveyance infrastructure to on farm improvements
 - Up to 5 years of annual funding
- Application Due Date Pending 2021 applications due in May & funding notices came in September

RCPP

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

- Eligible Lead Partner:
 - An agricultural or silvicultural producer association or other group of producers
 - State or unit of local government, an Indian Tribe
 - Farmer cooperative, a water district, irrigation district
 - Municipal water or wastewater treatment entity
 - Institution of higher education
- Types of Projects:
 - Sediment Basin
 - Soft Conversions, Irrigation Conveyance, On-Farm IDWR
 - Wildlife, Stream Restoration
- Application Date:
 - Applications not currently being accepted Expect announcement early 2022

WATERSHED OPERATIONS PROGRAM

Watershed Operations:

- Sponsor must have Eminent Domain Authority
- Preliminary Investigation Feasiblity Reports (PIFR) must be completed before Applying for the Planning Phase.

Types of Projects:

- Limited to \$25 Million (NRCS Contribution)
- Must meet one of the Watershed Operations Purposes: Flood Prevention, Watershed Protection, Recreation, Fish & Wildlife, Ag Water Management, Municipal & Industrial Water Supply, Water Quality Management & Watershed Structure Rehabilitation.

PIFR Requests

- Letter to NRCS State Conservationist from Eligible Sponsor
- Letter Template Available

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• QUESTIONS???



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PIFR REQUEST - DELETE?

A letter addressed to the Idaho State Conservationist, include a written narrative of the following project information:

- Project Sponsoring Local Organization (SLO) entity information, contact, position, phone, e-mail and any other contact information
- Project location, extent, size and name of drainage area etc.
- List of problems or resource concerns needing to be addressed, scope, size.
- Potential solutions if any have been evaluated and estimated costs.
- Discuss benefits if project is implemented to address the resource concerns.
- Known restrictions to proposed potential solutions, such as cultural or endangered species.
- Include a plan map of the area of the proposed project. Include HUC 10 Shape file if possible.