

Lewiston Orchards Project Water Exchange and Title Transfer Public Scoping Meetings

Lewiston, Idaho - September 2, 2015

Lapwai, Idaho - September 3, 2015

Why are we here?

Reclamation is asking for your help in identifying issues and concerns, as well as alternatives, associated with the proposed Lewiston Orchards Project (LOP) Water Exchange and Title Transfer. Reclamation will use this information to develop alternatives to address issues associated with the LOP. Some issues include:

- Water Supply Reliability
- Impacts to Endangered Species Act-listed Snake River steelhead
- Infrastructure rehabilitation needs
- Federal Tribal Trust Responsibilities
- Costs to the Federal Government



How do we address these issues?

To resolve these issues, Reclamation is evaluating alternatives to replace the current LOP surface-water system with a groundwater source and allow for the exchanged surface water to be protected instream. Following successful implementation of a water exchange, Reclamation proposes to transfer title of its assets associated with the LOP to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District.

What is required to accomplish this?

Reclamation has determined that an Environmental Assessment (EA) is required under the National Environmental Policy Act in order to undertake this action. The EA will evaluate the impacts of each alternative on the human and natural environments. Reclamation will consider this evaluation in its decision-making process.

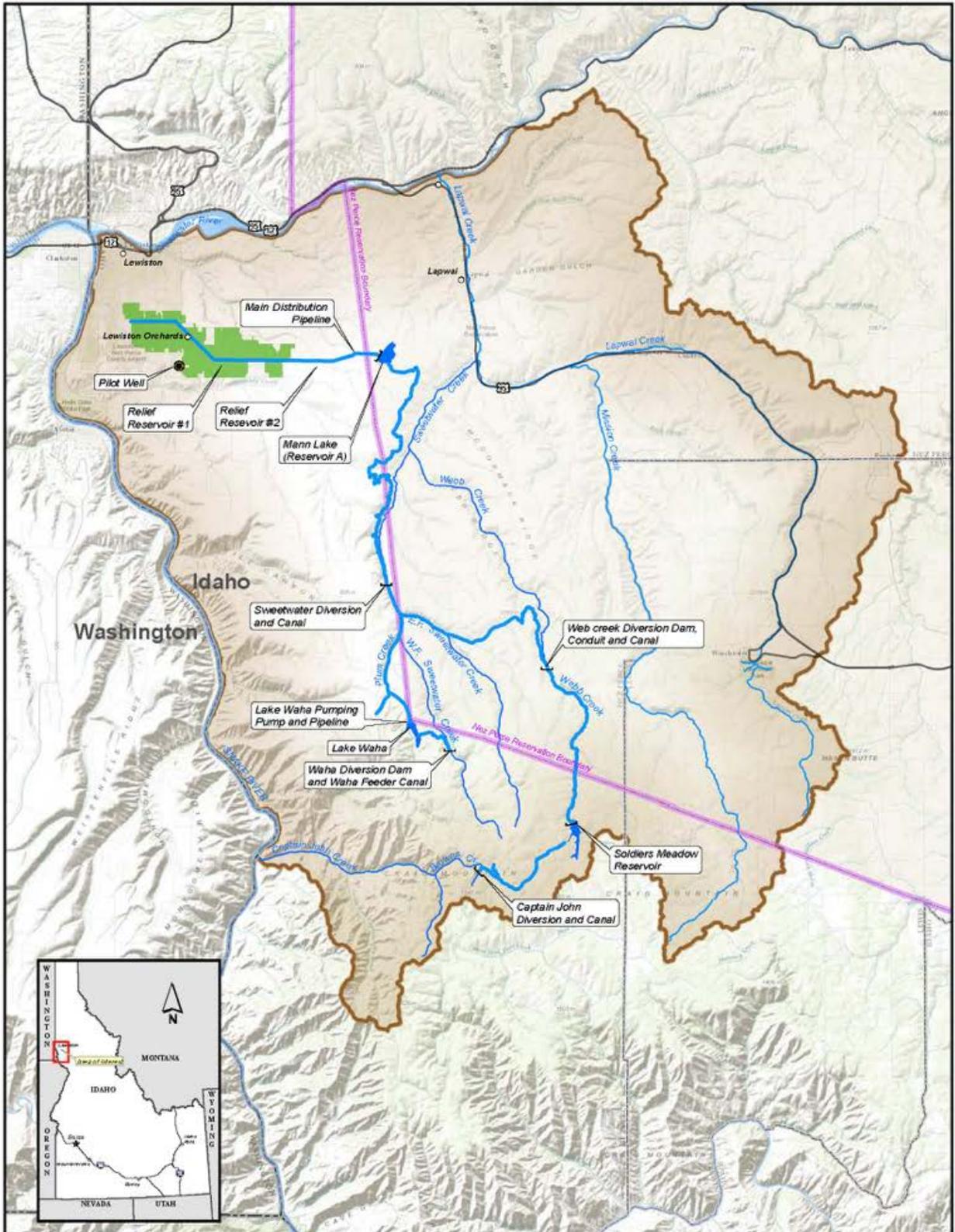


How can I contribute?

Please help us identify important issues and concerns, by sending your written comments by **Oct. 2, 2015** to:

Mr. Ryan Newman, Natural Resource Specialist
Bureau of Reclamation, Snake River Area Office
230 Collins Road , Boise, Idaho 83702
or by email at sra-lop-comments@usbr.gov .

You may also dictate your comments, alternatives, concerns or issues to the court reporter located adjacent to this meeting room. Thank you for your time and participation in the process. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



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-  Nez Perce Reservation Boundary
-  Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District (LOID)
-  Action Area
-  LOID Conveyance System

