RECLANATION Managing Water in the West

Hood River Basin Appraisal Study

Groundwater Modeling



U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation

Appraisal Level Study Details







Study Area

• Hood River basin



Available Data

- 14 OWRD wells (●)
 - Well logs and sporadic water level data
- 293 Hood River County wells (°)
 Well logs only



-- HOOD 50636 -- HOOD 50170 -- HOOD 50637 -- HOOD 50457 -- HOOD 50097 -- HOOD 330



-- HOOD 50299 -- HOOD 50698 -- HOOD 50550 -- HOOD 50290 -- HOOD 50504 -- HOOD 50503 -- HOOD 372



Data Analysis

 Water level data suggests connectivity between the upper and lower valleys



Proposed Model Area

- Use entire basin
 - Higher uncertainty where there are no well data



Proposed Model Set-up

- Steady state model
 - Transient model with a seasonal time-step if time and budget allows.
- 0.5 km grid cells



Proposed Model Set-up

• Model layering



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• 1 layer model

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- River losses and gains will be generated by the DHSVM model
- An initial estimate of 480,446 AF/year for river gains
 - Estimated based on the baseflow separation program WHAT₁
 - Assumes a 41% glacier contribution to summer flows²

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 Estimated based on mapped water rights and water right rates

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 Based on reported water use originating from springs

Model Limitations

- This modeling effort is a *first step* towards a more comprehensive model
- High uncertainties



Schedule

Task	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13
Model Development			
Model Calibration & Validation			
Scenario Modeling			

Feedback