Hood River Basin Planning Study

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Project Partners

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Larger group, subcommittees for last ~ 2 years

2). USBR

- \$250k in-kind

-Climate / Hydrology

-Groundwater

-Storage

-Water Resource Modeling

3). Hood River County

- \$250K OWRD grant

- -Herrera / WPN (PM, Needs, Conservation)
- -Normandau Associates (IFIM)
- -Mattie Bossler (GW, overall coord.)
- -USGS (GW tech. support)



Project Objectives

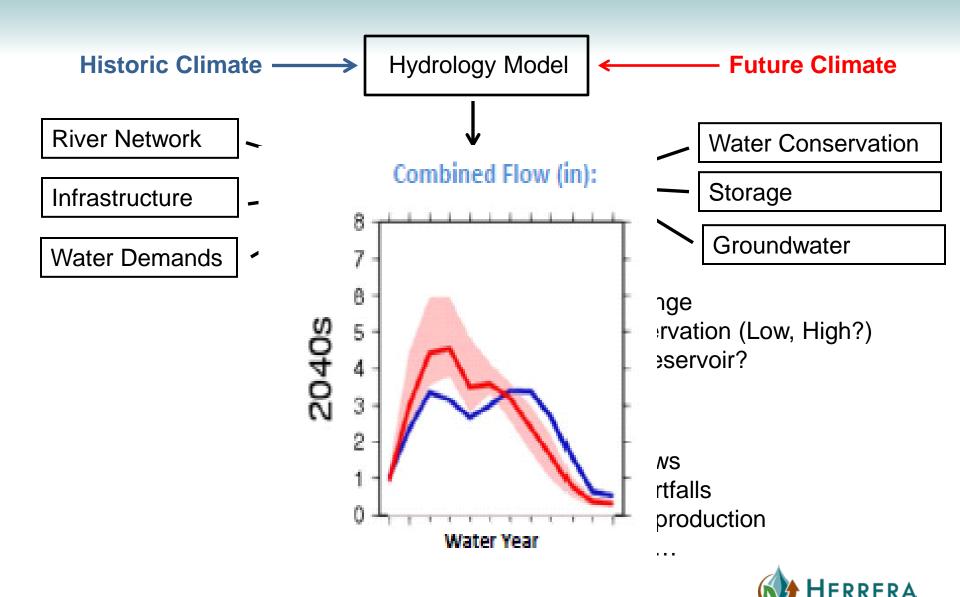
- 1. Evaluate impact of climate change on streamflows
- 2. Compile all Basin water demands
- 3. Compile all potential water conservation measures
- 4. Evaluate flow targets at key stream reaches
- 5. Develop understanding of Basin groundwater, lay framework for future

Compile output from above into single comprehensive basin assessment

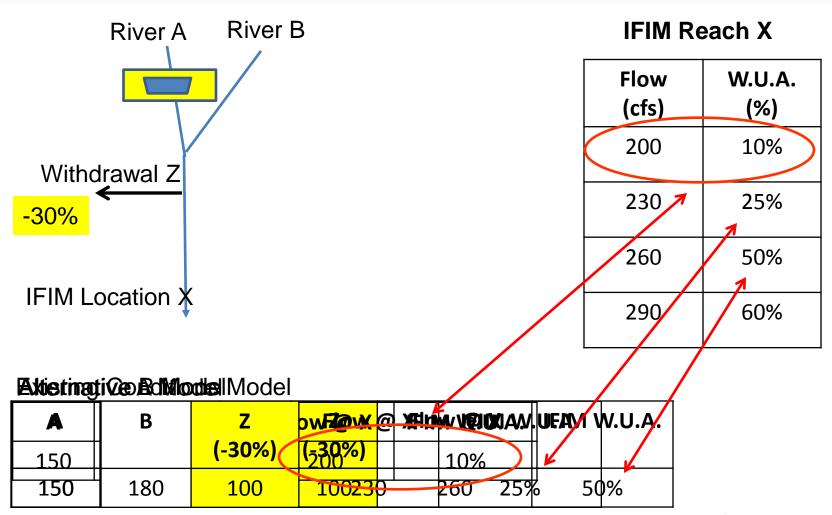
- → Impacts of climate on system reliability, flow targets
- → Impact of water conservation on streamflow, demands
- → Can groundwater be used to meet demands
- → What, if any, storage is needed



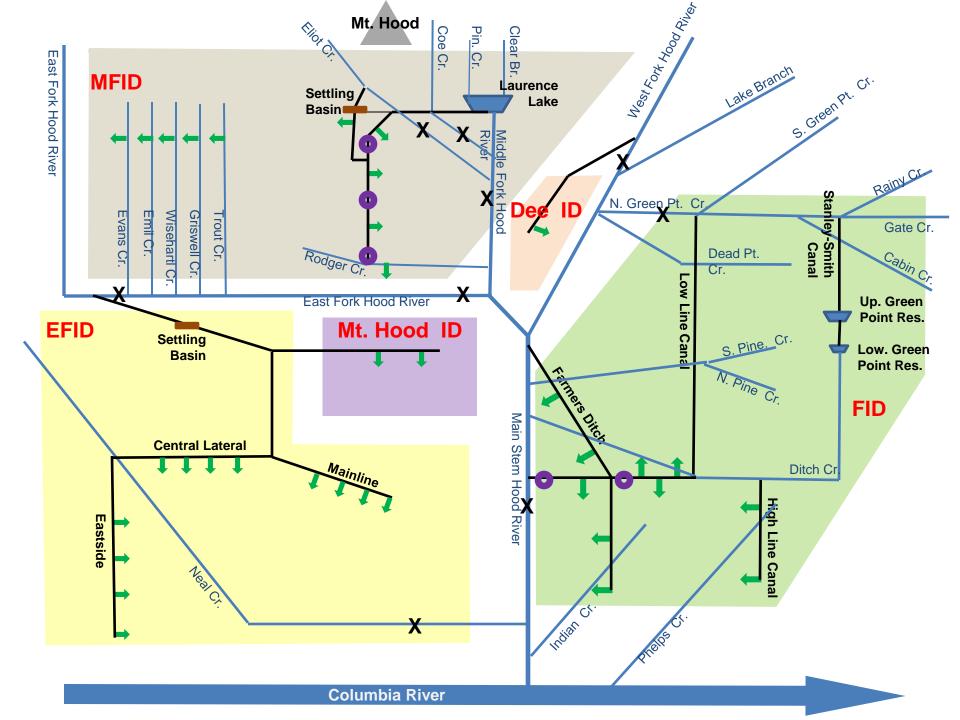
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Details – Climate / Hydrology

1). Plan	14 Climate Models, 2 emission scenariosDecades of 2020s, 2040s, 2080sDHSVM
2). Progress	 USBR 1-week training at UW (Oct. 1) USBR added glacier model, calibrating to SNOTEL
3). Next Steps	Create naturalized flowsFinish calibrating DHSVMPick emission scenarios, BCSD

Run DHSVM with GCM output

Route to Water Resource model points



Details – Groundwater

1). Plan	 MODFLOW model of basin USBR receive assistance from USGS, DOGAMI Mattie set up GW monitoring network
2). Progress	 USGS contract for technical assistance (\$20k) Groundwater Workshop Nov. 27 & 28 → USBR, USGS, OWRD, DOGAMI Updated geologic map by DOGAMI done 12/2012 GW well database
3). Next Steps	USBR build from GW workshopImplement GW monitoring network

→ Artificial Recharge?

→ Aquifer Storage and Recovery?

→ Focus on building knowledge?



Details – Storage

1). Plan

- Evaluate need for (& impact from) storage in WR model
- USBR evaluate potential sites

2). Progress

- Lit. review / stakeholder input for potential sites
- Identify constraints (e.g. temp, water rights, ownership)
- USBR site visit Nov. 7 & 8

- 3). Next Steps
- Circulate draft USBR report to HRWPG
- Based on USBR report & prelim WR model results
 - → determine which, if any, storage sites to evaluate



Details – Water Demands

1). Plan	Herrera / WPN to compile all demands / infrastructure in basin. Will be used to build WR model.

3). Next Steps

2). Progress

Work with USBR to determine scale for WR model

WPN finishing w/ public available data

- Herrera to complete Needs Assessment (Dec/Jan)



Details – Water Conservation

1). Plan

- Herrera to evaluate potential for irrigation, municipal, industrial conservation. Also look at hydro & sediment.

2). Progress

- Has not started yet.

3). Next Steps

- Once draft Needs Assessment is done, start on Cons.
- Once draft Cons. Assessment is done
 - → HRWPG to choose alternatives to use in WR model



Details – IFIM

1). Plan

- Evaluate 5 reaches at 3 flow levels

2). Progress

- Reach selection, HSC, transect selection (Sept. 24)
- Low flow measurements (Oct. 1)
- Medium flow measurements except one (Oct. 28)
- High flow measurements except three (Oct. 28)

3). Next Steps

- Finish last flow measurements (Dec.)
- Perform PHABSIM modeling
- Submit report to HRC
- USBR use results in WR model
- USBR also use previous IFIM studies



Details – Water Resource Model

1). Plan

 Develop model of basin to evaluate climate, conservation, storage, gw, etc

2). Progress

- Developed schematic of basin to build model from
- Discussed in weekly meetings

3). Next Steps

- Choose software (Riverware, Excel)
- Choose spatial/temporal scale
- USBR build model
- USBR calibrate against historical
- HRWPG pick alternatives
- USBR evaluate alternatives



Further Information?

Monthly Meetings (1st Wednesday of Month, 2-4pm @ HR County Building)

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