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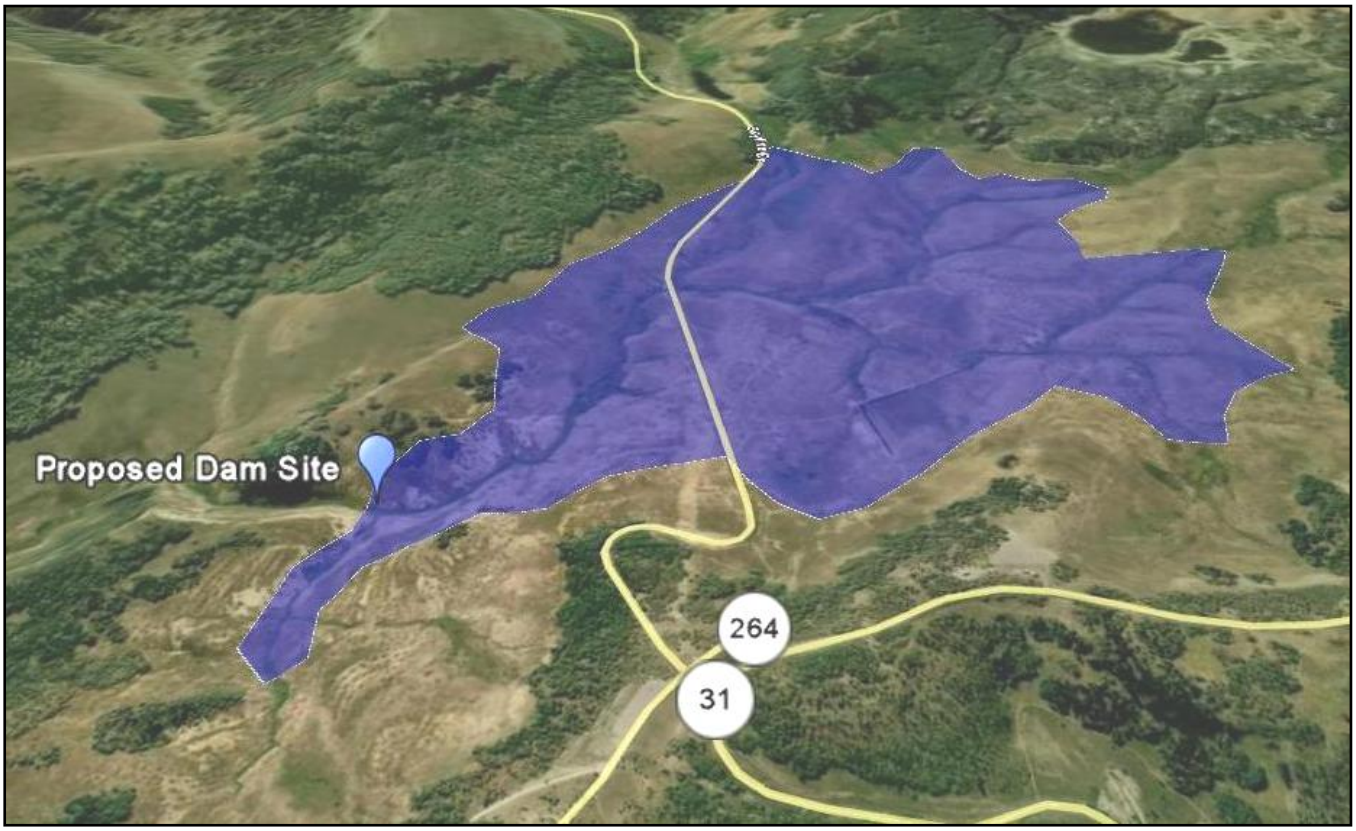

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Abstract:

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the Federal agency with administrative authority under the Small Reclamation Projects Act (SRPA), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has prepared this supplemental draft environmental impact statement (SDEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Council on Environmental Quality and U.S. Department of the Interior regulations implementing NEPA. This SDEIS updates a previously released draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and describes the effects of granting a SRPA loan and authorizing use of withdrawn lands to the Sanpete Water Conservancy District (SWCD) to construct the Narrows Dam and Reservoir and to rehabilitate the existing Gooseberry (Narrows) Tunnel. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to enable the SWCD to develop an existing Gooseberry Project right to 5,400 acre-feet of water.

If the SRPA loan is approved and funds are obtained, SWCD would implement its plan to develop a supplemental water supply for agriculture and municipal and industrial water use in northern Sanpete County, Utah. Under the Proposed Action Alternative, if the SRPA loan is approved, Narrows Dam and Reservoir would be constructed on Gooseberry Creek to store and deliver project water through the Narrows Tunnel to Cottonwood Creek. Project water would be conveyed through three pipelines for delivery to existing water distribution systems in the project area. This supplemental draft EIS updates data and analyses from the 1998 draft EIS, for the Proposed Action Alternative, action alternatives, and the No Action Alternative and outlines mitigation measures that would be implemented as part of the Proposed Action.

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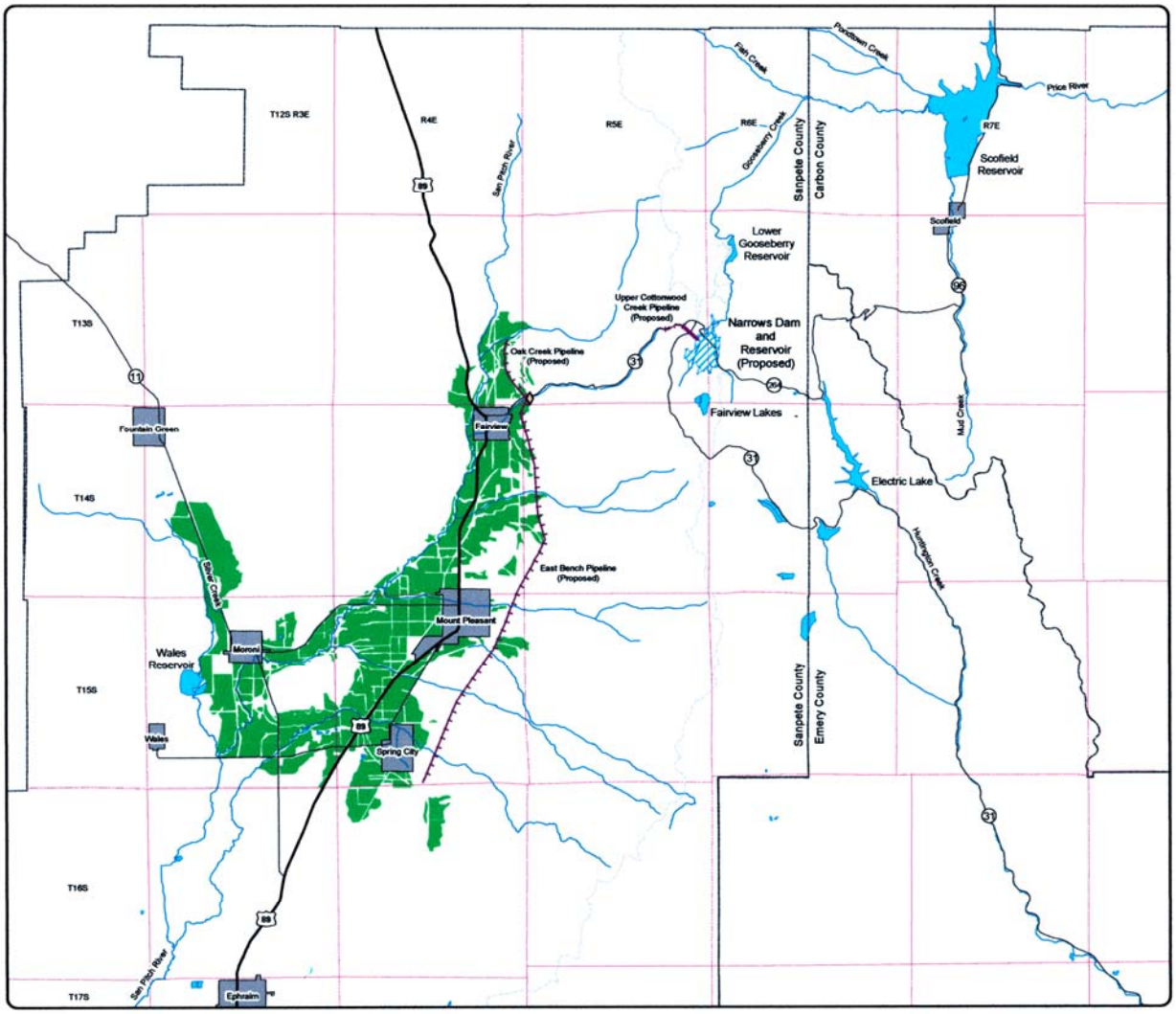

Legend

- Municipalities
- Lakes and Reservoirs
- Proposed Reservoir
- Lands to Receive Project Water
- County Boundaries
- Township and Range
- East Bench Diversion Dam
- Narrows Tunnel Rehabilitation
- Proposed Pipeline
- Unimproved Roads
- State Route
- U.S. Highway

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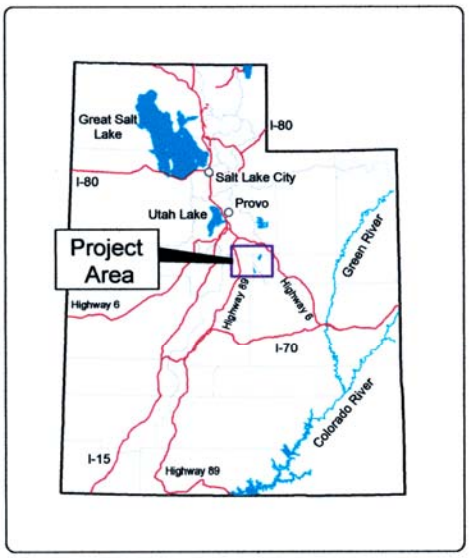
Narrows Project

Location Map

Project Area and Facilities

Sanpete Water Conservancy District



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