



**Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA)
Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan**

DRAFT Decision Making Process Document – ESPA Plan

Purpose

The Decision Making Process Document is a template for evaluating ESPA Plan implementation activities on a project level. The Document will provide ESPA Plan Implementation Committee members with the data to make informed decision regarding project implementation. Additionally, the Document can be used to help the Working Groups and the Committee to compare projects if funds are limited. *This is not an application to receive funds from the ESPA CAMP or CAMP-related projects.*

Overview of the Document

The Decision Making Process Document is a two-step process. Step One takes place at the outset of the decision making process to determine if a project is one that the Implementation Committee should consider implementing. If a project appears to be viable as an option, Step Two will be initiated. Step Two serves the purpose of identifying specific information about project implementation and the benefits and issues about the project.

Questions or Comments

If you have questions about this document, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources by phone at (208) 287-4800 or by email at IDWRinfo@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sponsor and Staff Support

Who will take the sponsorship/leadership/champion role in completing the information necessary to gain approval for this project? _____

If an IWRB Staff member is needed to provide support, who is needed? _____

STEP ONE	
	Check when process is complete
1. Consistency with ESPA CAMP	
Both of the following boxes must be checked in order to considered for ESPA Plan consideration	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consistent with ESPA Plan Goal and Objectives [identify which objective(s)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive effect on the ESPA water balance	

2. General Information	
General Project Description and Purpose (including location, amount of anticipated water balance impact and duration of impact):	
Project Type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Conversions <input type="checkbox"/> Demand Reduction <input type="checkbox"/> Recharge <input type="checkbox"/> Weather Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 	
Project Location (*Attach Map): Who is the current property owner (if applicable)? Do you need to acquire property or easements? If so, describe how this will be accomplished?	
Infrastructure Needs	
Implementation Timeframe	
Participating Parties and Organizations	
Board staff and/or Consultant Resource Needs	
Financial Needs and Potential Financial Opportunities	
Engineering and Design Needs	
Will project implementation require legislative/statute modification? If so, describe	
3. Water Resources	
Water Rights Will this project use an existing water right? (If so, attached)	

<p>Will this project require a new water right?</p> <p>Will this project involve the transfer of a water right, as a stand alone transfer or through the water supply bank/rental pool?</p> <p>Will this project injure or benefit other water rights?</p>	
<p>Quantities Needed for Project</p> <p>Instantaneous Volume</p> <p>Annual Volume</p> <p>Is water readily available?</p>	
<p>Source of Water and Original Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Flow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stream: Tributary: <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Flow diverted for irrigation (or other use) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stream: Tributary: <input type="checkbox"/> Stored Water (identify specific source) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reservoir Private Lease Rental Pool <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water 	
<p>Describe how water will be delivered to its new use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Describe how water will travel to its new point of diversion <input type="checkbox"/> New point of diversion <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater recharge/groundwater or spring use <input type="checkbox"/> Natural flow/surface water use <input type="checkbox"/> Increased surface water storage/storage release 	
<p>Storage/Delivery Entities:</p> <p>Where is the water stored, if applicable?</p> <p>Describe the canal or other conveyance that will deliver the water to its new place of use, if applicable.</p>	
<p>4. Initial Environmental Considerations</p>	
<p>Potential water resource impacts/benefits</p> <p>Potential land/construction impacts/benefits</p>	

Proposed land and water impact mitigation measures	
Potential for fish, wildlife or other environmental enhancements	
Laws/other Protections that may impact this project. If so, how?	
5. Project Cost	
Total Capital Costs: \$	
Annual O&M, including staffing and monitoring: \$	
Funding Source(s) <input type="checkbox"/> ESPA Plan funds: \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Federal funds: \$ _____ From: <input type="checkbox"/> Private funds: \$ _____ From: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: \$ _____ From:	
Will the project be advertised in a clearinghouse?	

STEP TWO	
	Place a Check when each process is complete
1. Ranking Criteria	
Conversions Projects Ranking Criteria: (see attached)	
Demand Reduction Ranking Criteria: (see attached)	
Recharge Ranking Criteria: (see attached)	
Other Ranking Criteria: (see attached)	
2. Additional Water Resource Information	
Modeled Impact, if appropriate (attached) and IDWR designed monitoring plan	
How will injury to other existing water rights be avoided or modeled?	
Approval of Water Master, if necessary (attached)	

<p>Based on the last 30 years of hydrologic records, how often will water be available for this project?</p> <p>Concurrence of the delivery entity</p> <p>Concurrence of the storage entity</p>	
<p>Timeframes</p> <p>When was this water available for its original use?</p> <p>When will water be diverted for its new use?</p> <p>When will the water delivered impact the ESPA?</p> <p>When will water be available?</p>	
<p>2. Environmental Consultations</p>	
<p>Is there a state nexus? If so, consultations as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> DEQ <input type="checkbox"/> IDFG <p>Is there a federal nexus? If so, consultations as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> EPA <input type="checkbox"/> USFWS <input type="checkbox"/> NOAA Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> BOR <input type="checkbox"/> USCOE 	
<p>Describe Possible Impacts and Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Water Quality</p> <p>Stream Flows</p> <p>Fisheries</p> <p>Wildlife</p> <p>Recreation</p>	

Hydropower Energy needs Impacts to hydropower production	
3. Monitoring	
How will the water balance impact of this project be monitored?	
How will environmental impacts be monitored?	
How/when will monitoring results be presented?	
How will the success of the project be evaluated?	
What factors will trigger changes to the project?	
4. Administrative Mechanism/Plan	
See attached administrative mechanism or plan for each project type, for the long-term oversight and process for project implementation.	