

# Creation of the Upper Salmon Water District

## Moving Forward with Creation Timeline, District Organization, & Watermaster Duties

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# Upper Salmon Water District Timeline for Creation

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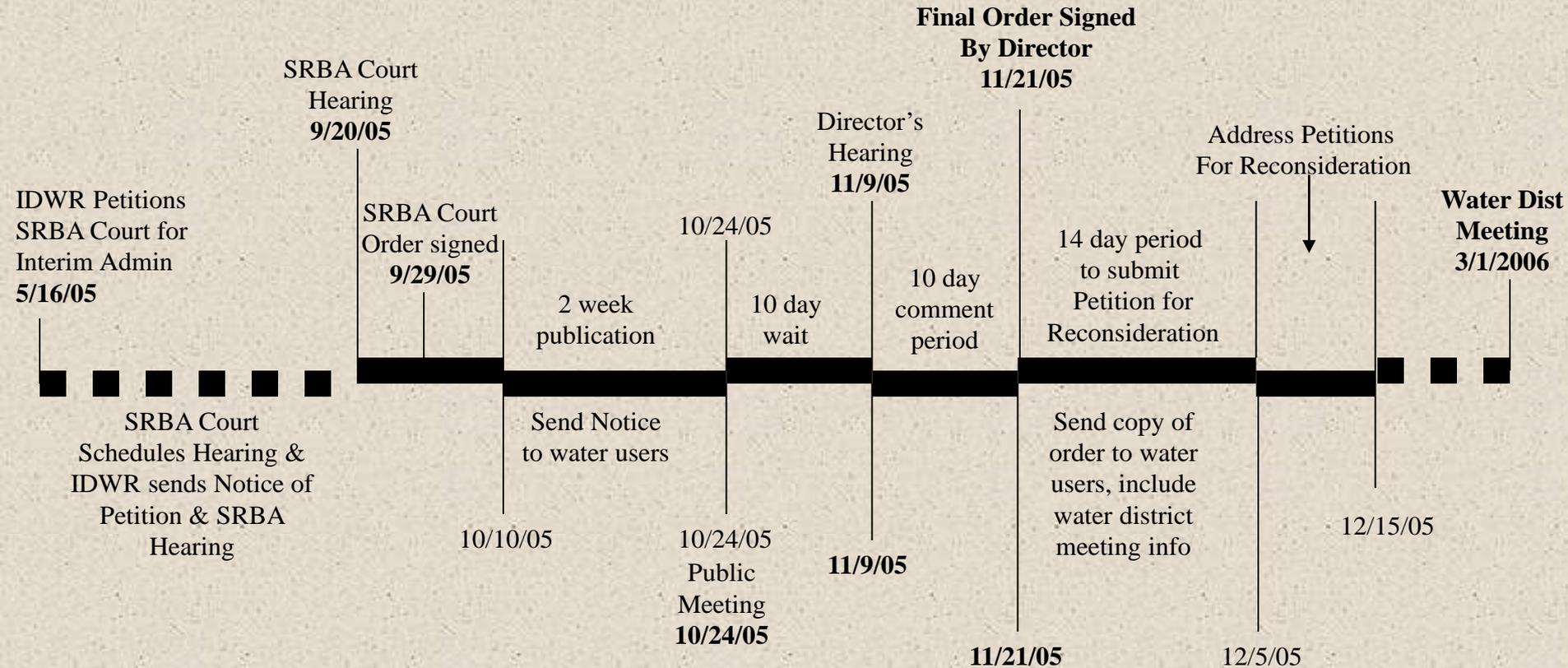
- Petition SRBA Court in May, 2005
- SRBA Court Hearing: 9/20/2005
- IDWR Public Meeting: 10/24/2005
- IDWR Hearing: 11/9/2005

# Upper Salmon Water District Timeline for Creation

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- District Annual Meeting: March, 2006  
(limited to Basins 71 & 72)
- Add Basins 73, 74 & 75 in 2006-07,  
operational in 2007.

# Timeline for Creating Upper Salmon Water District Basins 71 & 72\*

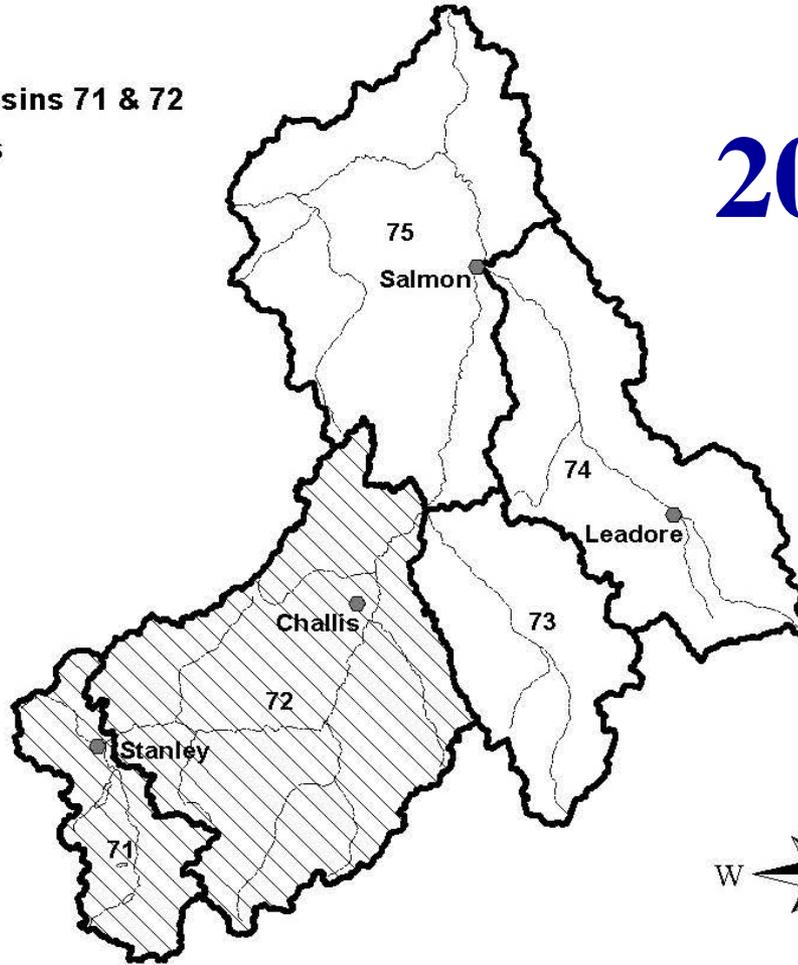
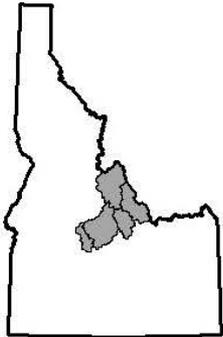


\* District to be expanded to Basins 73, 74 & 75 late 2006/early 2007

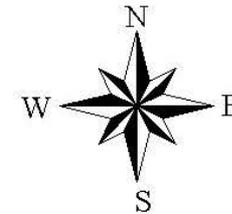
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-  IDWR Administrative Basins
-  Cities
-  Rivers

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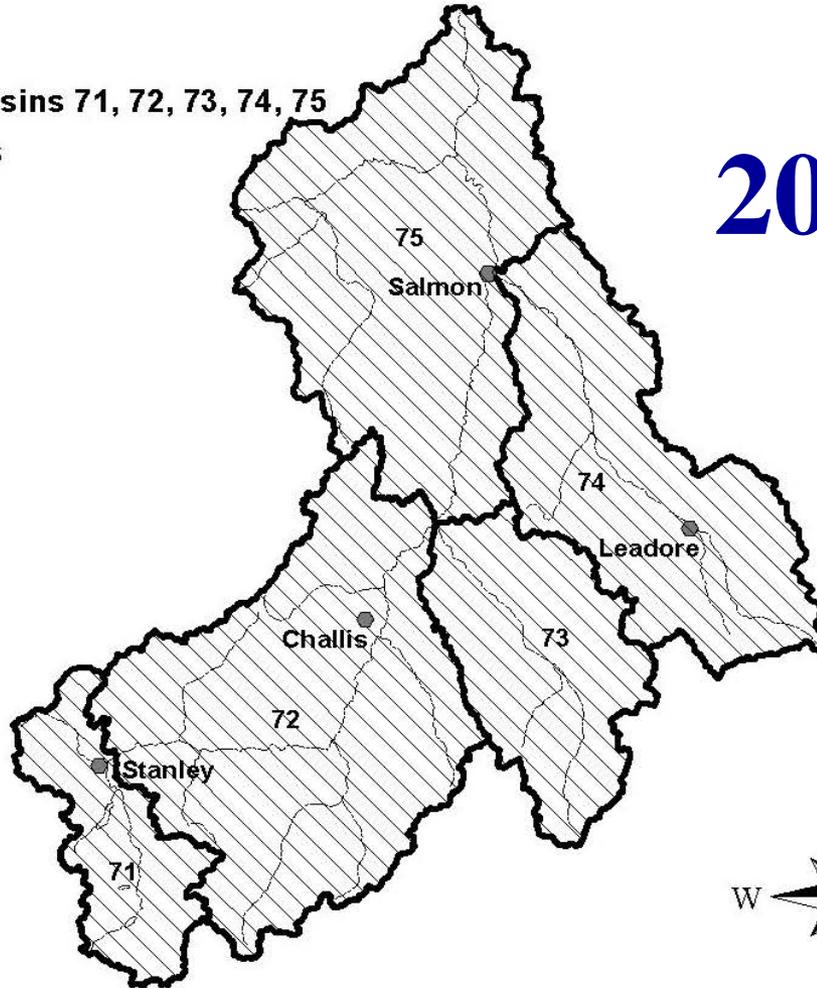
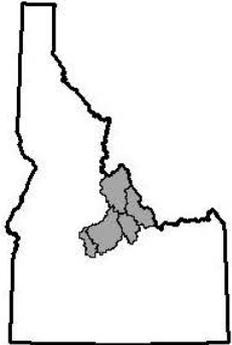
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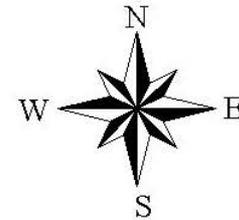
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# Upper Salmon Water District Organization Considerations

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## Steering Committee Initiated

Two meetings held: 9/13/05 & 10/4/05

- Reps from all Upper Salmon basins
  - irrigation, cities, county, state, feds, & industrial interests
  - include reps from existing water districts

# Upper Salmon Water District Steering Committee

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- Basin 71: Jay Neider, Katie Breckenridge,  
Cliff Hansen (Cnty Commissioner)
- Basin 72: Jack Challis, Jim Hawkins, Gary  
Chamberlain (IWRB), B Doughty
- Basin 73: Ted O'Neal, Stan Dowton
- Basin 74: Carl Ellsworth, James Whittaker,  
Bruce Mulkey, Bob Loucks

# Upper Salmon Water District Steering Committee

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Basin 75: Dave McFarland, Bill Gattung,  
City of Salmon

State Reps: Sen. Don Burtenshaw  
Rep. Lenore Barrett

Feds: Bob Kenworthy (USFS)  
Al Bittner (BLM)

# Upper Salmon Water District Organization Considerations

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Next Steering Committee Meeting: 11/14/05

- Open meetings, all participate
- Purpose of committee:
  - like a WD advisory committee
  - develop resolutions for annual meeting
  - governance & budget considerations

# Upper Salmon Water District Organization Considerations

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## Committee Meeting Issues:

- W&S Agreement Requirements
- Organization of district
- Watermaster & watermaster duties
- Water measurement & reporting
- Regulation (meas devices & headgates)
- Resolutions & Budgets

# Upper Salmon Water District Organization Considerations

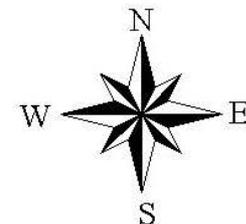
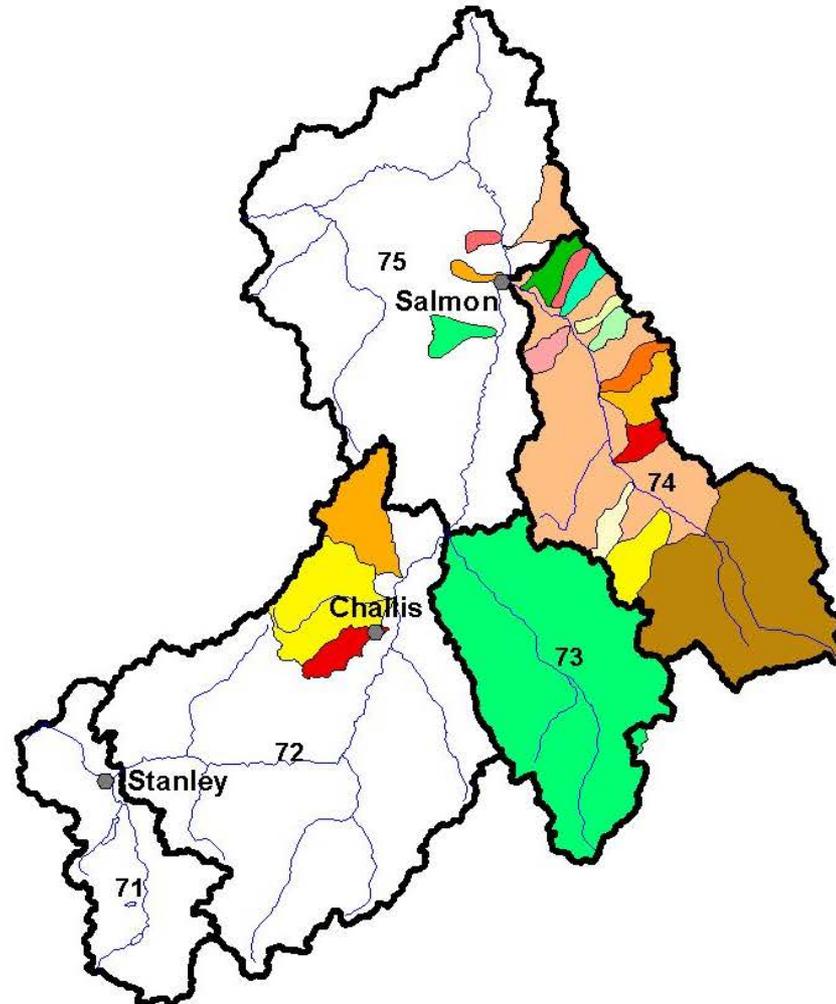
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## Wild & Scenic Provisions:

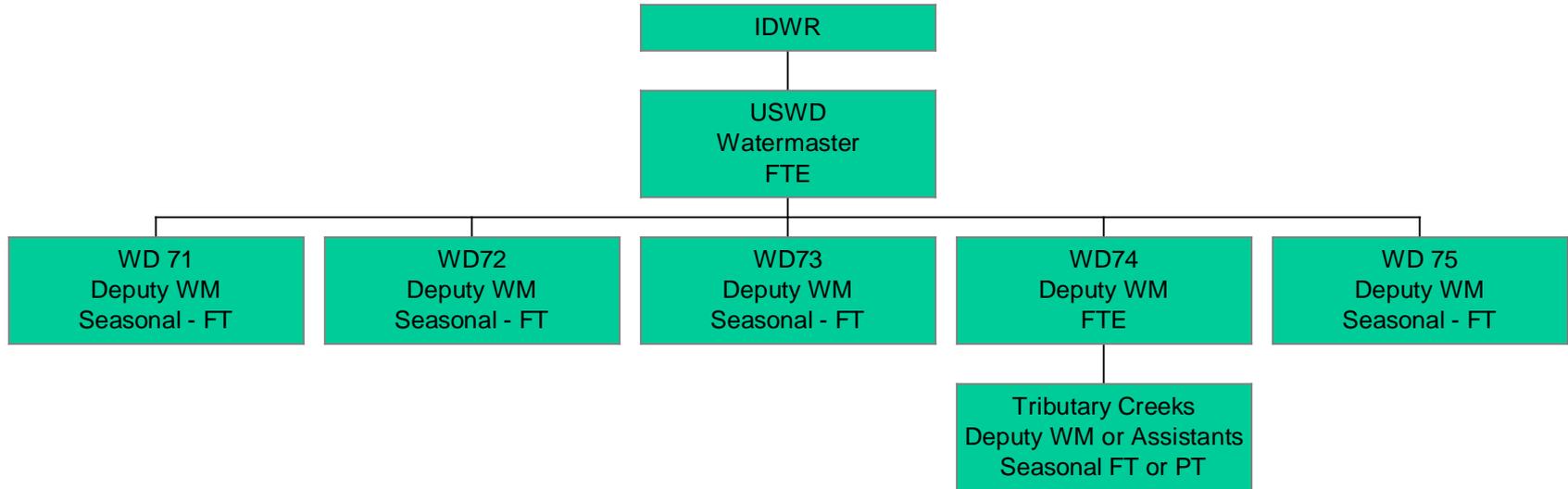
- Convert existing water districts to sub-districts as appropriate
- Form other sub-districts as necessary

# Water Districts in the Upper Salmon River Basin

## Existing Water Districts



# Upper Salmon Water District Conceptual Organization



# Upper Salmon Water District Watermaster Duties

## What does umbrella watermaster do?

- Oversee sub-district watermasters
- Coordinate w/sub-districts on measurement & reporting procedures
- Collect diversion data from sub-districts
  - assures diversions are measured & reported
  - provide quality control

# Upper Salmon Water District Watermaster Duties

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## What does umbrella watermaster do?

- Measuring devices & headgates:
  - recommendations
  - compliance
  - calibration

# Upper Salmon Water District Watermaster Duties

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## What does umbrella watermaster do?

- Delivery & regulation of water rights
  - guidance/assistance to sub-districts
  - monitoring for excessive use, out-of-priority diversions
  - use or implement computer programs

# Upper Salmon Water District Watermaster Duties

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## What does umbrella watermaster do?

- Reporting
  - Quarterly diversion reports
  - Budget reports  
(includes annual use, assessments, & financial review)

# Upper Salmon Water District Watermaster Duties

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## What does umbrella watermaster do?

- Enforcement
  - assistance to sub-districts regarding illegal use and compliance issues
  - annual review of satellite imagery
- Training of sub-district watermasters

# Upper Salmon Water District Watermaster Duties

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## What does umbrella watermaster do?

- Water rights administration
  - address ownership issues
  - water right transfers/exchanges
  - assure diversion-water right links
  - GPS/identification of diversions

# Upper Salmon Water District Watermaster Duties

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## What does umbrella watermaster do?

- Representative of users
  - coordination with State, IDWR, Feds and local agencies
  - involvement w/Watershed Project on water right related projects

# Upper Salmon Water District

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## Benefits of USWD & watermaster?

- Oversight
- Accountability
- Local expertise to sub-districts & users

# Upper Salmon Water District

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## Some Requirements of District & Watermaster?

- Elect Watermaster, Advisory Committee & Treasurer
  - maintain financial accounts and review
  - budget: assessments & reports
  - comply w/employment requirements

# Upper Salmon Water District

## Some Requirements of District & Watermaster?

- Maintain office contact/presence
  - phone contact, access to standard equip
- Minimum PC & communication requirements
  - cell, fax, DSL or other broadband link
  - GIS/GPS software & experience
  - other PC experience

# Upper Salmon Water District Organization Considerations

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## Next Steps

- Hearing on November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Continue Steering Committee meetings
  - draft resolutions for annual meeting
- Annual Meeting – March 2006



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