# Ground Water Management on the Palouse Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) Steve Robischon

Slides 1-40

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC)

Meeting

December 9, 2014

#### **AGENDA**

#### December 9, 2014 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District 22510 E. Mission Avenue, Liberty Lake, WA 99019

Welcome & Introductions Agenda Additions or Revisions Approval of Meeting Minutes 10.14.14 Financial Report

#### **Old Business**

■ Our Gem Symposium 11/18/14 and Spokane River Forum Conference 11/19-20/14 – Feedback

#### **New Business**

Guest Speaker – Steve Robischon, Executive Director Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee. The Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) was formed in 1967 because of declining groundwater levels in municipal wells. The Palouse groundwater basin is the sole source of water for over 50,000 residents of Pullman, WA and Moscow, ID and outlying areas in both Whitman County (WA) and Latah County (ID). PBAC is a multi-jurisdictional, cooperative group with the mission of ensuring a safe and sustainable supply of water for the future. Steve will discuss the lessons learned by PBAC that may assist in the long term success of IWAC.

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## Some History

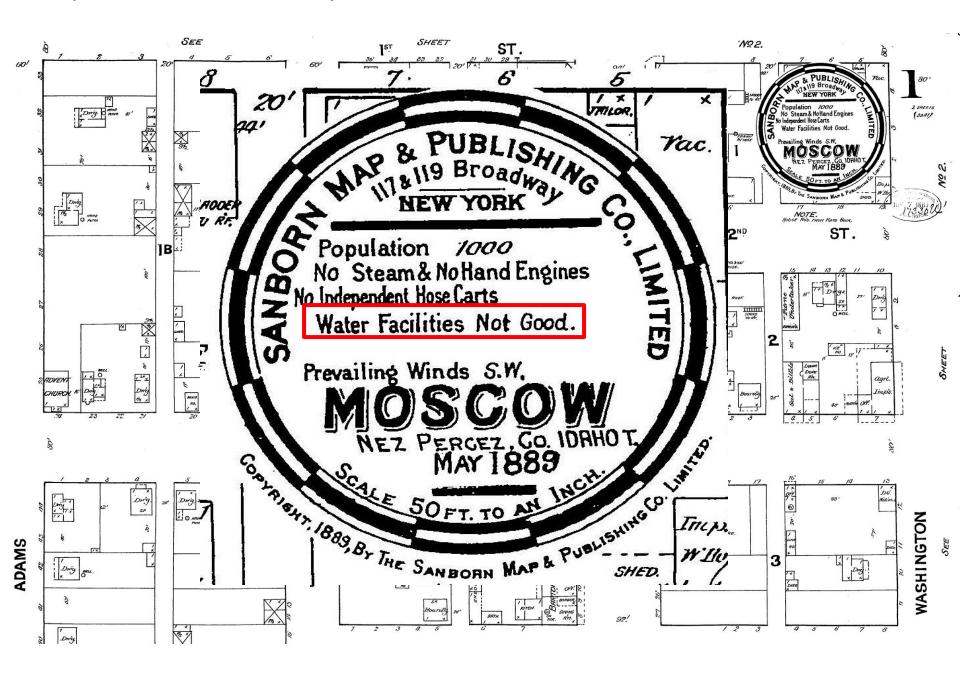
## Hotel helped Pullman grow

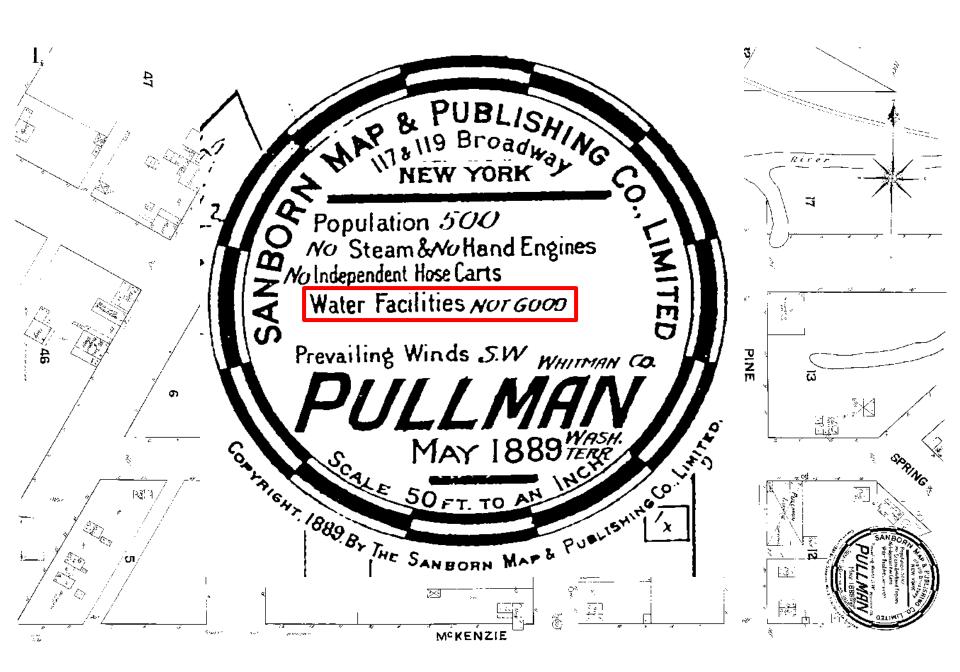
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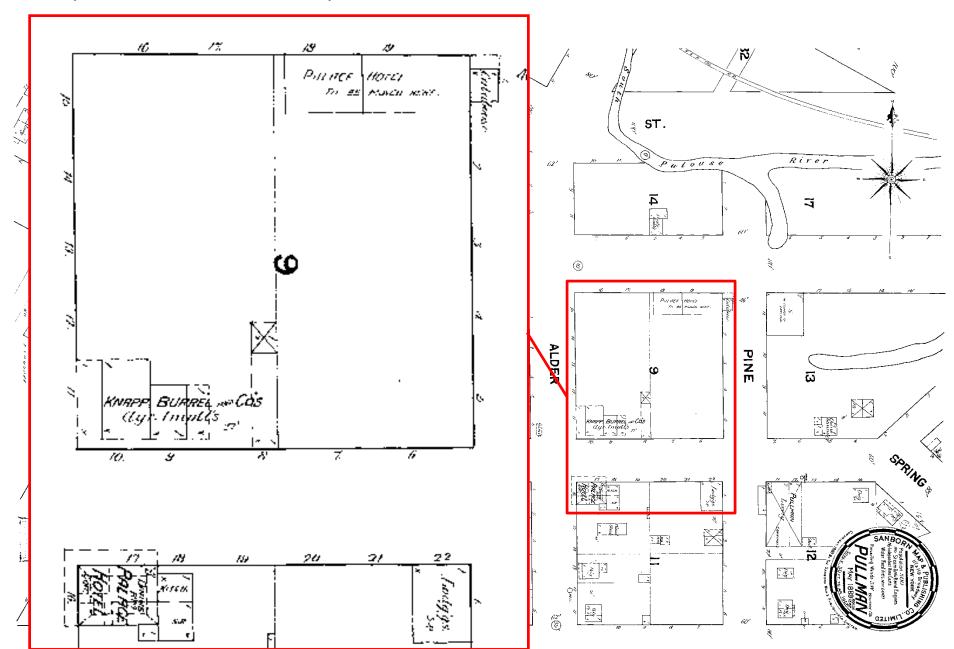
In November 1882 when the five members of the M.C. True family moved from Moscow to Pullman, they increased the population to 25. Mark True, who had hotel experience in Moscow and California, was induced to come to Pullman when Daniel McKenzie offered him four lots if he would build and operate a hotel in the new town.



Moscow 1883







#### Pullman Herald May 25, 1889

At nine o'clock Friday morning, the shrieks of the whistle announced that water had been struck. . .

. . . the water overflowed freely to the great satisfaction of . . . the interested citizens who soon gathered in crowds to see the first artesian well in Pullman

... the fact that artesian water can be had so easily makes it possible for Pullman to have . . a system of water-works unequaled in the territory.

### ARTESIAN WELL.

Water Struck at a Depth of 65 Feet.

## A Constant Flow of 50 Gallons per Minute.

SUFFICIENT WATER FOR FROM 3000 TO 8000 IN-HABITANTS.

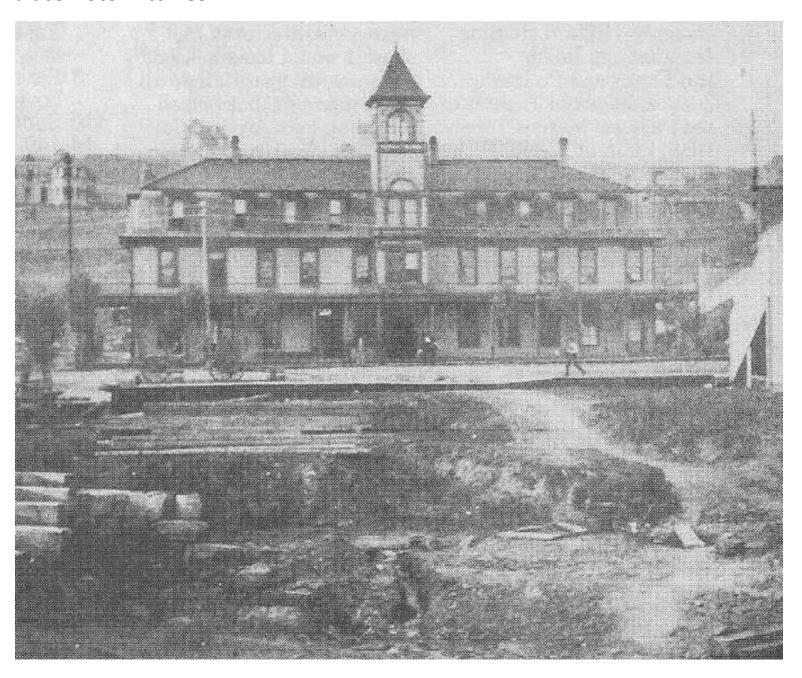
Other Wells Will be Bored for a System of Water Works.

For the past two weeks J. J. Shupe has been at work boring a well for M. C. True on his property on Main-st. where his new hotel will be built. The constant thud, thud of the drill was getting monotonous as it slowly bored through the hard rock. At nine o'clock Friday morning, the shrieks of the whistle announced that water had been struck and when the drill was withdrawn it at once came to the surface. After boring a few more feet through the sand the water overflowed freely to the great satisfaction of, not only Mr. True, but the interested citizens who soon gathered in

Pullman. The hole is six inches in diameter, and the flow, by actual measurement, is 50 gallons per minute, or 72,000 gallons in 24 hours. In cities where water is supplied for water closets, etc., it is estimated that the consumption to each individual is 25 gallons a day; this well, then, will supply the needs of a town of 3,000 inhabitants. Although it has not yet been analyzed magnetic iron is one of its prominent component parts. Dr. Webb, who has tested it says: "If a steele knife be laid in the water for six hours (or, possibly, less) it will become so magnetized that a pen can be picked up with it." A temporary ditch conveys it to the South Palouse river. When piped it can be raised to a height of, at least, 30 feet above the ground which will enable Mr. T. to have water in every room in his hotel. The value of this well to the owner cannot be estimated, and the fact that artesian water can be had so easily makes it possible for Pullman to have, at small expense, a system of water-works unequaled in the territory.

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Palace Hotel – ca 1891



#### Palace Hotel – ca 1906



#### Pullman Herald July 5, 1889

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#### IN SMOKING RUINS.

TWO HOURS' WORK OF THE FIRE.

THE BUSINESS CENTER OF OUR HANDSOME CITY IN ASHES. Loss \$250,000.

Eight horses perish.

The business portion of Pullman is again in smoking ruins. Thursday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, fire was discovered in the rear of Lyle Bros. livery stable on Grand street, almost as soon as seen it had completely enveloped the barn and was spreading to the surrounding buildings, which were frame structures and burned like tinder. The wind was in the northwest when the fire started, but changed and swept the flames across the street and in two hours time nothing but charred and smoking embers remained of the handsome business blocks that had adorned our business streets. The six brick went with the rest and nothing is left but the blackened walls. Upwards of \$250,000 worth of property was destroyed, and the insurance covers about one-half of it.

burning of eight he horses in the Lyle Bros. Stable. Of these two belonged to L. N. Wade, of nota, two to J. E. Crabb, two to I s brothers, and one each to Andy Fr and Bryant Bros. The other horse were cut loose and made their escap although some were badly burned.

A fire was d covered by Barney Hattrup in the sar of his saloon and about fifty feet om the livery barn, and this was no coned extinguished than the stable was seen to be in flames. The appearance of the first fire indicated that it was purpo my set, and the two breaking out at to same time is ample proof that it was neendiary. A party was suspected and persons were set to watch him, but b strategy he escaped their attention. Searchers were immediately started at after him and he was captured near Staley. He was given a prelimina y examination yesterday afternoon, b.d on account of the absence of important witnesses the case was carried over till this morning. The fellow's name is E. Brownfield, He is now in the town "cooler." He protests his innocen a, but circumstances are greatly against him.

During the fire Wm. Brabyn burst a blood vessel by wer heating, W. R.

#### Pullman Herald June 7, 1889

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-Moscow met with another destructive fire Thursday night. The fire commenced in the C. F. Hamlin building, and is supposed to have been incendiary. The buildings burned and the losses are as follows: George Howard, shoe shop, \$100, no insurance; W. H. Barnett. Growler Saloon and fixtures, \$800, insurance \$500; J. W. Lieuallen, grocery, \$4,500, insurance \$1,500; C. C. Lieuallen, two buildings, \$2,000, insurance, \$500; George Bremer, one bakery building, \$250, fully insured; McNiel bakery, \$3,000 damage; Latah Abrast Company, \$500, no insurance; W. O. Fallon, \$800, partly insured; telephone office, \$500; M. A. Rose, jeweler, \$500; C. F. Hamlin, \$2,000, insurance, \$900; McConnell, McGuire & Co., damage \$500; Star of Idaho printing office, damage \$150; Erickson Building, \$1,-000, no insurance; Erickson, photographer, \$1,000, no insurance. Besides these there were several smaller losses.

#### Pullman Herald August 3, 1889

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-The city dads believe that the town cannot afford to expend money at present on water works for protection against fire. The first duty of a town is self protection; fire is a town's worst enemy and every means should be employed to fight it when it comes. Two thousand dollars would be sufficient to thoroughly equipp us with the necessary means of protection. Will nothing be done until there is a surplus in the treasury sufficient to defray the expense? It is a false economy that puts off this important matter for a day. Every one acknowledges the need of accessible water in case of fire; then why not have It is easy to raise the money without making it a burden to anyone. Will the matter be indefinitely postponed until after the town is in ashes?

#### Moscow Mirror September 13, 1889

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The people of Moscow voted to the town for thirty thousand dollars to be used in building water works, last- Morr. day. The town is in need of water and now that the citizens have shown their willingness to become responsible for the construction, it behooves the town trustees to see that the very best is given for the mency expended. That is accept a plan that will be of less expense after it is in working order. If a system requiring pupaps is accepted, the salaries of engineers, wood etc. will create a heavy tax on the town, but if an artesian well is bored or water brought from the mountains, the expense will be trilling.

#### Moscow Mirror May 9, 1890

On Wednesday afternoon the steam drill struck an immense stream of water . . .

There is sufficient water running away from the well to supply the town for all purposes.

It cannot hereafter be said that Moscow is without water for it is to-day (sic) better situated than if it had a small river coursing by it, for nothing can be better than pure water.

## A GUSHER!!

### A YOUNG RIVER

Wm, Ladd & Co. the Lycky Finders of a Well Which Flows 160 Gallons of Water a Minute.

On Wednesday afternoon the steam drill struck an immense stream of water in Wm. Ladds well at a depth of about eighty feet, in soft or porous rock. The force of the water upward was so great that a drill weighing twelve hundred pounds struck with littles force. The force of the water has cut out a large cavity around the piping and is rushing away like a small river. There is sufficient water running away from the well, to supply the town for all purposes, lt-is. spid that it is the biggest and strongest. flow on the coast-and will equal the famous Dakota well's with but two exceptions. It cannot hereafter be said that Moseow is without water for it is to-day better situated than if it had a small river coursing by it, for nothing can be better than pure

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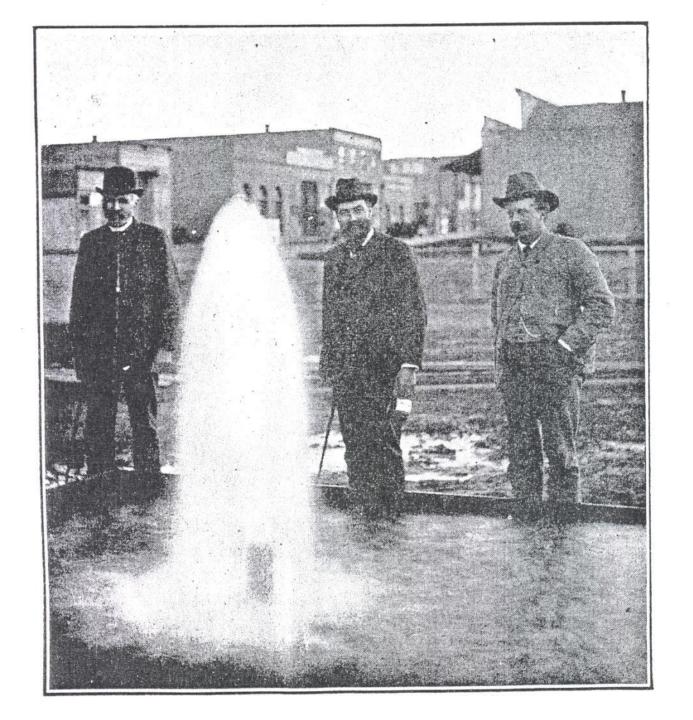
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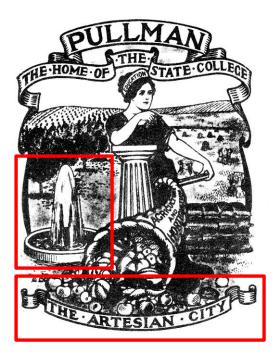
The Palouse country will soon become noted for its artesian wells. Pullman has two, one flowing about fifty and the other sixty gallons per minutes and Moscow takes the lead with four, three of which flows from twenty five to fifty gallons per minute while the fourth one forces out a sixty release and sixty five to fifty mines of



#### Pullman Herald May 2, 1891

The Agricultural College and School of Science come to . . .

The City of Flowing Wells



## PULLMAN WINS.

The Agricultural College and School of Science come to The City of Flowing Wells.

The Vedder property is the accepted site. Only one-third of a mile from postoffice.

Building will be commenced in a short time. A Richly endowed Institution.

"The fight is over. Whitman wins, Pullman gets the agricultural college and school of science. Three cheers for the little star of the Palouse;"

The above was a tolegram received last Monday morning, from E. H. Letterman, one of the delegates who had been looking out for the county's interests at Olympia, that sent a thrill of joy throughout all Whitman, and the thrill was especially thrilling in Pullman, the favored spat.

For eighteen months Whitman county has been presenting her claims as the most suitable place for the location of the institution, and the claim was recognized.

#### Pullman Herald May 2, 1891

The people of Moscow are delighted because Pullman has been chosen . . .

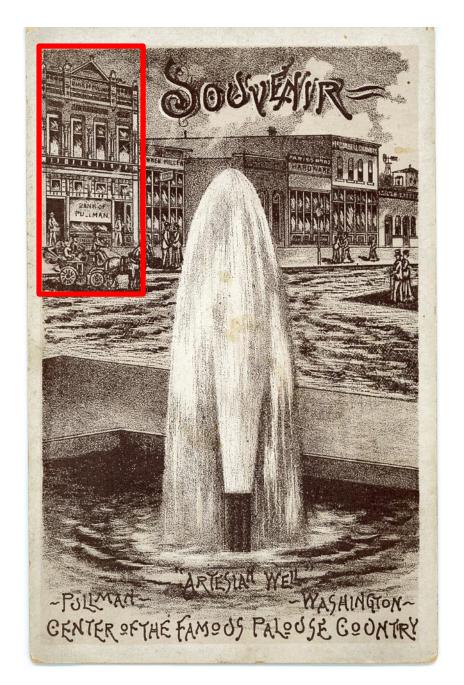
The friendliest feeling is entertained by the citizens of Moscow for those of Pullman.

They both are of the same enterprising blood.

Moscow, Idaho, April 23.—(Special correspondence)—The people of Moscow are delighted because Pullman has been chosen as the site of the Washington Agricultural College. This city has the University of Idaho and is certain to secure the Agricultural College of the state. The view taken here is that the two towns will be important educational centers; the country tributary to both will develop and prosper, and each of the young cities will flourish. The friendliest feeling is entertained by the citizens of Moscow for those of Pullman. They both are of the same enterprising blood.

### Crawford Well May 1890



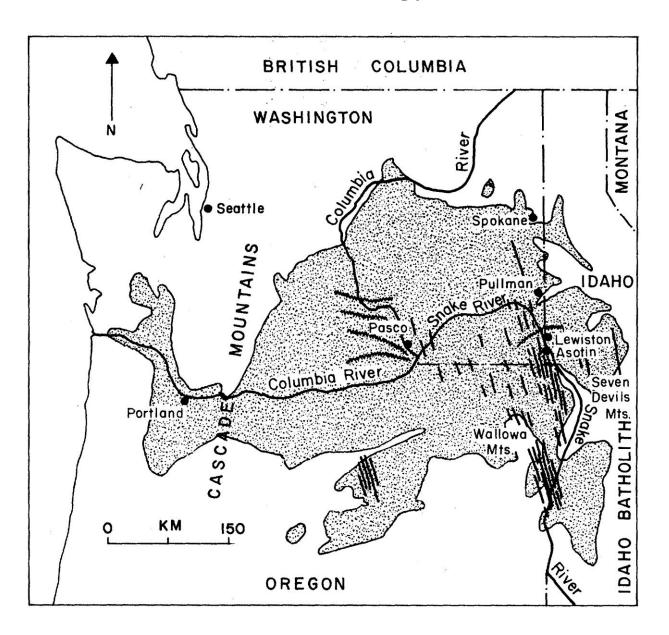


#### Laney (1923)

The report indicates that there exists at Moscow a sufficient artesian supply to take care of the needs of the City of Moscow for many years and that by proper means this can be made available for municipal use at reasonable cost; also that the apparently alarming decrease in the pumpage from the municipal wells is found to be due to easily explainable causes and to have but little bearing on the ultimate supply. In these conclusions I concur fully.

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### A Little Geology

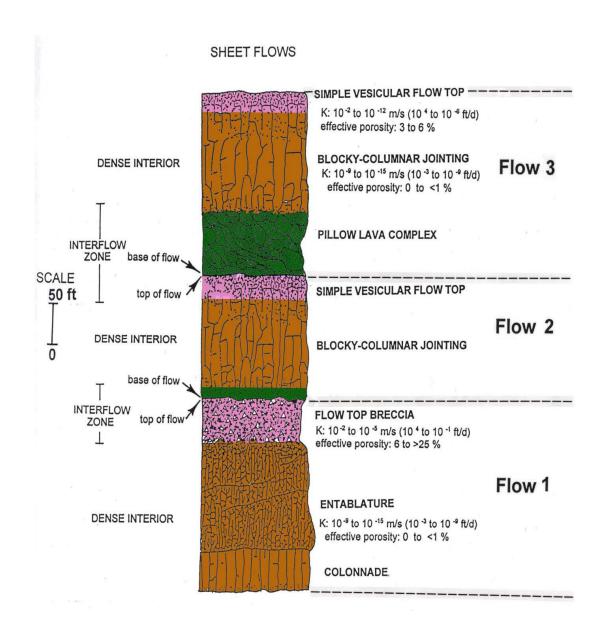


## A Little More Geology

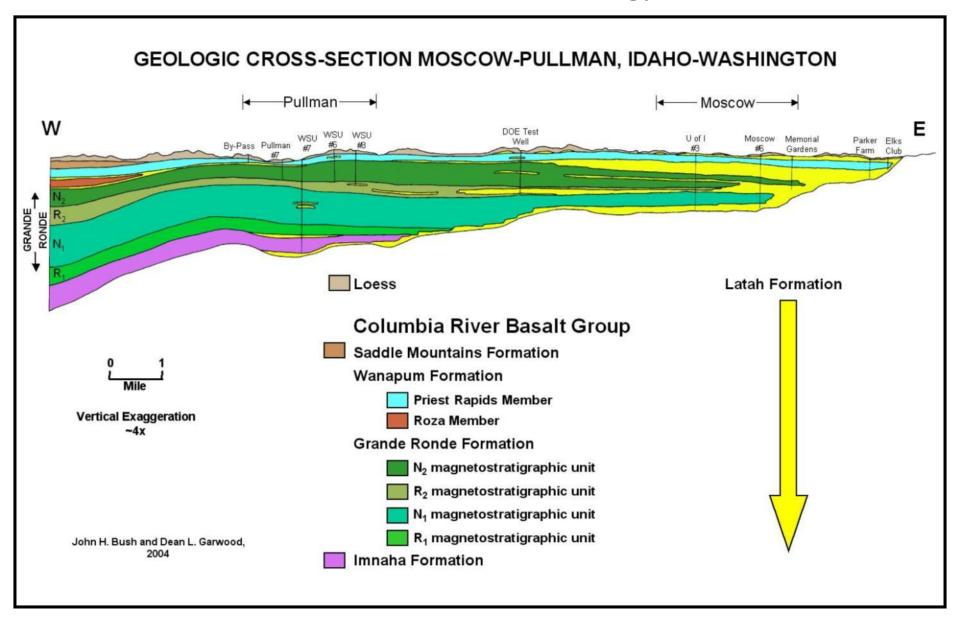
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8.5		Ice Harbor	4	830	18		
	ains	Buford	1	220	5		
10.5	unt	Elephant Mountain	2	5,190	105		
12	Š	Pomona	1	8,710	180		
	Saddle Mountains	Esquatzel	1	1,050	17		
		Weissenfels Ridge	4	470	5		
13		Asotin	1	2,490	53		
		Wilbur Creek	2	1,190	17		
		Umatilla	2	5,830	170		
	Total Saddle Mtns		19	11,800	574		
14.5 15.3	Wanapum	Priest Rapids	3	22,120	670		
		Roza	4	15,580	310		
		Frenchman Springs	21	26,930	1,540		
		Eckler Mountain	8	2,350	41		
	Total Wanapum		36	37,050	2,561		
15.7-15.6		7 members (N2)	33	44,190	6,690		
15.9-15.7*	de de	4 members (R2)	45	45,450	12,740		
16-15.9*	Grande Ronde	2 members (N1)	15	39,510	7,530		
16.5-16	0.4	4 members (R1)	27	37,320	8,680		
	Total Grande Ronde		120	57,530	35,640		
	GRAND TOTAL		285	43,820	39,308		

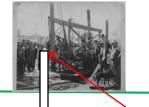
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### A Little More Local Geology



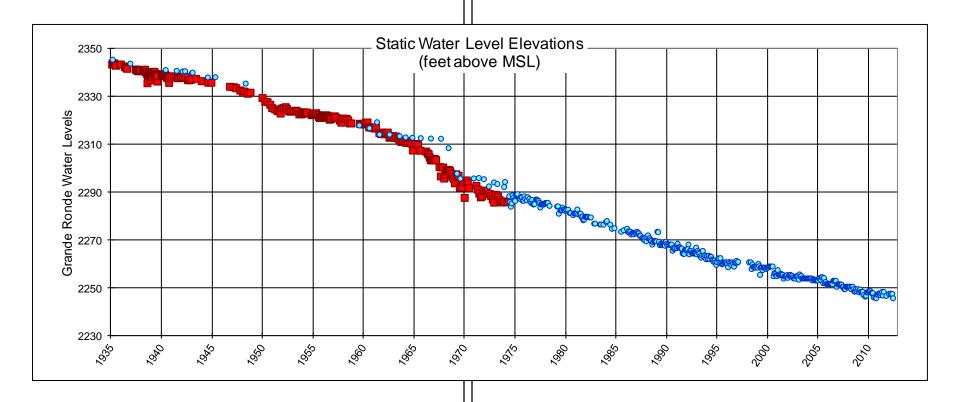








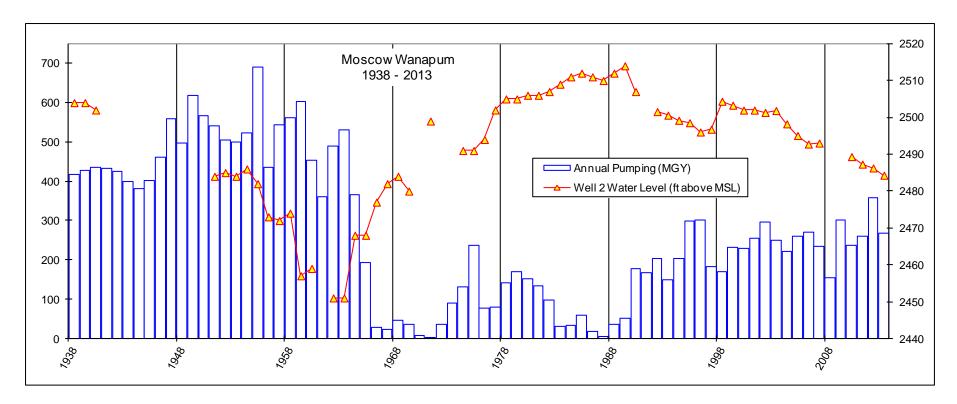
1890 Water Level



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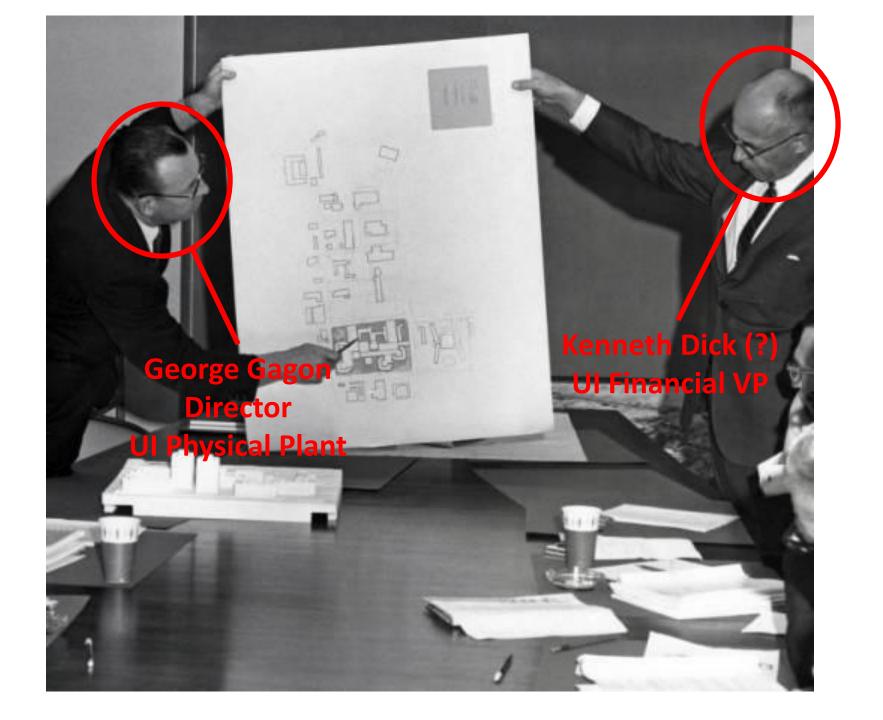
A Little Local Hydrology

## Water Levels – Upper Aquifer, Long-Term





A Little More Local Hydrology



#### REPORT

#### Meetings

Following review of the domestic water supply problems with The Regents at the 2 March 1967 meeting, three meetings have been held with the four governmental, institutional units concerned with the local problem.

- 13 March 1967 University of Idaho Student Union. Review of concepts and philosophy.
- 3 April 1967 University of Idaho Student Union.
  Review of possible sources of water and selection
  of Fotlatch River as best source.
- 11 April 1967 On site inspection of Potlatch River.

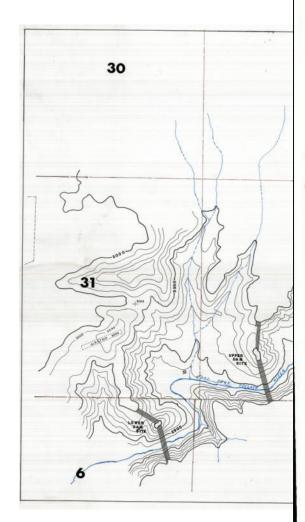
#### Participating Parties

- 1. City of Pullman Joe Street Larry Larse
- 2. Washington State University
  Dr. E. Roy Tinney, Director, State of Washington
  Water Research Center
  Jim Grosby
- 3. City of Moscow Marvin Kimberling Richard Day
- 4. University of Idaho George Gagon Kenneth A. Dick

#### UI/Moscow Domestic Water Supply Report (1968)

In the Spring of 1967, a series of meetings was held with the four governmental and institutional units concerned with the domestic water supply problems participating. The participating parties were the City of Pullman, Washington State University, the City of Moseow, Idaho, and the University of Idaho. From these meetings agreement was developed and endorsed by all four parties on the following points:

- 6. A non-profit corporate entity, owned by the four parties to construct and operate the system, should be developed.
- 7. Enabling legislation in both Idaho and Washington, would be necessary, and should be developed for consideration at the 1969 legislature.



## PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In Accordance with the Provisions of Section 42-203, Idaho Code

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO of Moscow, Idaho has made application No. 42127 on May 15, 1967, to appropriate 33.91 cubic feet per second of the east fork of the Potlatch River, for domestic purposes for the University of Idaho.

That the points of diversion are located in: 1) SW1/4, Sec. 32, T. 41 N, R. 1 E, and 2) NW 1/4, Sec. 34,

T. 40 N, R. 1 W. B. M.

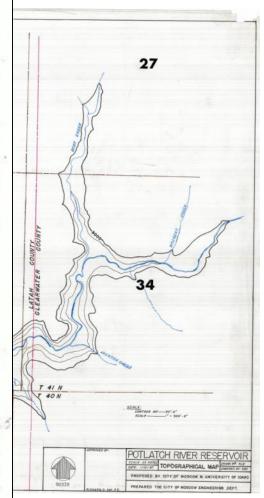
That the place of use is the University of Idaho, City of Moscow, Idaho.

That any protests against the approval of this application must be filed in the Department of Reclamation at Boise, Idaho, within forty (40) days from the date of this notice, and such protest shall state the name and address of the protestant, and shall clearly set forth his objection to the approval of said application.

Dated this 1st day of December

1967.

R. KEITH HIGGINSON, State Reclamation Engineer Dec. 9, 16, 1967



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## University's Water Rights Request Criticized

By WALKER ROBERTS Tribure Staff Writer

The communities of Kentrick, Juliactia and Bovill are rising Is bewildered protest to combut what appears to be a mutual threat, vacuely understood,

The University of Idaho at Mescow recently published let | source of water. al advertising pursuant to obtaining water rights on the Potlatch River. The university desires 33.31 rubic feet of water per second from the East Fork of the Potlatch River and the Polatch River proper.

Prior to publication of this potice, say residents of this maurive coulee ranged into the trinces of Palcuse Prairie by the Potlatch, they had beard pothing that would alert them to the desire of the university for water, Chairman of Ken-

Corps of Engineers, the Bureau ed to take the water near Bo- tember 6, of Reclamation and the Soll Conservation Service. Detailed studies would still have to be made on flow, storage capacity and such but a high priority drick. The decision was to ac- average or slightly below in wawas given to the Potlatch as a

the area concerned has no pol- reau of Reclamation at Boise, lution problems, there are few state property.

Careful Review First would be given to the university idents are actively trying to east of Boyill to the divide sharonly after careful review of the draft petitions and a letter of ed with the St. Joe River drainfactors involved.

Robert Magnuson, Kendrick village clerk, said he under-

vill. Bovill is almost 25 miles Felton had no averages or from Moscow.

trict 2 took a stand on the issue slightly less than 145 months at a recent meeting at Ken- and that the sample year was Game Department official at had rece fively oppose taking water ter volume, from the creek and request a "The water is of high quality, hearing on the Issue by the Bu-

The Kendrick Village Board habitations in the immediate is drafting a letter of protest to unstream area and the site for the bureau which should arrive the storage area would be on prior to the Drc. 26 deadline es. North Fork of the Clearwater tablished by the legal advertise. River and roughly forming the ment. Juliactta residents are contern boundary of the county. Gagon said that water rights drafting petitions and liovill resprotest from the city govern age. On the west it meets the meal.

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now under study by the Army slood that the university lotend July 9.3. August \$2 and Sep precedent as it would have been

totals of water volume. He Idaho Wildlife Federation Dis- sald that the flood period lasted

> The Potlatch River and Its tributaries drain about twobranches drain from the divide shared with the drainage of the It reaches about 15 miles porthl'alouse River and the Clearwater forms the southern and east-

constructed purely for recreaifon and wildlife by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Stuort Murrell, Idaho Fish & Lewiston, sold that Idaho water laws do not recognite recreation and wildlife as a legitimate use for water. He said he felt it was obvious that it was a legitimate use, considering its value for attracting tourist and area recreation. McCreary drew attention to

existing water rights and suggested that allowing the univer. might pro sity quantities of water in the gard, magnitude it suggested might liarris well be impossible if existing had come water rights were respected, residents He listed nine parties whose needed to water rights he had con-versity wa

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## Crowd Is Not Convinced On U of I Water Right Filing

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Townspeople from Kendrick, Deary, Bovill and Juliaetta recently sent letters of opposition to the granting of the right by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Monday meeting was called by the Latah Soil & Water Conservation board, who invited George Gagon, U of I physical plant director, Marvin Kimberling, Moscow's administrative assistant and Richard Day, Moscow's city engineer, to explain their views on the matter.

area resident-land people in Washington (taking) Kimberling said.

Lester Clemm, conservation board chairman, said the district is presently "making an effort...to inventory reservoir sites, and future sites," and added a map of such sites should be available in the spring.

Clemm said numerous Idaho countles have problems in the area of water, that "the demand is huge...who has priority?"

Clemm added that the Wildlife Service "is talking of a reservoir in this area...to reactivate steehead and trout fishing," taken away by recent dam conthe study?) That will show who benefits."

Gagon said he didn't know who a problem."

Mel Hamilton of Juliaetta said "It doesn't take an engineer to see what's available" on the river, saying that "a sparrow could walk across it (at certain times) and not get its feet wet."

## School Needs

(Continued From Page 1)

Two rooms, 324 and 315, in the high school building are really not satisfactory except for special classes."

He pointed out that of the 25 academic classrooms in use on

Gagon said the university's struction. regents are concerned the university's water supply (wells) could run dry in the future and force the institution to go to a surface water supply.

He said the Potlatch River site, east of Bovill, was "first choice" because of the quality of water and the fact that it's a downhill run into Moscow.

Gagon noted the state's reclamation engineer "madea mistake" in publishing the filing for the right only once (on Dec. 15) and, because of that, has extended the protest deadline until Jan. 10, after which there will be a public hearing on the filing, with no specific date yet was set for that

Throughout the evening, Gagon noted on several occasions: "I think you've shot us down, to be frank with you...I wouldn't worry very much (about the right being granted.)"

Gagon also said the university about filing for the water right and that it "had no idea it would be treading on anybody's toes" by doing it.

He further noted the protest line." the filing over "make the chances of getting the water rights...very, very doubtful."

A Deary woman wanted to know who would conduct the university's feasibility study, stating that the university had a "vested interest" in the matter.

Gagon told her an outside firm would do the study and, answering other parts of her question. noted water use per individual is increasing and the state's reclamation engineer had told him there were a "number of prior rights" on the river "but he didn't say how many "

W. L. McCreary, publisher of the Kendrick newspaper, said "what puzzled me was the apparent secrecy with which this handled...the published (notice of filing) said nothing of the City of Moscow or Pullman. only the University of Idaho."

Gagon said the university hadn't intended to be secretive and added "If you interpret it (that way), I'm sorry."

Sylvia H. Ross, geologist for 'had no intent' to be secretive. the Idaho Bureau of Mines and Geology, said the Pullman, Washington State University had been dropped because 'It's illegal to transport water across a state

> She added that the City of Moscow's being included in the university's filing also raised a quaetlan

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#### How Long Will the Water Last? (Jones and Ross)

... should meet the needs of the basin until at least 2050 and perhaps until 2100.

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Billions of Gallons								
Artesian .Zone	In Storage 1965	Consumption 1965~2000	1n Storage 2000					
Upper	36-9	?	76.2					
Middla	86.7	10.5						
Lower Minimum Optimum	184.0 252.8	39.6	144.4 .223.2					
Totals, Middle and Lower Zones								
Minimum Dotinos	270.7 149.5	50.1	220.6 299.4					

The water in storage is adequate to meet the needs of Noucow Basin past the year 2000. Pumping levels in wells will be 50 to 80 feet deeper in the year 2000. The 220 to 300 billion gallons remaining in storage at the year 2000 should meet the needs of the basin until at least 2050 and perhaps until

These figures are based on the assumption that no recharge takes prace.

If recharge does take place, pumping levels will not be the same as predicted
by the models. The affect of racharge, and of other factors, on the model
aquifers is still under study.

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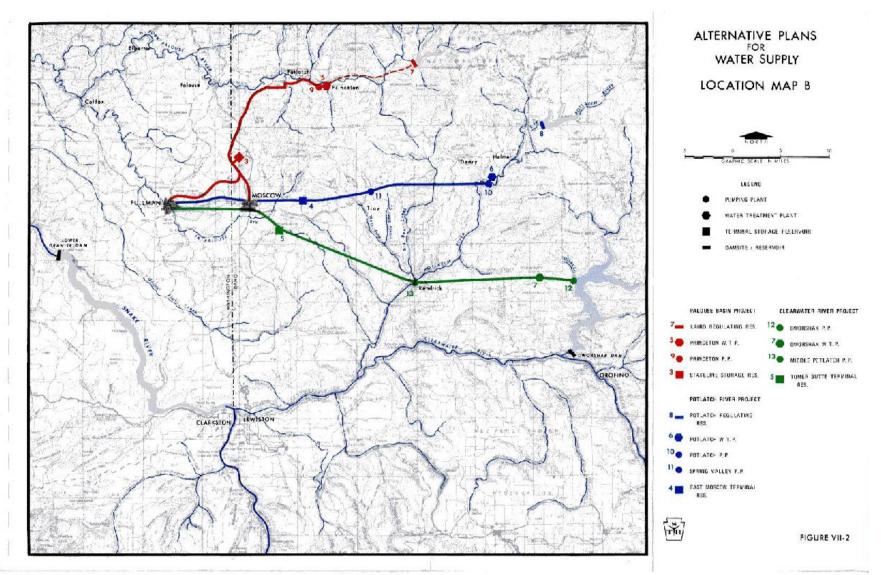
#### • 1969 Status Report

The results of the studies during the past year . . have not materially changed the concepts regarding municipal water supply. The findings of the groundwater investigation were inconclusive. The various agencies and geologists consulted have differing opinions on its feasability; however, the consensus is that groundwater would only be a temporary solution.

FPI study has been initiated on Paradise Creek, which will cover the reach between the mouth and the state line.

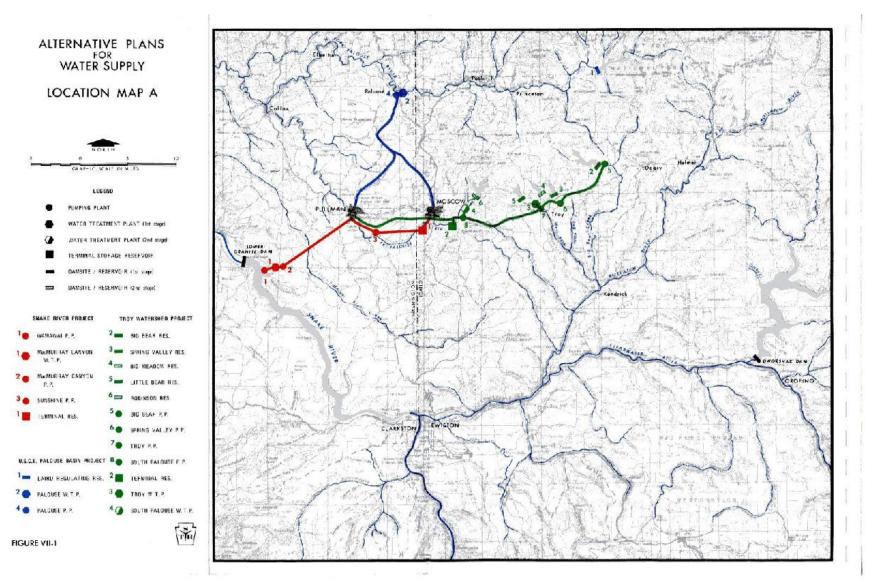
- 6. Foundation exploration and mapping of the Harvard damsite were completed. Estimates of water supply (runoff) at the Harvard and Laird sites have been revised. Cost estimates for the Harvard site have been revised, based on the results of foundation explorations, and a review of the Laird cost estimates is underway. Cost versus yield relationships for the Harvard site have been prepared, and project formulation studies have been initiated.
- 7. We have been advised by the Bureau of Reclamation that irrigation benefits would be realized from reservoir storage on the North Fork Palouse River. The unit value assigned to irrigation water will determine the optimum reservoir capacity.
- Konetary benefits for water quality control, other than downstream fishing, have not been established.
- 9. The results of the studies during the past year (September 69.57) have not materially changed the concepts regarding municipal water supply. The findings of the groundwater investigation were inconclusive. The various agencies and geologists consulted have differing opinions on the feasibility; however, the consensus is that groundwater would only be a temporary solution. The Snake River is the local costly surface source that will assure a dependable, long-range supply. The benefits creditable to a reservoir on the North Fork Palouse River will be the difference in pumping and pipeline costs between the North Fork and the Snake Rivers.

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TABLE 7-9 SUMMARY OF CAPITAL COSTS (\$1,000)

\$14,682,000 in 1970  $\Rightarrow$  \$90,734,760 in 2014

Alternative Project	First Stage	Second Stage	Third Stage	First Year Annual Costs
Snake River	\$ 9,014	\$ 4,772	\$ 896	\$ 1, 143
Palouse River Basin	\$14,600	\$ 345	\$ 4,062	\$ 1,457
Troy Watershed	\$14,544	\$ 9,149	\$ 5,572	\$ 1,435
Potlatch River	\$15,555	\$ 683	\$ 8,194	\$ 1,516
Clearwater River	\$14,498	\$ 683	\$ 9,506	\$ 1,556
USCE-Palouse Basin	\$12,260	\$ 301	\$ 3,068	\$ 907