

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Snake River Area Office 230 Collins Road Boise, ID 83702-4520



Subject: Request for Public Comments Regarding the Proposal for Rainey Park Stream

Restoration and Wetland Creation Project, Bannock County, Idaho

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to provide funding through a WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) grant for the City of Pocatello to perform a river restoration and wetland creation project occurring within Bannock County in Southeastern Idaho. The purpose of this letter is to inform interested and affected public of the proposal and to solicit comments pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Enclosed is a Scoping Information Package describing the project proposal.

Scoping is a public involvement process used to determine the scope of issues to be addressed and identify issues related to a proposed action. Analysis of the proposal is ongoing and will be documented in an environmental assessment with an estimated completion in the spring of 2025. Comments received in response to this solicitation will be used to identify potential environmental issues related to the proposed action and to identify alternatives to the proposed action that meet the purpose of and need for the project.

Please help us identify important issues and concerns regarding the proposed action by providing your written comments by **November 18, 2024**. Written comments should be submitted electronically to sra-nepa-comments@usbr.gov, or mailed or hand-delivered to:

Ms. Rochelle Ochoa Natural Resources Specialist Bureau of Reclamation Snake River Area Office 230 Collins Road Boise, Idaho 83702

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have additional questions about this proposal or its analysis, please contact Ms. Rochelle Ochoa, Natural Resources Specialist, at (208) 383-2277. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Sincerely,

Bryan Horsburgh Area Manager

Enclosure