



Fact Sheet

Project Name	Raft River Flood Protection and Groundwater Recharge Project
Total Cost	\$49,307,043
Location of Project	Cassia County, Idaho State 2nd Congressional District
Sponsors	Raft River Flood Control District #15, Raft River Recharge Group, and Raft River Electric
Authorization	The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (Pub. L. 83-566 and 16 U.S.C. 1001, et seq.).
Background	The purpose of this project is to provide necessary flood risk reduction for citizens in the watershed and community while improving infrastructure for the reliability of water delivery to irrigators across the district, improve water conservation, and help to stabilize the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.
Project Measures	Under the preferred alternative, project sponsors would construct intake suction lines, pump house, and a 13-mile (68,872 feet [ft]) long north to south buried agricultural water management pipeline; construction of three groundwater recharge basins with a combined volume of 493 acre-feet (ac-ft); construction of a 25-megawatt (MW) substation; construction of 85 ac-ft flood detention basin along Heglar Creek; improvements to existing diversions on Cassia Creek and Middle Fork of Cassia Creek; bank restoration and stabilization measures on Heglar Creek; and operations and maintenance of these facilities for the life of the project.
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	1.1
Budget Data	<u>Funding Schedule Year - 2026</u> Federal Funds: \$31,304,245 Non-Federal Funds: \$18,002,798
Period of Analysis and Project Life	102 Years

Environmental Problems None

Other Significant or Controversial Issues There have been no areas of controversy identified through agency and public scoping. Public involvement for the Proposed Project is discussed in the Public Scoping Report (Appendix A). During the public scoping period, several comments were received. Details of scoping and comments are discussed in Section 6.3 and Appendix A. Scoping comments are included in the Scoping Report in Appendix A. Concerns raised during the public meeting were incorporated directly into the Purpose and Need, and include the following topics:

- Groundwater recharge
- Impacts to agriculture in the area
- Historic flood impacts
- Impacts to the Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge.

Evidence of Unusual Congressional or Local Interest There is no evidence of unusual congressional or local interest in the Proposed Project.

Compliance Is this report in compliance with executive orders, public laws, and other statutes governing the formulation of water resources projects?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Economic and Financial Data

	Federal	Non-Federal
Project Cost Share	\$31,304,245	\$18,002,798
Annual O&M	N/A	\$450,560

Benefits

	Onsite	Offsite
Average Annual Benefits	\$38,200	\$2,074,200
Number of Direct Beneficiaries	585	23,847