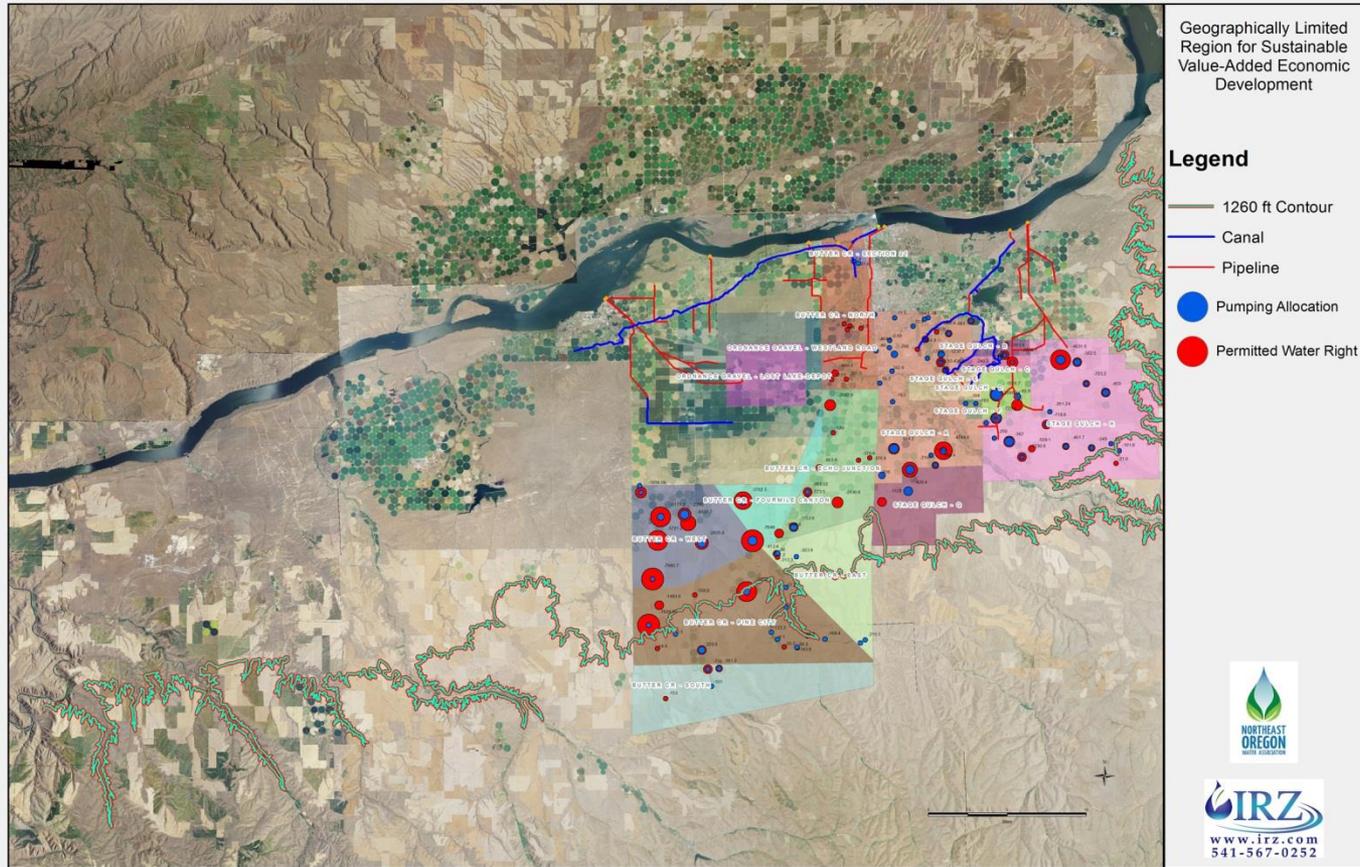




**NORTHEAST  
OREGON  
WATER ASSOCIATION**

LIFE DEPENDS ON WATER, WE DEPEND ON YOU.

# Protecting and Enhancing an Economic Hub



# Compressed Basin Timeline

- 1855 Treaty with the Walla Walla, Cayuse and Umatilla Tribes
- 1916 Adjudicated decree of water rights to use waters of Umatilla River and its tributaries
- 1954 Pendleton Project Investigation by BOR. Concluded that potential irrigable land far exceeded available water supply
- 1958 First reports of water table decline in Butter Creek area
- 1966 Bureau of Reclamation reports that any significant increase in pumping from basalt aquifers would likely result in accelerated decline of water tables
- 1976 OWRD designates Butter Creek a Critical Groundwater Area (remanded until 1986)
- 1976 Critical Groundwater Area designated by OWRD for Ordinance Basalt and Gravel
- 1977 Lost Lake/Depot well owners initiated project to artificially recharge shallow gravel aquifer using existing canal system
- 1986 Critical Groundwater Area designated by OWRD for Buttercreek Basalt
- 1988 Umatilla Basin Project authorized and funded by Congress -- allows irrigators to exchange Umatilla River water for Columbia River water
- 1990 ODEQ declares 352,000 acres in Umatilla and Morrow counties as a groundwater management area (GWMA) due to nitrate contamination
- 1991 Critical Groundwater Area designated by OWRD for Stage Gulch Basalt
- 2004-2008 Development of the Umatilla Sub-Basin 2050 Water Management Plan
- 2008 Oregon Legislature passes SB 1069 authorizing \$750 K to complete a feasibility study of the Umatilla Basin Aquifer Restoration Project (A milestone in state water planning efforts – OR and AK w/o plan)
- 2009 Oregon legislature passes HB 3369 authorizing \$2.5 million in grants and loan funding (a milestone in state water development efforts)
- 2010 - Umatilla Basin Water Commission forms to coordinate the implementation of the Umatilla Basin Aquifer Restoration Project and address basin wide needs
- March 2011 – Stage I of Umatilla Basin Aquifer Restoration Project Completed
- August 2013 – Umatilla Basin Water Commission completes work authorized by IGA
- August 2013 - Northeast Oregon Water Association forms to continue water development projects under a coordinated, comprehensive effort
- January 2014 – Northeast Oregon Water Association unveils plan for short and long-term water supply certainty in the Umatilla Basin that takes pressures off of fish rearing tributaries of the Columbia River, improves aquifer conditions and builds the local economy

# Adding Drought to Local PDMP

[http://www.co.umatilla.or.us/planning/pdf/NHMP/2012-2013\\_NHMP\\_Update\\_FINAL%20FEMA%20ADOPTED\\_4-17-14.pdf](http://www.co.umatilla.or.us/planning/pdf/NHMP/2012-2013_NHMP_Update_FINAL%20FEMA%20ADOPTED_4-17-14.pdf)

- Weather emergencies including drought are highest hazard analysis score in Umatilla County (240 points)
- What did we do
  - Adopted into the PDMP into the 2050 Plan
    - 2050 Plan adds 2 other plans that all say the same thing into the chain of plans (1986 Task Force Report, 1988 Basin Plan)
    - Next update will include the 2012 CRUST Declaration of Cooperation

Note: Five place-based type plans that all say the same thing in the Umatilla Basin

# Plan Recommendations

- Utilize “available” available Columbia River supplies for two purposes
  - Re-hydrate reachable lands with cut-off groundwater rights
  - Replace pumping of basalt aquifers during times of water availability (gradual recovery of basalt aquifers)
- Finalize CTUIR water rights settlement process
- Better understand basalt groundwater system and connectivity

# What we mean by Geographically Limited and Irreplaceable

LITERALLY: THE BEST HIGH-VALUE AG IN THE WORLD

WATER LIFT

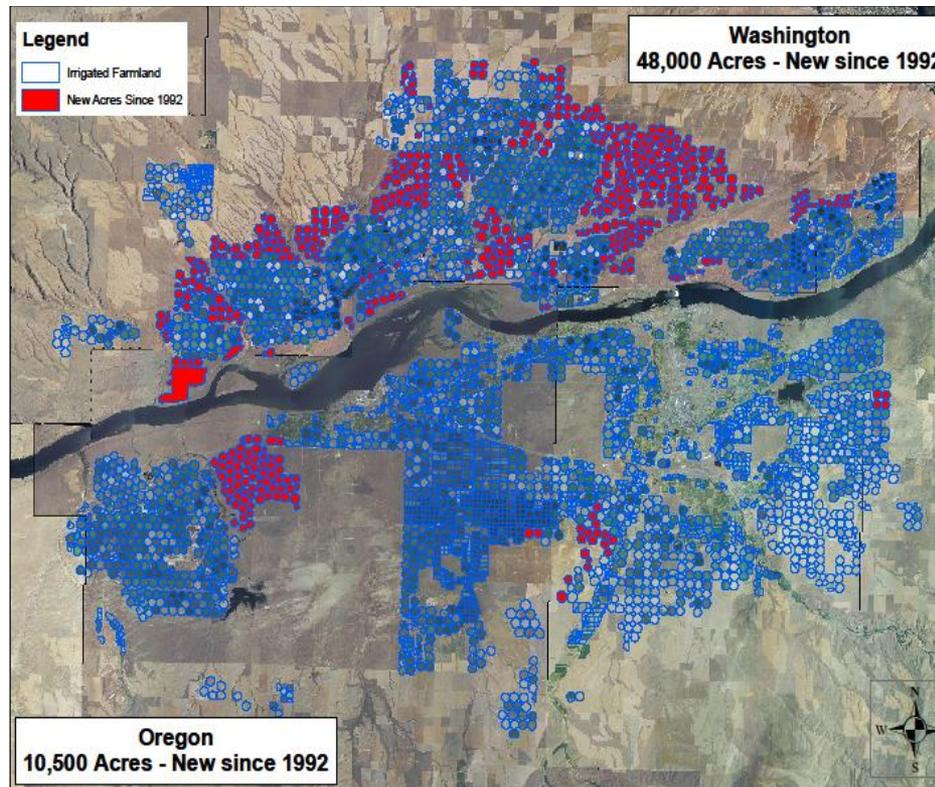
WEATHER

EXISTING SYSTEMS

TERRAIN

PROCESSING

ALTERNATIVE FUEL NEEDS



## VALUE OF WATER “From Dry to Fry”

Dryland wheat - \$100

- 40 bushel fallow wheat

1<sup>st</sup> Acre Foot - \$500

- 100 bushel irrigated wheat

2<sup>nd</sup> Acre Foot - \$1,500

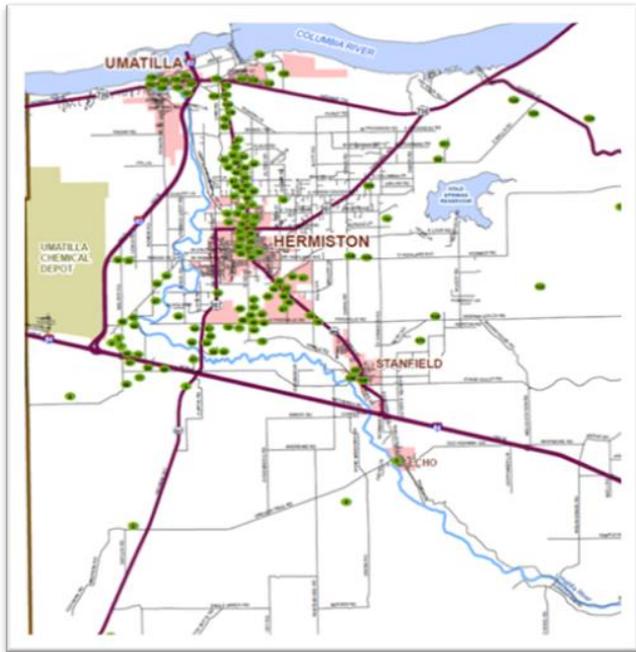
- Hay, Some vegetables, grass seeds, etc.

3<sup>rd</sup> Acre Foot - \$5,000+

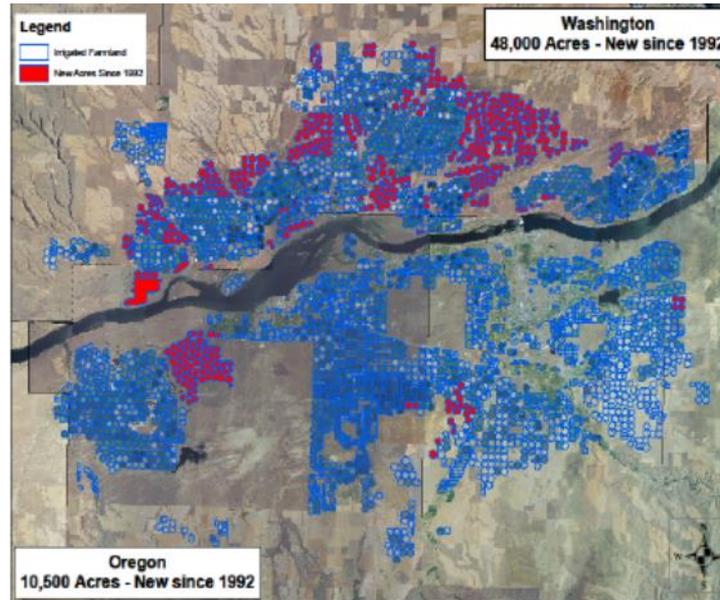
- High value root crops
- Full Rotation

# The Value of High-Value Irrigated Agriculture

**THE CASE: The "Ag-Base" that Supports Job Creation and Innovation**



**Geographically limited: Existing acreage and "in-fill" growth**



**The POTENTIAL: Jobs, Funds, Future (Source: Bruce Sorte, OSU)**

<i>Type of Effect</i>	<i>Employment Full &amp; Part- Time</i>	<i>Labor Income (\$)</i>	<i>Total Value Added (\$)</i>	<i>Output (\$)</i>
Direct (Manufacturer)	5,989	158,052,082	225,015,545	1,063,288,422
Indirect (Suppliers)	3,054	99,471,765	173,184,004	357,002,946
Induced (Household Spending)	1,209	37,182,718	75,567,449	124,808,178
<b>Total Effect</b>	<b>10,252</b>	<b>294,706,566</b>	<b>473,766,999</b>	<b>1,545,099,547</b>

# RAW PRODUCT - POTATOES

## EXAMPLE 3: PARADISE FOR POTATOES



**125 ACRES = \$750,000 = \$24 MILLION**

POTATOES													
#	SUPPLY CHAIN	PRICE UNIT	PRICE UNIT	\$/UNIT	%	PER ACRE				TOTAL			
						TONS	POUNDS	OUNCES	\$	TONS	POUNDS	OUNCES	\$
1	Farm	Harvested Potatoes	Ton	\$150.00		40.00	80,000	1,280,000		5,000.00	10,000,000	160,000,000	
2	Farm	Usable Potatoes	Ton	\$176.47	85%	34.00	68,000	1,088,000	\$ 6,000	4,250.00	8,500,000	136,000,000	\$ 750,000
3	Processor	Finished Product	Pound	\$ 0.35	60%	20.40	40,800	652,800	\$ 14,280	2,550.00	5,100,000	81,600,000	\$ 1,785,000
4	Retail	Store Sales	Ounce	\$ 0.30	100%	20.40	40,800	652,800	\$195,840	2,550.00	5,100,000	81,600,000	\$24,480,000



# THE ROTATION & PROCESSING



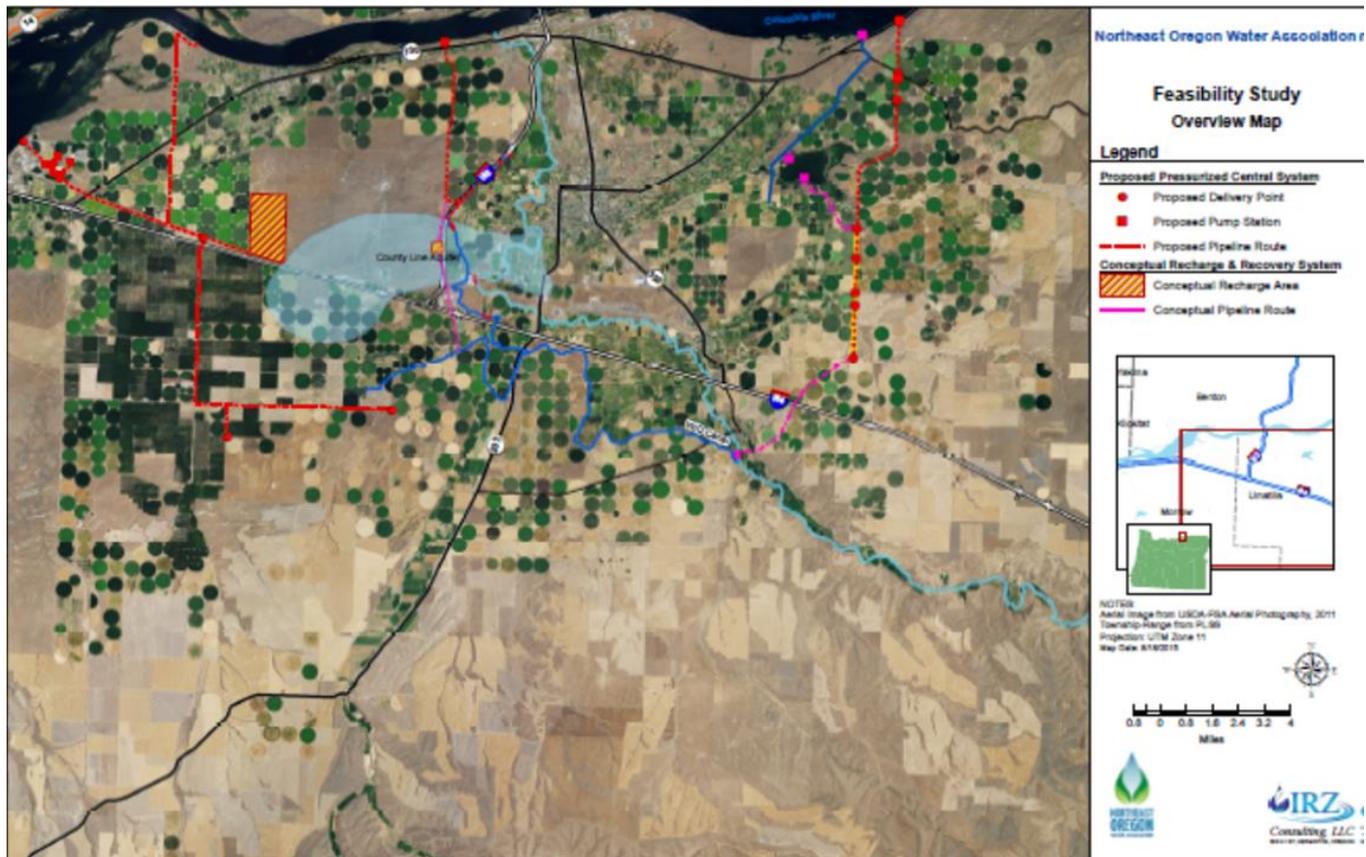
## THE ROTATION

1. Potatoes
2. Grass/Wheat/Feed
3. Grass/Wheat/Feed
4. Onions/Carrots/Other Root Crop
5. Double Crop/Other Vegetable

## VALUE ADDED, PROCESSING, INTEGRATION

- |                          |                                             |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1. Potato Plant:         | \$300 million, 10,000 acres = \$30,000/acre |
| 2. Grass Plant:          | \$ 25 million, 10,000 acres = \$2,500/acre  |
| 3. Dairies & Milk Proc.: | \$ 50 million, 10,000 acres = \$5,000/acre+ |
| 4. Onion Pack & Proc.:   | \$ 50 million, 10,000 acres = \$5,000/acre  |
| 5. Vegetable Plant:      | \$100 million, 10,000 acres = \$10,000/acre |

# Infrastructure Investment



# The Full Project Return (Using 2006 Figures to be Conservative)

Alternatives	Output (Business Activities) (2006\$)		Labor Income* (2006\$)		Employment (# of jobs)	
	Direct	Total	Direct	Total	Direct	Total
SSRD 1 – Options 2&3	\$80,635,422	\$116,265,246	\$12,573,426	\$24,150,857	330	679
SSRD 1 – Option 1	\$144,770,763	\$208,720,310	\$ 22,656,434	\$ 43,452,201	606	1,233
<b>Full Project</b>	<b>\$239,020,310</b>	<b>\$344,264,806</b>	<b>\$37,346,288</b>	<b>\$71,600,591</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>2,074</b>

\* Labor income consists of employee compensation plus proprietor's income.

- At 5% expect a direct income tax stream of no less than \$3.5 million annually
- Local property tax on land value increase alone is no less than \$1.5 million annually

**POTENTIAL POWER SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH  
RAISING PUMPING LEVELS WITH GROUNDWATER RECHARGE**

<u>Permitted Acres</u>	<u>Permitted Ac-Ft</u>	<u>Reduced Lift</u>	<u>Pump Efficiency</u>	<u>Motor Efficiency</u>	<u>KWh/Ac-Ft Saved</u>	<u>KWh Saved</u>
63,489	190,466	5	80%	90%	7.10	1,352,705
63,489	190,466	10	80%	90%	14.20	2,705,411
63,489	190,466	15	80%	90%	21.31	4,058,116
63,489	190,466	20	80%	90%	28.41	5,410,822
63,489	190,466	25	80%	90%	35.51	6,763,527
63,489	190,466	30	80%	90%	42.61	8,116,232
63,489	190,466	35	80%	90%	49.71	9,468,938
63,489	190,466	40	80%	90%	56.82	10,821,643
63,489	190,466	45	80%	90%	63.92	12,174,349
63,489	190,466	50	80%	90%	71.02	13,527,054



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