



**AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
 AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA  
 BIENNIAL REVIEW SUMMARY REPORT TO THE BOA & DIRECTOR  
 SUBMITTED BY THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Management Area:** Owyhee River Management Area

**Meeting Date(s):** January 18, 2019

**LAC Members:** Reid Seito, Martin Andre, Charles Barlow, Vikki Price

**Progress Measurement – Measurable Objectives:** Focus Area is Fletcher Gulch.

As a result of the activities implemented by landowners, the number of acres in Class I has quadrupled. The goal of 75% in Class 1 has almost been met.

Class	Land Condition: % of acreage (3357 acres)					
	2008	2011	2103	2015	2017	2018
1: least potential for pollution	15	24	41	52	62	73
2: moderate potential	22	21	15	15	11	7
3: most potential	62	55	44	33	27	20

**Actions/Implementation Summary:**

**Accomplishments reported by Area Plan Objectives**

**Goal**

Prevent and control water pollution from agricultural activities and soil erosion and to achieve applicable water quality standards.

- Priority Area = Twilight Water Quality Improvement Priority Area
  - Target waterway for WQ Improvement = Brewer Drain/Lower Owyhee River
  - 4 Projects
  - 213 Acres
  - Total length of Pipe installed = 22,856 FT
  - Number of Pivots installed = 6
  - Big Gun Sprinklers installed = 6
- Priority Area = Black Jack Water Quality Improvement Area
  - Target waterway(s) for WQ Improvement = Alkali Creek/Snake River
  - 2 Projects
  - 98 Acres
  - Total length of pipe installed = 10,300 FT
  - Number of Pivots installed = 3
  - Big Gun Sprinklers installed = 24
- Priority Area – High Desert Regional Conservation Partnership Program
  - Target waterway for WQ Improvement – Jordan Creek
  - 1 project
  - 112 Acres
  - Total Length of Pipe installed = 11,200 FT
  - Number of Pivots installed = 2
  - Number of Wheelines installed = 2
  - Number of Handlines installed = 5

**Summary of Impediments:** A large discussion was also held on forming a monitoring group to better facilitate the monitoring goals in the Owyhee Management Area. It was decided that the ODA along with DEQ would put together a template for a long-range plan and bring it back to the LAC and local working groups during the summer of 2019 to begin to prioritize future monitoring areas.

**Recommendations for Modifications:** A discussion of priority areas was held with the Bishop Drain being the top priority followed by the Overstreet and Twilight drains in order of importance.

**DEQ Recommendations:** It is clear that the water quality priorities are consistent with TMDL and GWMA priorities in the Focus Area. This could be expanded to cover other areas of the basin where significant TMDL implementation work has been performed or is planned.

**Compliance:** Letter of Compliance -1 Water Quality Advisory -0 Letter of Warning -0  
 Notice of Noncompliance -0 Civil Penalty -0 Alternative Measures -0  
**Total Complaints/Notifications: 0**