

WATER RESOURCES

Bear Lake Storage Applications

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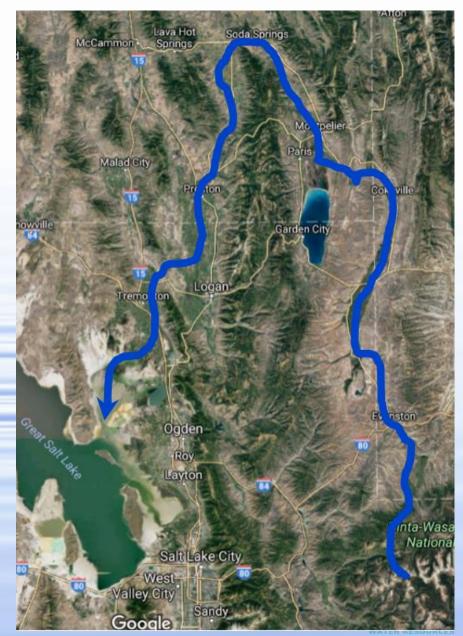
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Bear River

- 500 mile long route
- Ends 90 miles from headwaters
- 5 Stateline crossings

 Bear River flows into Mud Lake then can flow into Bear Lake or through the outlet canal back to the River channel

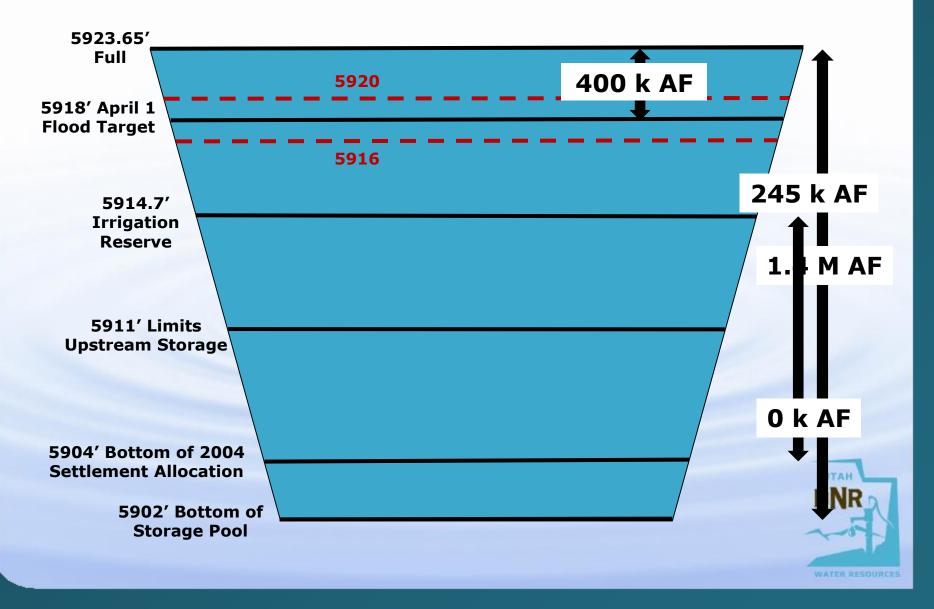
Bear River Basin - 7,500 mi²
3,300 mi² - Utah
2,700 mi² - Idaho
1,500 mi² - Wyoming

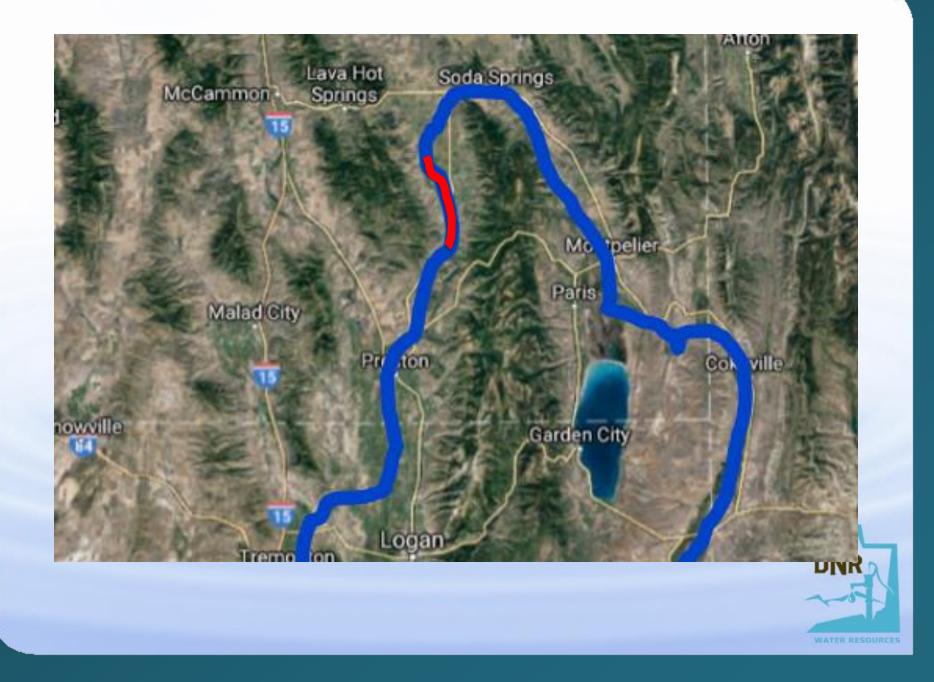


Bear Lake

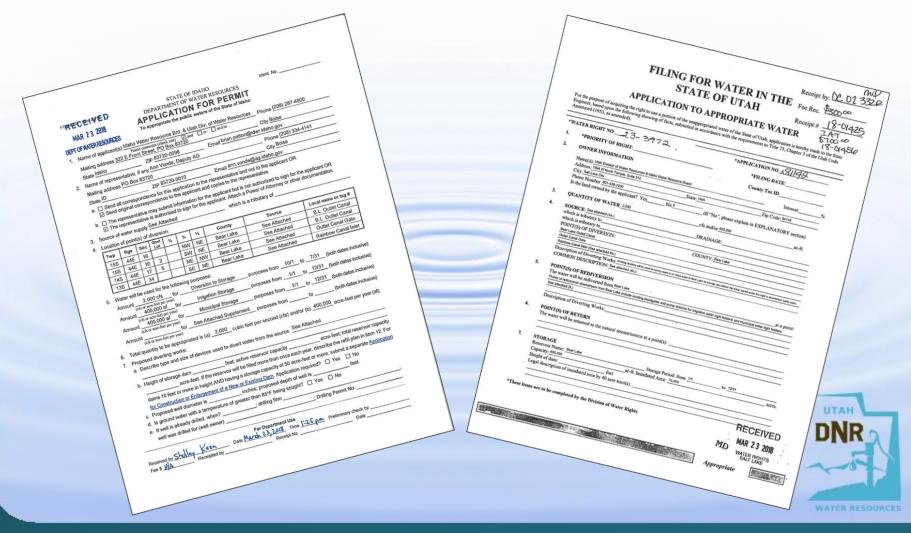
20 miles long 7 miles wide Up to 200 feet deep 6.5 million acre-feet of capacity 1.4 million acre-feet of storage

Bear Lake Storage Profile





Idaho and Utah jointly filed on March 23



Have asked the Idaho and Utah State Engineers to not process the applications until we have had time to discuss them with the three states, Pacificorp and stakeholders

States and Pacificorp

- Discussing goals
 - Wyoming
 - Idaho
 - Utah
 - Pacificorp
- Discussing stakeholder input
- Want to achieve win-win-wins +
- Build a comprehensive model



Joint ID & UT Goals of Application

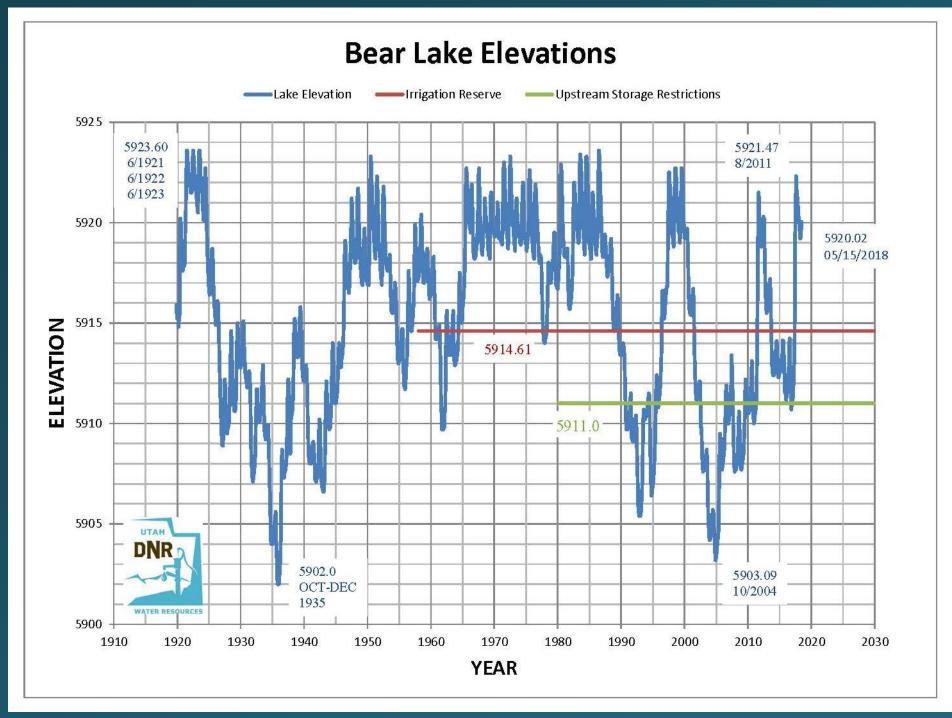
- Supplemental irrigation water supply
- Stabilize Bear Lake levels
- Additional power potential spinning reserves
- Water for recharge areas
- Protect recreation & environmental concerns
- Benefit Great Salt Lake
- Want Win-win-win+ solutions



Meeting with Stakeholders

- Bear Lake Interests
- Great Salt Lake Interests
- Bear River Interests
- Mineral Companies
- Birders and Hunters
- State and Federal Agencies and USU
- Irrigators
- Water Conservancy Districts





4212.00 4211.60 Record High 6/3/1986 4210.00 4208.00 4206.00 4204.00 (t) 4202.00 4200.00 Mean 4200.62 11 4198.00 4196.00 UTAH DNR 4194.00 4194.8 4192.00 05/17/2018 4191.4 Record Low 10/15-11/15/1963 WATER RESOURCES 4190.00 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020 2030 1970

Great Salt Lake South Arm Elevations

These applications are not associated with the state's Bear River Development Project





The End Thanks!

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