

Stakeholder Engagement Process

Assessment of Demand Management Program in WY UCRB

September 2019 – December 2020



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The objectives:

With stakeholders and water users in the UCRB in WY:

- 1) discuss and share detailed information and ideas regarding the feasibility of a DM program in Wyoming.
- 1) explore the suite of outstanding issues related to a potential DM program in Wyoming to help inform the State's efforts.



The process:

September 2019:

Kick-off meeting with identified “Key Stakeholders” in the Green and Little Snake Basins.

October 2019 – July 2020:

Hold a series of (~6) Community meetings and (~8) Focus Group meetings in both basins

August 2020 – December 2020:

Hold final meetings in communities in both Basins to present summary findings from the focus groups and community meetings



Expected Outcomes:

- Increased understanding among diverse stakeholder groups in WY regarding the trade-offs (advantages and disadvantages) of a potential DM program (and associated on the ground management) for Wyoming.
- Documentation of stakeholders' views on the feasibility of a DM program in Wyoming's Colorado River Basin.
- Documentation of potential approaches and considerations regarding a potential DM program in Wyoming
- **Information will be used by WY and UCRB State decision makers in assessing development & implementation of a DM program**



Today's discussion:

Given the process:

What are some of the key issues that need to be investigated regarding DM?

What further information is needed and who can provide it?

Who needs to be involved in 16-mo discussion process?

