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Ashton Meeting Scheduled for Henry's Fork Basin Water Supply Study

The Bureau of Reclamation will hold an informational meeting and open-house regarding water supply options proposed in the Henry's Fork Basin on **Monday, May 13, 2013, from 5-7 p.m. at the Trails Inn in Ashton.**

Since June 2010, the Bureau and the Idaho Water Resource Board have studied options to replace the water supply storage lost when Teton Dam failed in 1976, and have used the Henry's Fork Watershed Council to facilitate public involvement.

A draft Henry's Fork Basin Special Study was released in February 2013. The Bureau's Bob Schattin, Reclamation Activity Manager will present the water supply alternatives that the Bureau and Idaho Water Resource Board will focus on in the study's final phase. These alternatives include:

- Rebuilding Teton Dam
- Enlarging Island Park Reservoir and Ashton Dam
- Building an off-stream reservoir in the Hog Hollow area
- A new 180-ft tall dam in the Canyon Creek area
- New dams on Moody Creek and Badger Creek
- Managed groundwater recharge projects
- Agricultural conservation and management
- Municipal and industrial water conservation alternatives
- Market-based alternatives

The draft Henry's Fork Basin Special Study is available on the Henry's Fork Watershed Council webpage: www.henrysfork.org/watershed-council.

The special study was funded by a \$400,000 State of Idaho appropriation, as well as a WaterSmart grant from the Bureau of Reclamation.

The informational meeting and open-house will start at 5 p.m. with a presentation by Bob Schattin scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more about the study and ask questions.