Washington Water Resources

Putting a Positive Spin on a Washing Machine Stuck in the Low Water Cycle

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Why Conserve Water?

What is Irrigation Efficiency ?

The quantity applied versus the amount used by the plant. . .

System Efficiency Potential Ratings

• Flood Irrigation	30-50%
• Rill or Furrow Irrigation	50-65%
• Hand line and Wheel line	65%
• Center pivot and Lateral Move	70-85%
• Pivot with L.E.P.A.	98%

Where does the Water go?

Consumptive use

Versus

Conveyance loss

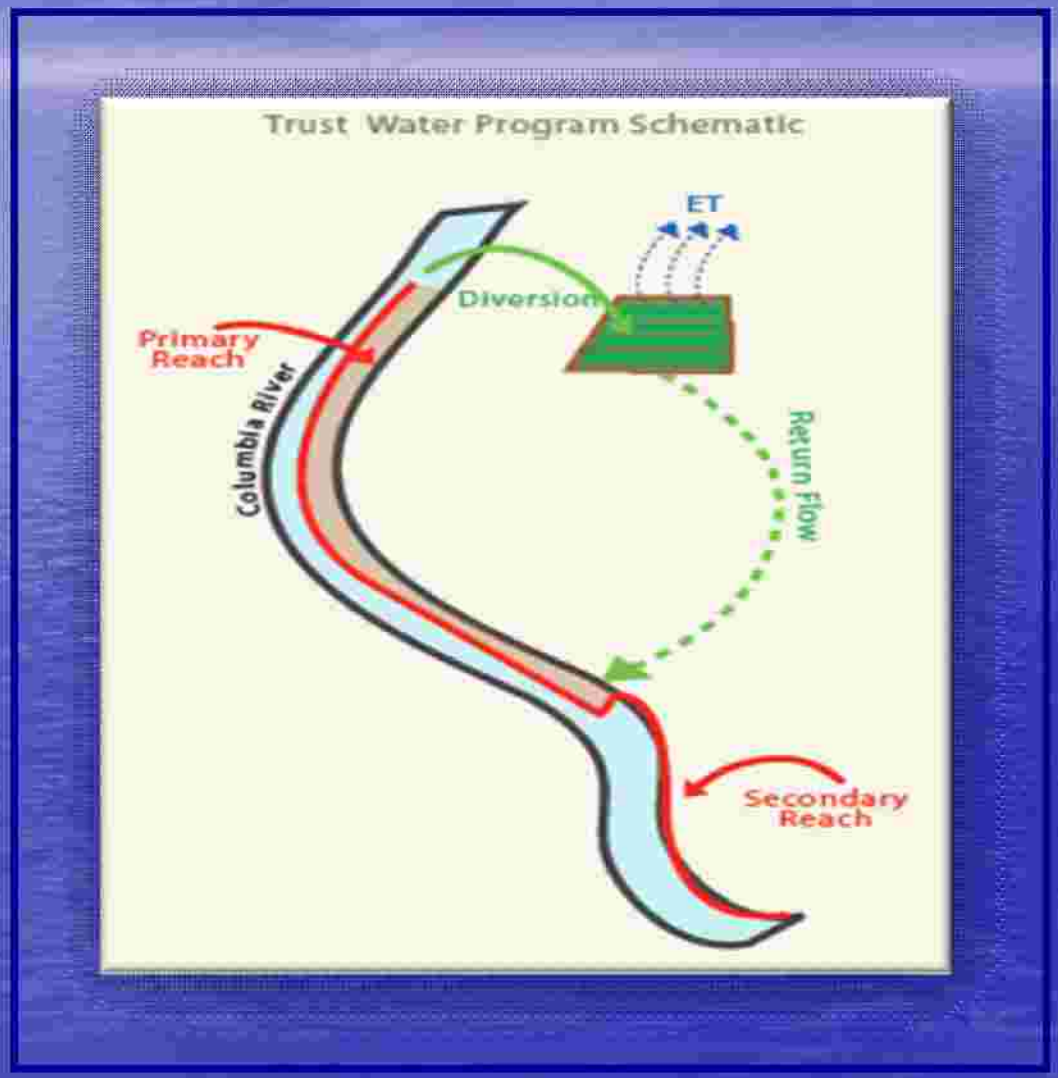
Consumptive Use Water

- No longer available to other users
  - Evaporation
  - Transpiration

Conveyance or Non-Consumptive

- Diverted water that does become available to other users in the basin
  - Conveyance losses—ditch loss, wind drift, etc.
  - Lateral flow from field—surface runoff
  - Deep percolation– water pushed beyond the root zone
  - Operational tail water

Why it matters. . .



Practical Application

Why not upgrade everything to the latest technology available?

- Site specific factors
- Farmability
- Water availability/delivery system
- Power availability and requirements AND. . .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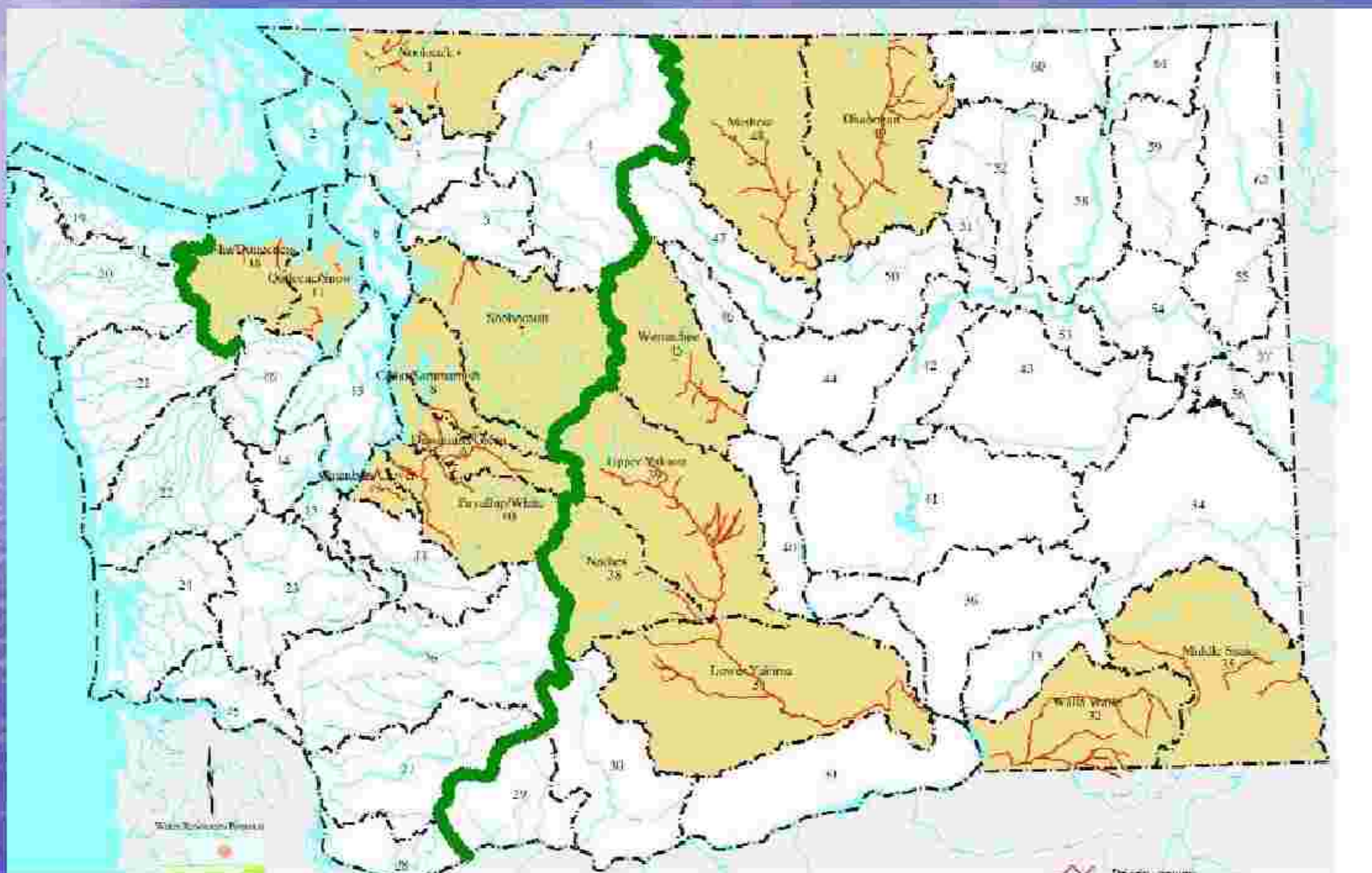
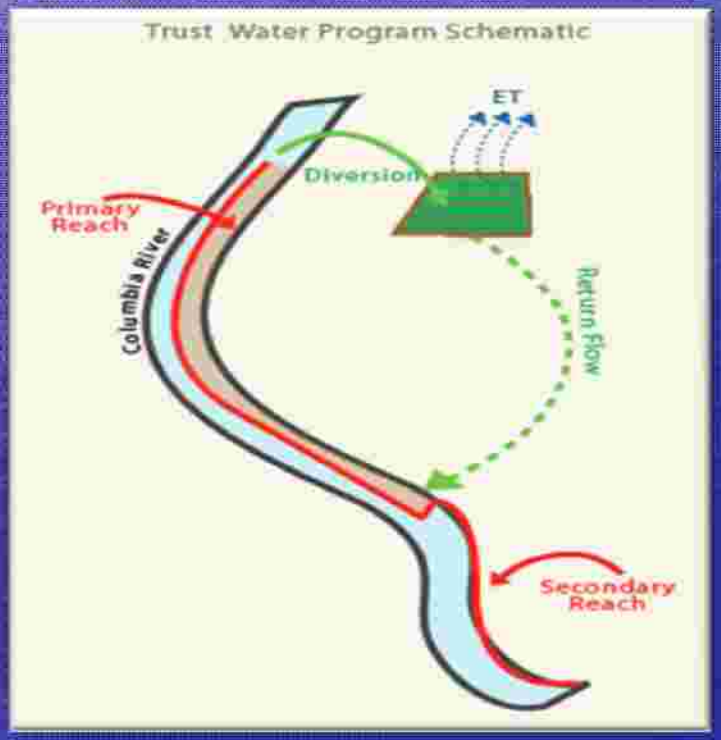
Our Programs

- Irrigation Efficiencies Grants Program (IEP)
- Columbia River Water Management Program
- Conservation Water Retiming Pilot
- Others?


Nooksack
Methow
Snohomish
Wenatchee
Upper Yakima
Puyallup/White
Naches
Lower Yakima
Walla Walla
Middle Snake

Retiming
How do you retime conserved water without storage?

I know, I know. . . We've seen this picture already. . .



Bear with me. . . .

New Uses

Questions?

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