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The Snake River plays a vital role in providing electricity to Idaho Power's 500,000-plus customers throughout southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. A healthy Snake River also benefits all other users: irrigators, recreationists, fishery managers and wildlife.

The process of obtaining a new long-term federal license to operate Idaho Power's hydroelectric projects in Hells Canyon involves addressing downstream water temperatures that are elevated in the fall due to warming that occurs as the Snake flows through Southern Idaho during the summer. That warm water collects in Brownlee Reservoir and ultimately flows out of Hells Canyon Dam several degrees warmer than current state and federal standards allow.

Idaho Power is committed to preserving the Snake River's ability to provide clean water and clean power to our region for future generations. As part of that commitment, Idaho Power has developed a multi-faceted approach to improving river and streamside habitat along the Mid-Snake, in coordination with <u>The Freshwater Trust</u>, a nonprofit organization with offices in Idaho, Oregon and California. The Freshwater Trust has experience restoring and protecting freshwater ecosystems.

Stacey Baczkowski with Idaho Power and Christy Meyer with The Freshwater Trust will present the Snake River Stewardship Agreement detailing their collaborative vision, goals and objectives in the Mid-Snake and its tributaries.

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