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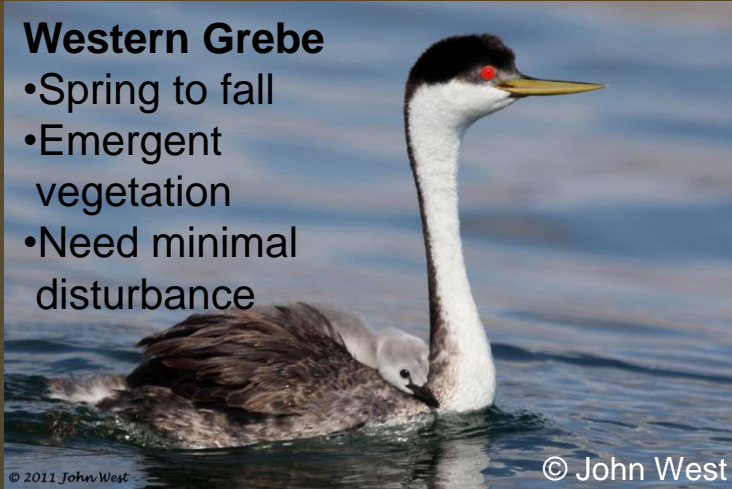
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- Refuge Environmental Education



Lake Lowell Users

Western Grebe

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- Emergent vegetation
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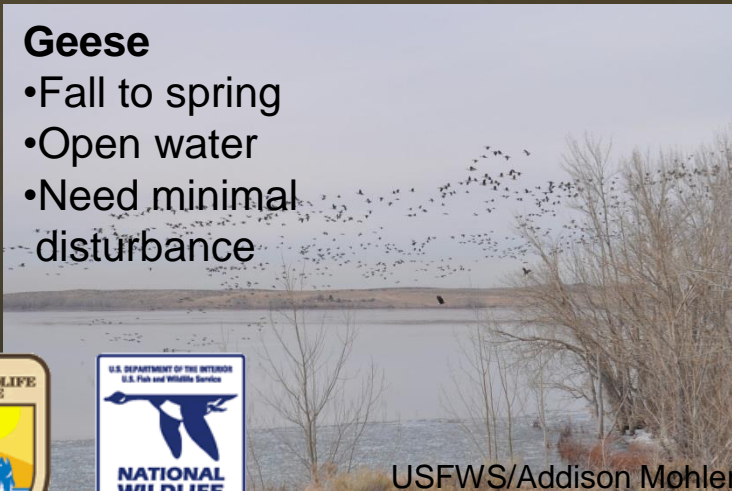
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Geese

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Wildlife-Dependent Recreation

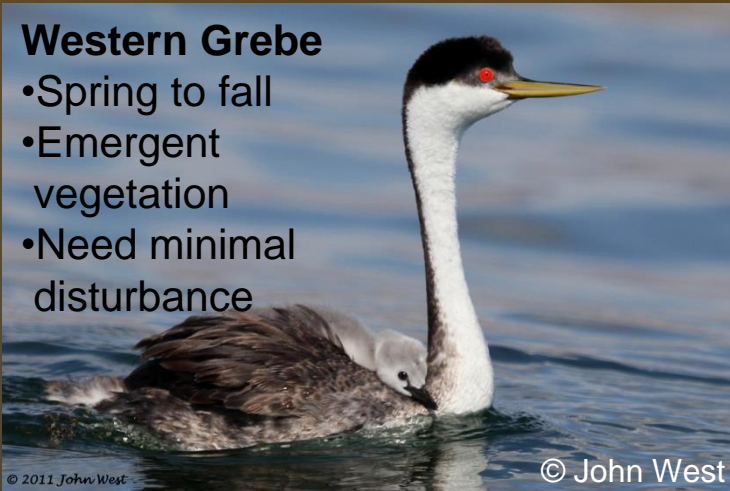
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Lake Lowell Unit



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- Over 10,000 acres (including 9,000-acre lake)
- Habitats: lake, wetlands, uplands, and croplands.



Lake Lowell Unit Habitats



USFWS/Addison Mohler

...y, and grebe nesting closures are not depicted on the map
...can change from year to year. Watch
...the water.



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Fishing Dock
 Wildlife Viewing Platform/Blind
 Picnic Area
 Designated Swimming Area

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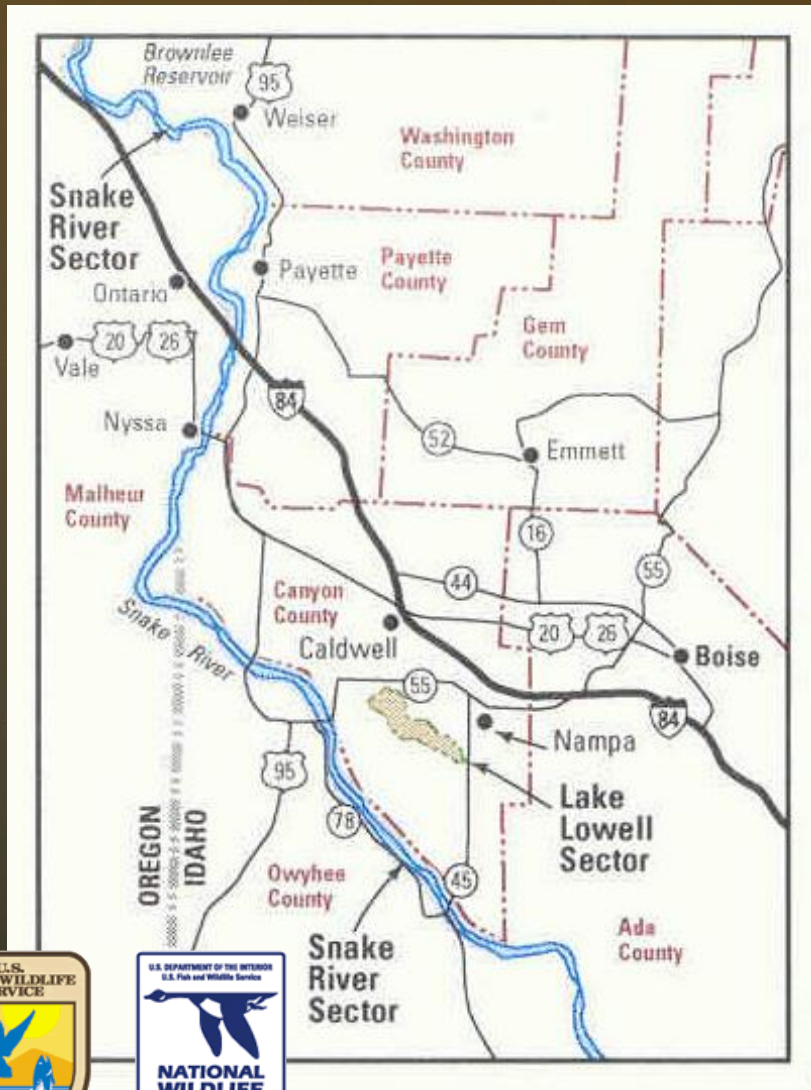


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12th Av. Rd.

Snake River Islands Unit



- 104 islands along 113 river miles
- Habitats: uplands and riparian forests



Islands Unit Habitats



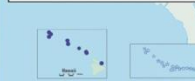
National Wildlife Refuge System

Where Wildlife Comes First!

National Wildlife Refuge System 2002

National Wildlife Refuge System

- National network of lands and waters
- Conservation, management, and Restoration of fish, wildlife, and plants
- For the benefit of present and future generations of Americans



Refuge Purpose

Serve as a refuge and breeding grounds for migratory birds and other wildlife.



1. Wildlife come first!
2. Where compatible, provide wildlife-dependent recreation.
3. Where appropriate and compatible, provide other recreation

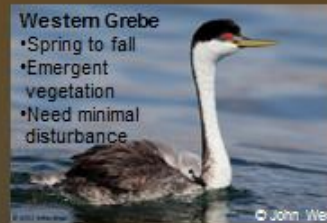


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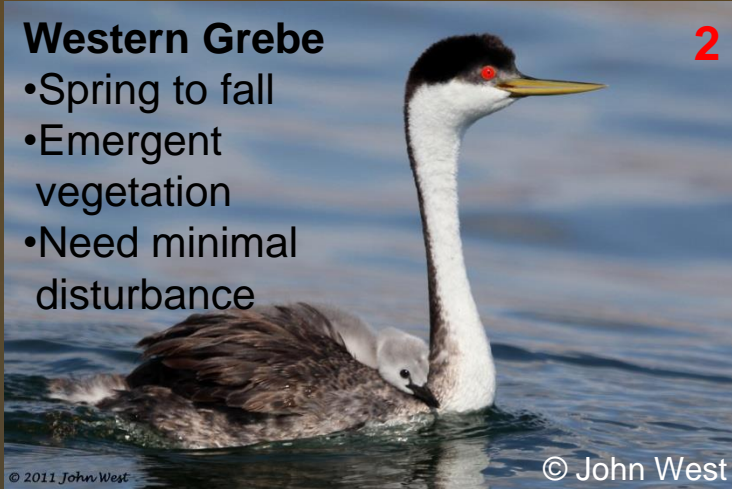


You Decide! Part 2

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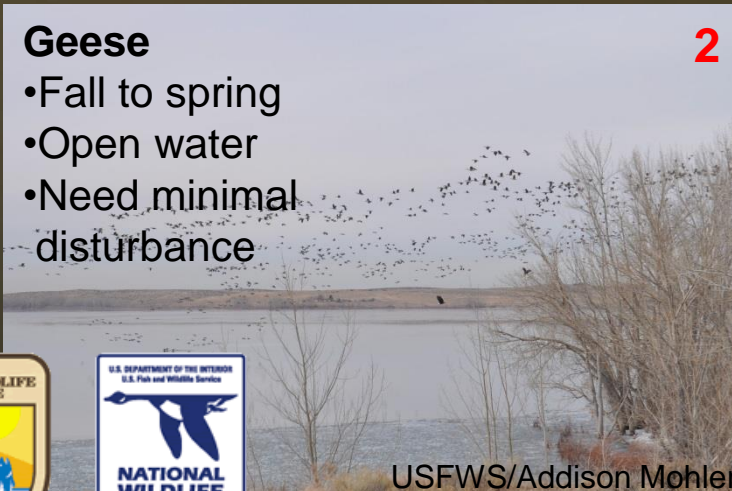


USFWS/Susan Kain

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Dear Dear

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Resorts
for:
Caldwell.
Nampa.

Nampa, and Caldwell are both bustling and energetic towns. but the people find themselves in a somewhat flat and hot country lacking attractions for recreation: Their attention therefore at present is centered on the Lake. Mr. De Lree, Caldwell who is most interested in the success of his traction line perceives that in order to make the line pay, the Lake must be attractive



Courtesy Glenda Janssen

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Mr. De Lree and the Boat Proposition:

The Lake occupies two natural depressions and the reclamation service connected the two with an excavated canal so that the water in the two white being drawn down would adjust to a common level: This

of the lake begins its position and purpose:

Mr. De Lree is operating his boats from the Lower dam: and from first available shore adjacent to the same. He has a floating dock fairlieon, one large gasoline launch and thirty row boats.

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There is no doubt but what there could be too many launches on the Lake at a certain time of the year when the spring migration was on as to keep them retired up to the point of not staying. There should be a definite closed season for launches from such a date

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Comprehensive Conservation Plan: Required for all National Wildlife Refuges

- A required 15-year management plan
- Public involvement required by law
- Provides guidance and management direction to achieve:
 - Refuge purpose
 - The mission, policies and goals of the National Wildlife Refuge System
- Deer Flat NWR CCP completed 2015





I. Review & Revise Plan

**A. Preplanning
Plan the Plan**

**Notify
the Public**

**Public
Scoping
of Issues**

**B. Initiate Public
Involvement &
Scoping**

The Comprehensive Conservation Planning Process

**C. Review Vision
Statement & Goals,
& Determine
Significant Issues**

**H. Implement
Plan, Monitor &
Evaluate**

**Notify
the Public**

**G. Prepare &
Adopt Final Plan**

**F. Prepare
Draft Plan &
NEPA
Document**

**E. Present Draft
Alternatives**

**D. Develop &
Analyze
Alternatives**

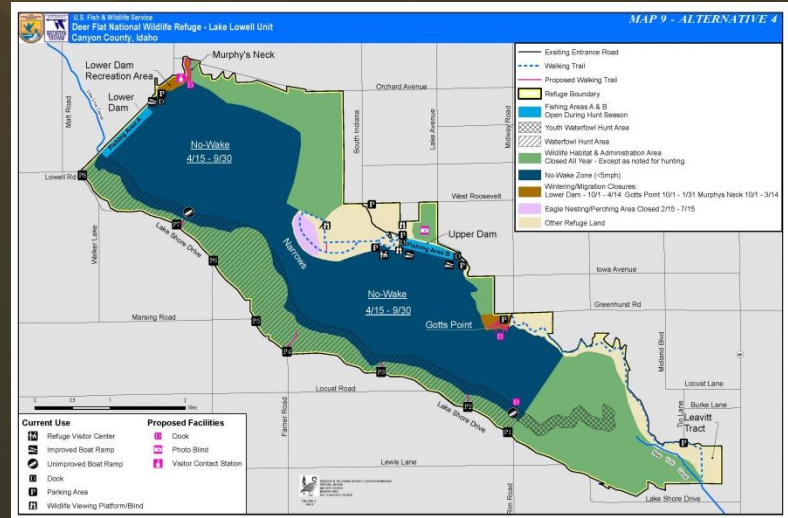
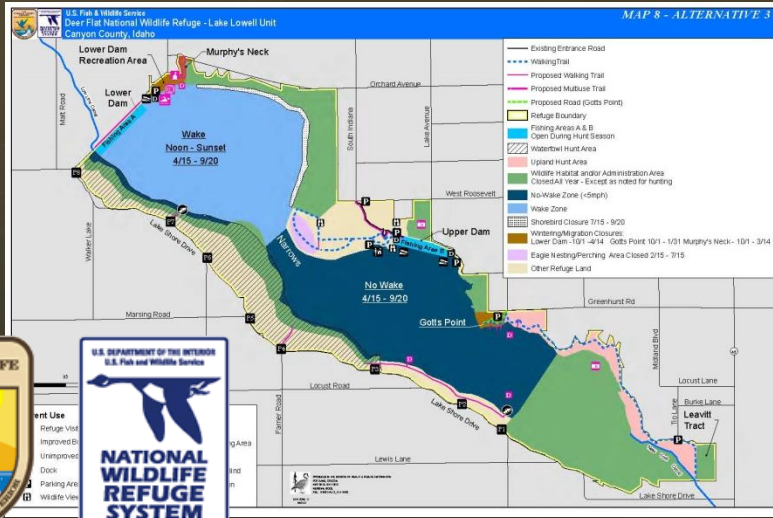
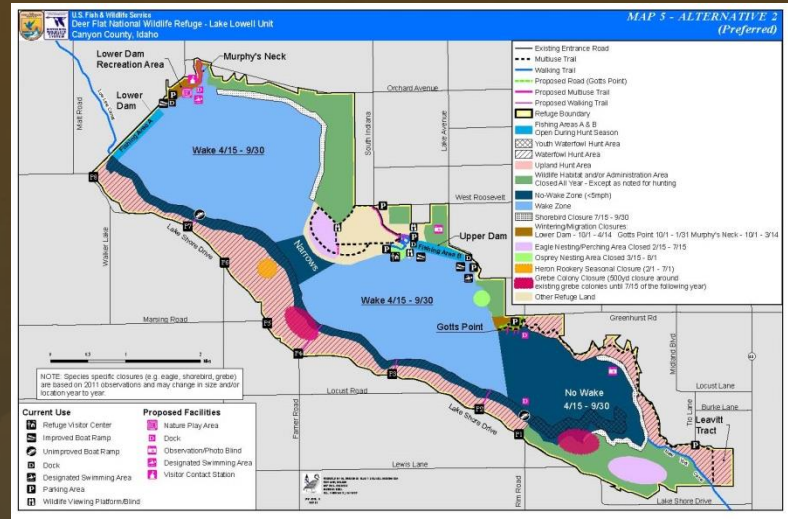
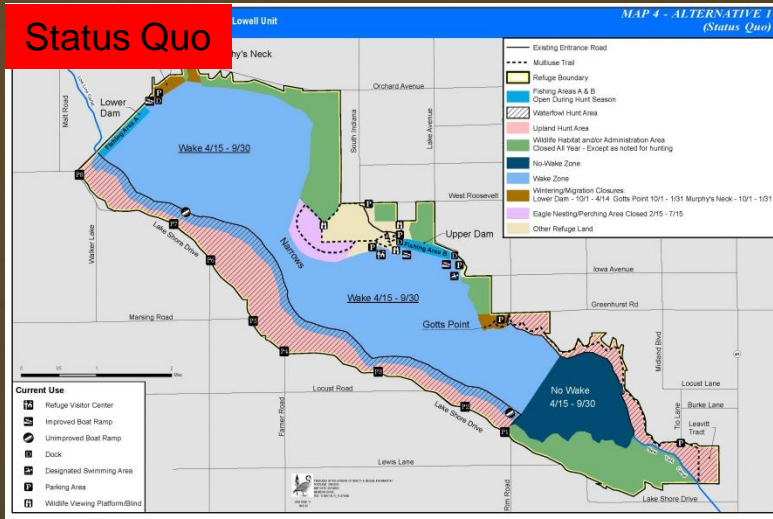
**Public
Comment**

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**Public Input
on Issue
Solutions**



Proposed Management Alternatives



Questions? Thoughts?



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A group of people is gathered on a rocky shore next to a large body of water. The scene is captured during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden glow over the sky and water. The people are silhouetted against the bright light, and some appear to be looking towards the water. The foreground is filled with dark, smooth rocks.

**All Refuge
EE Programs
and Resources
are Free!**

Field Trips

- Grades 4-6—Discover Wildlife Journeys
 - Ornithologists
 - Pre & Post-Visit Activities
- Developing new 4th grade curriculum
 - Year-long
 - 2 Field trips
 - 2 Classroom programs
 - Multiple teacher-led activities
 - Citizen Science
 - Nature journaling
- Your request (if time)
- Self-guided
- **Bus scholarships sometimes available!**



Traveling Trunks

- Hands-on
- Borrow for up to 2 weeks



Classroom Programs

- Correlated with standards
- Hands-on
- Inside or out



Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest

- Connecting children with nature through science and art
- Curriculum available
- State contest (K-12)
- Deadline March 15



Junior Duck Stamp Curriculum



Youth Guide

Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program
Connecting Youth with Nature Through Science and Art!

For young people grades K through 12

- Centers around evidence gathering and wildlife observation
- Weaves together science and art in lessons
- Highlights real wildlife biologists and their work
- Provides kids ideas of meaningful science questions

Any questions?

