

# ICE HARBOR MASTER PLAN REVISION

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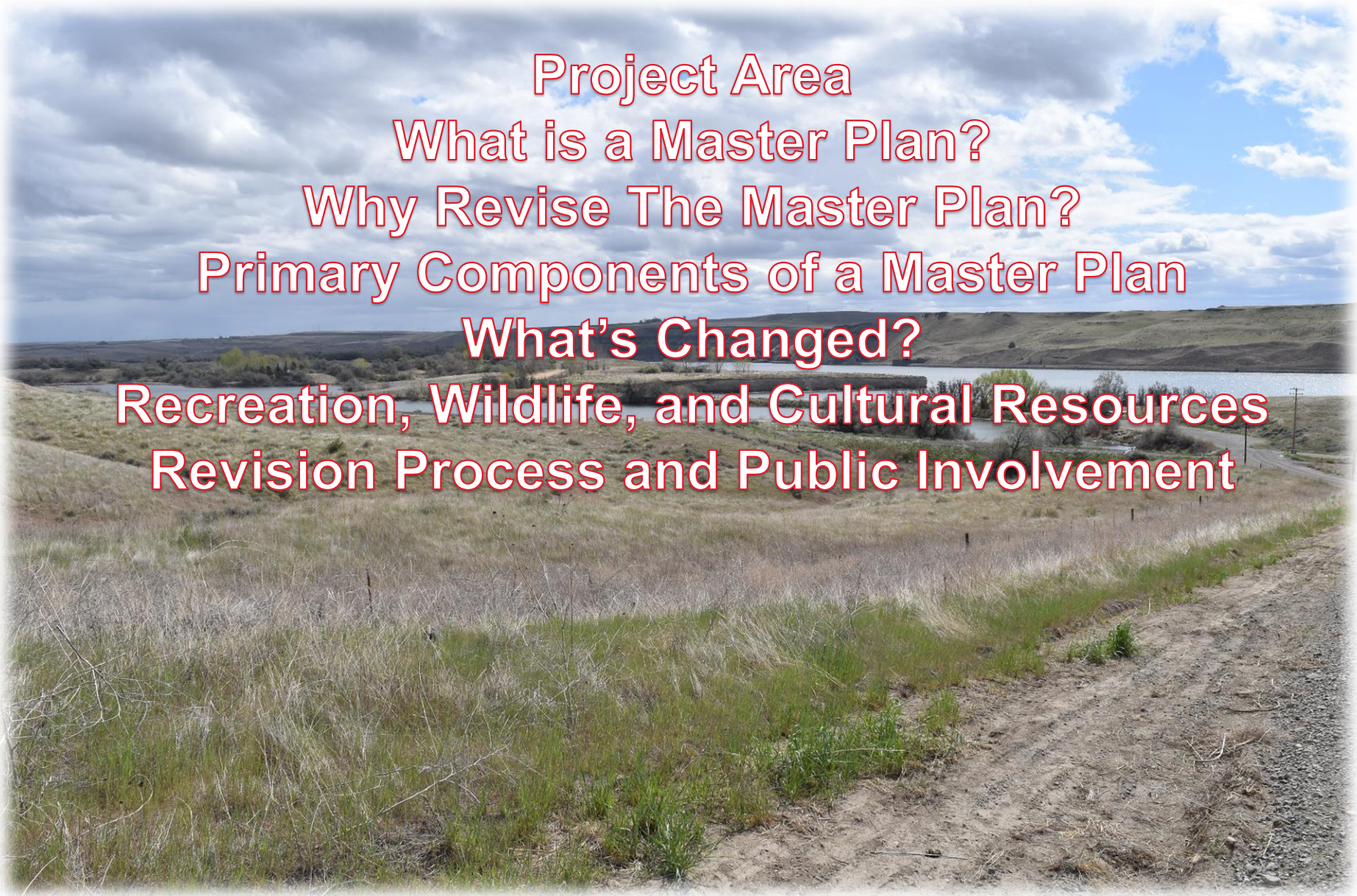
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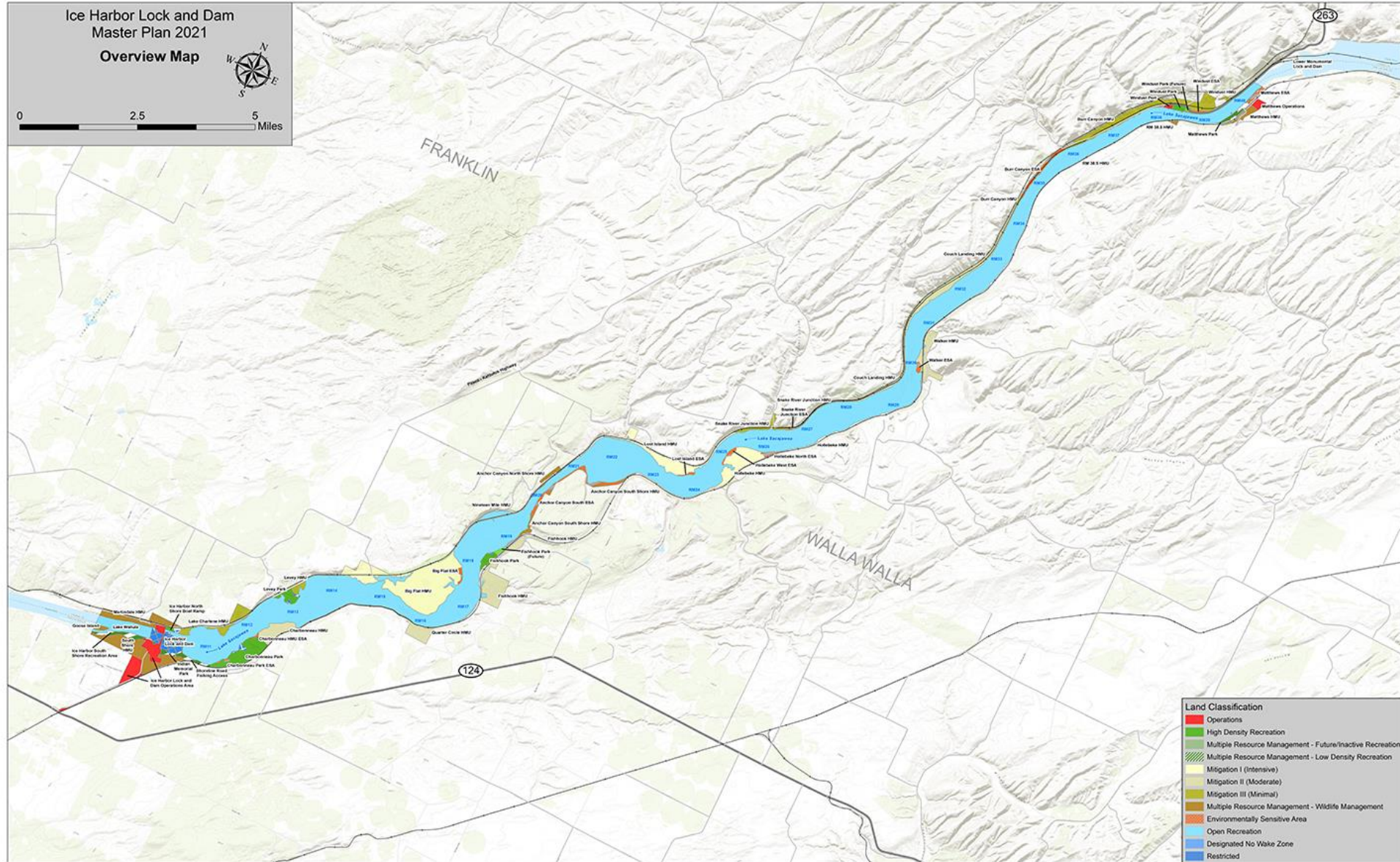
# AGENDA

A background photograph of a landscape featuring a dirt road in the foreground, a body of water in the middle ground, and rolling hills under a cloudy sky.

Project Area  
What is a Master Plan?  
Why Revise The Master Plan?  
Primary Components of a Master Plan  
What's Changed?  
Recreation, Wildlife, and Cultural Resources  
Revision Process and Public Involvement



# ICE HARBOR PROJECT AREA MAP





# WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?

- A high-level document that guides how the Corps manages the lands in Ice Harbor Project.
- Focus is stewardship of natural and cultural resources and provision of high-quality outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities.
- Master Plan should last roughly 20 years.

# WHAT DOES A MASTER PLAN *NOT* COVER?

- Hydropower operations
  - Spill
  - Fish passage
  - Dam breaching
- Navigation
- Flood risk management
- Economic development
- Details of design or administration of the lands







# WHY REVISE THE MASTER PLAN FOR ICE HARBOR?



- Former Master Plan was completed in 1977, and it has exceeded its useful life.
- The 1977 Master Plan focused on more intensive land uses like recreation and project operations.
- 1977 land classifications don't meet current Corps regulations.
- NEPA requirements have changed, and now require an Environmental Assessment to be completed.
- Sustainably manage resources for future generations.



# WHAT MAJOR CHANGES WERE NEEDED?

- Discuss what has happened in Ice Harbor since 1977
- Prepare new resource objectives based on resource inventories and assessments
- Reclassify all Project lands
- Catalog all land management units with descriptions and photos
- Discuss current challenges such as invasive species control, encroachments, and budgeting impacts on Corps missions



# PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF A MASTER PLAN

**Resource Objectives** – Clearly written statements that set forth measureable and attainable current and future management and development activities that support the goals of the Master Plan.

**Land Classifications** – The primary use for which the project lands are managed. Lands are zoned for development and resource management consistent with authorized project purposes.





# LAND CLASSIFICATIONS



**Mitigation** – This will only include land acquired or designated specifically for mitigation. For Ice Harbor, these are lands under the LSRFWCP or Comp Plan.

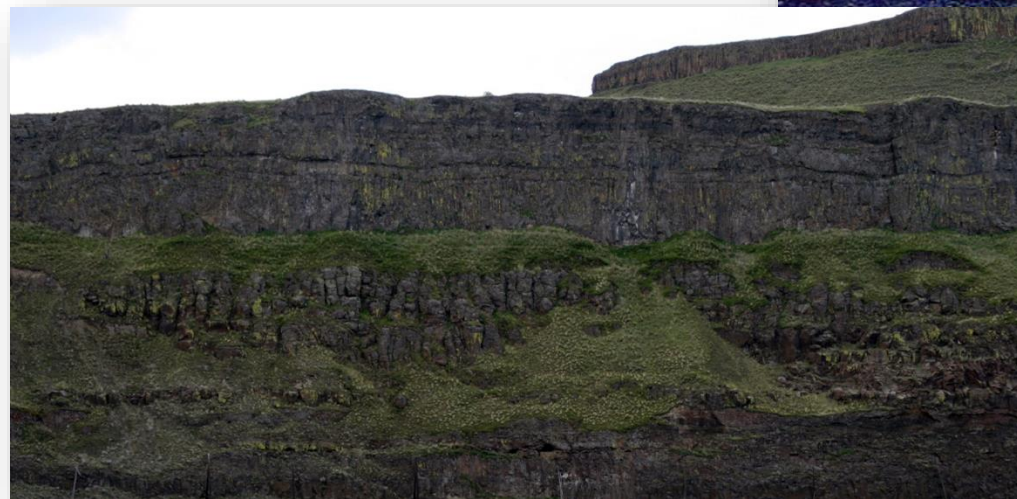




# LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

## Environmentally Sensitive Areas

– Areas where scientific, ecological, cultural, or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas must be considered by management to ensure the sensitive areas are not adversely impacted.







# WHAT'S CHANGED?

- Total acreage changes
- Shifting acreage – from more intensive uses to less intensive uses
- Shifting priorities – intensive management to sustainable management

Land Classification	1977 Acres	2020 Acres	2021 Acres
Project Operations	835.7	732.2	272.3
High Density Recreation	372.5	341.6	315.9
Mitigation	---	---	2884.1
Environmentally Sensitive Areas	116.8	96.3	242.0
MRM - Low Density Recreation	312.4	74.8	152.1
MRM - Wildlife Management	2128.1	2592.7	615.5
MRM - Future or Inactive Recreation Area	421.4	272.7	26.6
Not Classified	892.1	398.4	---
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>5079.0</b>	<b>4508.7</b>	<b>4508.4</b>

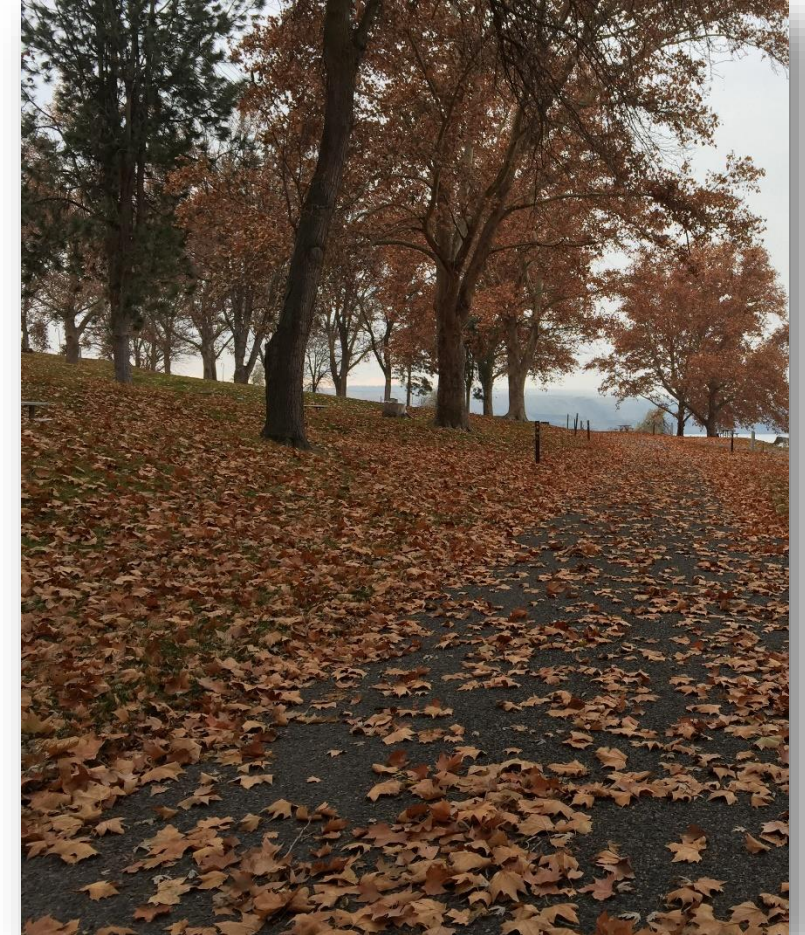
***Truly balance management of recreational, natural, and cultural resources for greatest benefit to all.***



# RECREATION GOALS



- **More sustainable management**
  - **Less irrigation-dependent landscapes**
  - **Accommodate modern recreational vehicles**
  - **Achieve Corps missions with shrinking budgets**
- **Keep people safe and provide universal access to wide-ranging recreational opportunities**





# WILDLIFE GOALS

- **More sustainable management**
  - **Less irrigation-dependent landscapes**
  - **Achieve Corps missions with shrinking budgets**
- **Enhance regional ecosystems through increase in sustainable native habitat acreage**
- **Meet mitigation requirements of LSRFWCP (Comp Plan)**
- **Provide primitive outdoor recreation and wildlife-related opportunities to the public**
- **Invasive species control**



# CULTURAL GOALS

- **Increase sustainable native habitat acreage and use of native species**
- **Less irrigation-dependent landscapes**
- **Meet responsibilities to protect cultural resources on Corps lands**
- **Engage in meaningful coordination with Tribes**







# REVISION PROCESS AND TIMELINE



## How can you help:

- Please, provide your comments on how you would like to see the natural, cultural, and recreational resources at Ice Harbor managed in the future.
- Public input will be collected through these means:
  - >At this meeting
  - >USPS or email
  - >Master Plan website

## What happens with your input?

- Comment period is open July 1 – 30, 2021.
- Corps will consider all comments regarding the Ice Harbor Master Plan.



# QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



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