

WESTERN CENTRAL MOUNTAINS

ELECTRICAL PLAN



Introductions

Committee Introductions

- Name
- Organization/community you are representing
- Favorite Musical Artist

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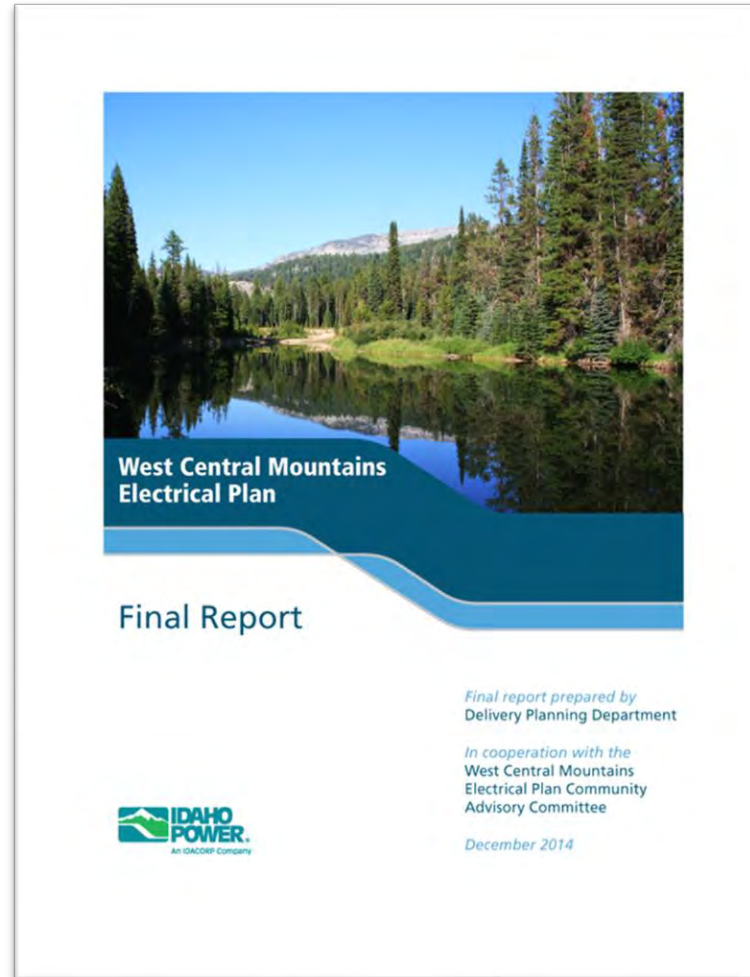
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Project Orientation

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2014 West Central Mountains Electrical Plan





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Idaho Power works with representatives of local governments and environmental agencies, business leaders, and community stakeholders to develop and periodically update Regional Electrical Plans. These plans help determine where to build new transmission lines, substations, and associated equipment to meet customers' future needs. Here are the results of those planning efforts from across our service area:

 [West Central Mountains Electrical Plan Final Report](#)

Idaho Power and a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) worked together in 2013 and 2014 to address the West Central Mountains long-term electric demand.



Today's Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Welcome
10:25 a.m.	Introductions
10:40 a.m.	Project orientation and committee logistics
11:05 a.m.	General power concepts
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 a.m.	2014 WCMEP review
1:00 p.m.	Current conditions
1:15 p.m.	Community goals and siting criteria
1:45 p.m.	Next steps and wrap up
2:00 p.m.	Adjourn

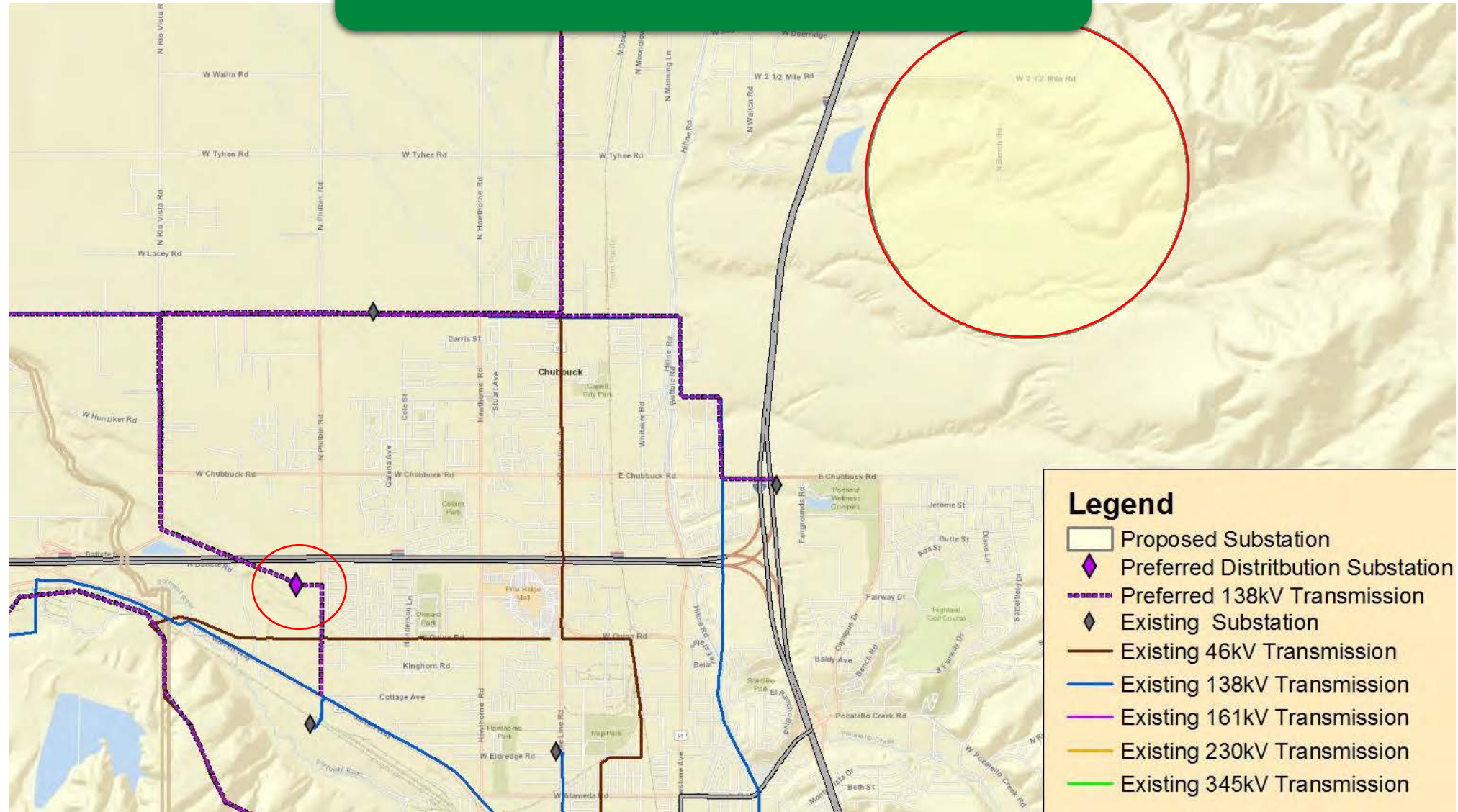
Purpose

Update Guiding Principles
and Siting Criteria



Purpose

Update the Electrical Plan

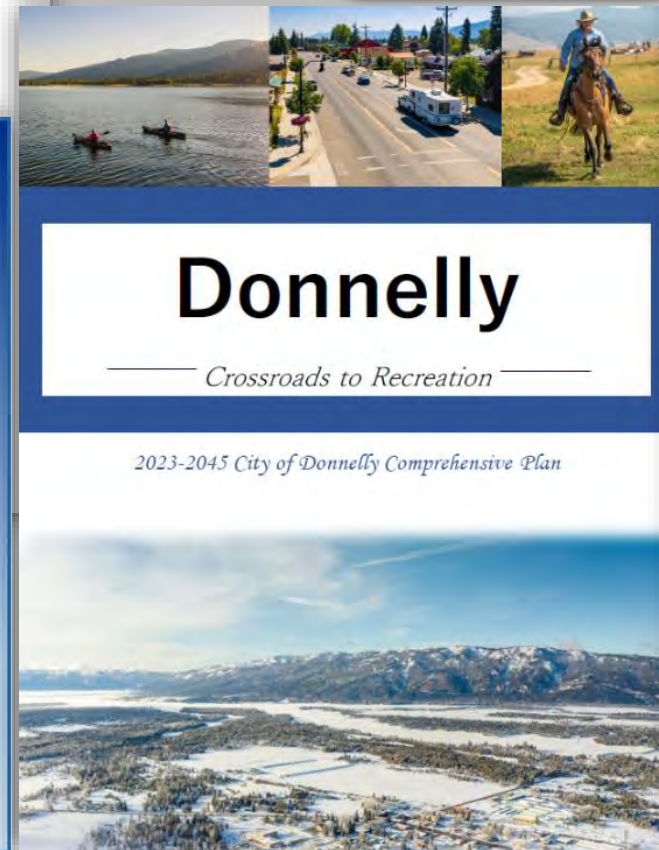
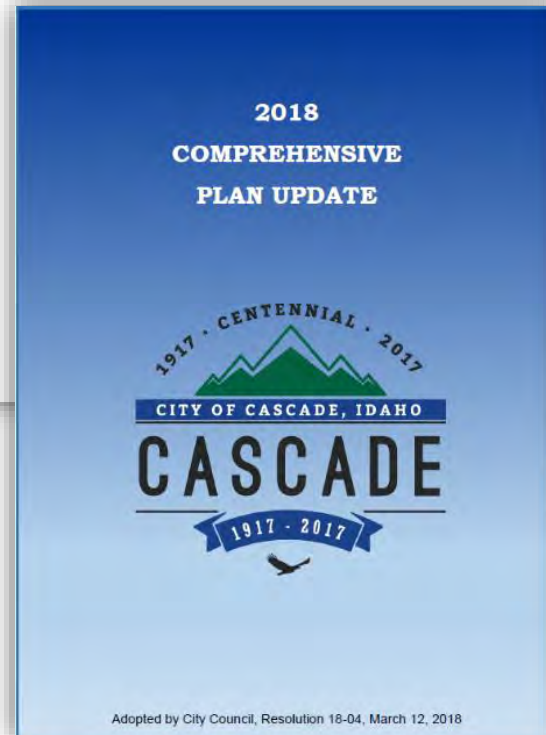


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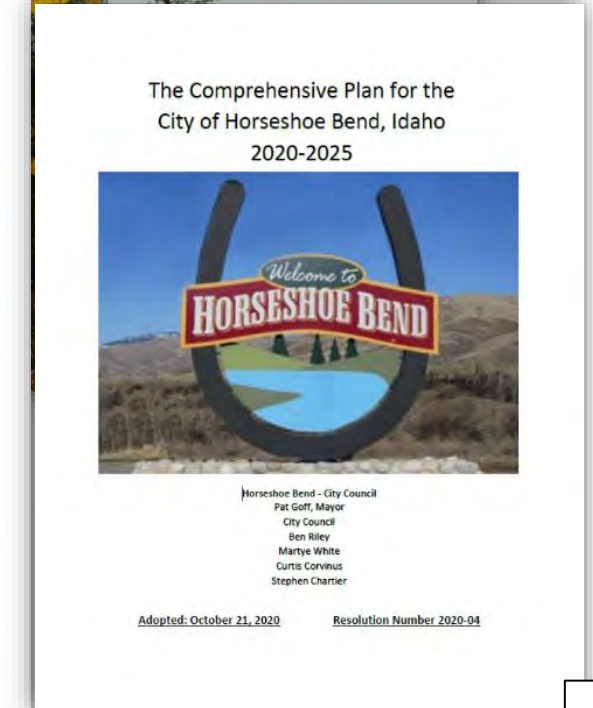
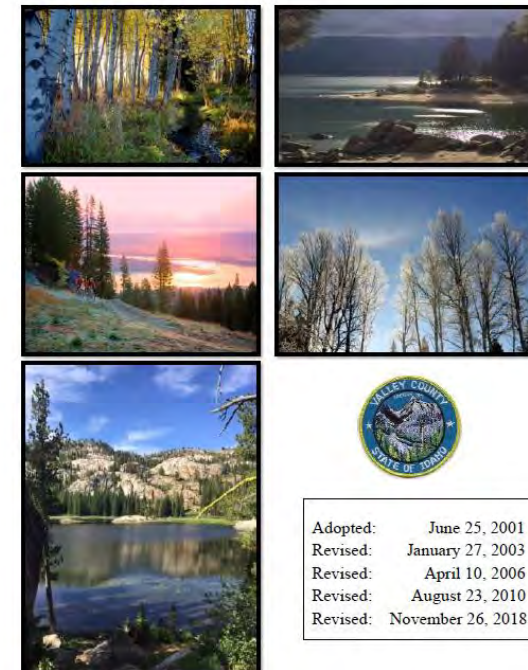
Comprehensive Plan Integration

City of New Meadows

Comprehensive Plan



VALLEY COUNTY, IDAHO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Perspective



Meetings Outline

- September:**
1. Generation, substations, and transmission overview, WCMEP review, community goals and siting criteria review
 2. Goals and siting criteria alignment, small-group mapping
 3. *Tentative - more time for small-group mapping*
- November:**
1. Mapping consolidation
 2. *Tentative – more time for mapping consolidation*
- March:**
1. Review draft update, discuss comprehensive plan integration

Adverse Weather



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General Power Concepts

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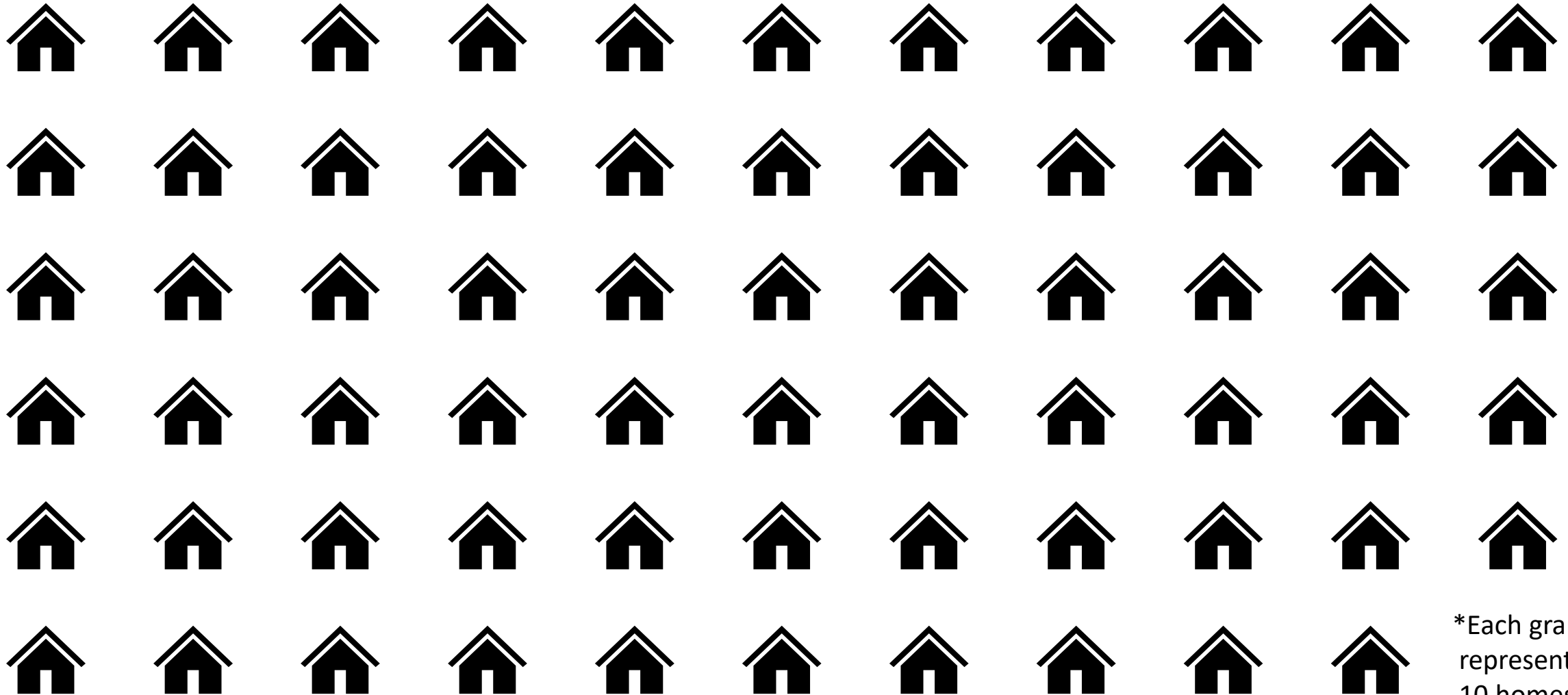
Power

The rate at which work is performed.

Unit: Megawatt (MW)

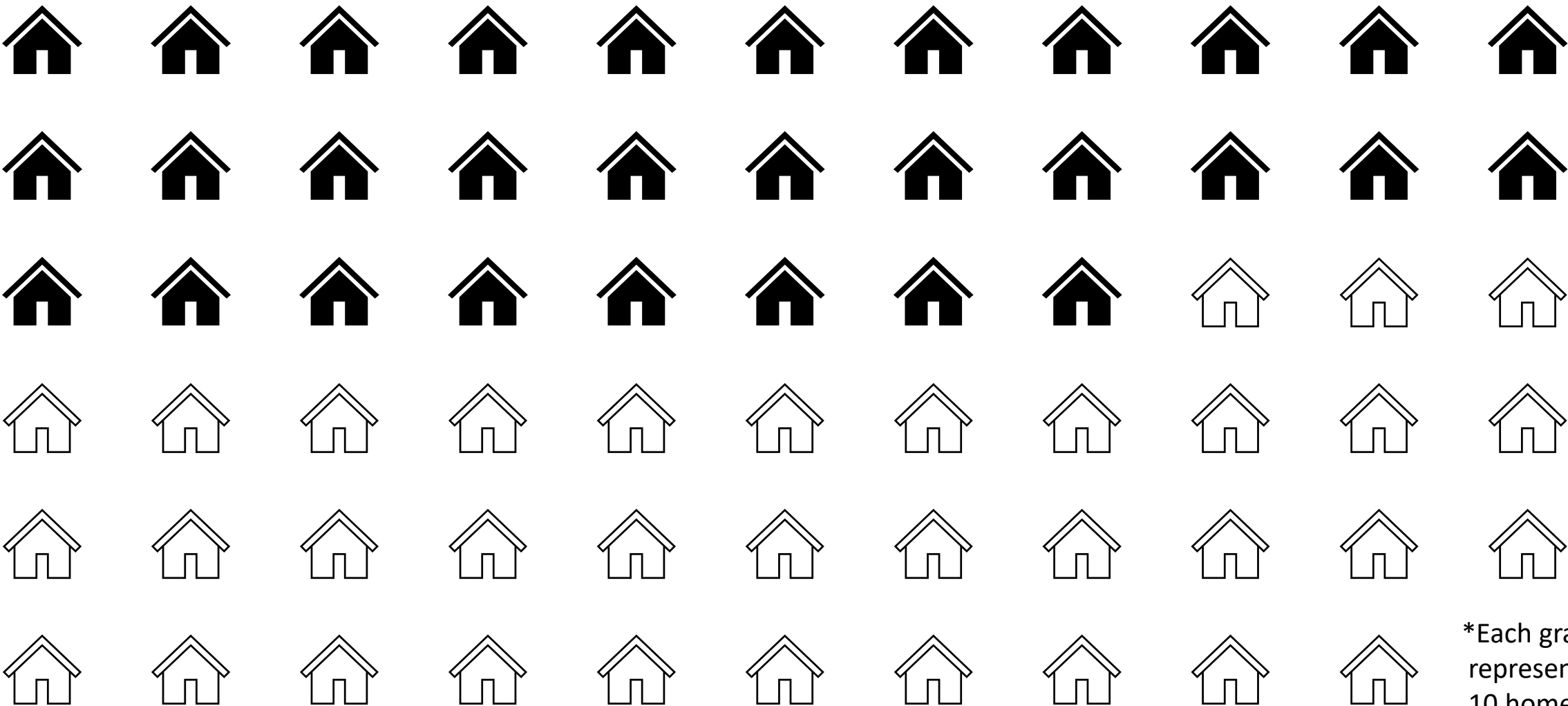
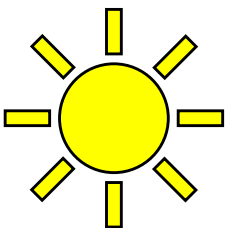


1MW Visualized



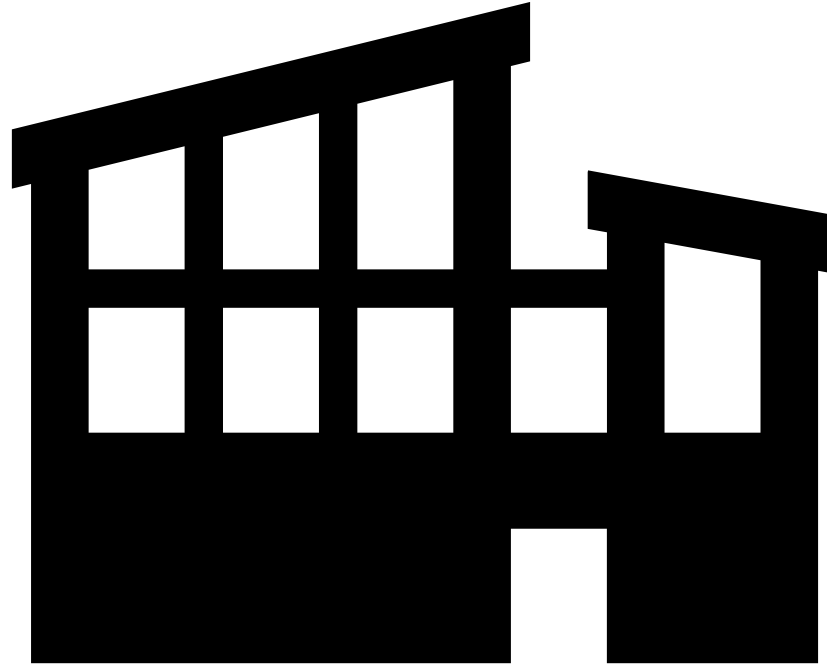
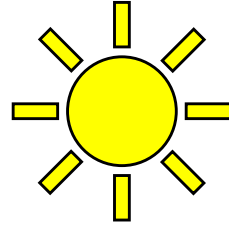
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represents
10 homes

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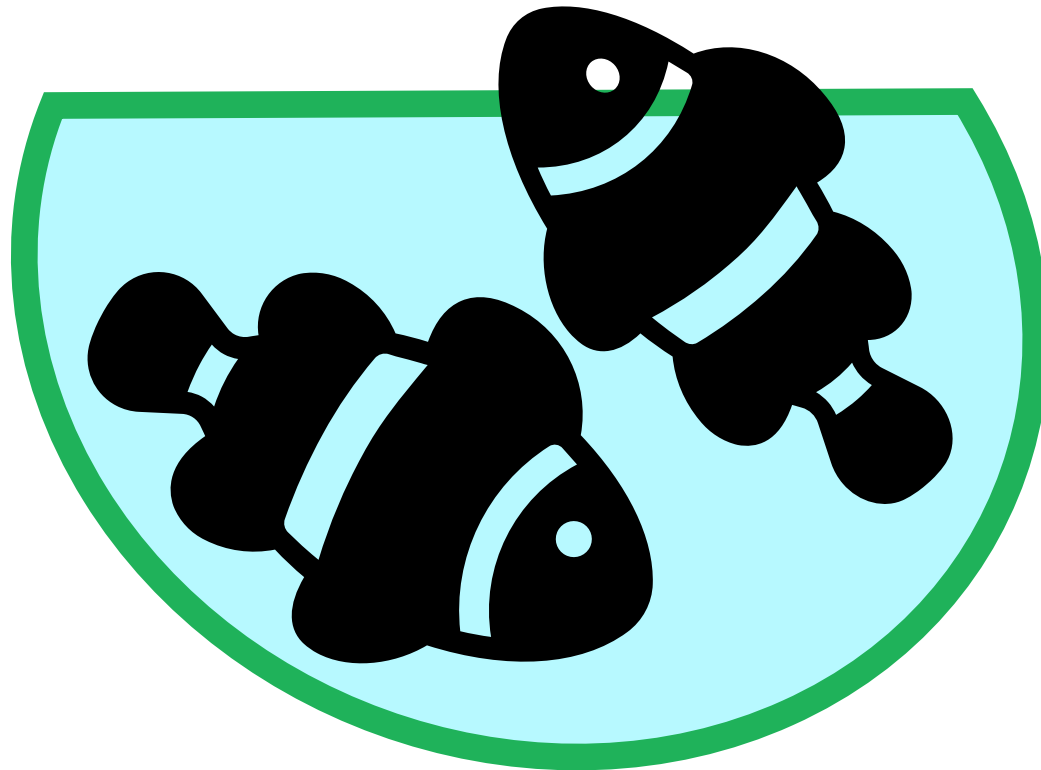
Capacity

The amount of power an element can handle

- The unit is the same as it is for power (MW)

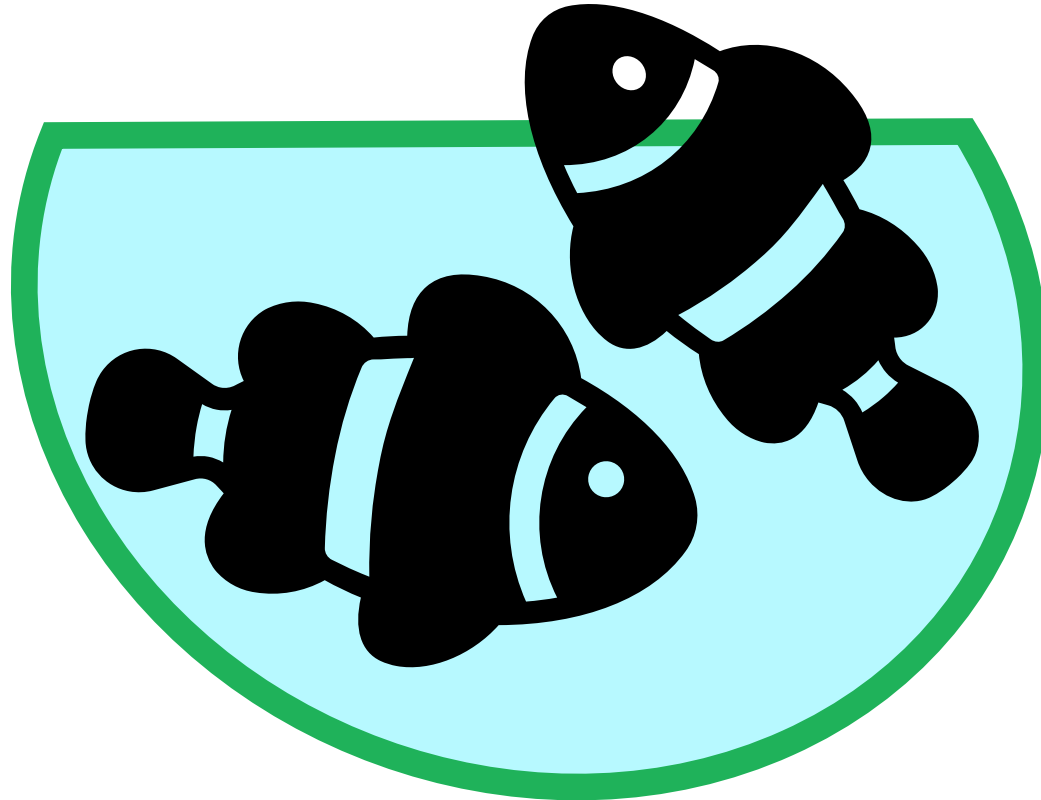


Capacity Visualized Energy Efficiency



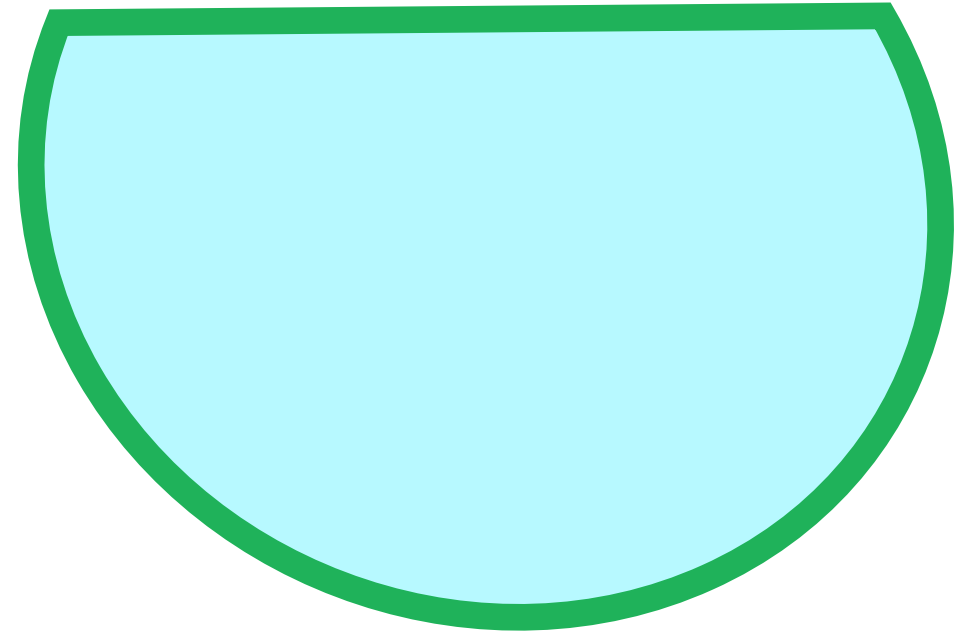
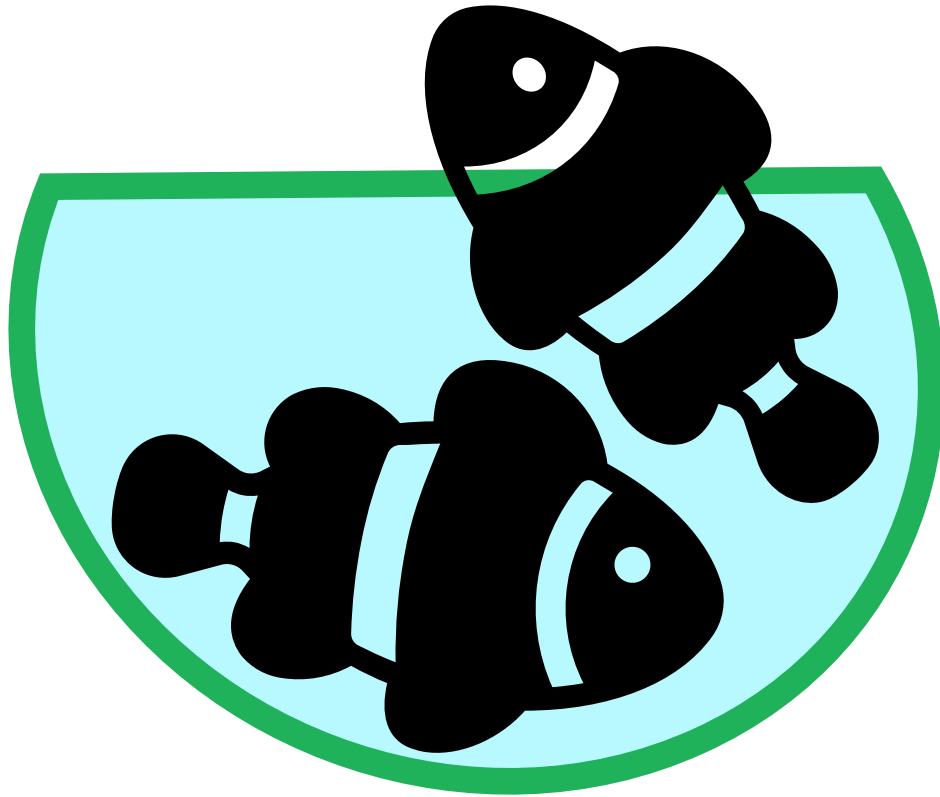
Capacity Visualized

Upgrade Existing Infrastructure



Capacity Visualized

Construct New Infrastructure

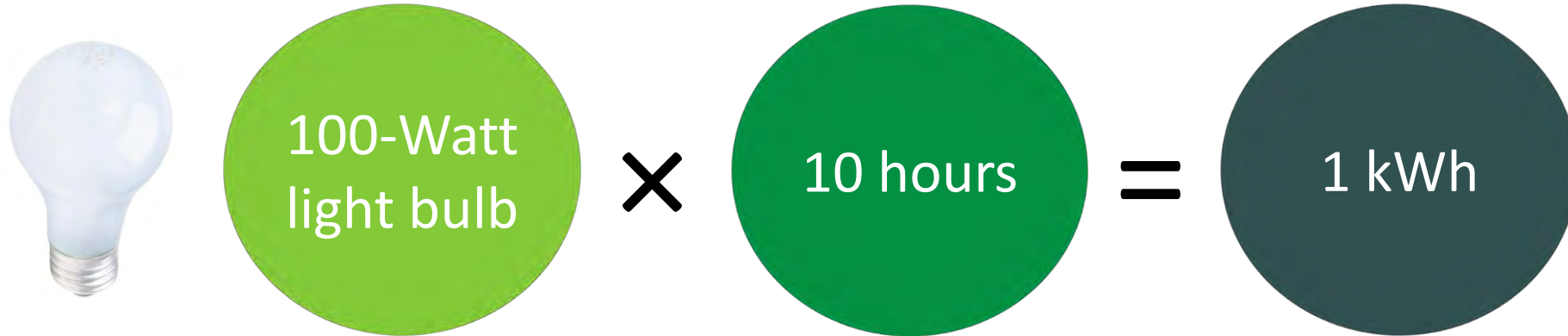


Capacity



The amount of power used in a given period:

- kilowatt-hour (kWh) = unit of measure for electrical energy


$$\text{100-Watt light bulb} \times \text{10 hours} = \text{1 kWh}$$

Energy vs Capacity Analogy

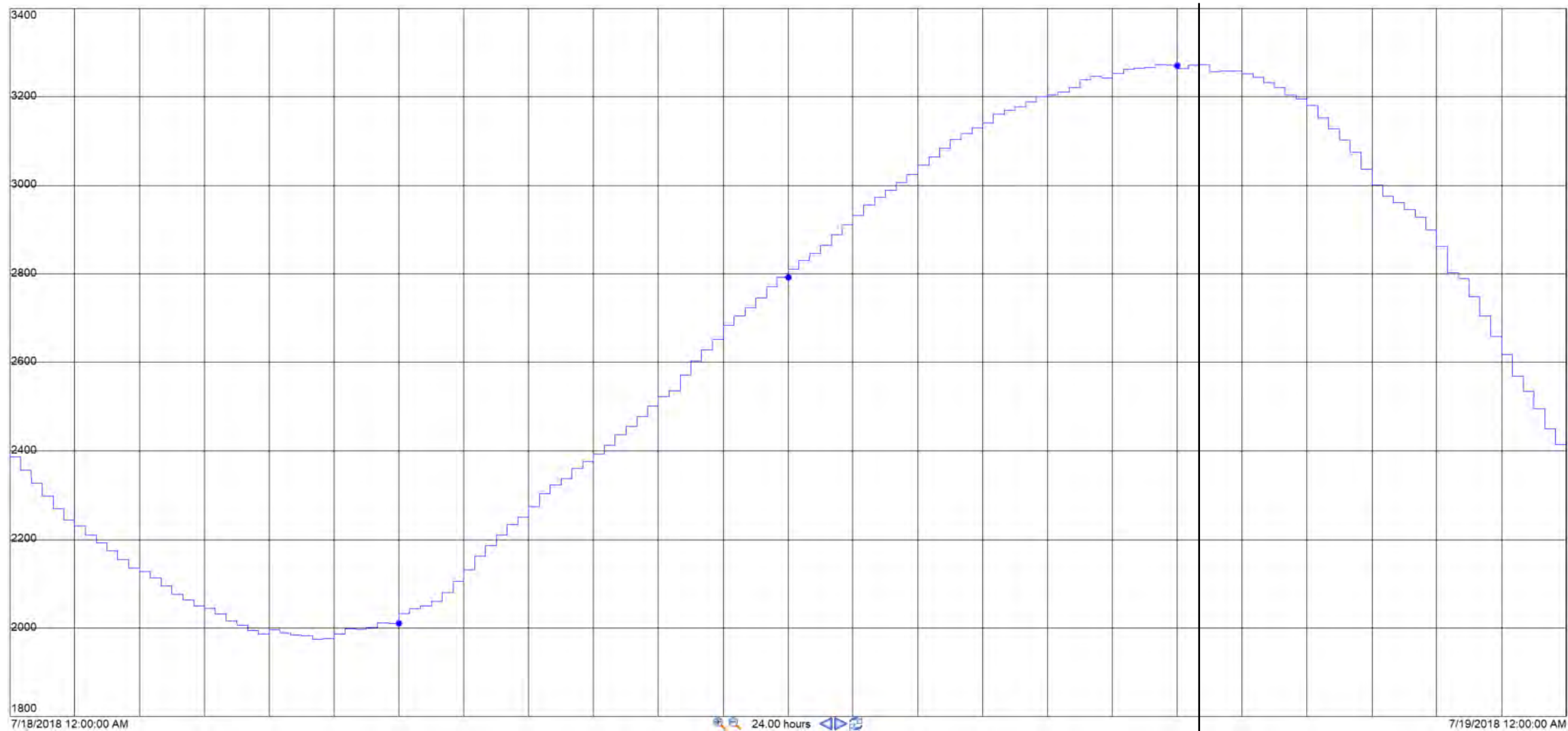
- Capacity: 2 vehicles at a time



- Energy: 1,000 vehicles pass the line in an hour

Demand (Load)

Peak Demand



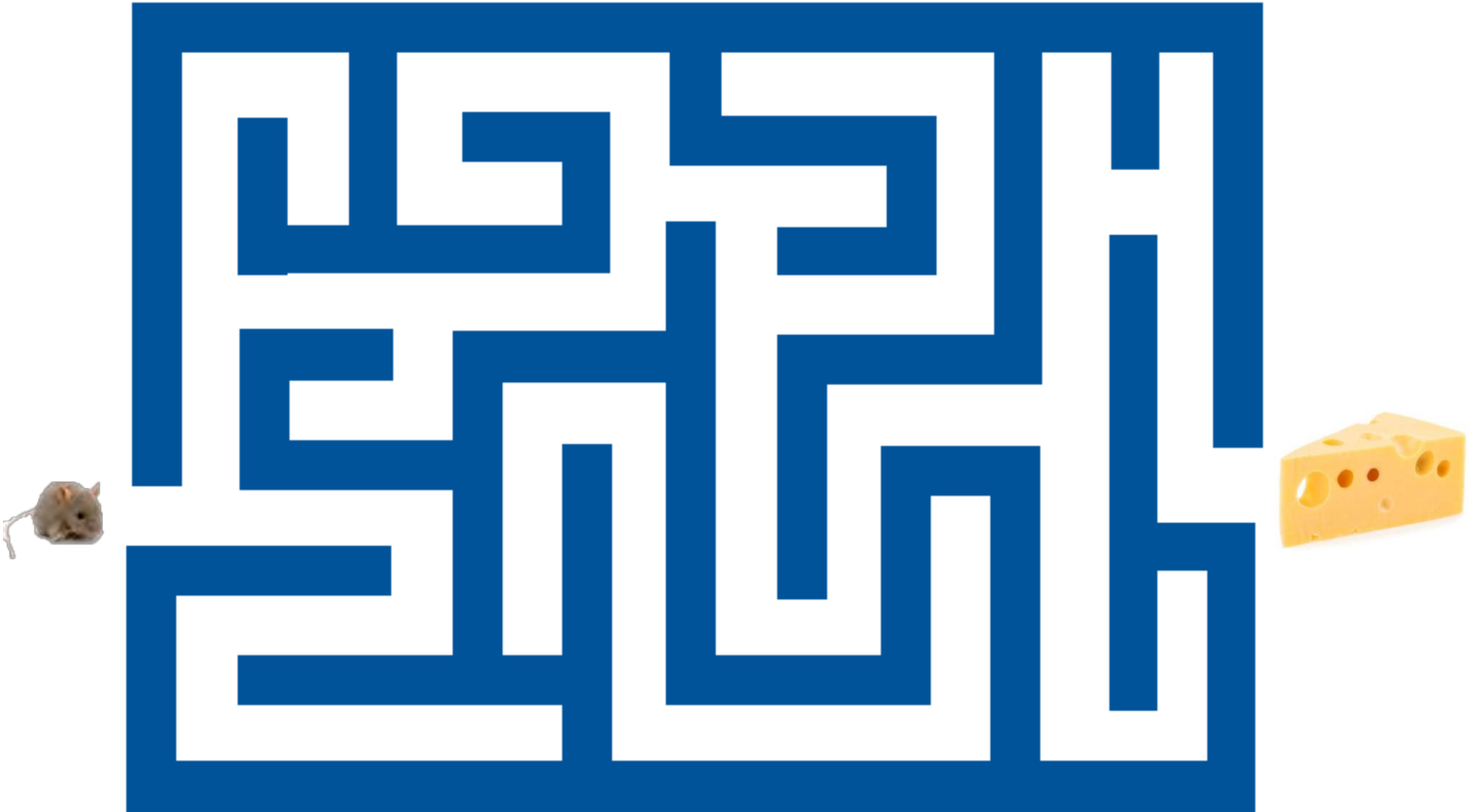
Typical Units for Power Delivery

	Base Unit	Typical Unit
Voltage	Volt (V)	kilovolt (kV)*

kilo = 1,000

mega = 1,000,000

Power Flow

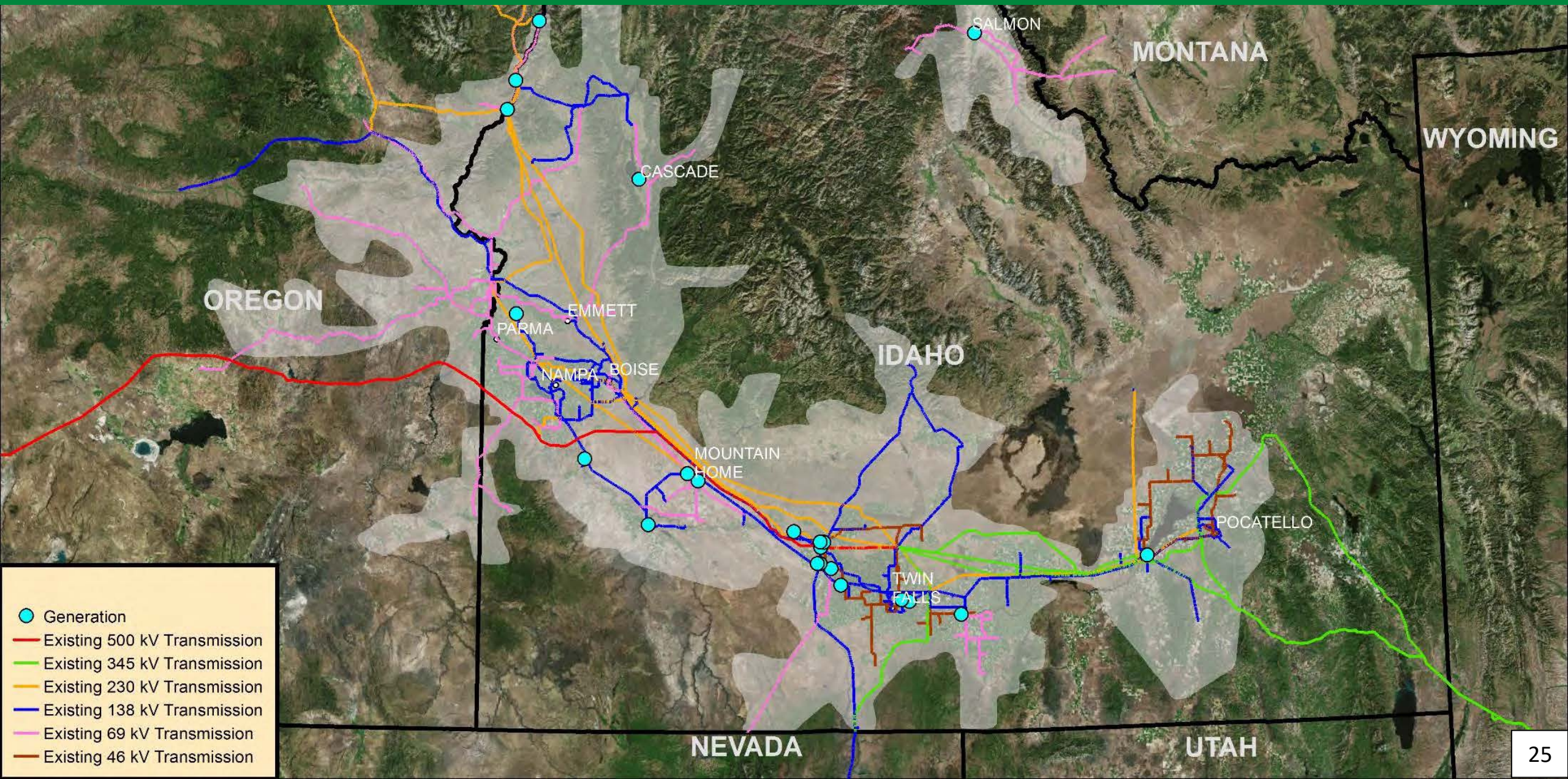


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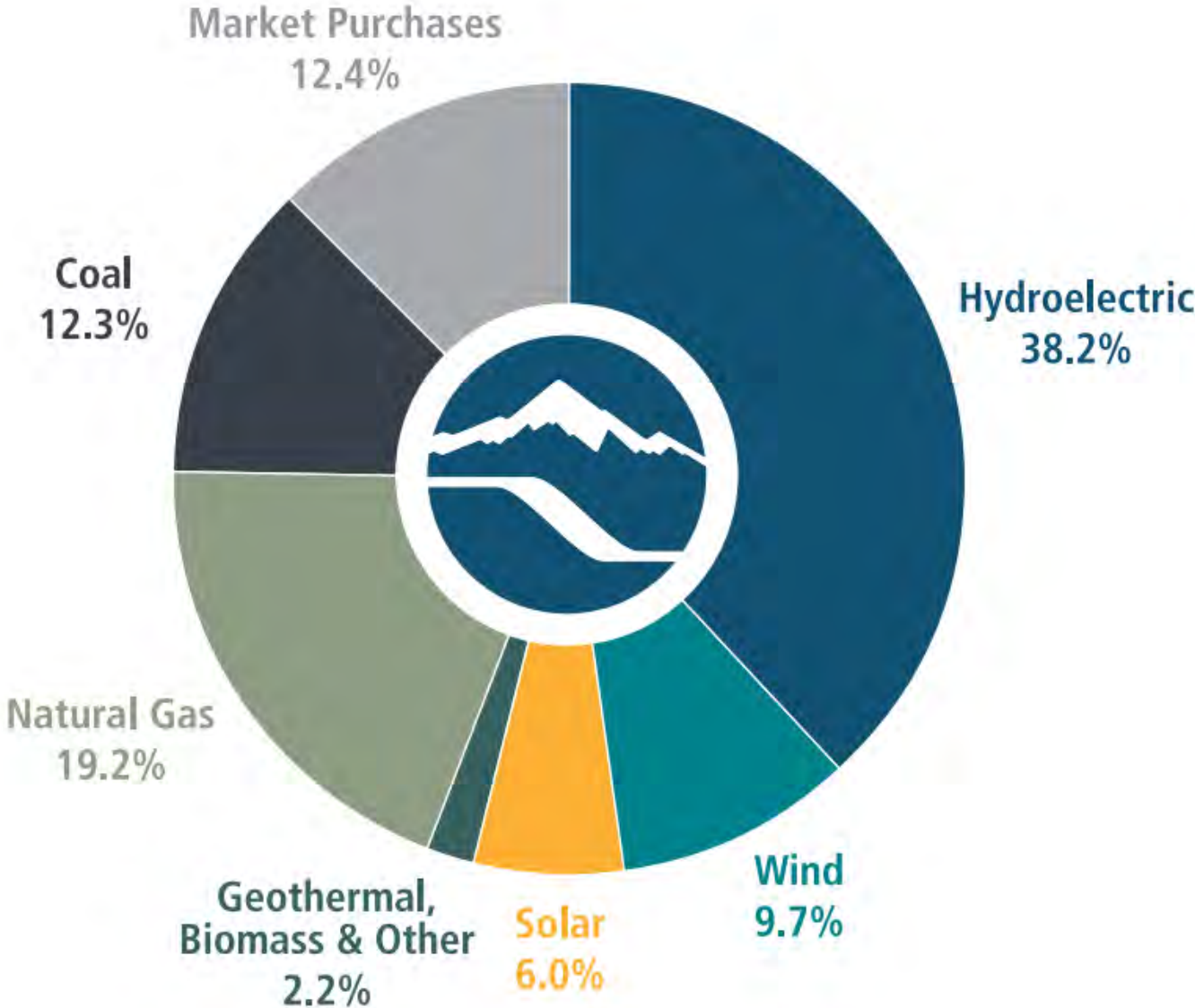


Generation Plant

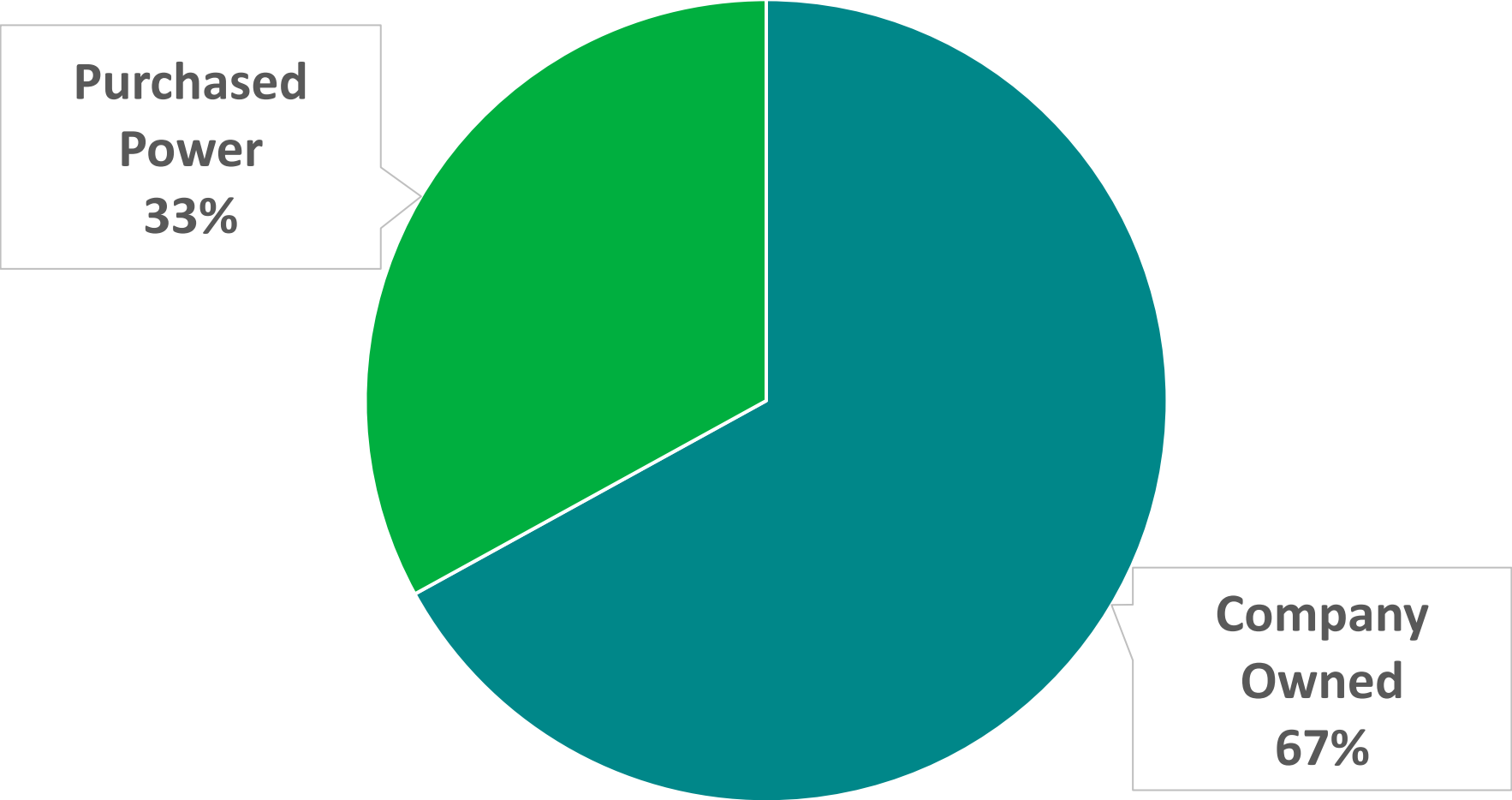
Idaho Power System Overview



2024 Generation Profile



2024 Generation Profile



Energy Efficiency

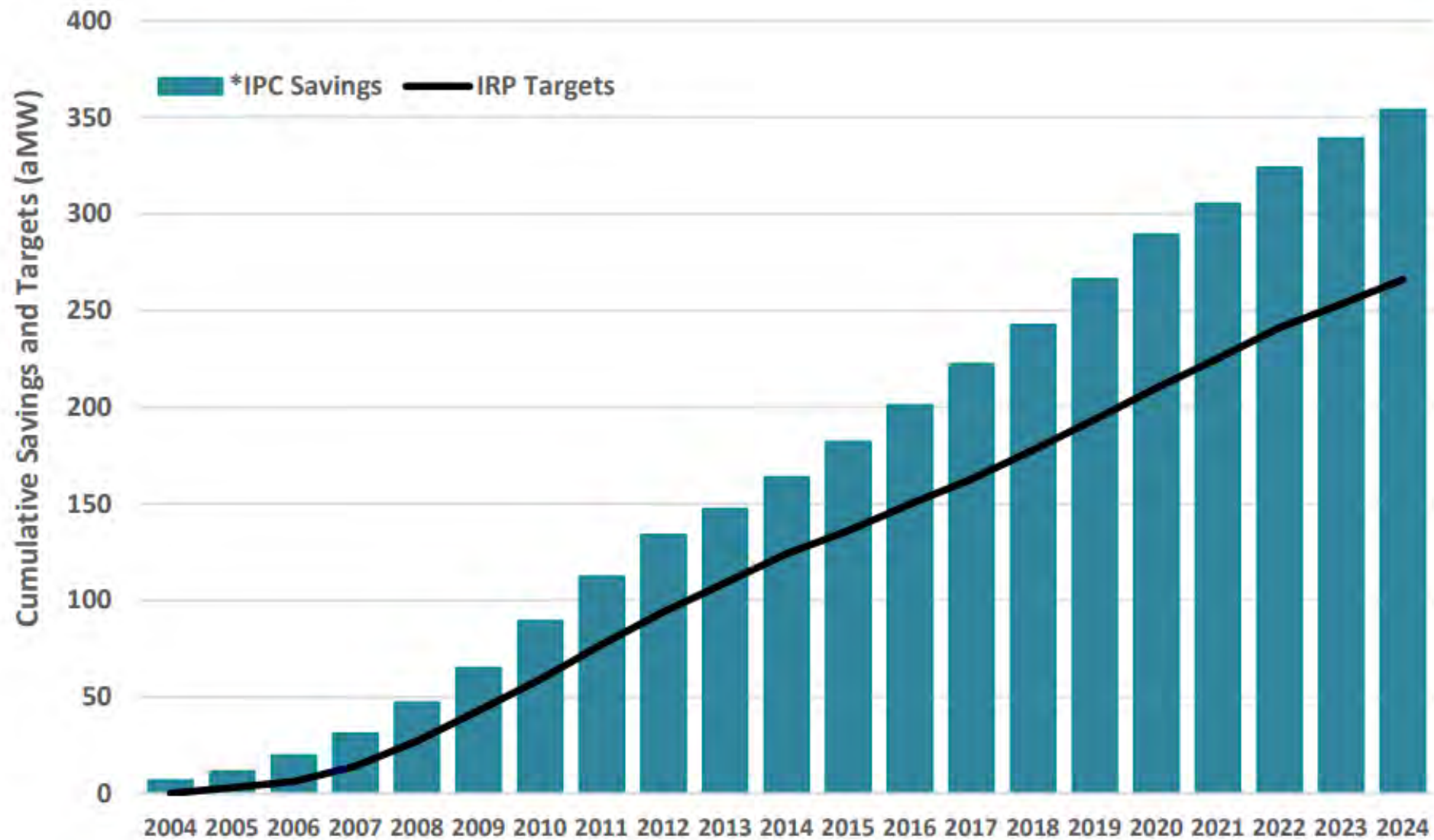


Energy Efficiency



Energy Efficiency

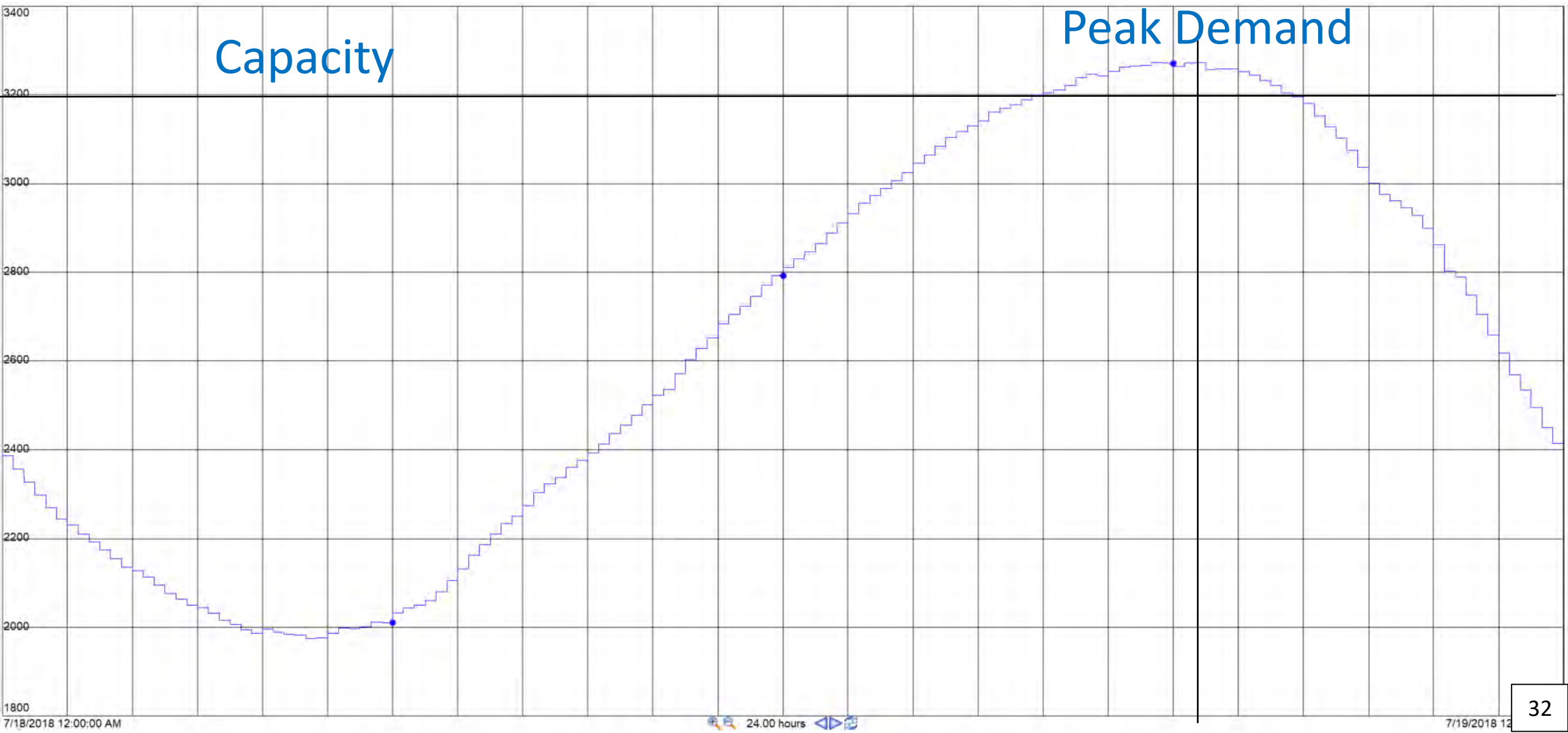




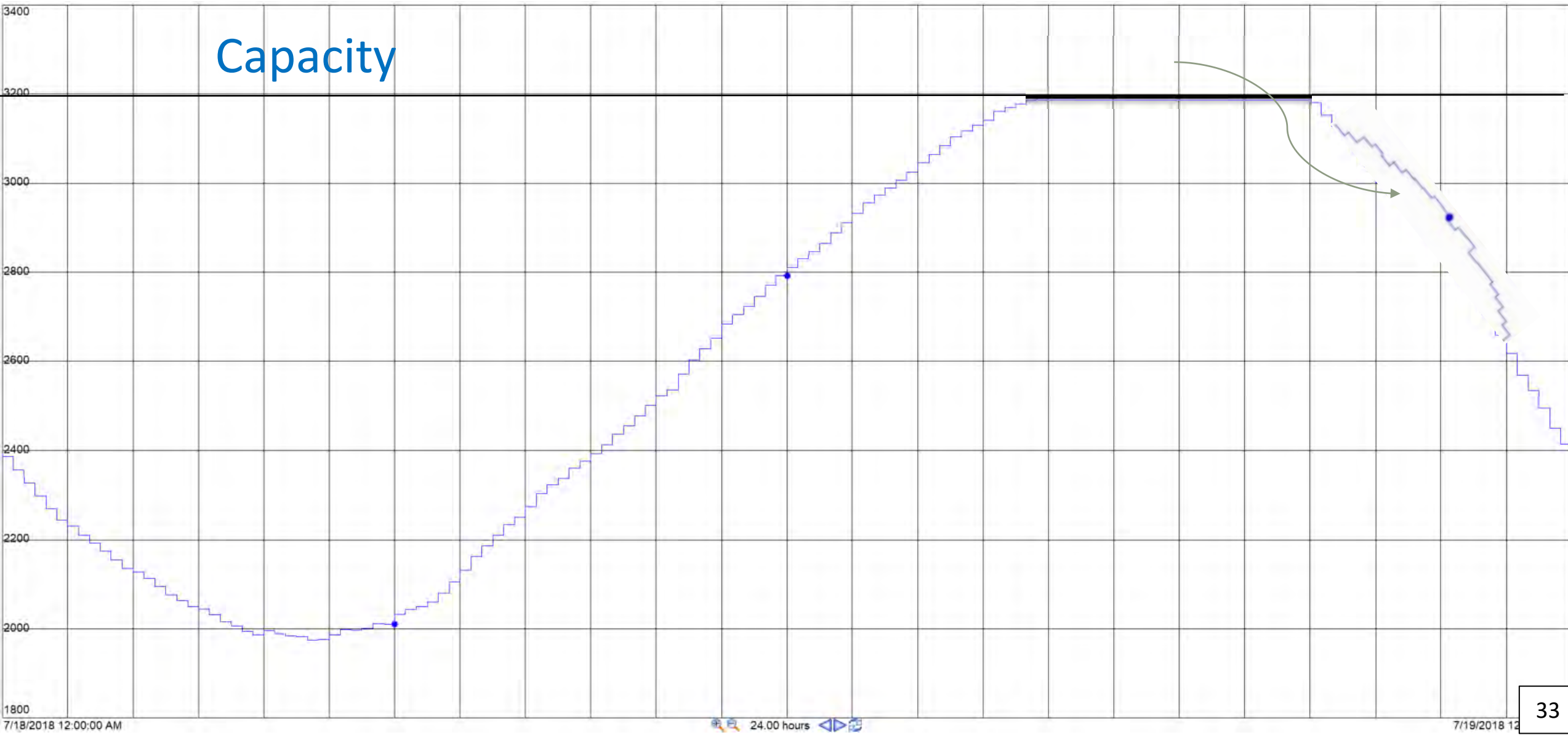
*IPC Savings include Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance non-code/federal standards savings

Figure 6.1 Cumulative annual growth in energy efficiency compared with IRP targets

Demand Response (DR)



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Demand Response



Demand Response



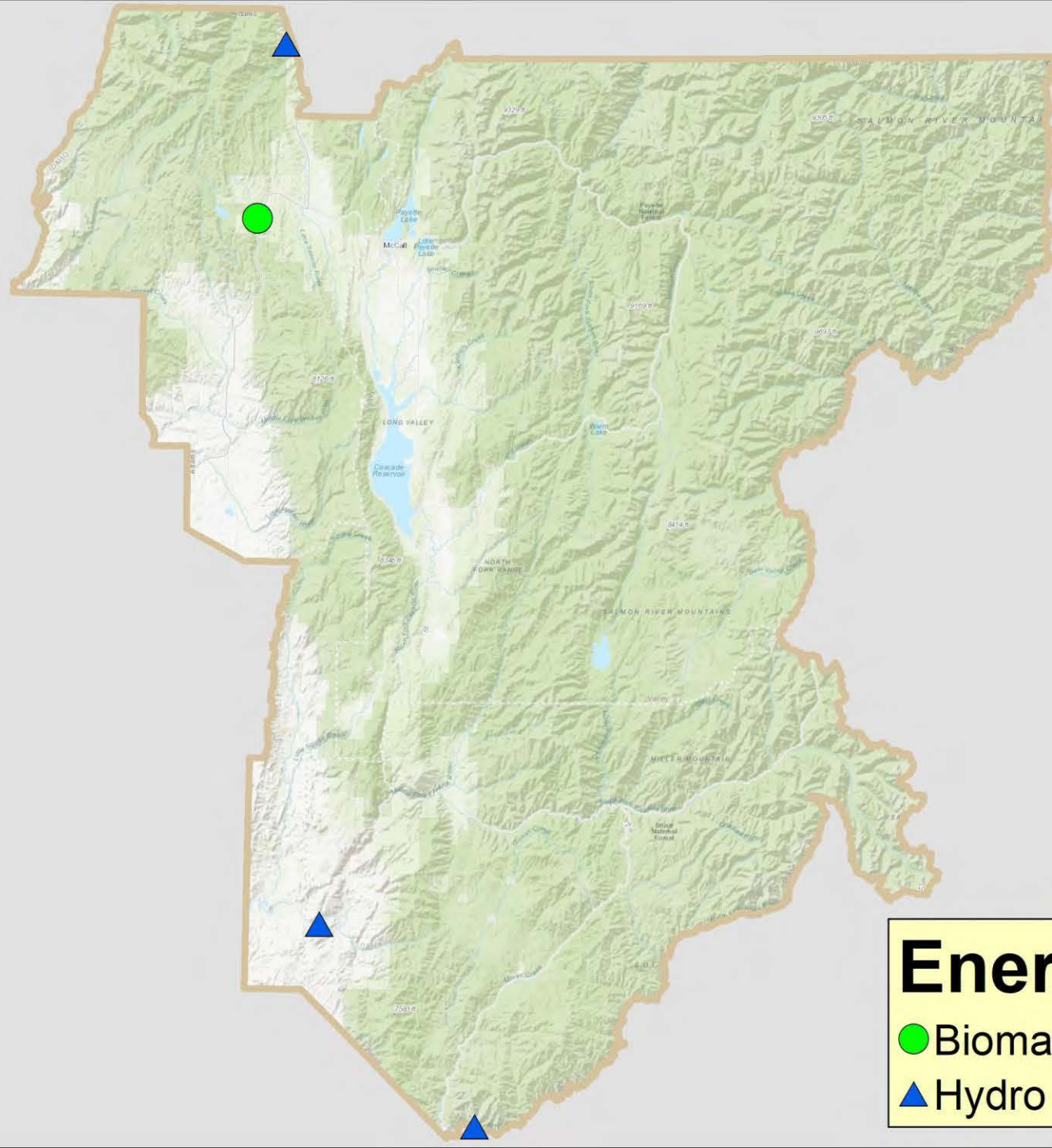
Demand Response



Distributed Energy Resources (DER)



WCMEP Customer owned DER Map



Energy Source

● Biomass

▲ Hydro

Market Purchases

High
demand,
high cost



Low
demand,
low cost

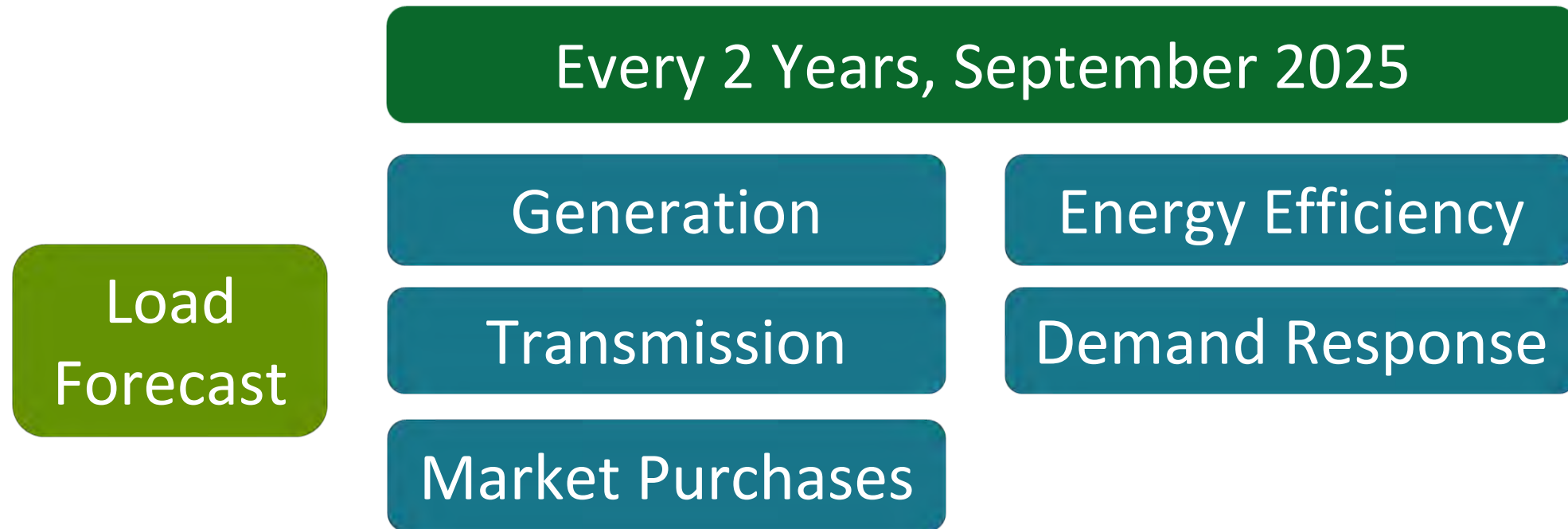


12.4%
in 2024

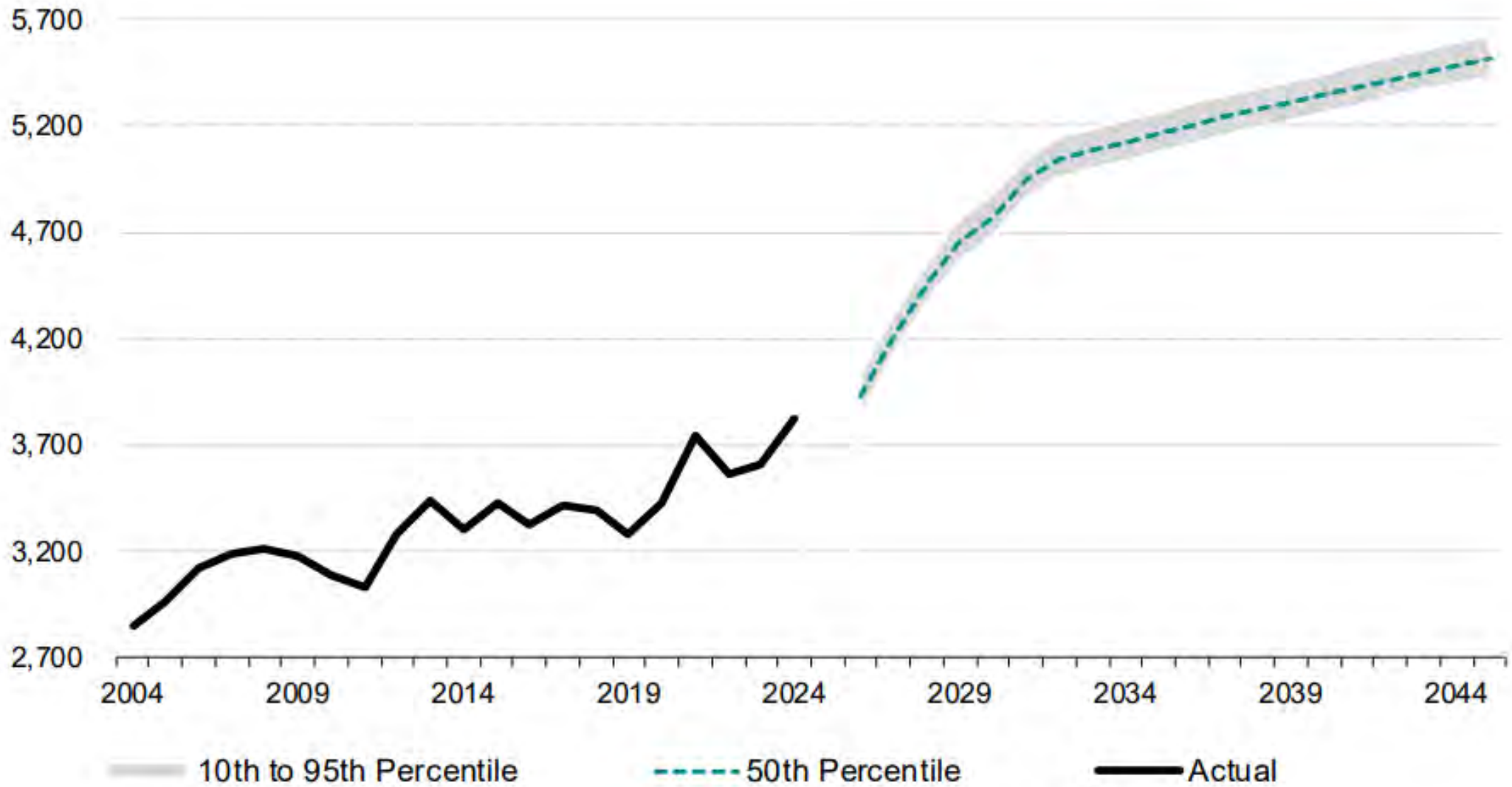
Long-Term Plans

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Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

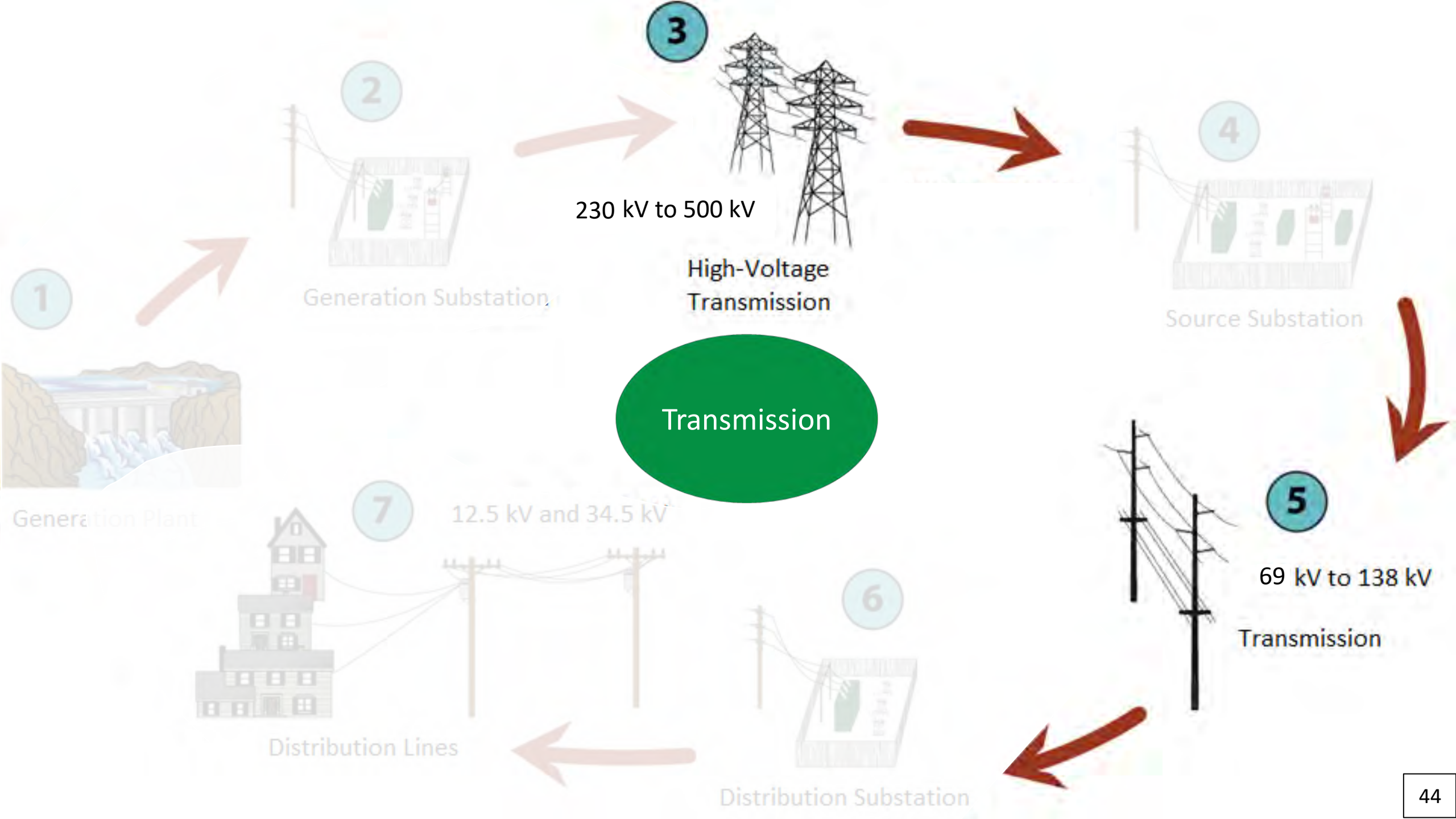


Forecasted Demand

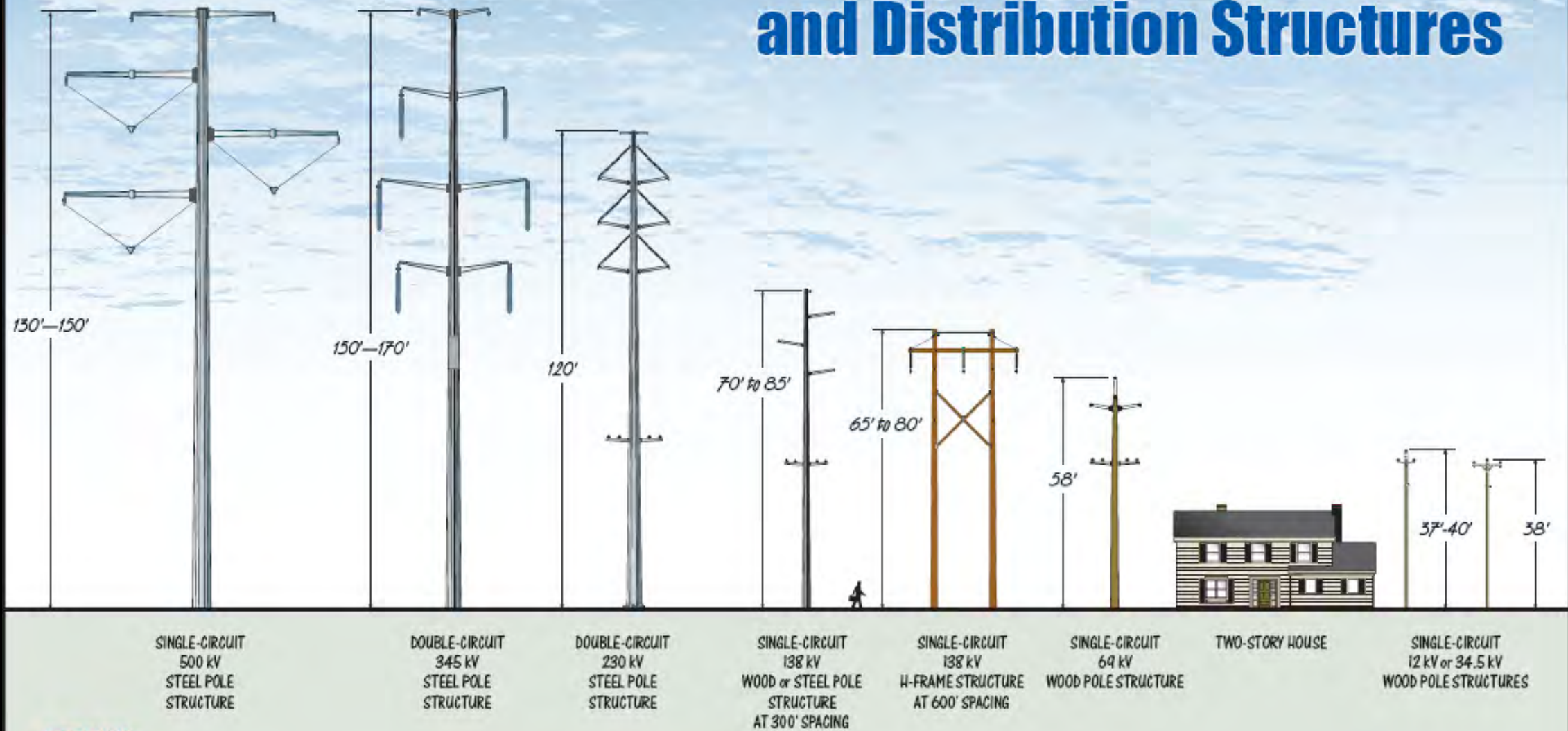


Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

Year	Coal Exits	Conv. Gas	New Gas	H2	Wind	Solar	4Hr	8Hr	Pumped Storage	100Hr	Trans.	Geo	Nuclear	DR	EE Forecast	EE Bundles
2026	-134	261	0	0	0	125	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
2027	0	0	0	0	600	420	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
2028	0	0	0	0	0	100	200	0	0	0	B2H	0	0	0	15	0
2029	0	0	150	0	100	0	155	0	0	0	SWIP-N	0	0	10	16	0
2030	-350	350	300	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
2031	0	0	0	0	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	8
2032	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0
2033	0	0	0	0	0	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	21
2034	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	6
2035	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5
2036	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5
2037	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
2038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
2039	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
2040	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
2041	0	0	50	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
2042	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	11	3
2043	0	0	50	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
2044	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	7
2045	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	8	2



Typical Transmission and Distribution Structures



Transmission and Sub-Transmission Lines

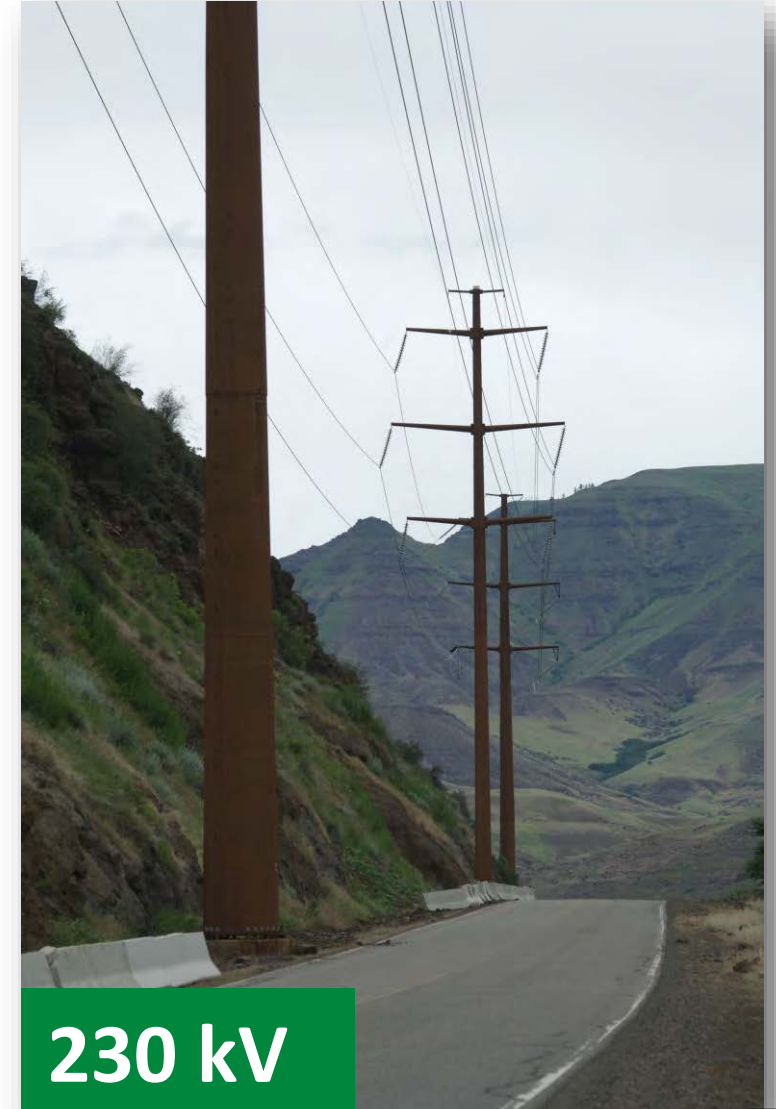
Distribution Lines

High-Voltage Transmission



500 kV

- 230 kV - 500 kV
- Large amounts
 - Long distances
 - 230 kV in scope
 - 500kV out of scope



230 kV

Transmission



138 kV

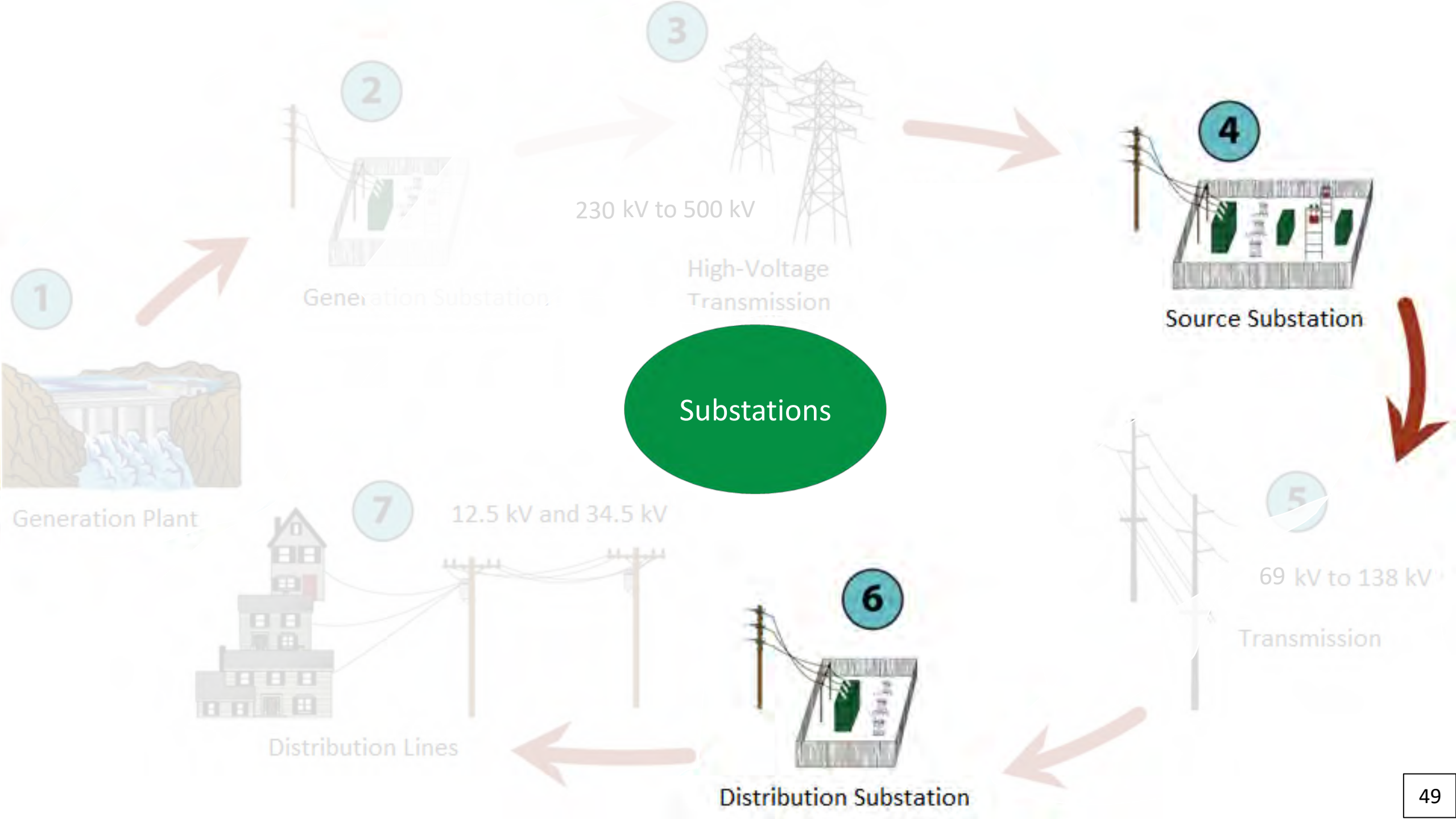
- Connects Distribution Substations
- In scope

Distribution
line



Transmission Line Information

Voltage (kV)	Capacity (MW)	Typical Height (feet)	Cost (per mile)
500 kV	1,500	150	\$5 Million – \$5.5 Million
230 kV	500	100–120	\$2 Million – \$2.5 Million
138 kV	200	65–85	\$1 Million – \$1.5 Million
69 kV	70	58	\$400k - \$500k



Substation



Transformer



Circuit Breaker



Source Substation

- Converts high-voltage to lower voltage transmission
- 5–10 acres



Distribution Substation



- These are the substations in your neighborhood



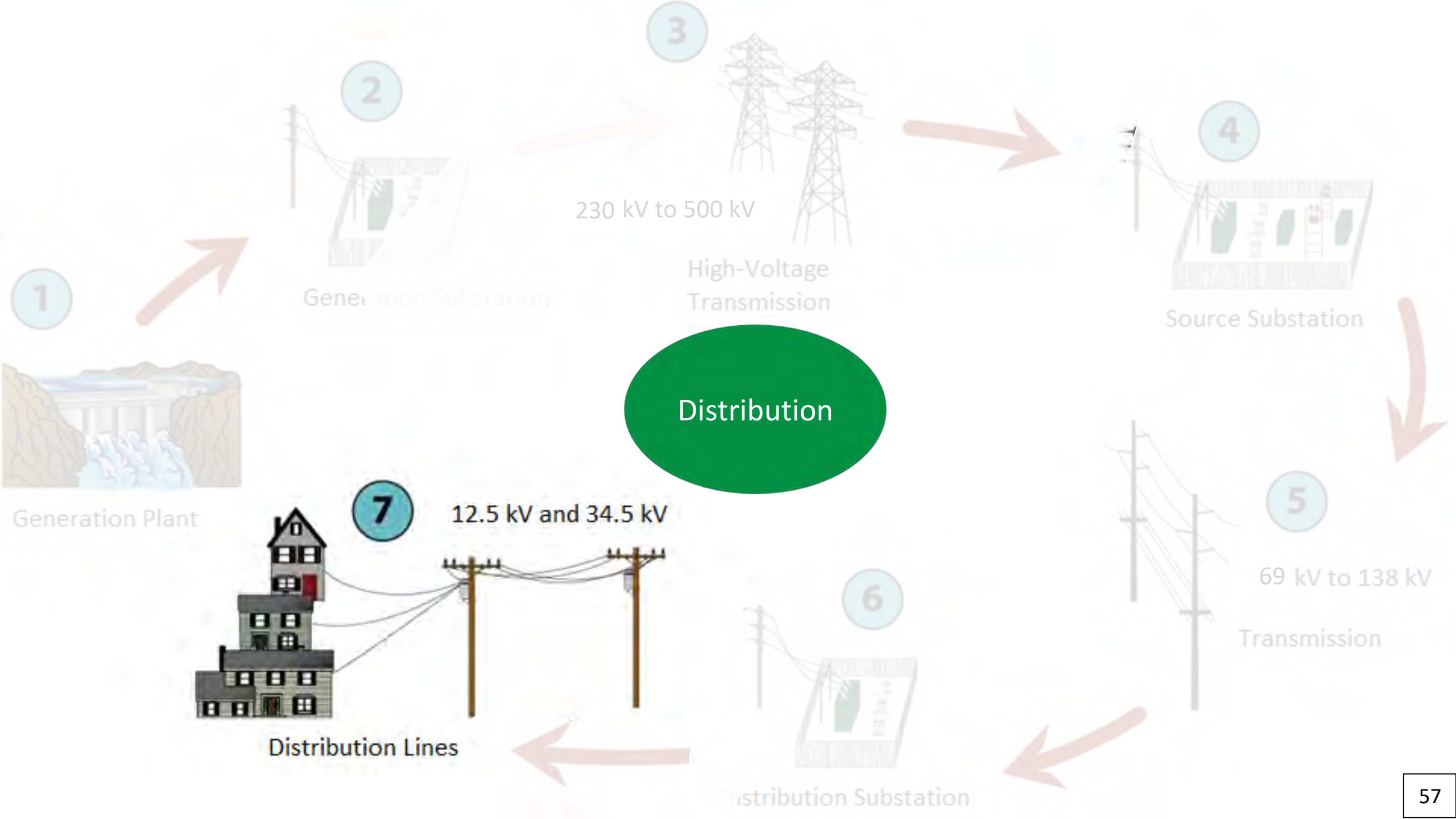
Distribution Substation

- Convert low voltage transmission to distribution
- Source power to homes and businesses
- 3-4 Acres



Substation Information

Substation Type	Capacity (MW)	Area (acres)	Cost
Source	200 - 600	5 - 10	\$15M - \$30M
Distribution	5 - 88	3 - 4	\$11M - \$13M



Distribution Lines

- 12.5 kV and 34.5 kV
- Overhead or Underground
- From Substation to Home
- Out of Scope



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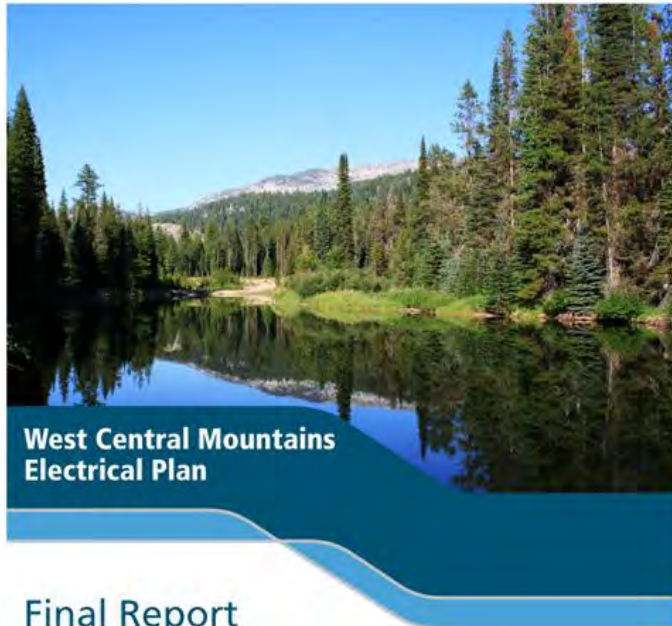
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2014 WCM EP
Review

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West Central Mountains Electrical Plan (WCMEP)

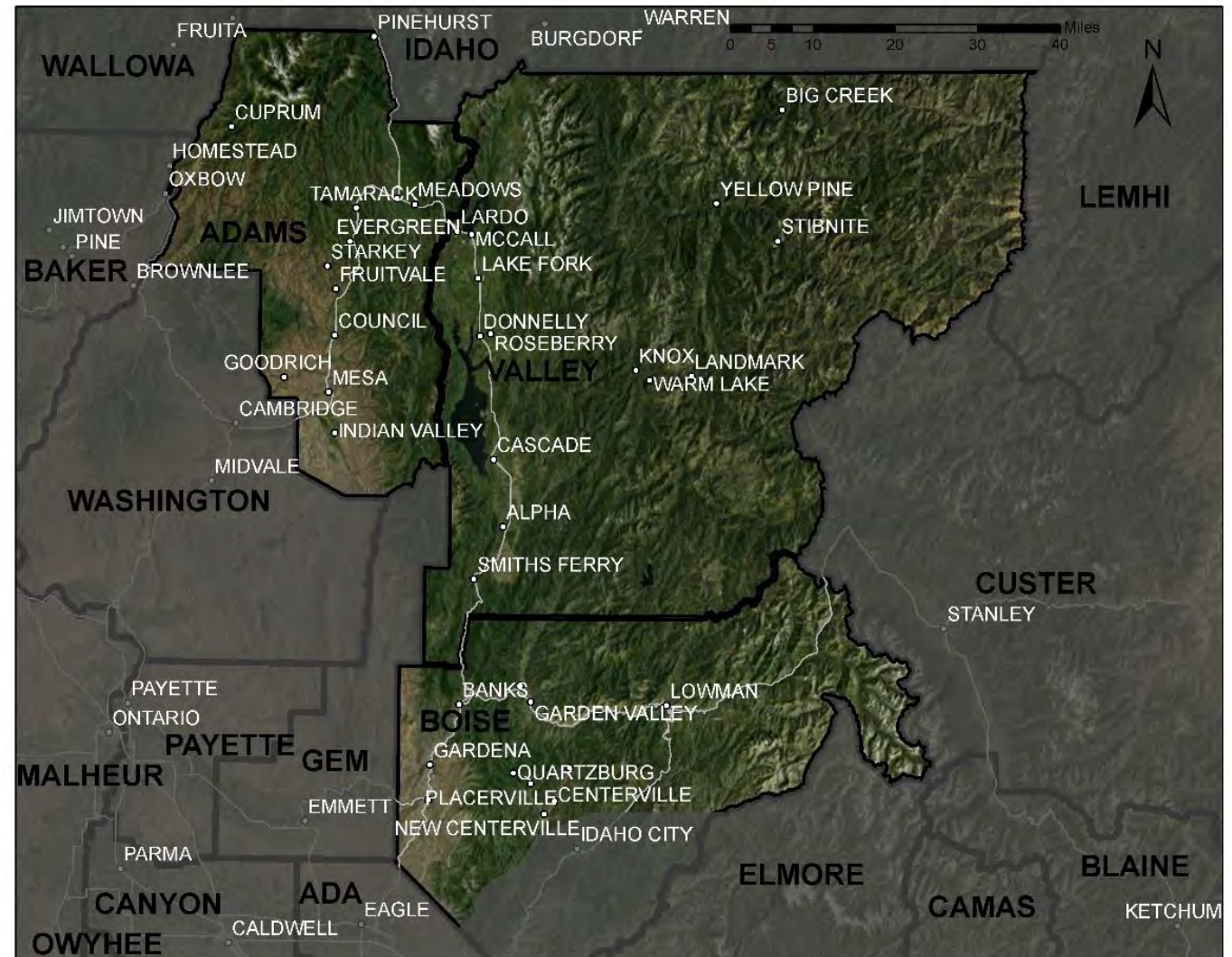


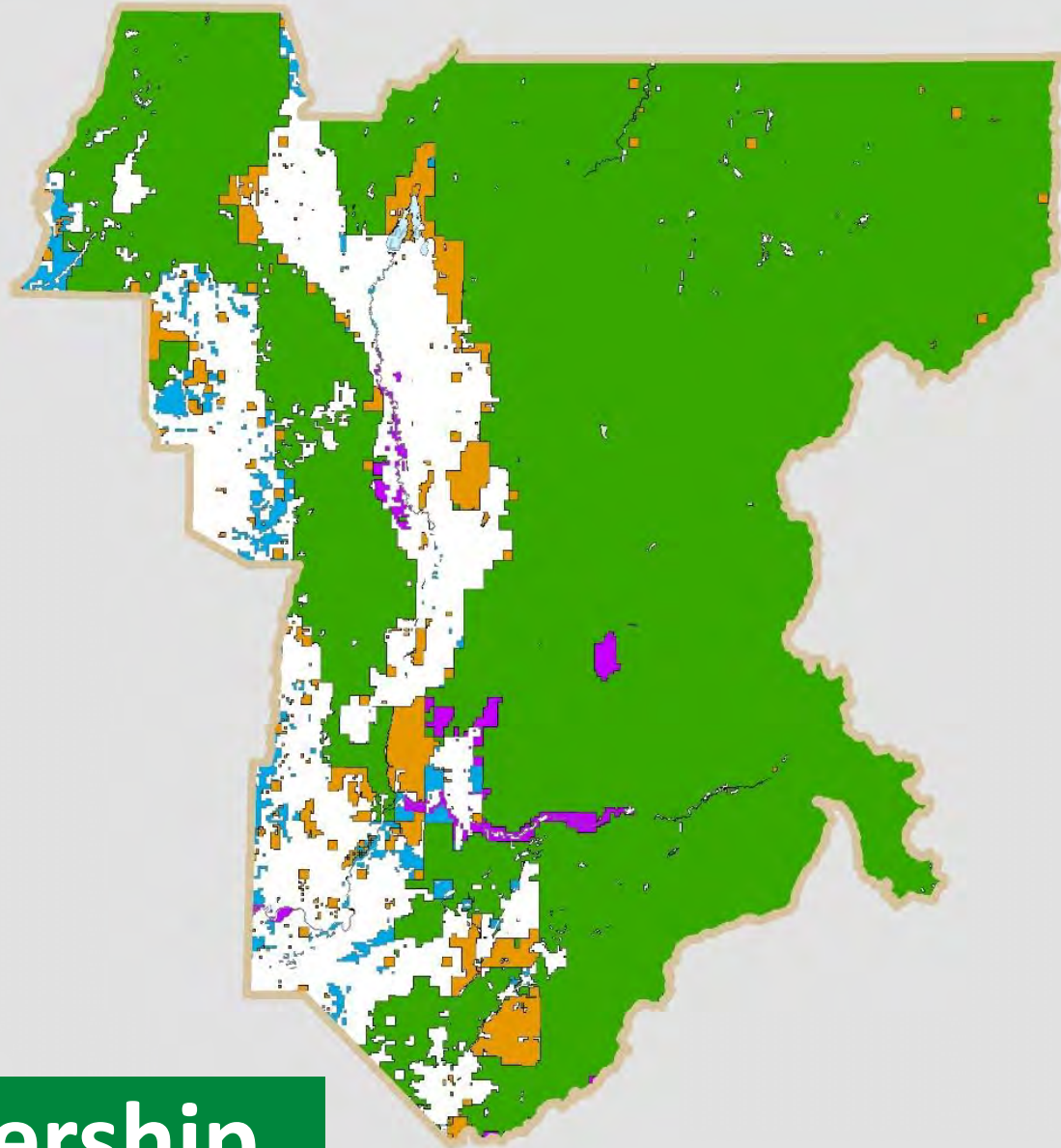
*Final report prepared by
Delivery Planning Department*

*In cooperation with the
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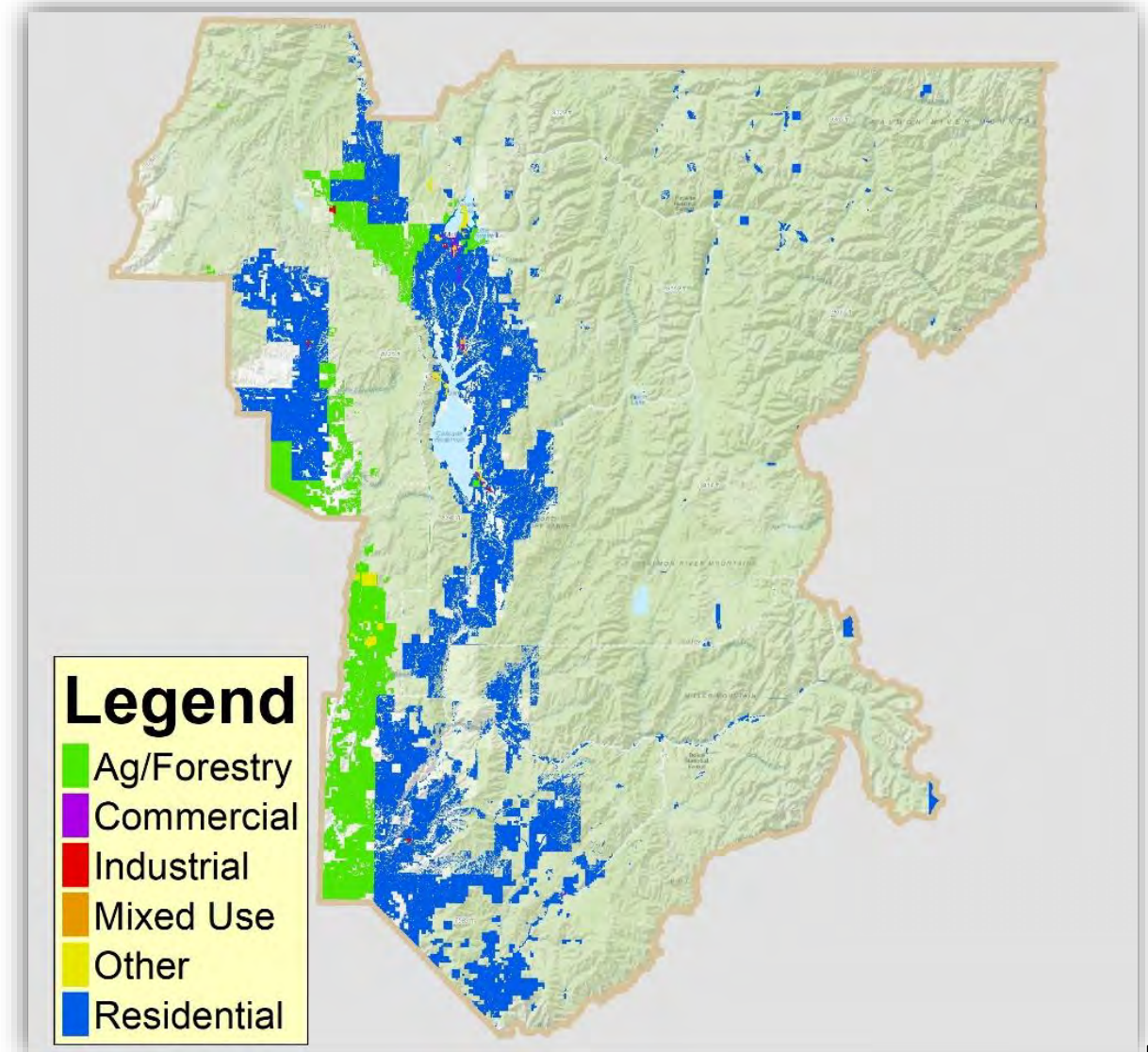
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-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Bureau of Reclamation
-  Private
-  State
-  US Forest Service

Land Ownership

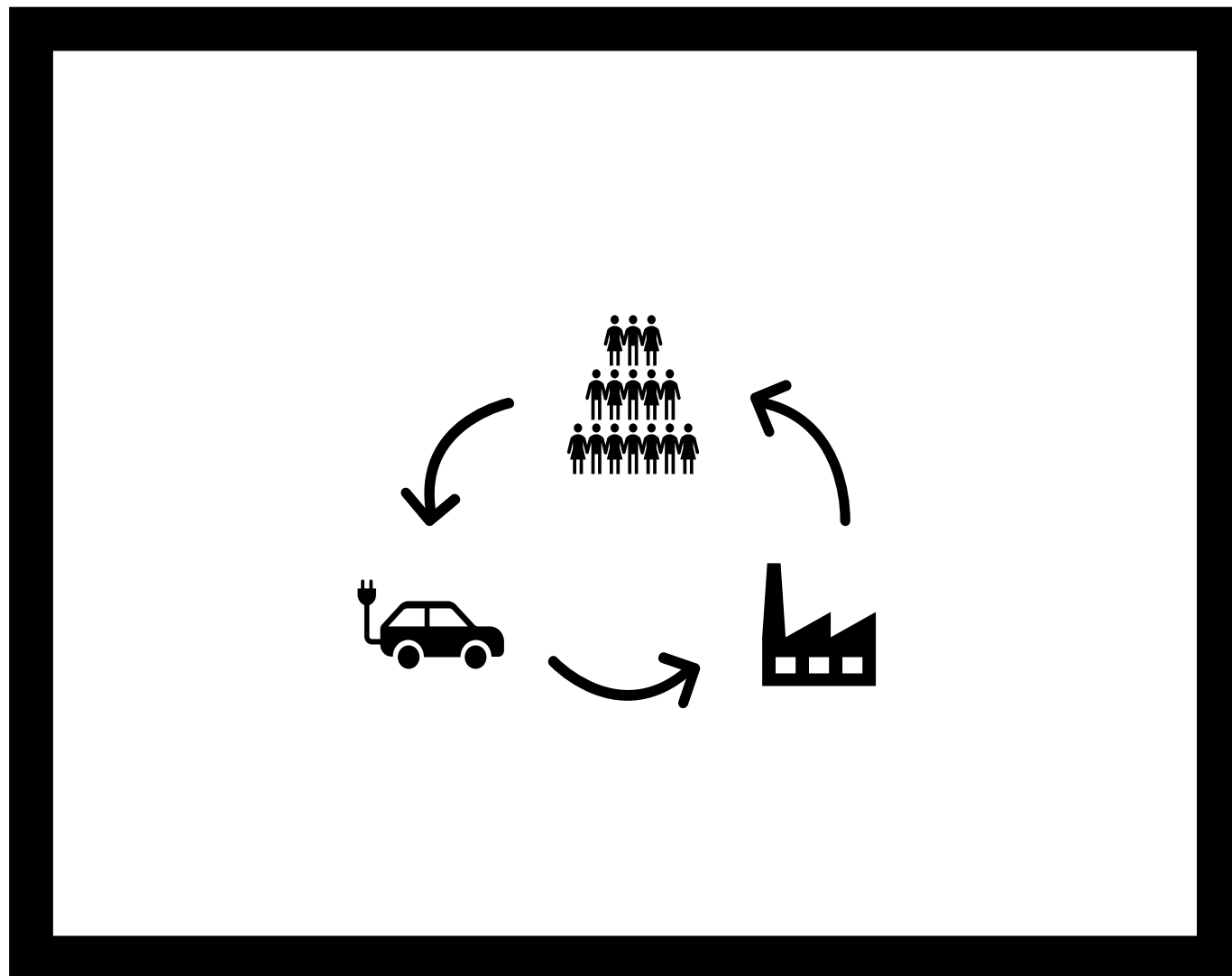
Land Use/Zoning

- Maps obtained from county and city jurisdictions
- Assigned zoning designations to all private land



Growth

Land



Water

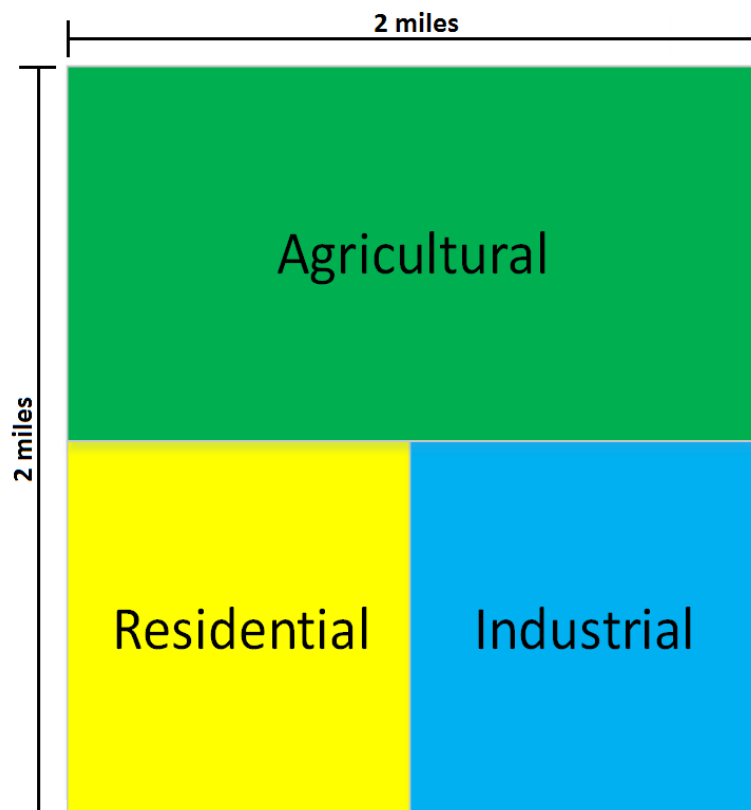
Buildout

- The point in time when all available land is developed according to the land-use designations



Load Density

- Assigned a load density to land use/zoning designations for all private land
- = MW/mi²

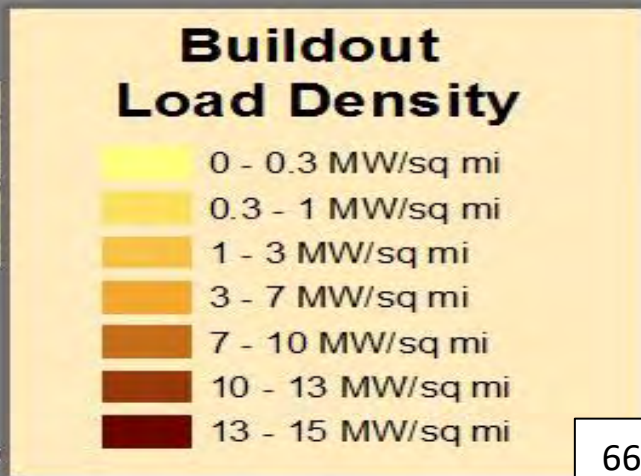
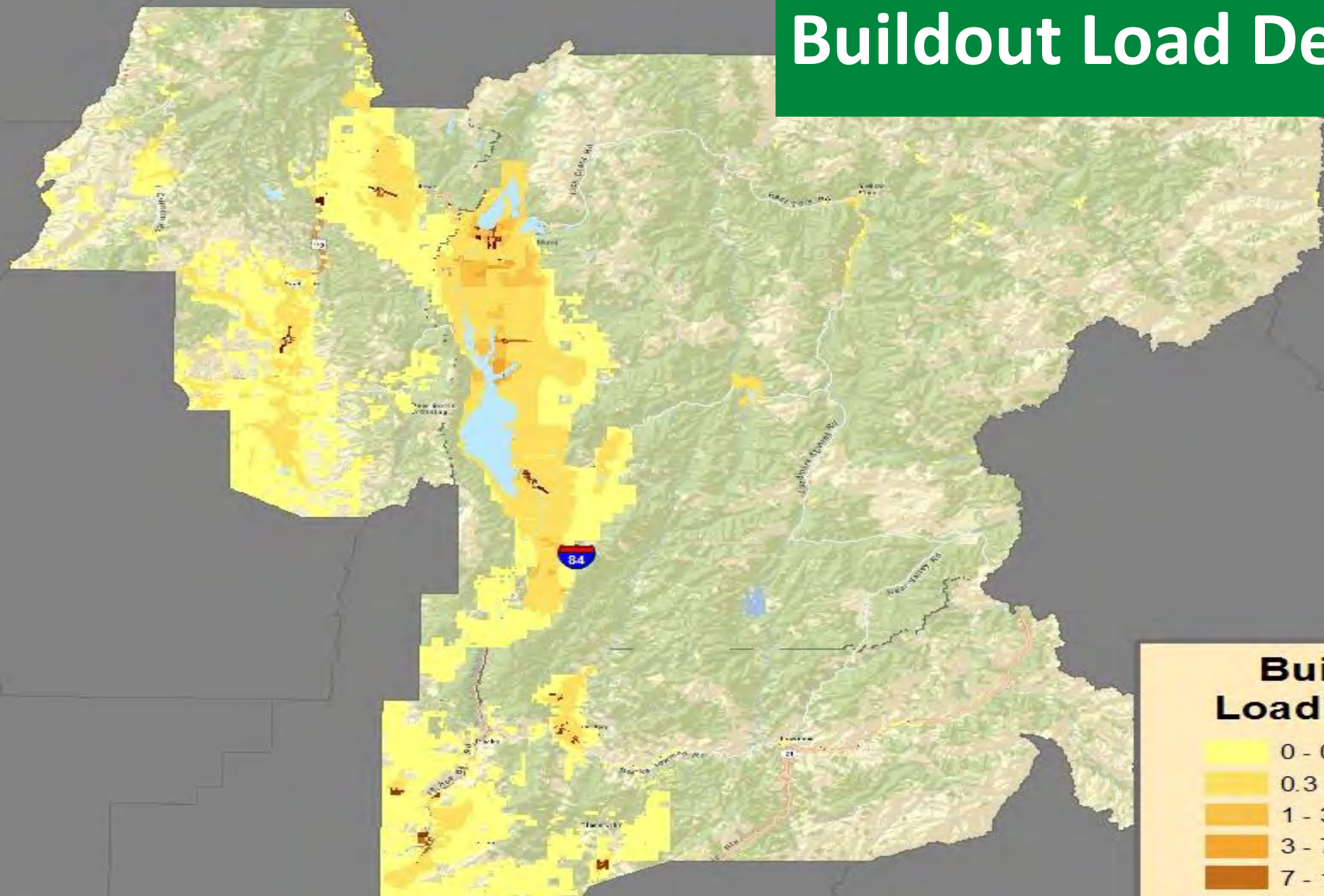


Zoning Description	Load Density (MW/mi ²)	Zone Area (mi ²)	Load (MW)
Agricultural	0.4	2	0.8
Residential	6	1	6
Industrial	40	1	40
Total		4	46.8

2014 West Central Mountains Loads by Jurisdiction

County	2014 Load (MW)	Buildout Load (MW)
Adams	25	141
Boise	20	109
Valley	60	300
Total	105	550

Buildout Load Density



2014 WCMEP Total Buildout: 550 MW

Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, USGS, Intermap, Esri(Thailand), TomTom, 2012

Community Goals & Siting Criteria

Site: Near industrial areas

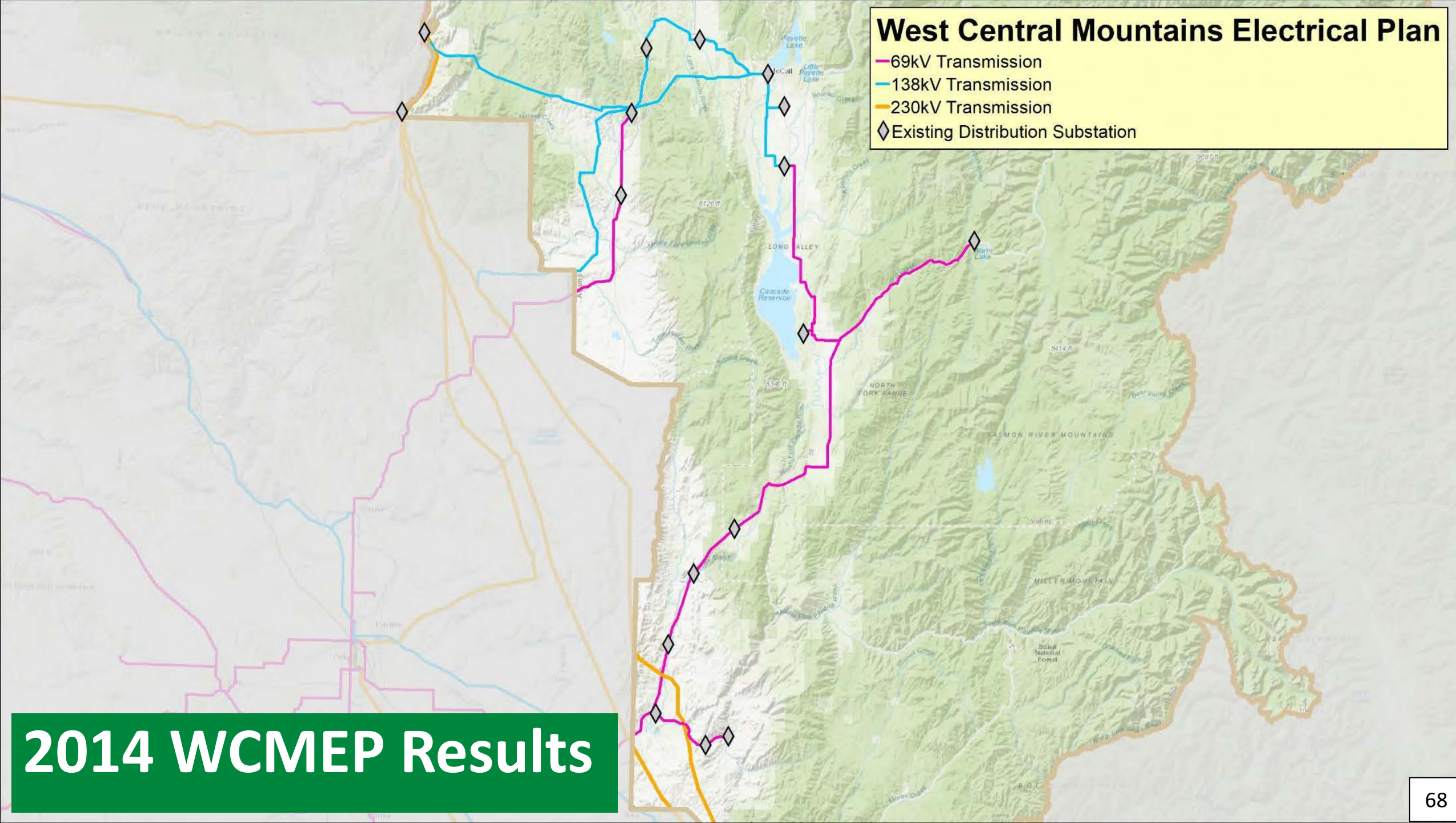


Avoid: Existing Waterways or Canals



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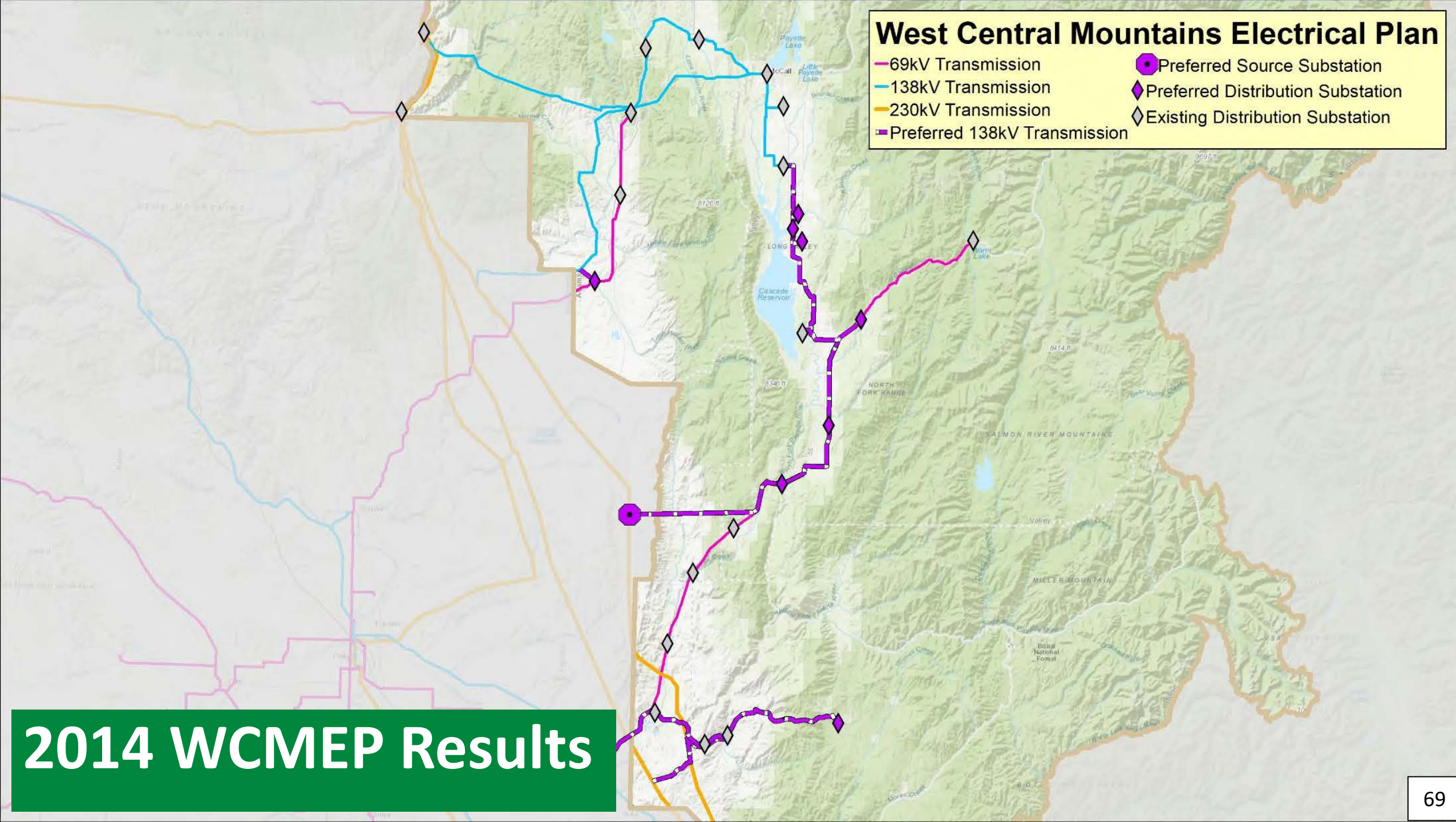
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2014 WCMEP Results

West Central Mountains Electrical Plan

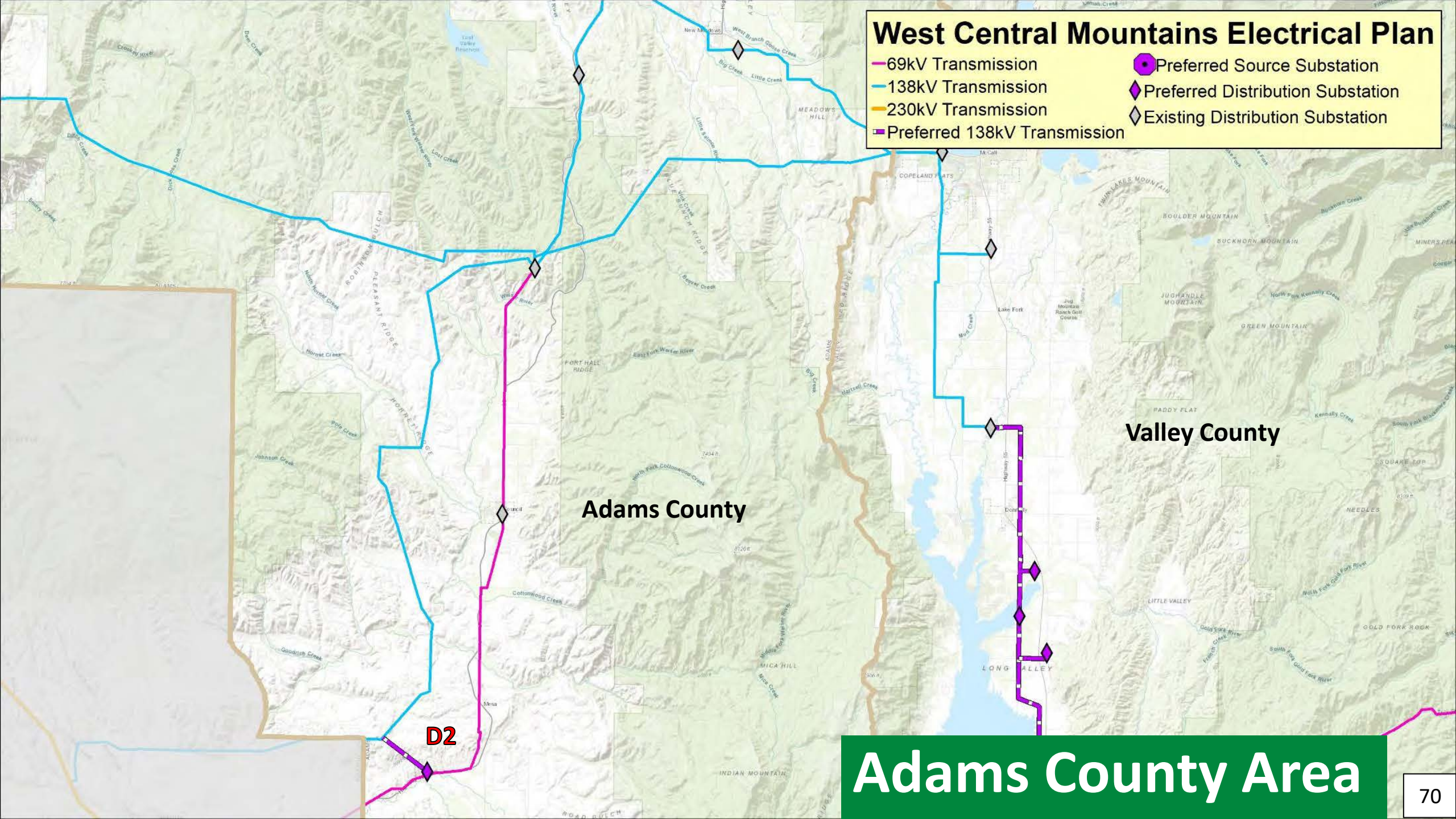
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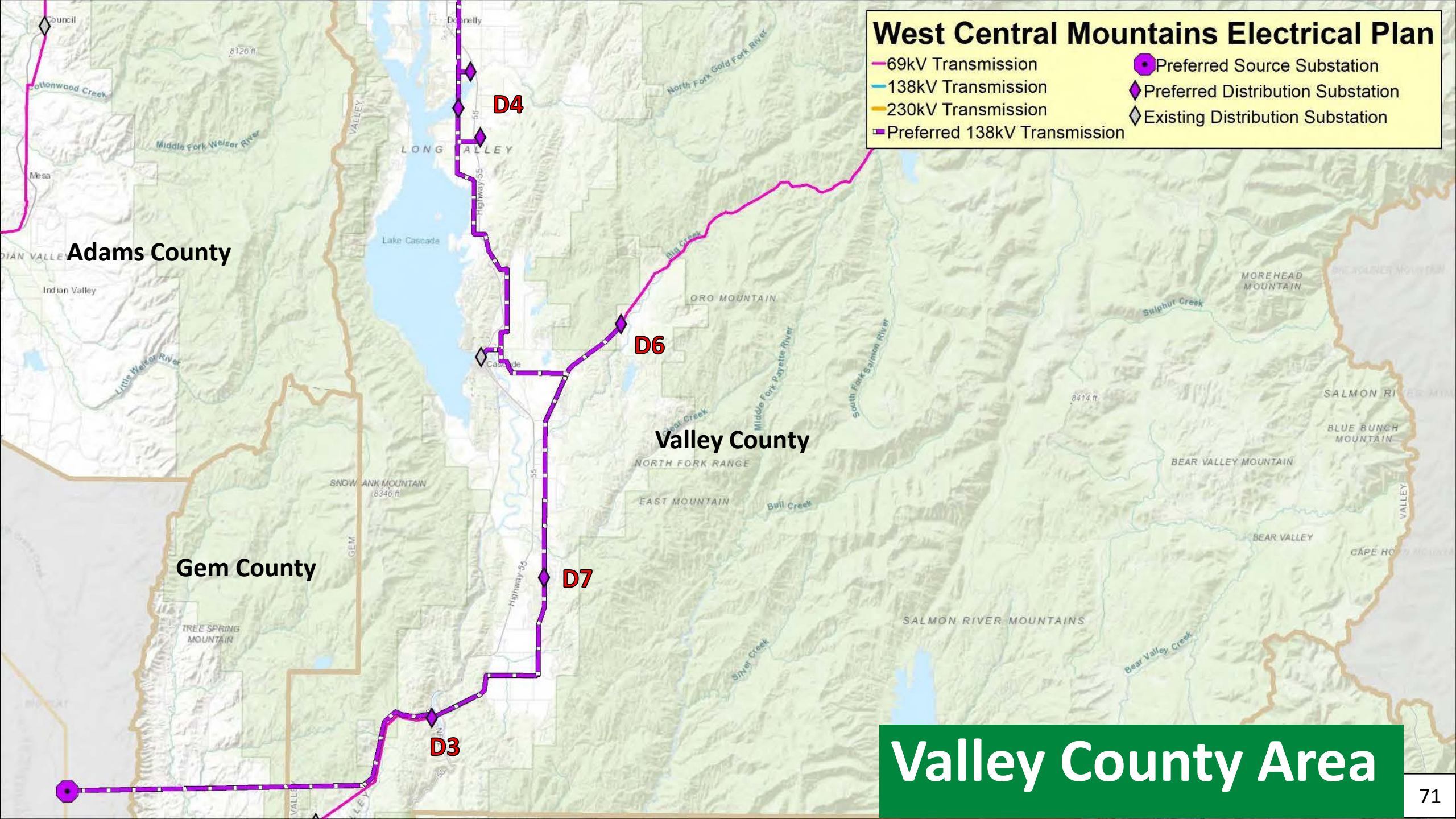


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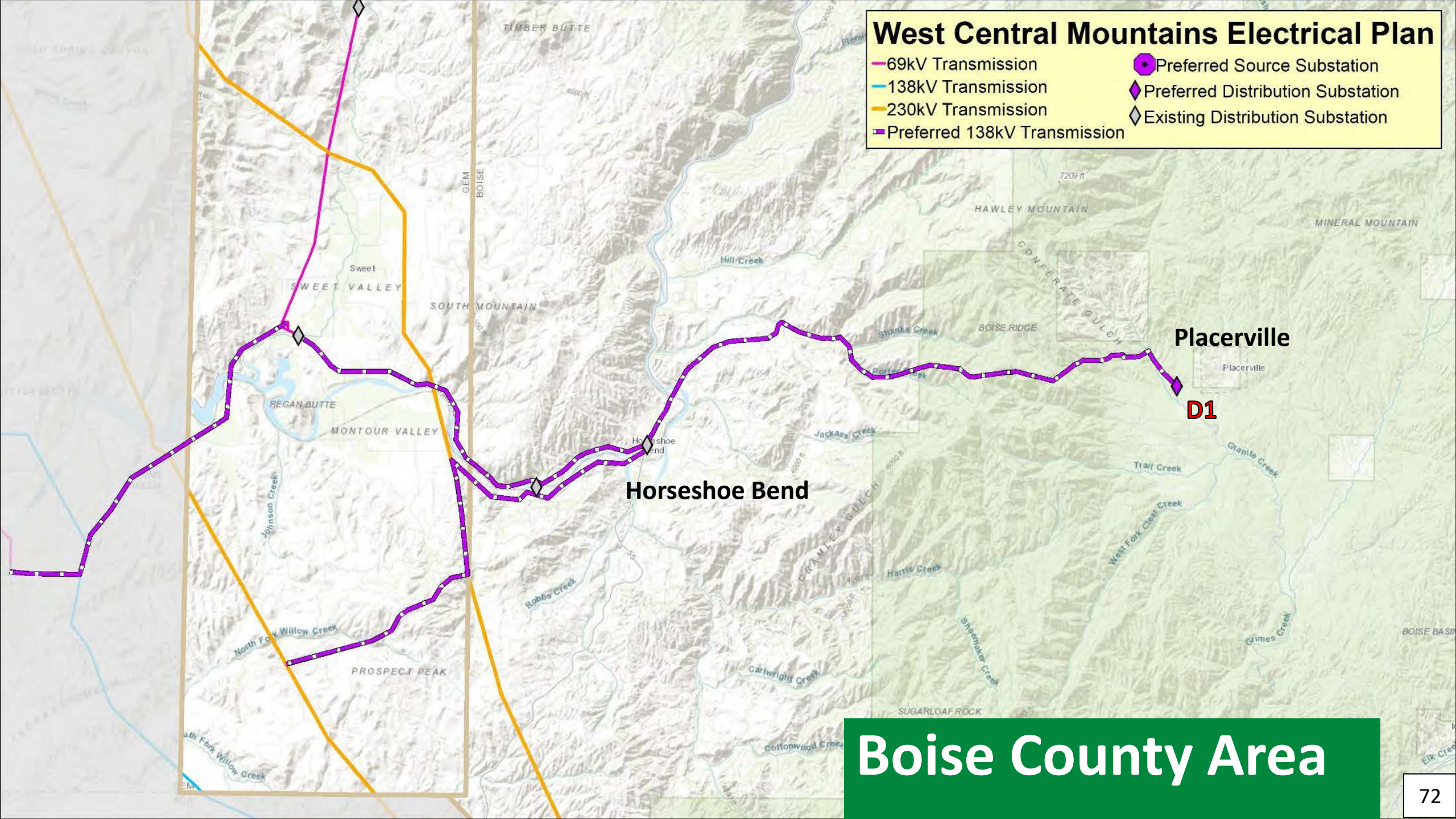


West Central Mountains Electrical Plan

69kV Transmission	Preferred Source Substation
138kV Transmission	Preferred Distribution Substation
230kV Transmission	Existing Distribution Substation
Preferred 138kV Transmission	

West Central Mountains Electrical Plan

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Boise County Area

West Central Mountains Electrical Plan

- 69kV Transmission
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Smiths Ferry

Placerville

D1

230kV Option

Why Update the WCMEP?

Changing Future Land Use



Evolving Community Goals

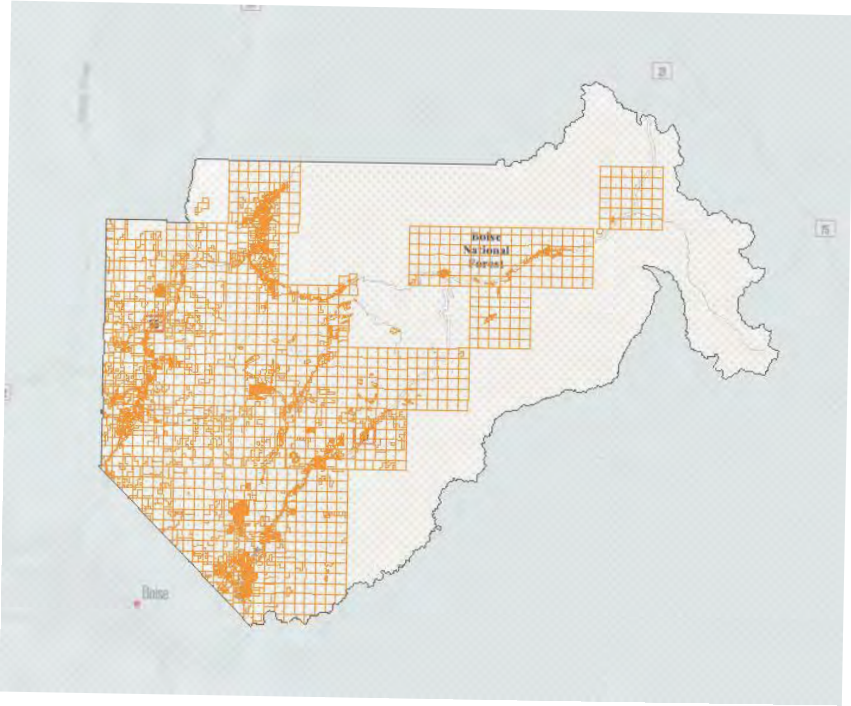


Load Growth

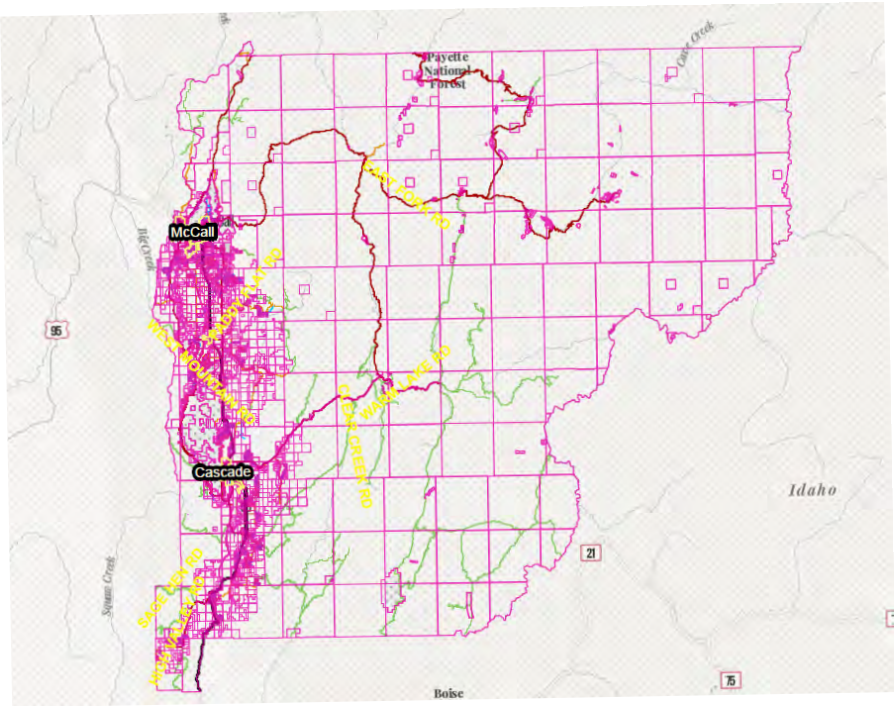
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Valley	60	90
Total	105	149

Zoning Updates

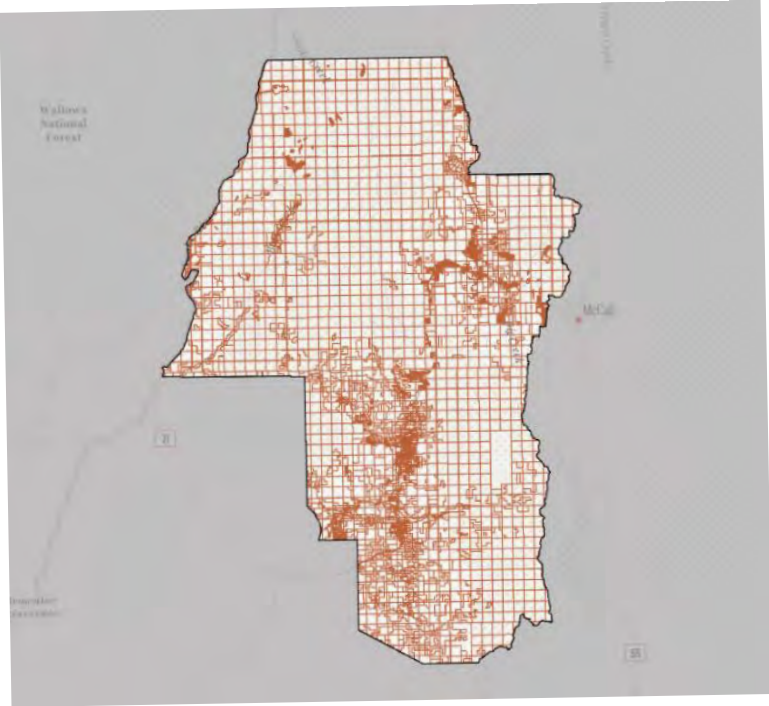
Boise County



Valley County



Adams County



Customer Electrical Usage



Customer Electrical Usage



Customer Electrical Usage



Customer Electrical Usage



Energy use per person

Measured in kilowatt-hours¹ per person. Here, energy refers to primary energy² using the substitution method³.



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (2025); Energy Institute - Statistical Review of World Energy (2025); Population based on various sources (2024)

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Electrification



Electrification



Electrification



Electrification



Electrification



WCMEP Update

County	2014 WCMEP Buildout Load (MW)	2025 WCMEP Update Buildout Load (MW)
Adams	141	152
Boise	109	122
Gem	N/A	27
Valley	300	512
Total	550	813

Questions?

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Current
Conditions

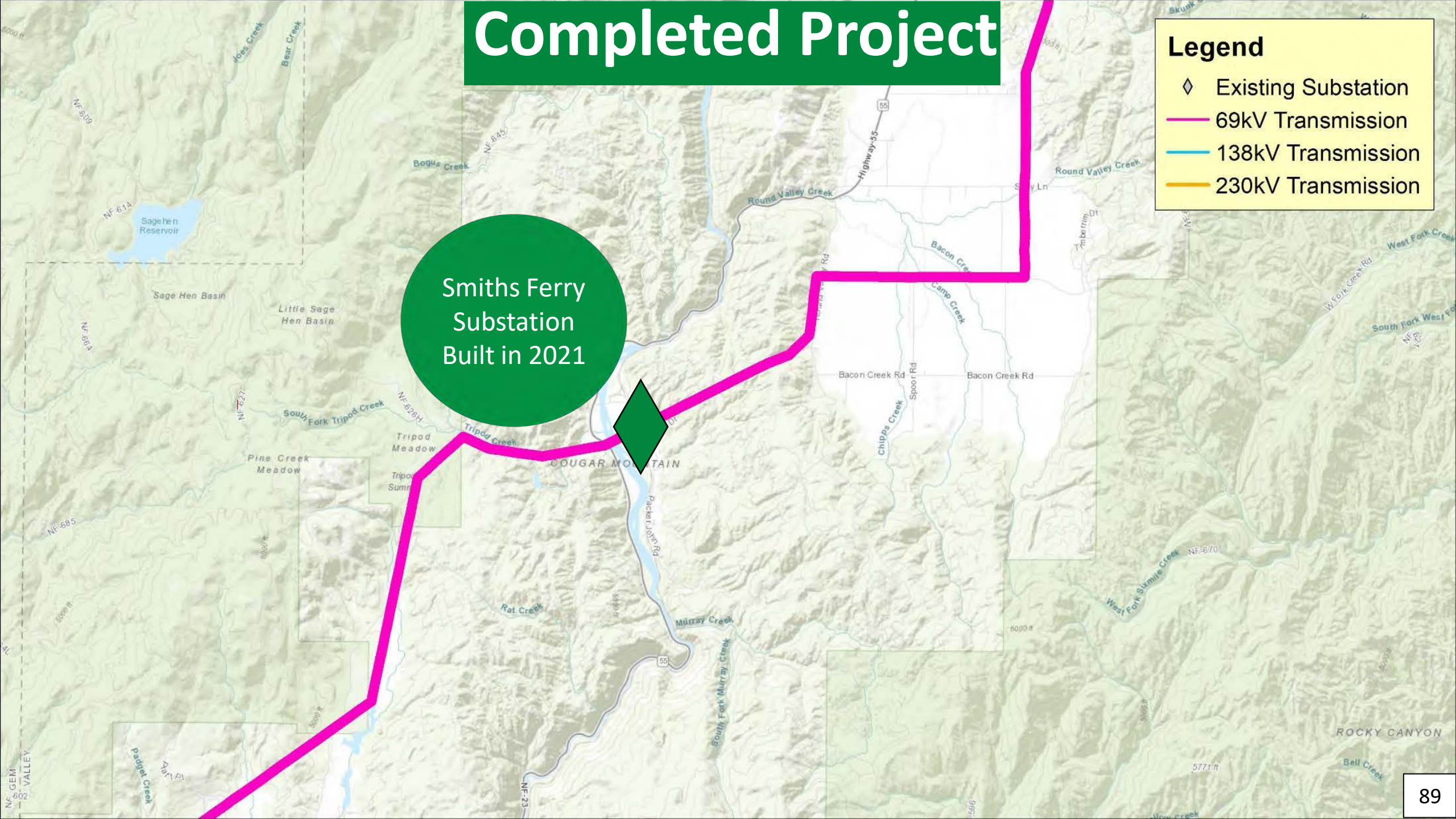
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Completed Project

Legend

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Smiths Ferry Substation
Built in 2021



Completed Project

Legend

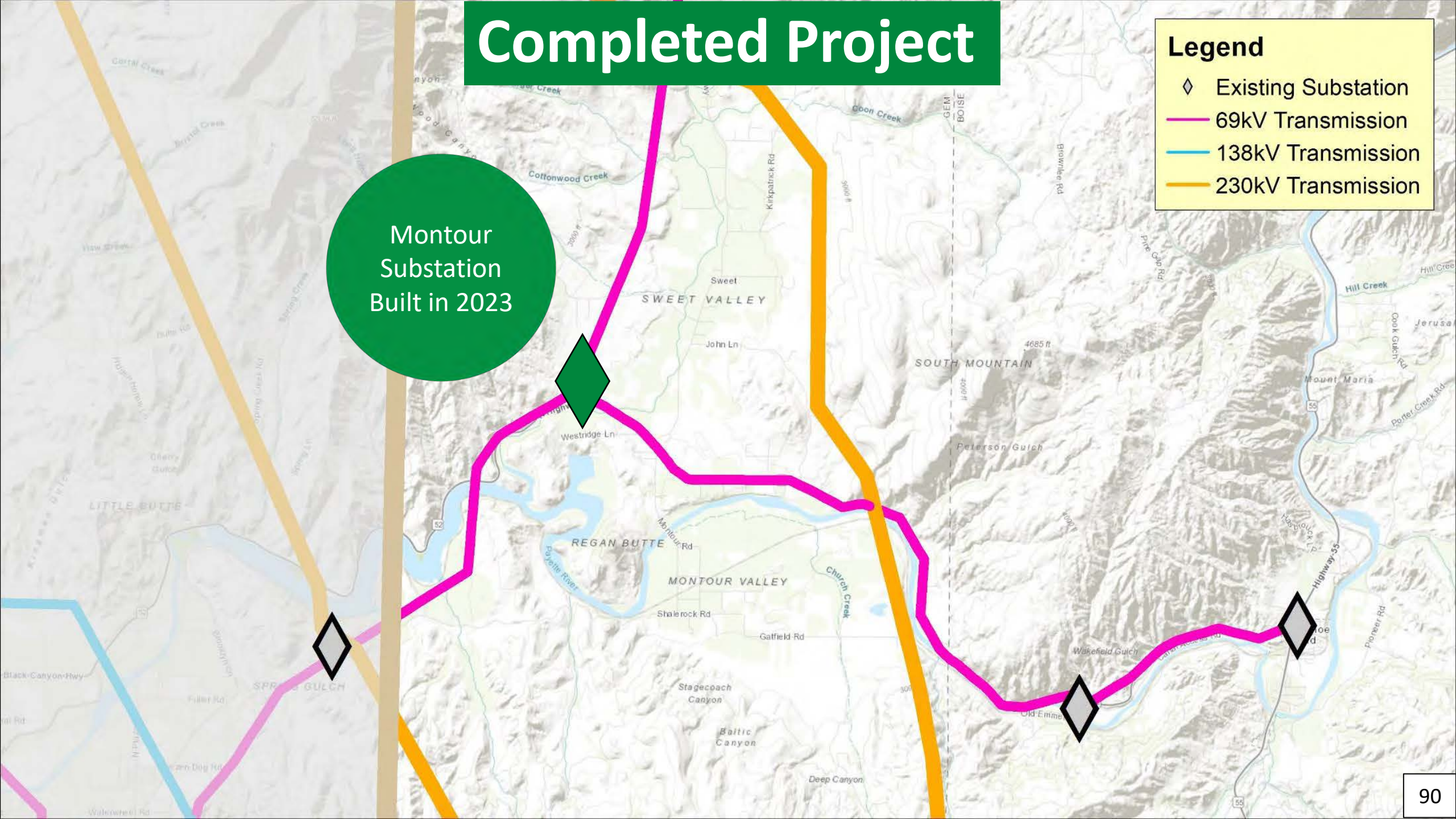
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Montour Substation Built in 2023



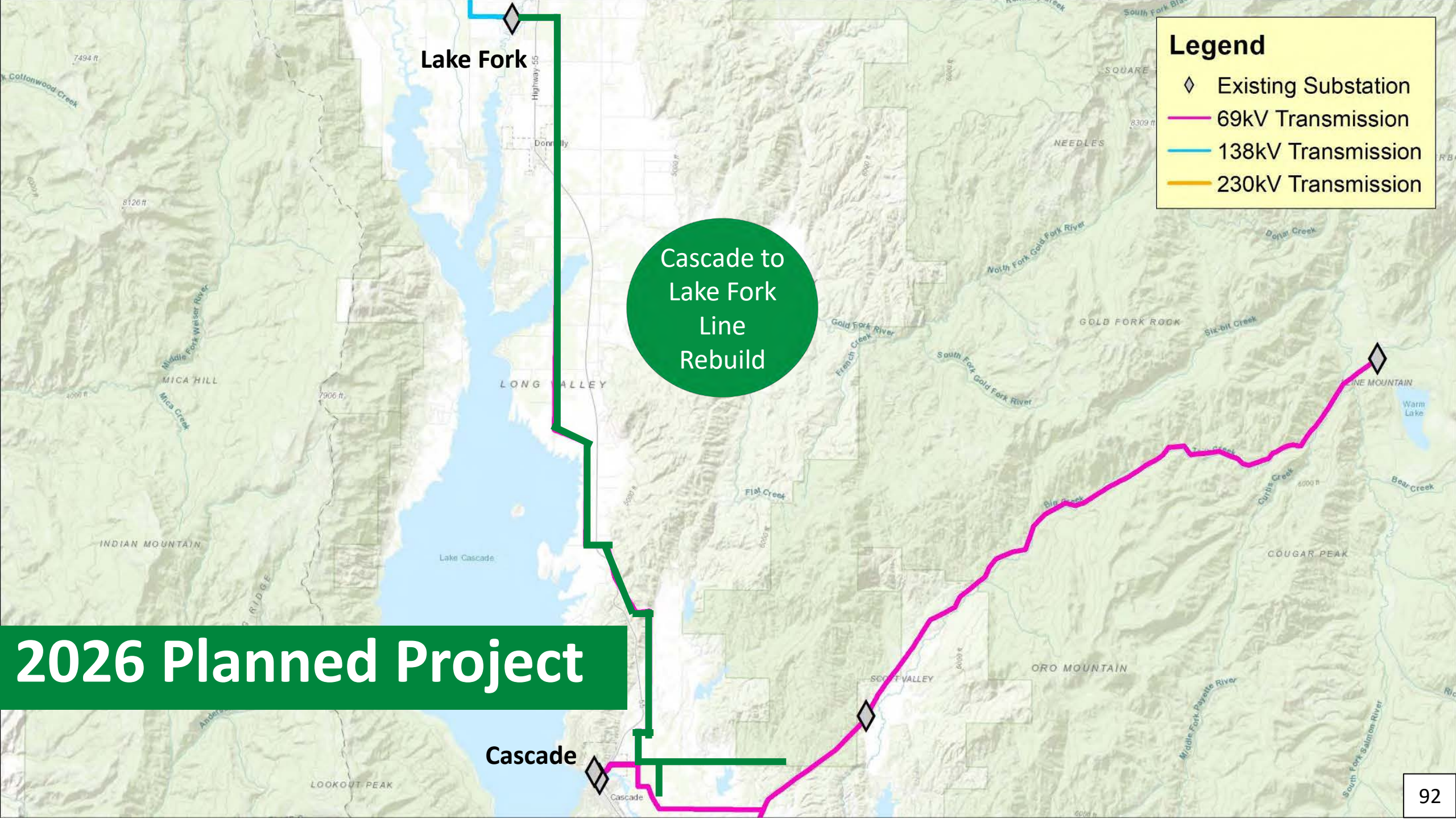
2026 Planned Project

Legend

- ◇ Existing Substation
- 69kV Transmission
- 138kV Transmission
- 230kV Transmission

New Clear
Creek
Substation





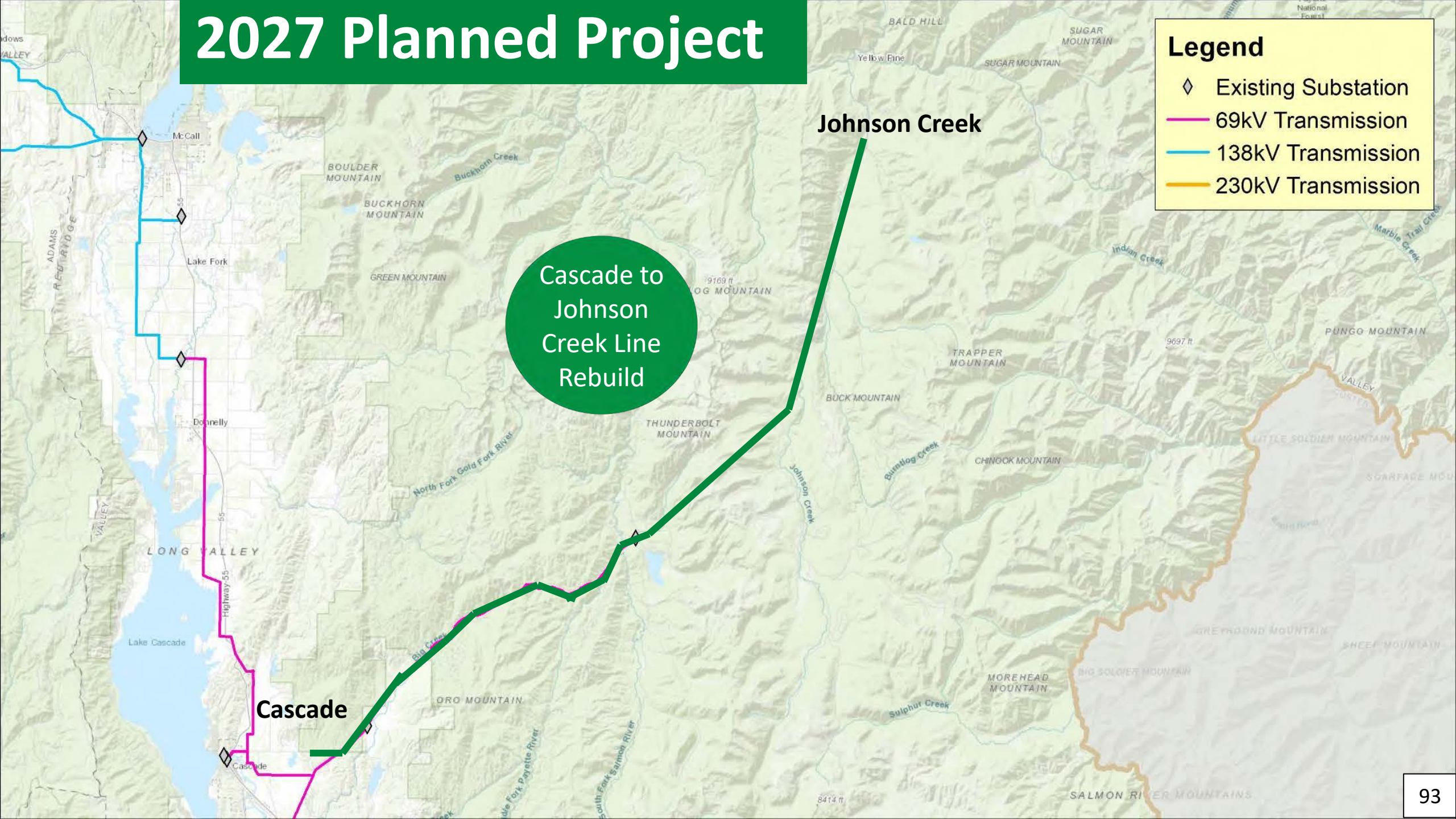
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Cascade to
Lake Fork
Line
Rebuild

2026 Planned Project

2027 Planned Project



2028 Planned Project

Emmett to
Cascade
Line
Rebuild

Legend

- ◇ Existing Substation
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Emmett

Cascade

2029 Planned Project

Legend

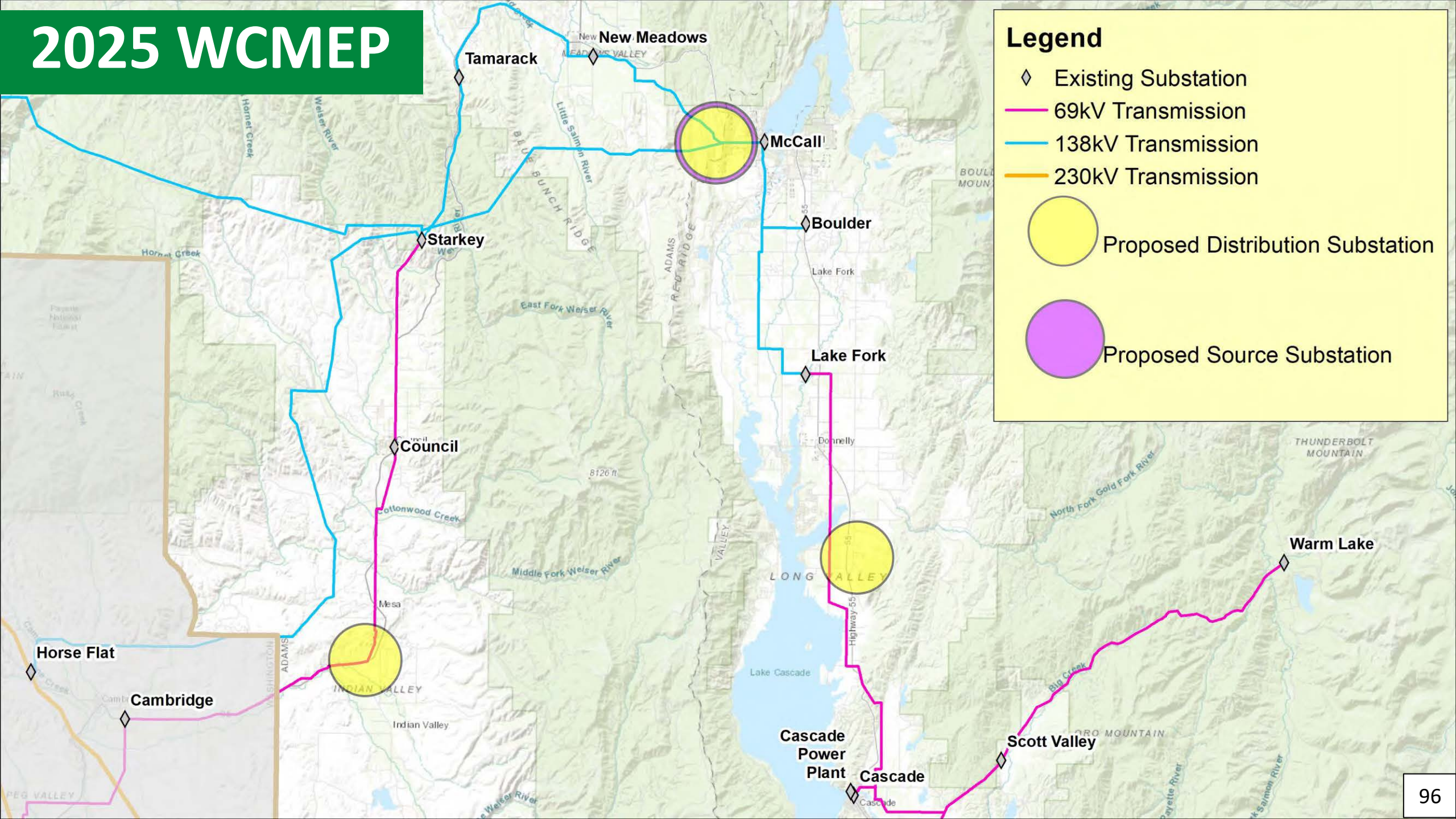
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Shellrock to
Horseshoe
Bend
138kV Line

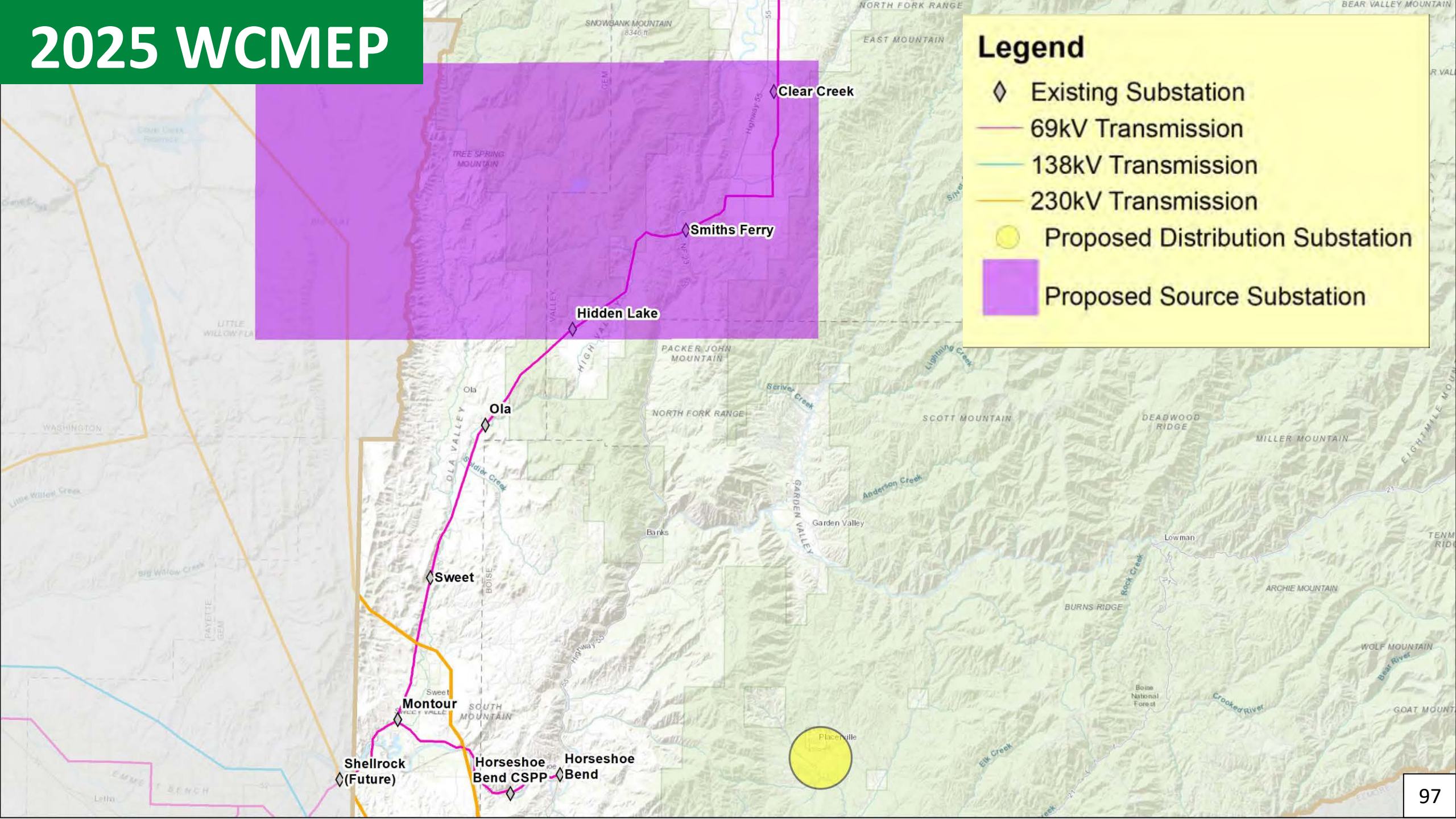
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