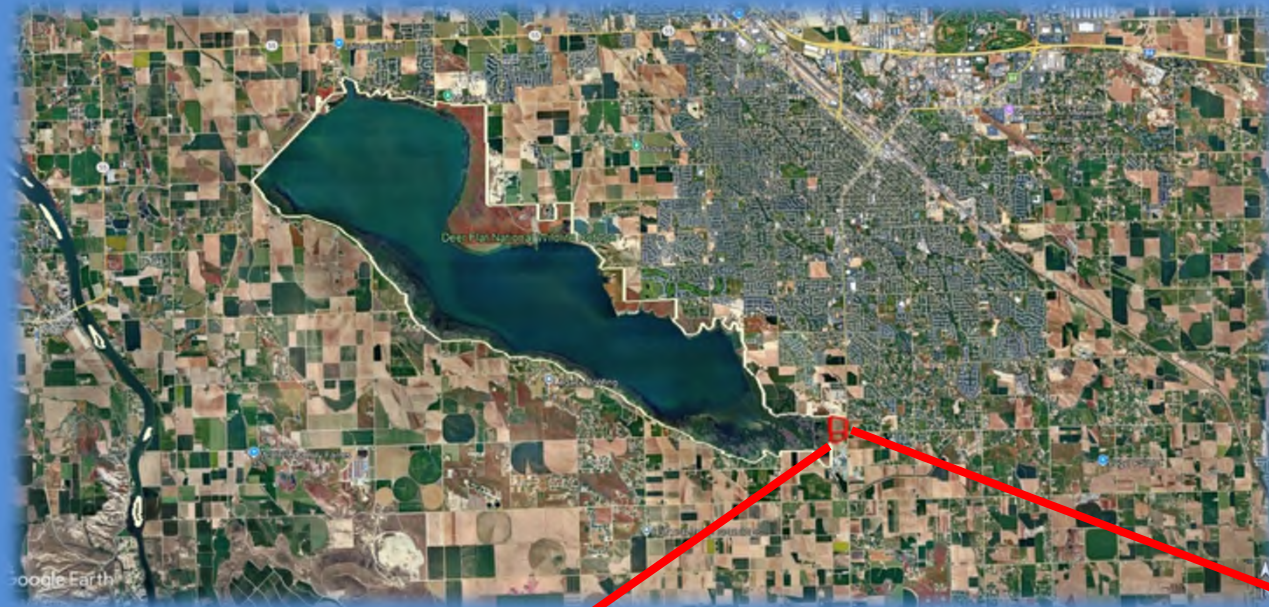


# Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge



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The 15.65-acre property is currently used for agriculture purposes. The land is prime for immediate restoration into upland shrub-steppe habitat due to the lack of invasive and noxious weeds. The property is directly adjacent to the Leavitt Tract (80 acres) portion of the Refuge and will extend the boundary to the road, preventing adjacent residential/commercial buildings. In addition to the supplementary habitat, it will also present the opportunity to add Refuge hunting access.



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# Additional property added last year BMK Tract





Total of ~ 160 acres of refuge open to recreational opportunities



# Questions?

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