

## TROUT UNLIMITED INDIVIDUAL WELL CONVERSION COMPENSATION PROPOSAL

- \* Members will be compensated for the infrastructure necessary to ensure a reliable and adequate water supply up to the individual member's MVID shares and parcels including electrical hookups, controls, pressure tanks, and piping needed to hook up to a well.

- \* All members with 3 acres or less are eligible for a larger pump.

- \* All members with 3 or more acres are eligible for a new well and pump system.

- \* Compensation caps will be set at varying levels based on acreage.

- \* Compensation for each member will be in the form of a voucher system administered by TU, with the vouchers guaranteeing payment to a well contractor for the costs of new pumps and/or wells up to the cap amount for their parcel size. No upfront payment will be required from the member. However, if the member requests specific improvements that go beyond the compensation set for their parcel size, the member will be responsible for any costs over the voucher cap amount.

- \* TU will issue a request for proposals from firms that can provide "one stop shopping" to landowners including assessing landowner's existing systems, replacing pumps and associated controls, drilling wells, and installing new supply lines to existing infrastructure. A priority will be placed on firms indicating they will use Methow Valley subcontractors such as electricians, pump installers, and excavators.

- \* A member may select their own contractor. If a member chooses to hire their own contractor they will pay up front and be reimbursed.

- \* The MVID Board understands there will be extenuating circumstances and one size does not fit all. There will be a Board of Adjustment that will work through any questions, concerns or financial adjustments.

- \* All contiguous parcels will receive one well per member that will be capable of providing irrigation water to the total amount of cumulative acreage owned.

- \* Wells will be metered, seasonal water usage will be provided annually to MVID on or before December 31st or each year. In the event these parcels are excluded from the district, water usage will then be reported to the Department of Ecology annually.

- \* MVID will also post on their website additional information about general state laws regarding well construction, use of exempt wells for irrigation, metering information and requirements for well owners, etc.