

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Development**

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment
City of Brewster Water System Upgrades

AGENCY: Rural Development, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Rural Development, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by the City of Brewster to reduce manganese in their water system. The proposal is to replace two existing wells and replace high priority water distribution lines including approximately 100 water system valves and 250 water meters. Some waterlines within the system will be cleaned using a mechanical method of pipeline scouring and/or may include flushing, or other methods to reduce manganese in the system.

The City of Brewster has submitted an application to USDA Rural Development for funding of the proposal.

JUB Engineers, Inc. a consulting firm, prepared an environmental assessment for USDA RD that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. USDA is conducting an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

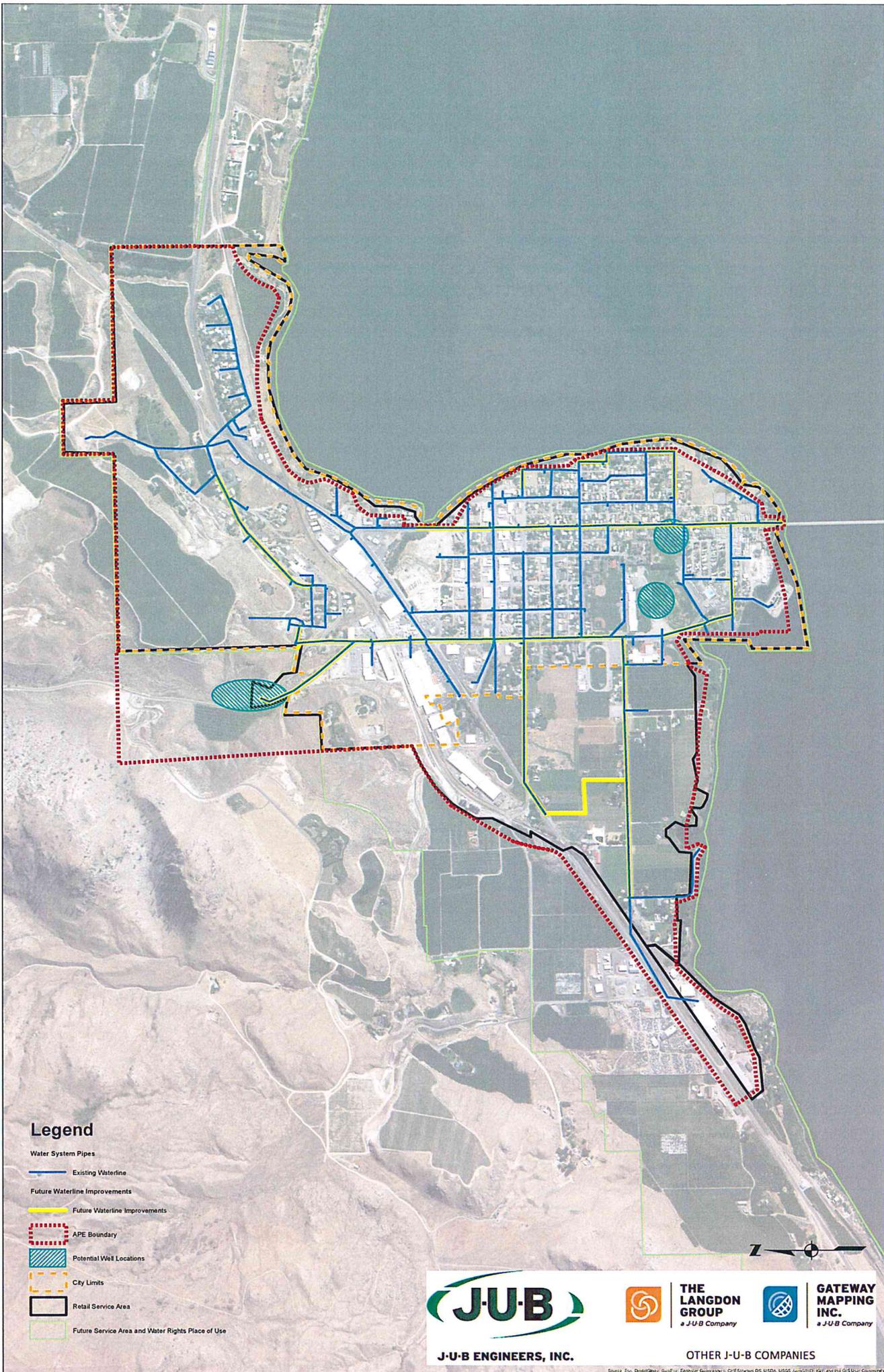
Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Rose, Loan Specialist, USDA Rural Development, Room 317, Federal Building, 301 Yakima Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801-2998, (509)-663-4019 extension 146.

Questions and comments should be sent to USDA Rural Development at the address provided above. USDA will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below [**Insert general location map of the proposed project**].

Dated: _____ (Insert Date of Publication)



Legend

Water System Pipes

Existing Waterline

Future Waterline Improvements

Future Waterline Improvements

APE Boundary

Potential Well Locations

City Limits

Retail Service Area

Future Service Area and Water Rights Place of Use



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