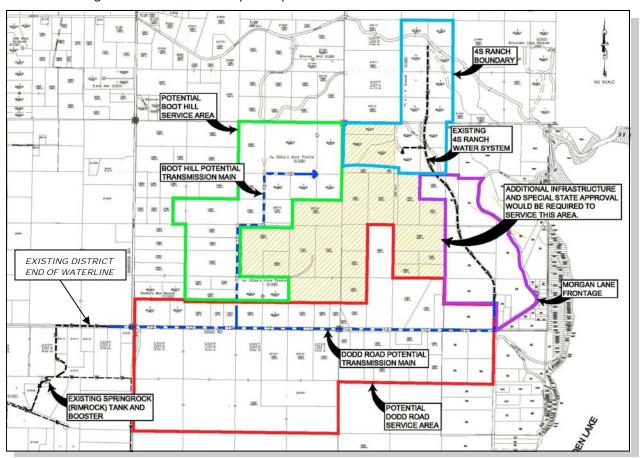
### Introduction

North Kootenai Water District ("District") is evaluating the feasibility of extending a waterline from the District's current termination point on Dodd Road (West of Rimrock Rd. See Map Inset) east along Dodd Road to Hayden Lake Road. The proposed waterline extension could provide domestic water service to properties along Dodd Road, Morgan Lane, Shire Lane, Boot Hill Road, and potentially other areas.

#### North Kootenai Water District

The District provides water service to approximately 950 connections in the Rimrock service area from two Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer wells located west of US-95. The Rimrock Water System is one of 15 different water systems the District owns and operates across Kootenai County serving more than 4,000 connections. The District is a non-profit municipality with an elected Board of Directors and twelve staff including six state licensed water system operators.



## Project Background

The District has a policy of not using existing District customer rates to evaluate water systems expansions or funding the construction (i.e. the District requires system growth to new service areas to pay for itself). A group of property owners in the 4-S Subdivision (See Inset) collected funds to evaluate the feasibility and cost of extending a waterline on Dodd Road. Many property owners in the 4-S Subdivision have inadequate well water supply and/or undesirable water quality. The feasibility study has been completed and the 4-S property owners and the District would like to present the proposed project to interested property owners. The more property owners that initially connect to the waterline will result in lower initial per connection costs. The initial per connection costs could be financed by the District at a low interest rate over 20 years. If a property owner elects to connect to the water system at a later time, the connection cost will be higher and District financing will not be available. All property owners with five or more acres must petition to annex into the District and become part of the project. If the District elects to move forward with the project, you will be mailed an annexation petition.

## Informational Meeting

The District would like to invite you to an informational meeting on **February 18, 2009** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Hayden Lake City Hall, located at 9393 N. Strahorn Road**. The District will present detailed project description, costs, funding options, schedule and answer questions. It is important to know that the District responds to requests for water service extensions, but does not require property owners to participate in the extension project. Additionally, the District does not use existing customer rates to study or fund water system expansion.

#### **Mission Statement**

North Kootenai Water District is a well-organized, financially sound, and efficiently managed public utility district that has a solid reputation of providing safe, reliable, high quality domestic water to our customers at a reasonable and justifiable price. We endeavor to service the domestic water needs of northern Kootenai County in a manner that protects the interests of our constituents. We are a growing entity that structures it's decisions upon consideration of the current economic situation, future economic and service implications, and the opportunity to improve, through water service, the quality of life for our current constituents and those petitioning for our assistance.

# IMPORTANT PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM INFORMATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2009 AT 7:00 PM AT HAYDEN LAKE CITY HALL

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