

GEOHERMAL DISTRICT HEATING

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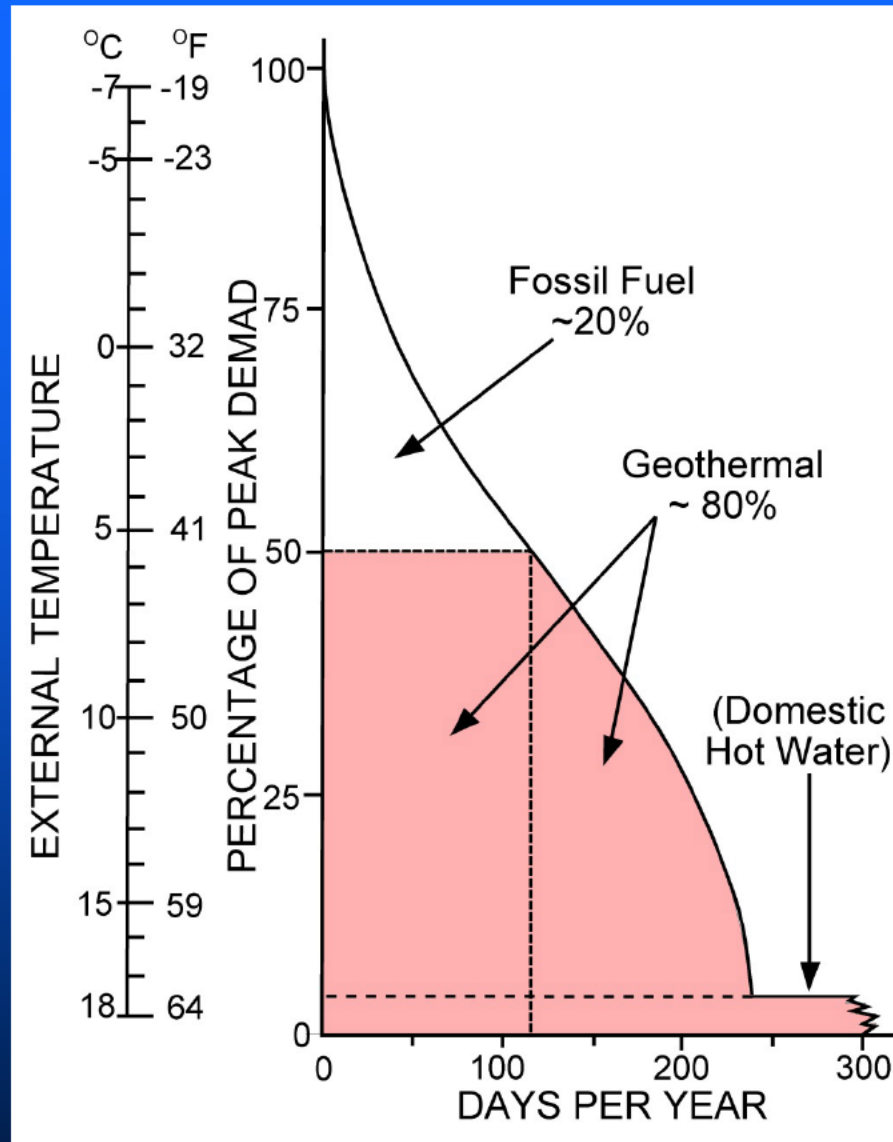
GEOHERMAL DISTRICT HEATING/COOLING

Geothermal resource supplying thermal energy to a group of buildings, providing:

- Space heating and cooling
- Domestic hot water heating
- Industrial process heat

Could be a hybrid system augmented by:

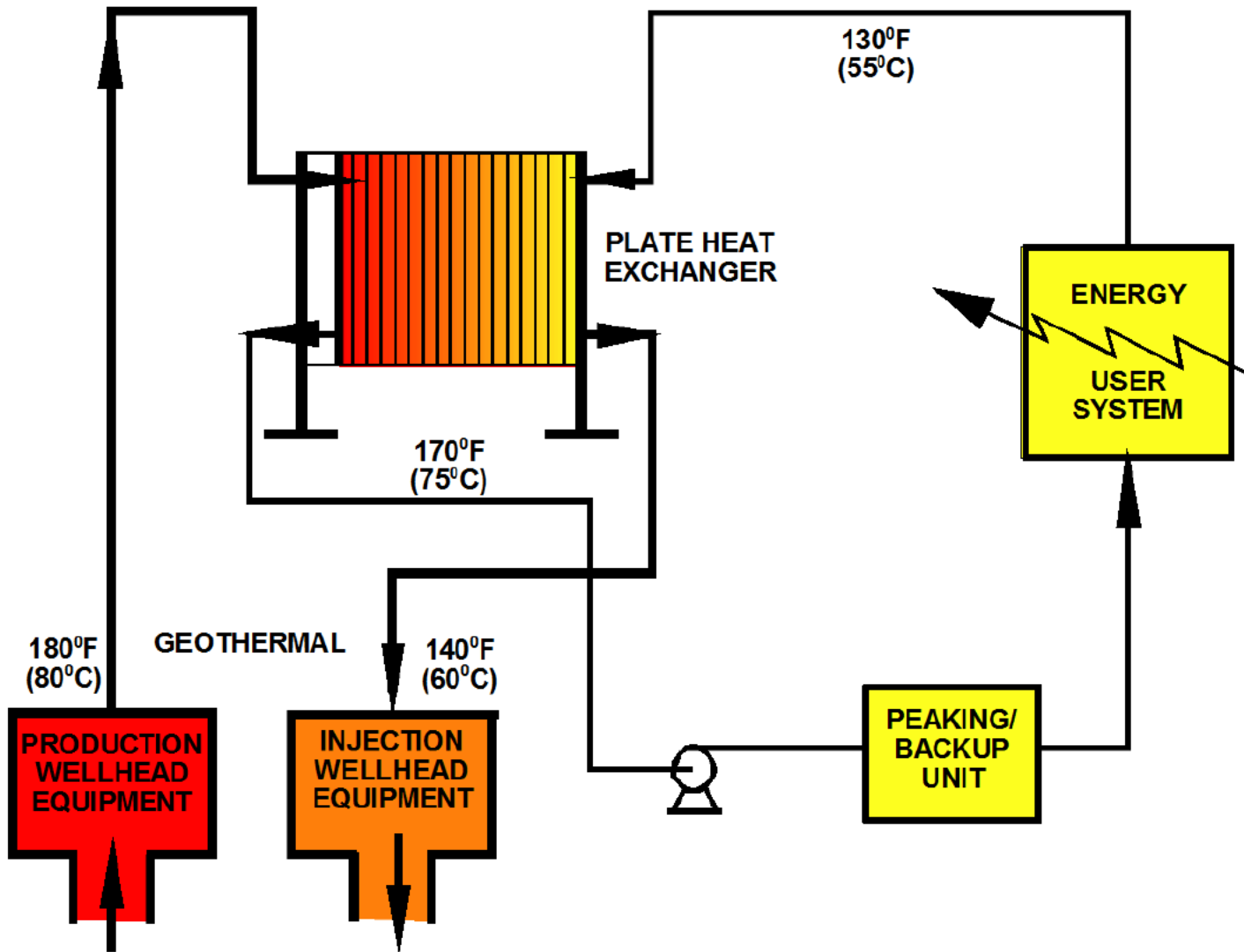
- Heat Pump to boost temperature
- Conventional boiler for peaking



Meeting peak demand with fossil fuel

MAJOR SYSTEM COMPONENTS

1. Heat Production – well field(s)
 - Production wells
 - Injection wells
 - Peaking station
2. Transmission/distribution system
 - Delivery of heat to consumers (water or steam)
3. Central pumping station, and in-building equipment
 - Energy or flow meters
 - Heat Exchangers
 - Circulation pumps



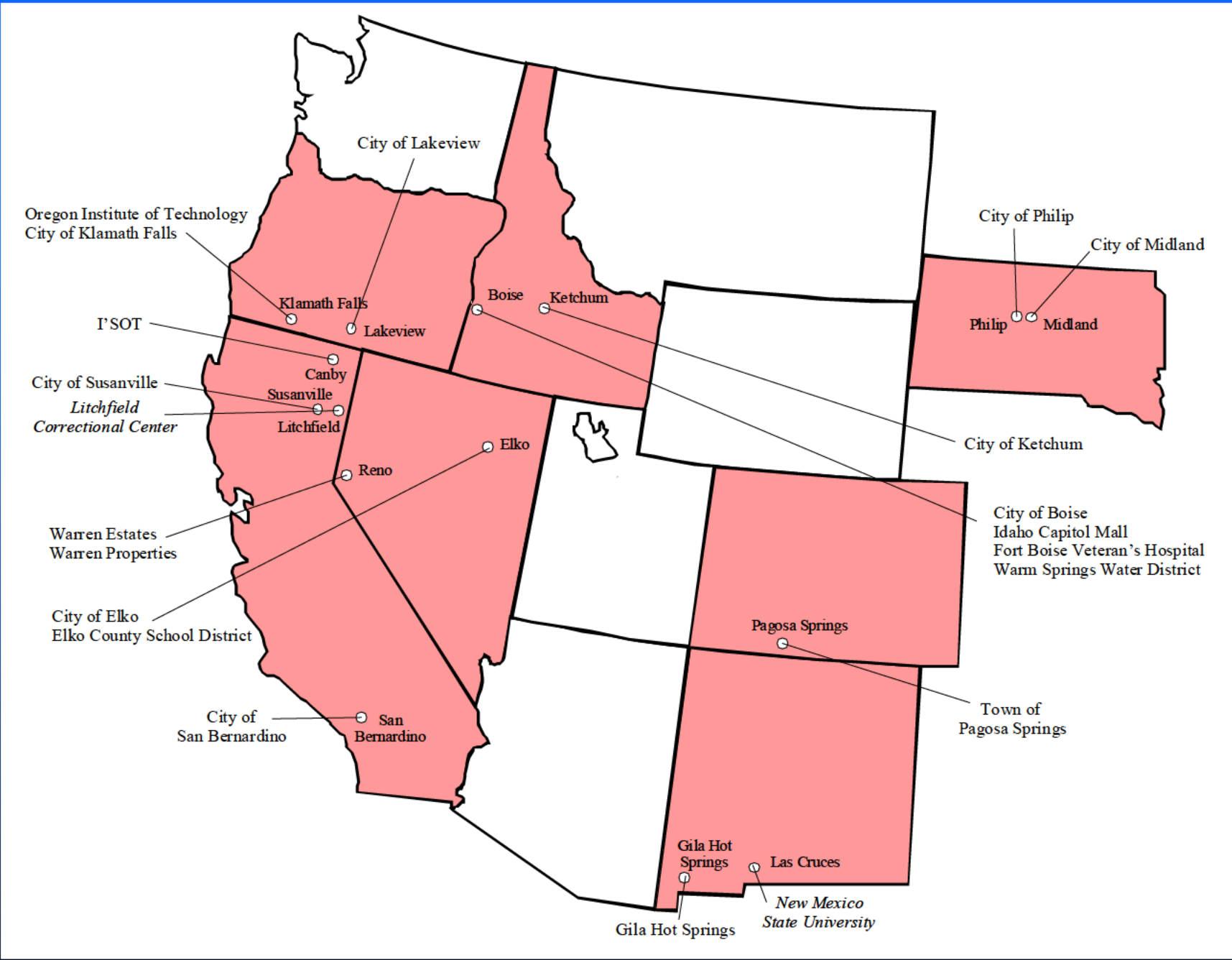
Major components of a geothermal district heating system

U.S. GEOTHERMAL DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEMS

- 19+ systems in the U.S.
- 138° to 218°F (59° to 103°C)
- Peak flow of 63 to 4,000 gpm (4 to 253 L/s)
- Installed capacity: 0.2 to 31 MWt
- Annual energy use: 2.0 to 75 billion Btu/yr
(2.1 to 79 TJ/yr or 0.6 to 22 GWh/yr)
- Total
 - ~82 MWt
 - ~800 billion Btu/yr or 840 TJ/yr (235 GWh/yr)
 - ~45 miles (72 km) of pipelines

U.S. Geothermal District Heating Systems

- Boise Warm Springs Water District – 1892
- Ketchum, Idaho – 1929
- Oregon Institute of Technology – 1962
- Midland, SD – 1964
- Klamath Falls – 1981
- Elko, NV - 1982
- Remaining < 30 years old
- Latest: Canby, CA 2003; Lakeview, OR 2014



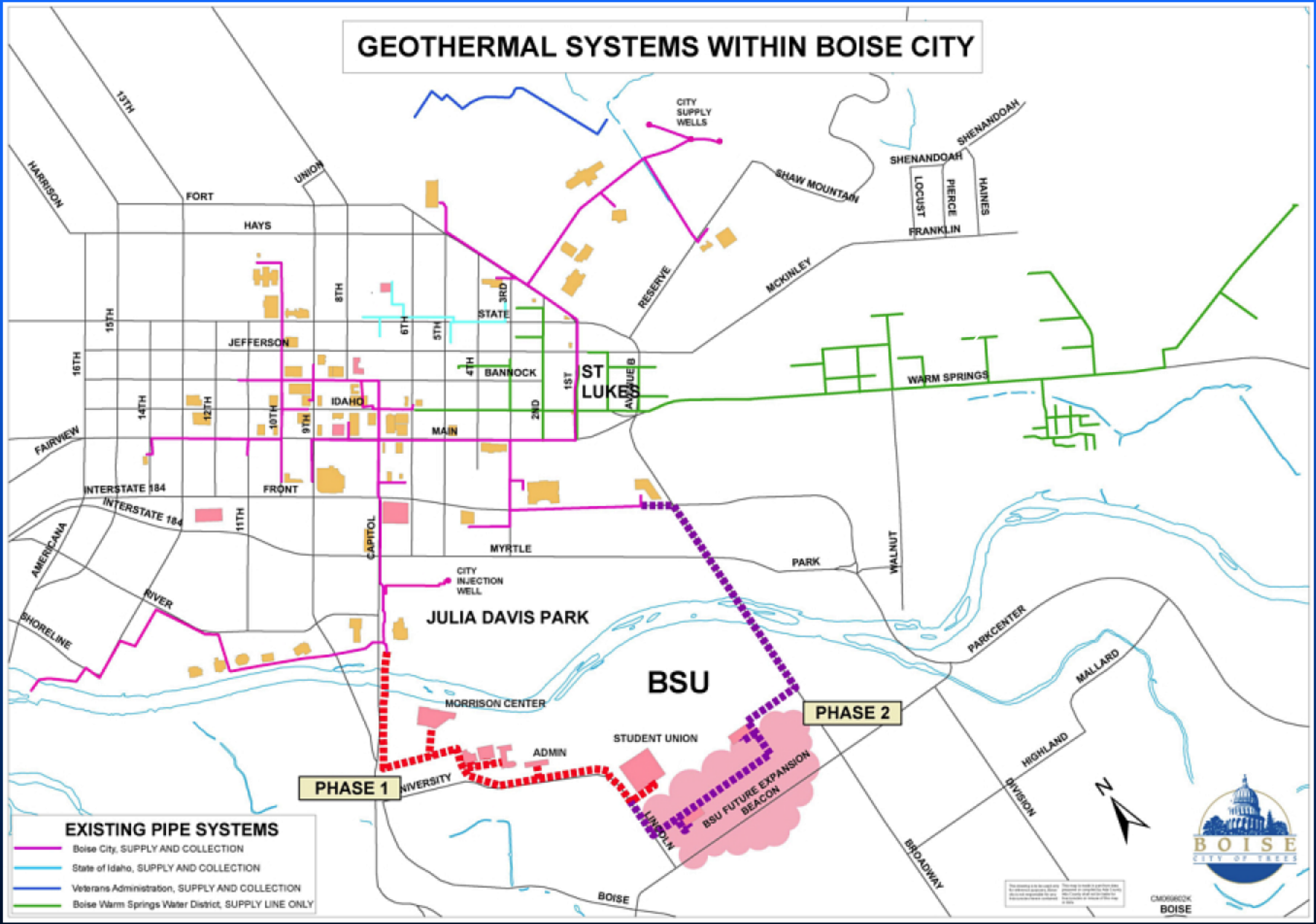
CITY OF BOISE SYSTEM

- Warm Springs Avenue system installed in 1892, heating 250 large residences – still in operation.
- City geothermal district heating system began operation in 1983, using a \$6.76 million PON grant from USDOE.
- Geothermal fluid at 170°F (77°C) pumped from the reservoir under the city

CITY OF BOISE SYSTEM (2)

- System now serves 81 buildings of 3.8 million ft² (353,000 m²) – 22.2 MWt max.
- Circulates > 190 million gallons thru 13 miles of pipelines (720 tonnes @ 21 km)
- In 2012 the system was extended across the Boise River to Boise State University, heating 600,000 ft² (56,000 m²) of building space at a cost of \$3.4 million – completed in 2015.

GEOTHERMAL SYSTEMS WITHIN BOISE CITY



- EXISTING PIPE SYSTEMS**
- Boise City, SUPPLY AND COLLECTION
 - State of Idaho, SUPPLY AND COLLECTION
 - Veterans Administration, SUPPLY AND COLLECTION
 - Boise Warm Springs Water District, SUPPLY LINE ONLY



CHOROGRAPH
BOISE

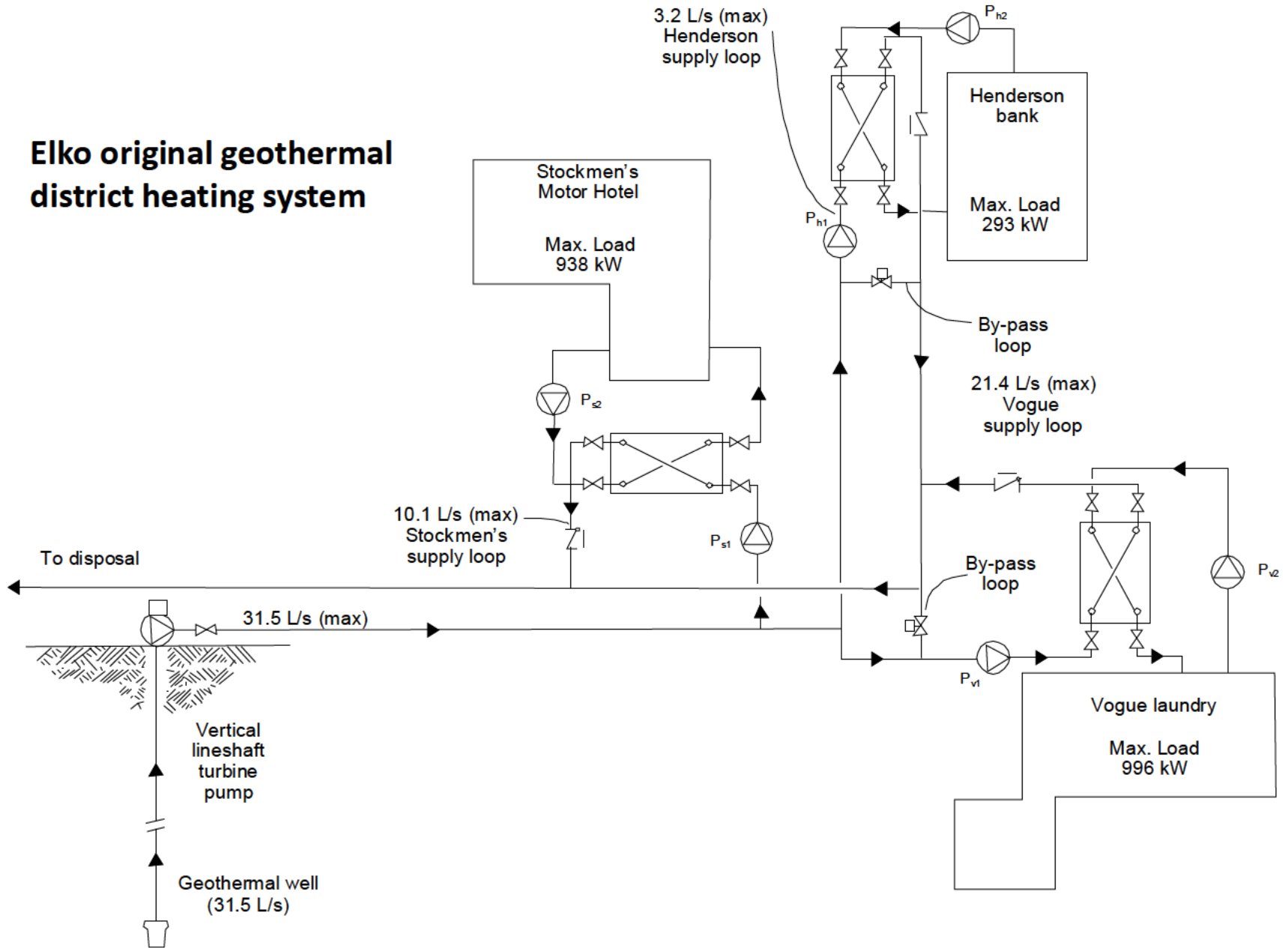
Elko, Nevada

- District Heating since 1982
- Serves 19 customers (residential & commercial)
- 80 million gallons/yr (0.3 million tonnes/yr)
- 178°F (81°C) fluid
- Space heating & domestic hot water heating (~300,000 ft² – 28,000 m²)
- Snow and ice melting on sidewalks
- Commercial laundry
- Sewage treatment plant – digester heating
- Industrial park – using return water

Elko, Nevada (2)

- Two-pipe system – open loop
 - Insulated supply
 - Uninsulated return
- Supply lines 8-inch (20-cm) diameter
 - Some 6 and 4 inch (15 and 10 cm)
 - AC (transite), epoxy-lined, polyurethane insulation and AC outer jacket
 - Return line – uninsulated AC
 - 9,358 feet (2,850 m) of distribution line

Elko original geothermal district heating system



Elko, Nevada (3)

- Disposal in 1.5 acre (0.6 ha) cooling pond, then discharged to wetlands area adjacent to river (quality good – 605 ppm)
- New industrial park uses waste water at 120 to 130°F (50 to 55°C) – floor heating and snow melting – irrigating lawn (heat dissipated under parking lot)
- \$1.4 million – design & construction - \$827,000 provided by USDOE – PON
- Charged \$1.50/1000 gallons (\$0.39/1000 L) ~ 2.1 cents/kWh ~ 30% of equivalent for natural gas

KLAMATH FALLS

DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEM

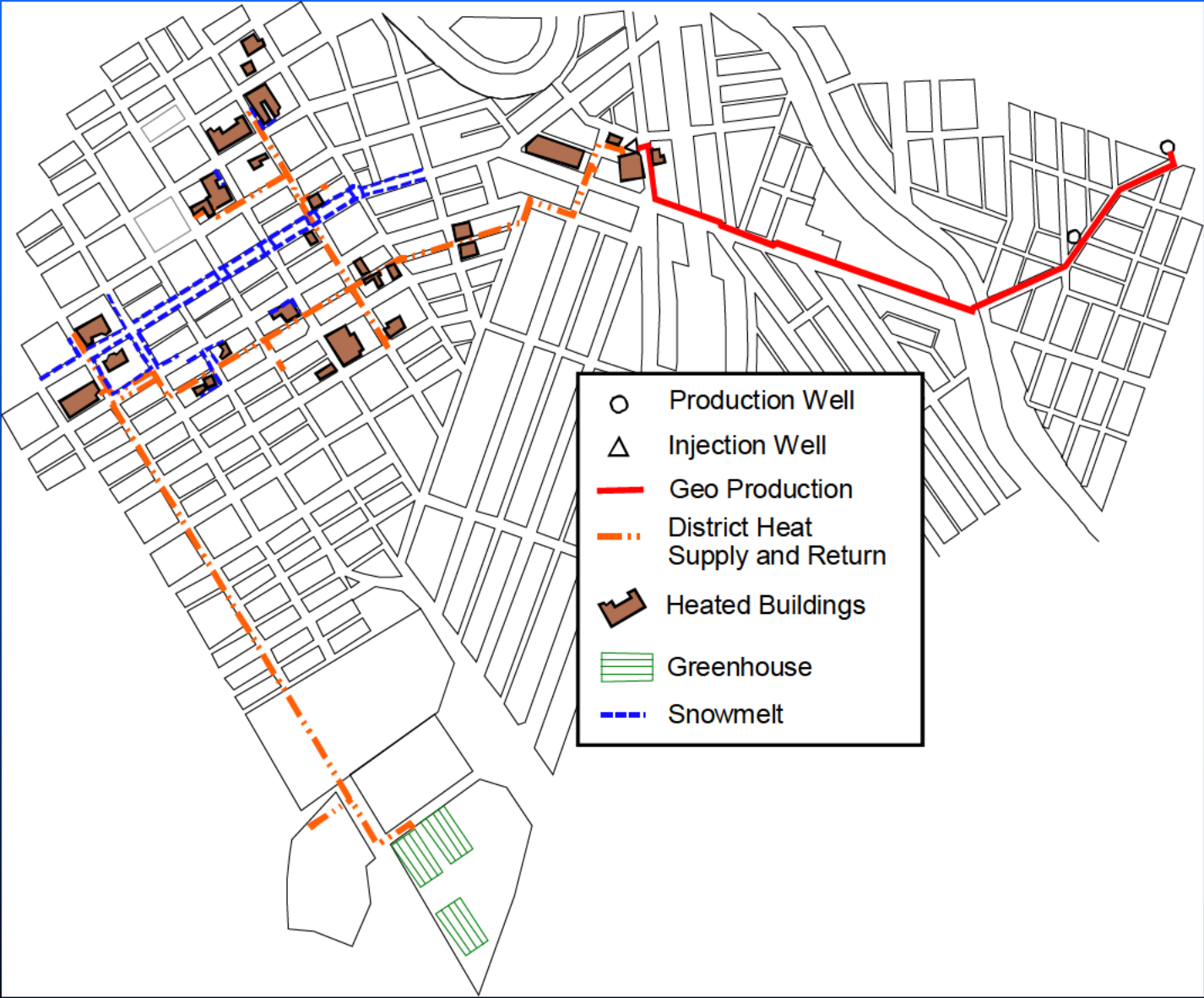
- Established in 1977 – feasibility study
- USDOE – PON grant
 - \$2.58 million – 65% federal funds - 1978
- Built 1979-1980 - Operated by City of Klamath Falls
- Two wells – 367/900 ft (112/274 m)
 - 219/212°F (104/100°C)
 - 720/770 gpm (45/49 L/s) – max
- Supply:
 - Pipeline 4,040 ft (1,231 m) – 8 in. (20 cm) preinsulated steel
 - 2 plate heat exchangers each 10 million Btu/hr (10.5 GJ/hr)
 - Secondary loop – out at 180°F (82°C) in at 140°F (60°C)
 - Closed loop – 12,680 ft (3,865 m) @ max. 1,200 gpm (76 L/s)
 - Injection well 1,235 ft. (376 m) deep – 2,500 ft (763 m) from production wells

KLAMATH FALLS

DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEM (2)

- Present – 24 buildings including the new County Gov't Center – 400,000 sq. ft. total
- Snow melt system – 150,000 ft² (14,000 m²) – 2nd HE for snow melting
- Brewery – micro-brews
- Greenhouse – tree seedlings – 4 acres (1.6 ha)
- 8.5 MWt capacity (29 MBtu/hr – 30.5 GJ/hr)
 - 3.5 MWt utilized
 - 12 million Btu/h (13 GJ/h) – 60% of max. capacity
 - ~ ΔT 40°F (22°C) on secondary loop

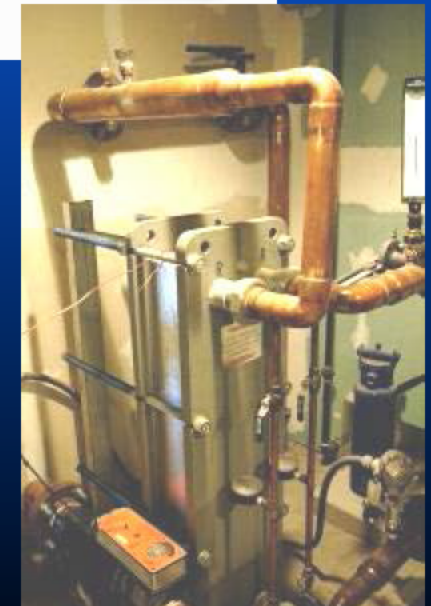
KLAMATH FALLS DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEM



OTHER KLAMATH FALLS GEOTHERMAL USES ON THE DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEM



**IFA Nursery – 1.6 ha (4 acres)
– trees seedlings**



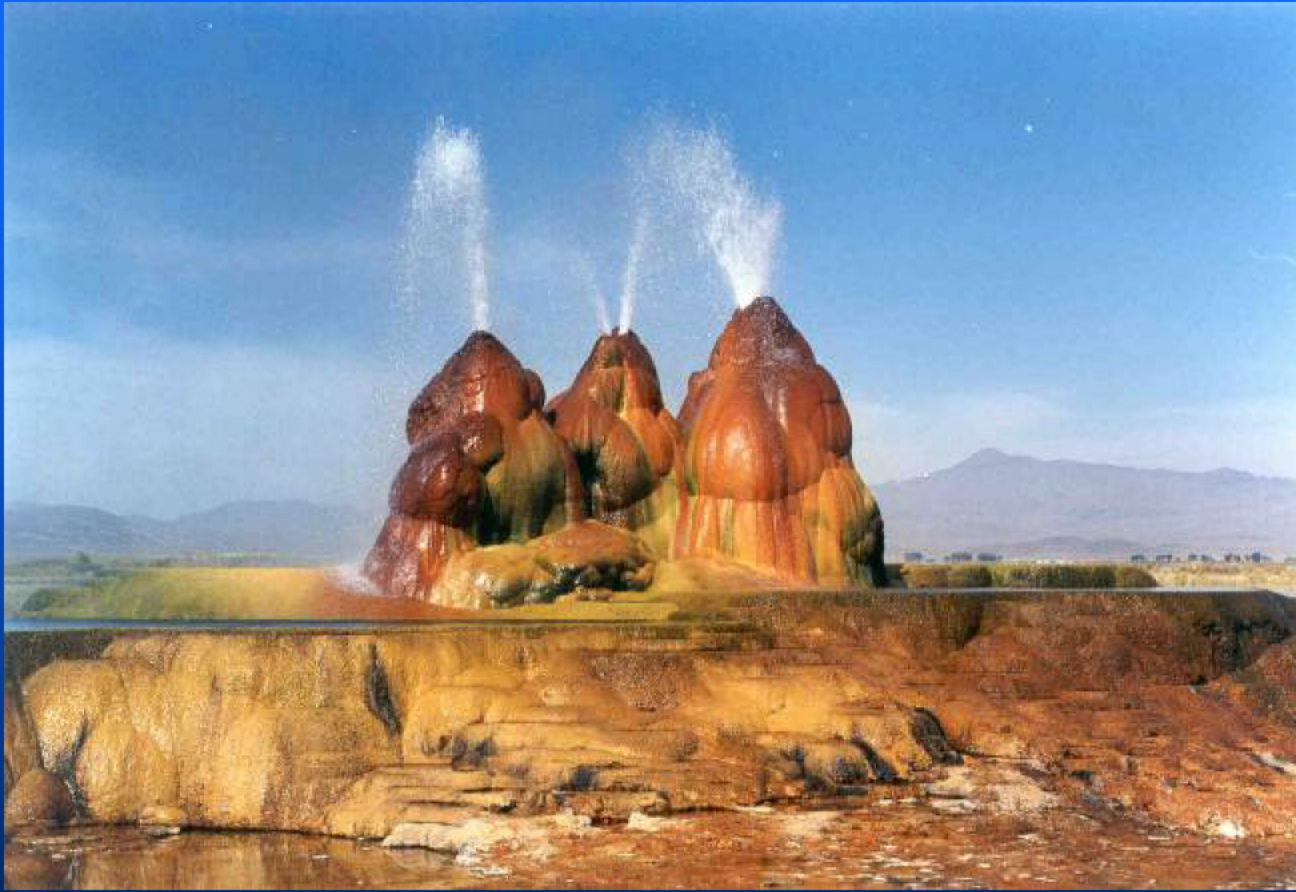


Klamath Falls snow melting system



NEW TRENDS

- COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANTS
 - Low temperature resources used for binary power production and cascaded for direct use
 - Temperatures as low as 208°F (98°C) are being used (Chena HS at 165°F (74°C))
 - Makes efficient use of the resources
 - Improves economics
 - Increases employment
 - Oregon Inst. of Tech. and Chena Hot Springs



THANK YOU