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# Streamflow Restoration Competitive Grants Overview

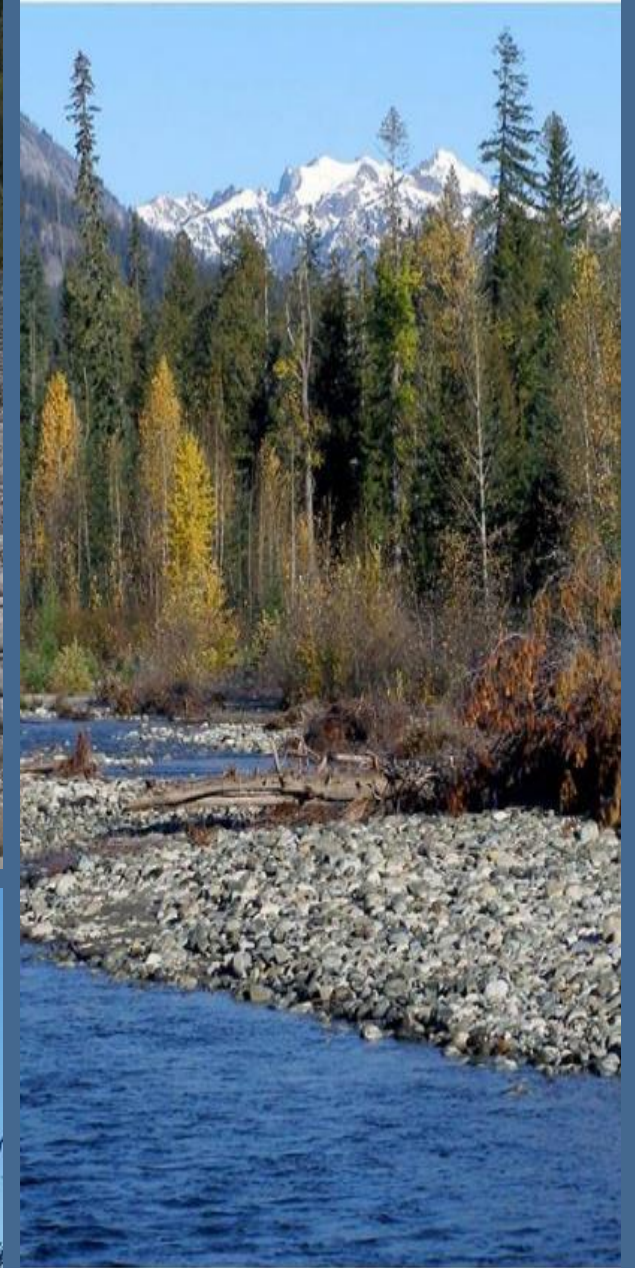
15 Year Competitive Grant Offering  
\$300 M Legislatively Authorized

- Pilot Round (2018/2019)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round (2020)
- CURRENT: 3<sup>rd</sup> Round (2021/2022)

Statewide Offering

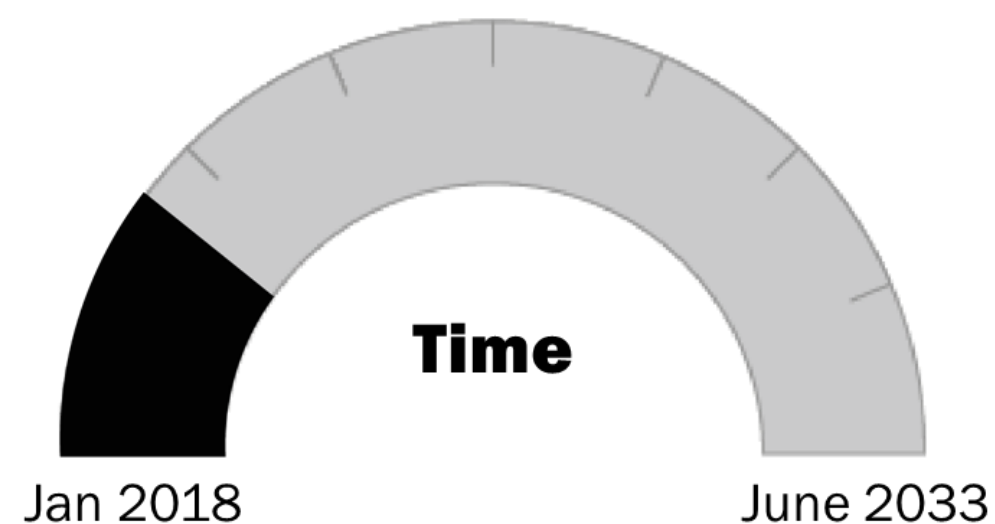
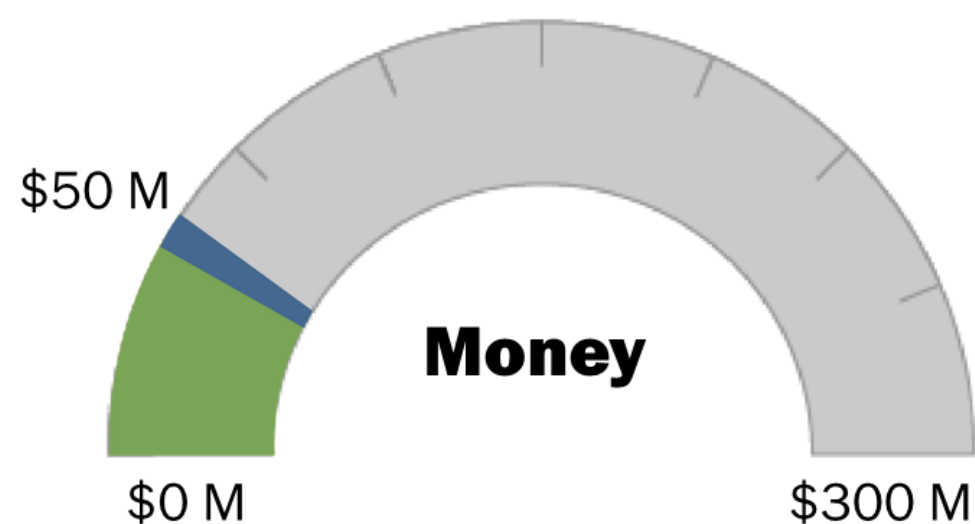
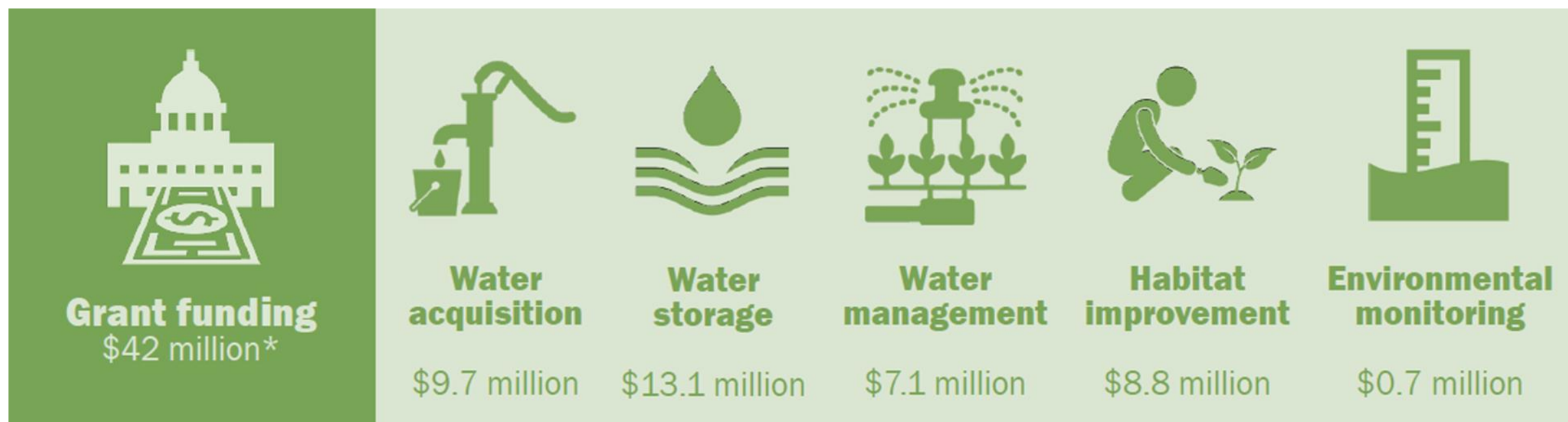
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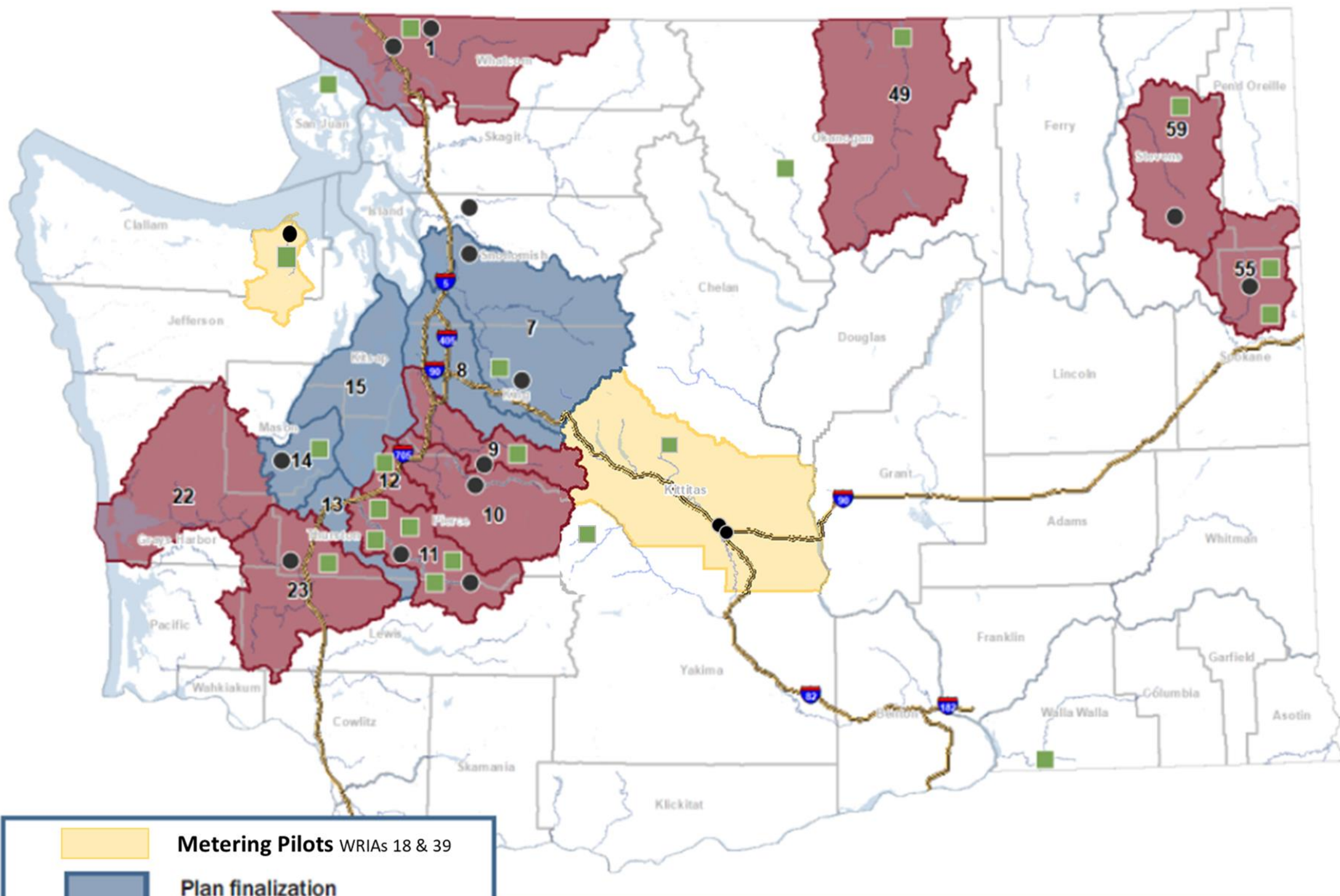




# Competitive Grants: Two Rounds Complete



# Watershed planning and project funding across the state



- Metering Pilots** WRIAs 18 & 39
- Plan finalization**  
WRIAs 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15
- Plans complete**  
WRIAs 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23, 49, 55 & 59
- Competitive grant rounds**
- 2020 grant projects**
- 2019 grant projects**

For more details on plan finalization in WRIAs 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15, please see our planning update: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2111015.pdf>.

For more on Streamflow Restoration, visit: [ecology.wa.gov/StreamflowRestoration](https://ecology.wa.gov/StreamflowRestoration).  
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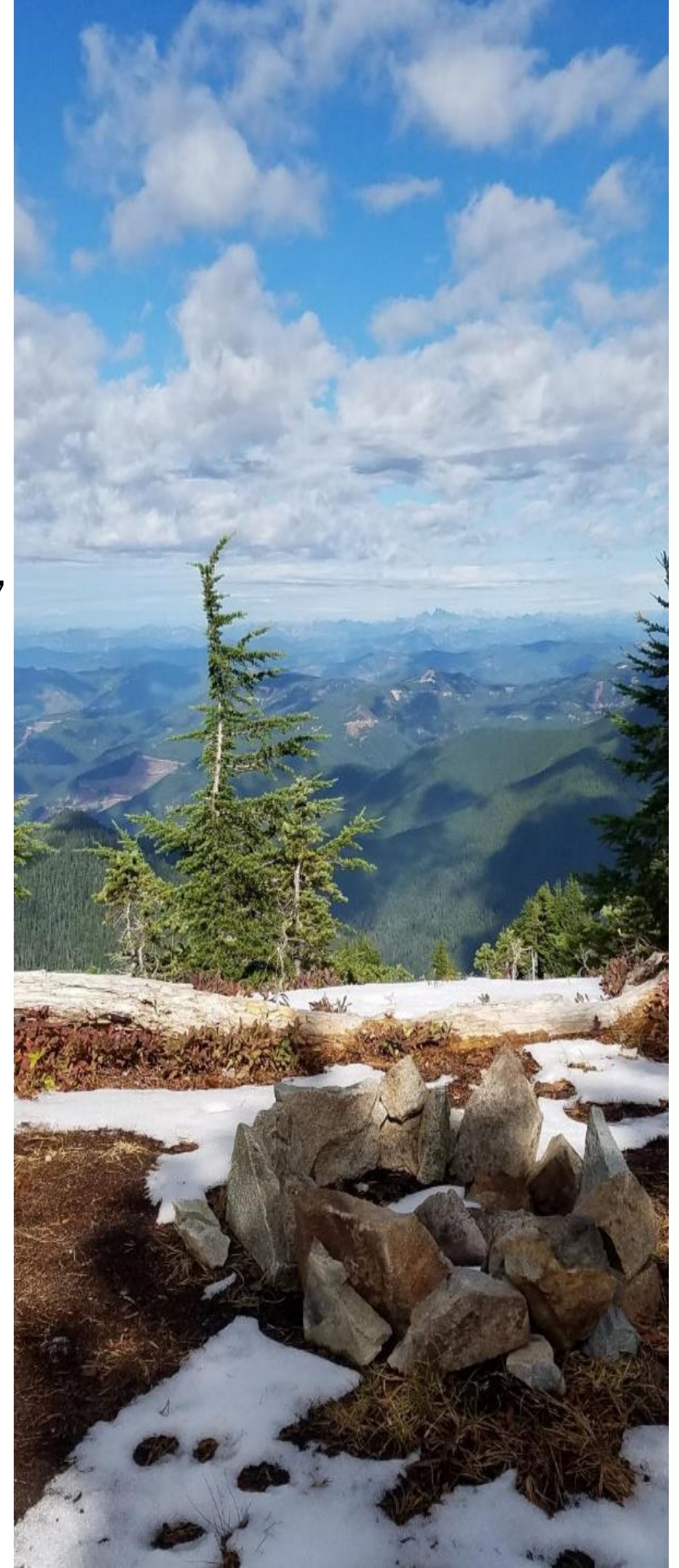
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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Competitive Grant Round

- Extremely minor changes to 2<sup>nd</sup> round grant guidance
- \$40 Million Available
- Eligible Applicants: Washington state agencies, local governments and quasi-governments within Washington state, agencies of the federal government, tribal governments with reservation lands or treaty rights within Washington, and non-profit organizations *Out-of-state agencies and organizations, and for-profit companies are not eligible to apply for these competitive grants.*
- Eligible Project Types:
  - (a) Protect and enhance streamflows.
  - (b) Improve watershed functions that benefit instream fish and wildlife resources.
  - (c) Offset the consumptive use impacts from new domestic permit exempt wells.
  - (d) Implement projects identified in a plan or rule adopted to meet the requirements of RCW 90.94.020, .030, or .040
- As in past versions, the application scoring criteria published in chapter 3 of the grants guidance



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Competitive Grant Round Funding Priorities

Funding program priorities  
are consistent with  
WAC 173-566-150 and  
Chapter 90.94 RCW

- Geographic location
  - Planning WRIA
  - Metering Pilot
- Projects identified:
  - In an adopted watershed plan; or
  - Through a rulemaking process
- Projects that improve streamflows
- Projects that benefit:
  - Threatened and endangered salmonids; or
  - Other native fish and aquatic species of concern





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Spring –Summer 2022

September 2022

● Application Period

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Competitive Grant Round Update (5/9/22)

**58 Applications Received**

**~\$100 M Requested (up to \$40 M available)**

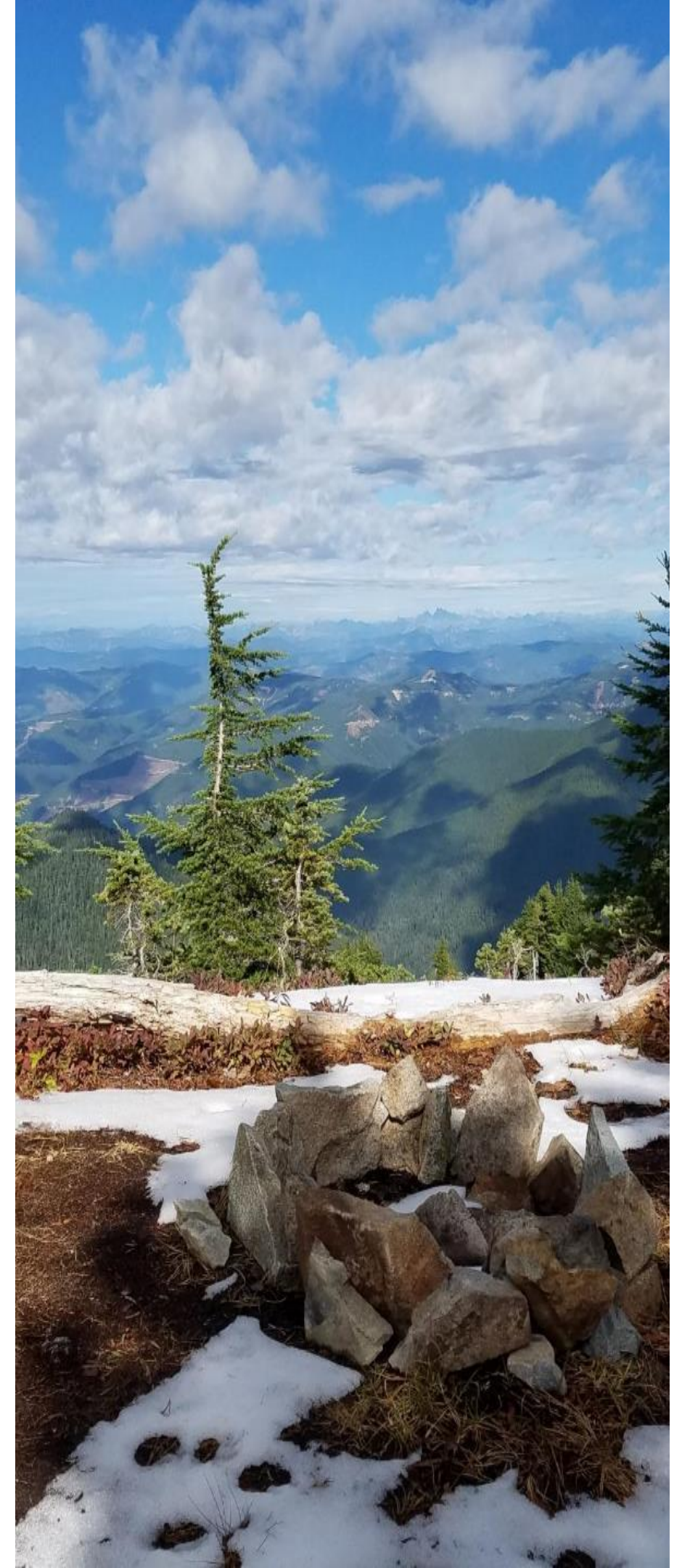
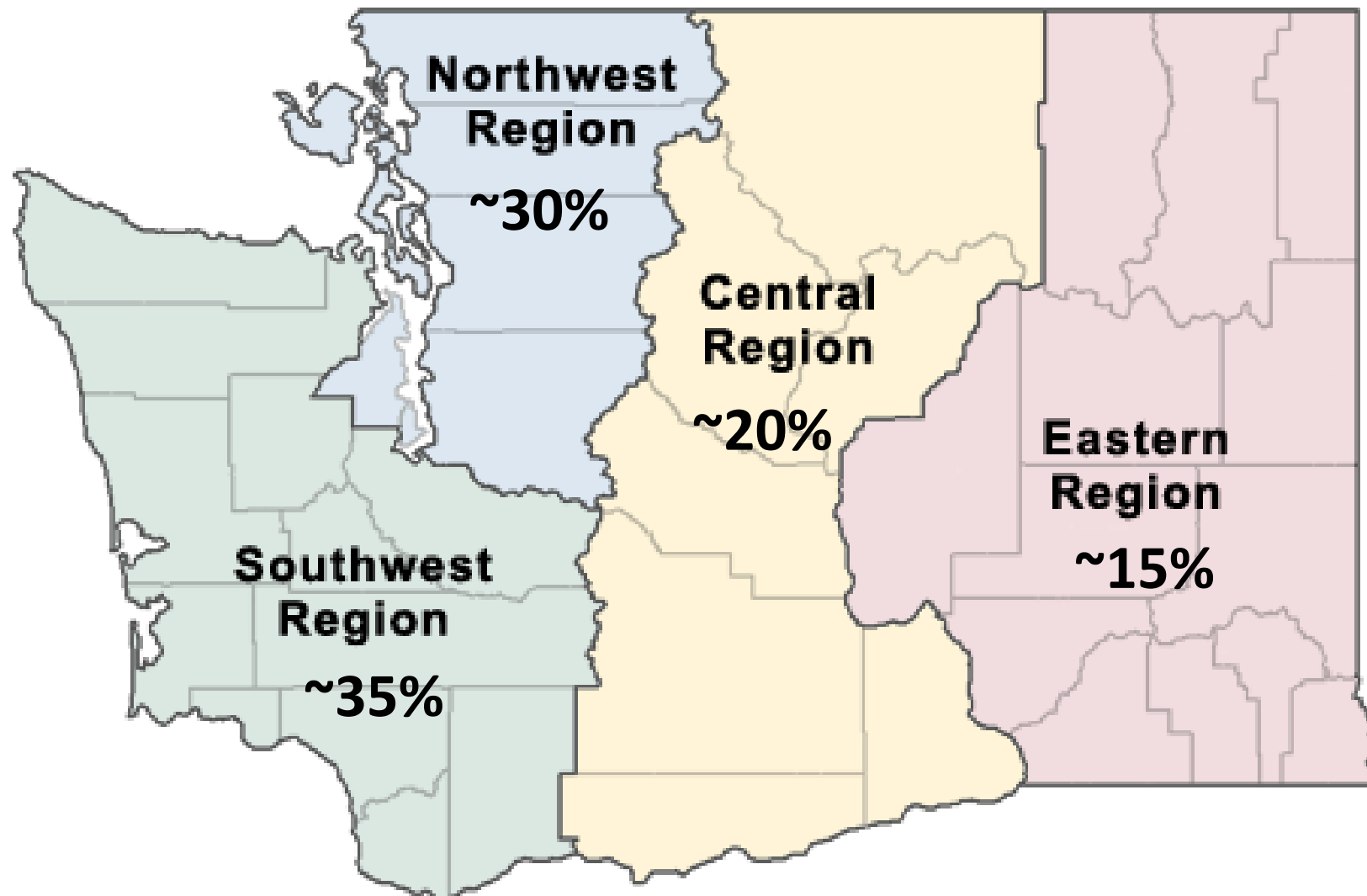
**\*Most Recent Step: Application Summary Distribution**

**\*Current Step: Agency Review**

**\*Next Step: Offers Letters**

## **Approximate Percent of Number of Requests by Region**

*(some projects span multiple counties and regions)*





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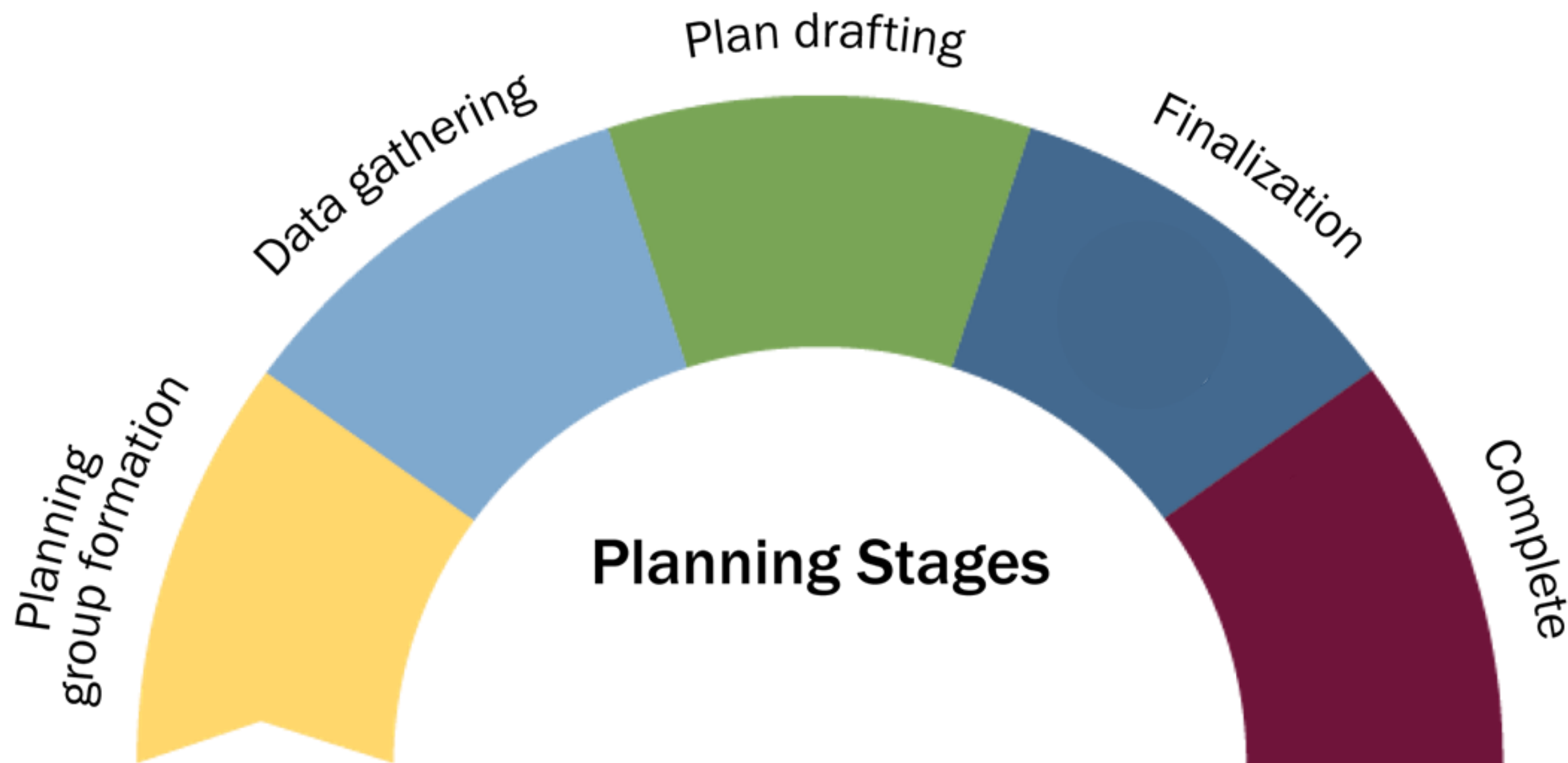


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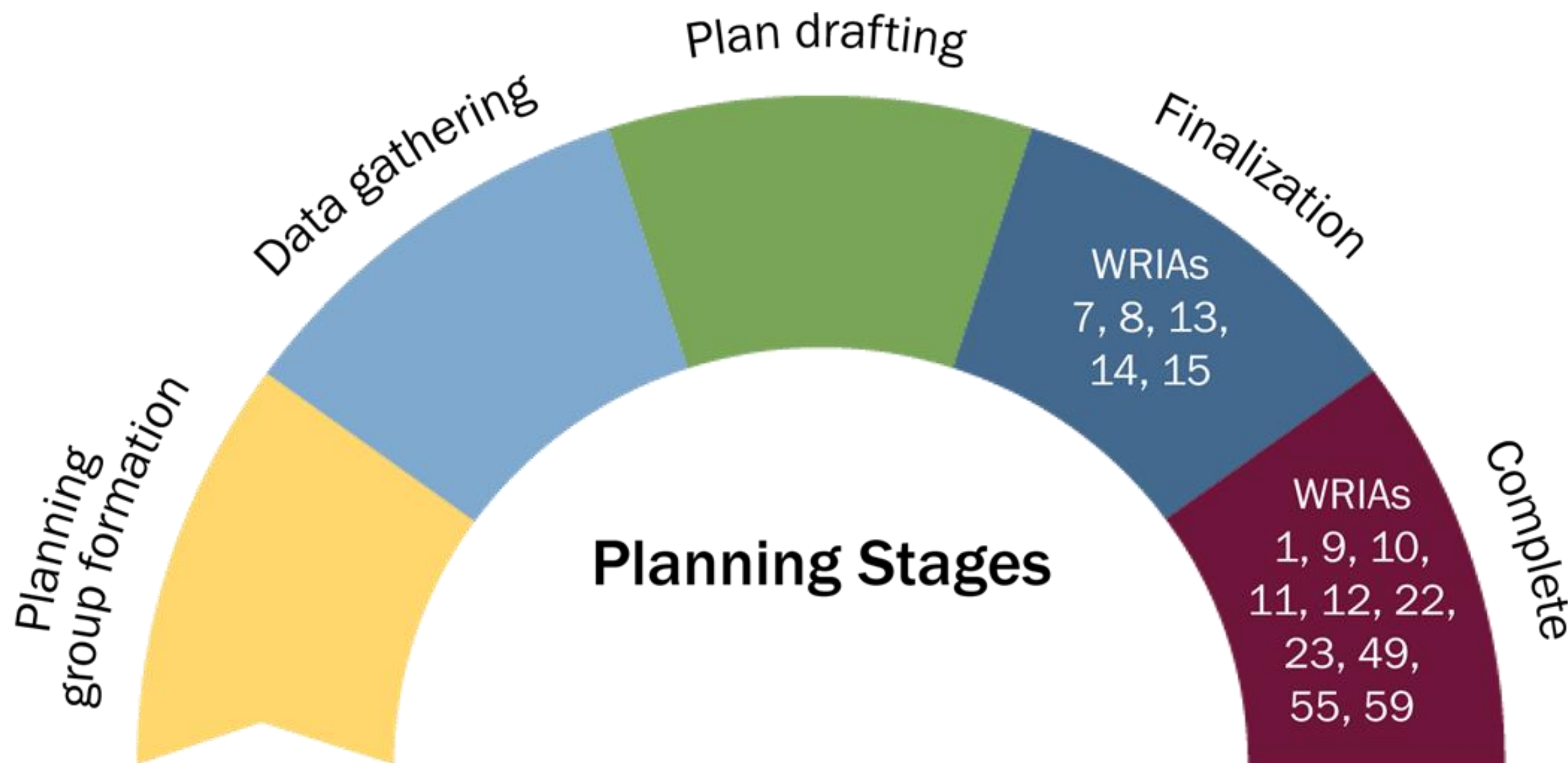
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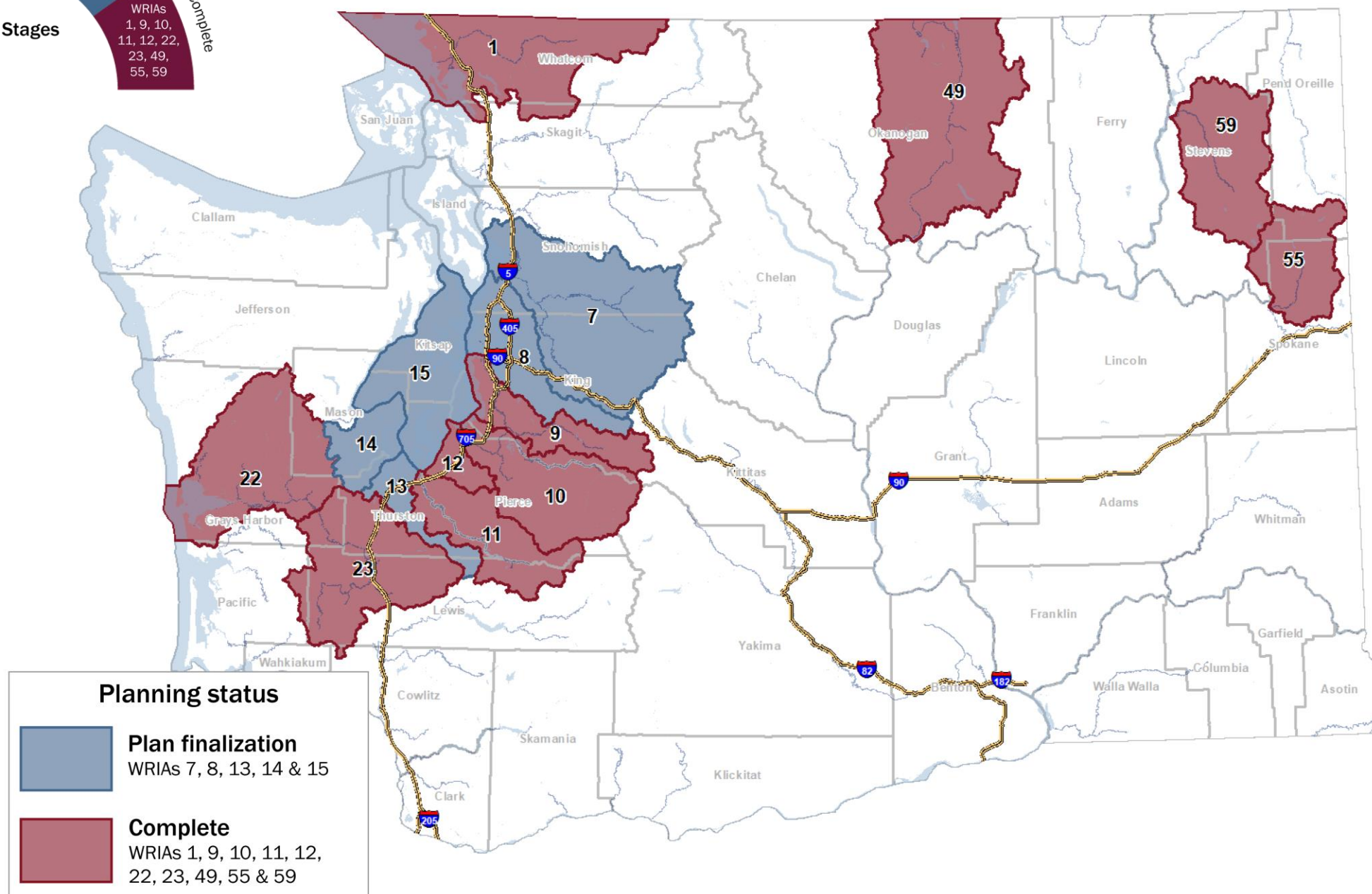
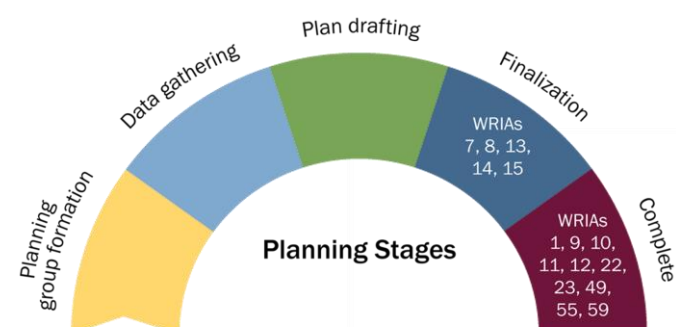


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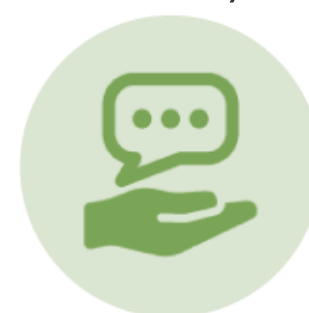


### Step 3

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(SRFB)

Fall 2023 –  
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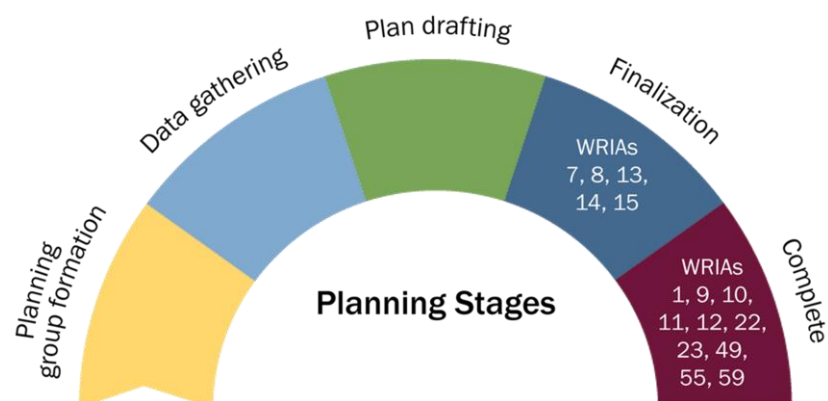


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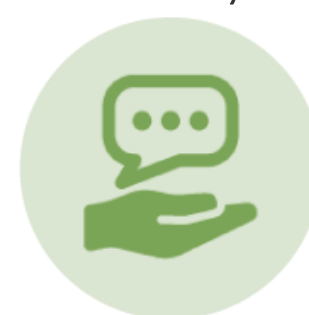
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