

# Idaho Water Resources Research Institute



The Idaho Water Resources Research Institute at the University of Idaho draws on the expertise within the Idaho university system and collaborative partners to (1) develop meaningful solutions for Idaho water problems through basic and applied, interdisciplinary research (2) provide high-quality natural resource education and educational support; and (3) transfer technologies and information developed from research activities to agencies, organizations and individuals involved in water use, management and protection.

**Research:** The Institute administers over \$2,000,000 annually in statewide and regional multidisciplinary research projects in water and related land resources. We believe in the spark of discovery that comes from working together with diverse experts within the Idaho university system, local, state and federal agencies and industry as well. Through this collaborative approach research is initiated in four general research categories: Water and People, Water and Public Policy, Water and the Environment, Water and Agriculture. Current research projects include the development of models to support decision making to aid in administration of water rights, identifying the impacts of urban development in recreational watersheds and predicting the hydrologic response of conjunctively managed surface and groundwater systems.



**Education and Outreach:** Our research projects regularly involve graduate and post graduate students, thereby contributing to their total educational experience and providing an important step in creating future scientist and nurturing scientific creativity. Educator workshops featuring Project WET and Idaho Streamwalk provide teachers with curricular and field experiences to take back to their Idaho classrooms. Splash Water Festival and events offered during Idaho Water Awareness Week directly involve students in activities that help them to better understand water and the issues related to this critical resource.

**Information Transfer:** The third vital component in the institute's mandate is to distribute its research results to the general public. In addition to formal research reports published in technical journals, we regularly publish materials and provide presentations for the lay audience. We sponsor a range of timely conferences, workshops, short-courses and seminars that focus on water and environmental management issues of importance to Idaho and the region.

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