

EPSCoR Western Tri-State Consortium
Annual Meeting of Idaho, Nevada and New Mexico
March 31 – April 1, 2009

Theme: Building Regional Collaborations

The Grove Hotel

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Monday, March 30, 2009	
1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Cyberinfrastructure (CI) Working Group Meeting (River Fork Room – 3 rd floor)
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Early Registration and No-host Reception (Hotel Lobby – 1 st Floor) No host bar for those who wish to attend

Tuesday, March 31, 2009	
7:30 am	Registration (The Landing outside of Evergreen Room – 2 nd Floor) Continental Breakfast (Evergreen Room)
8:15 am – 8:30 am	Welcoming Remarks (Evergreen Room) <i>Greg Bohach, Idaho EPSCoR Project Director</i>
8:30 am – 8:45 am	EPSCoR and NSF Priorities <i>Denise Barnes, Office of EPSCoR, National Science Foundation</i>
8:45 am – 9:45 am	Keynote: Water and Carbon Exchange between a Subalpine Forest and the Atmosphere: Taking the Complexity out of Complex Terrain <i>Russell Monson, Professor of Biology, University of Colorado at Boulder</i>
9:45 am – 10:15 am	Improving Communication in Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration <i>Stephen Crowley, Boise State University/J.D. Wulfhorst, University of Idaho</i>
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Networking Break
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Overview of State EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Activities and Q&A: Idaho, Nevada & New Mexico (Evergreen Room) <i>Von Walden – Idaho (20 min)</i> <i>Bill Michener – New Mexico (20 min)</i> <i>Gayle Dana – Nevada (20 min)</i>

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch Buffet Style (in The Landing - Return to Evergreen Room)
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Breakout Sessions: Presentations of 15 minutes each followed by joint discussion identifying ideas for common approaches and new collaborative opportunities.</p> <p>(A) Observational Networks (Aspen Room – 2nd Floor): Climate, hydrology and vegetation: in-situ data collection for improved models inputs and understanding climate change effects. <i>Richard Allen (ID), Jay Arnone (NV), John Wilson (NM)</i></p> <p>(B) Social and Economic Research (Cedar Room – 2nd Floor): Interdisciplinary research and modeling: integrating climate, hydrologic, economic and social models. <i>Sian Mooney (ID), William Smith/Tom Piechota (NV), Sam Fernald (NM)</i></p>
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Networking Break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Breakout Sessions (continued)</p> <p>(C) Hydrology (Aspen Room): Climate impacts on mountain sources of water: snow hydrology, water quality, and water resources. <i>Tim Link/Alistair Smith (ID), Laurel Saito (NV), Cliff Dahm (NM)</i></p> <p>(D) Climate Science (Cedar Room): Regional climate modeling and coupling climate - hydrologic models. <i>Joe Galewsky (NM), Venkat Sridhar (ID), Darko Koracin (NV)</i></p> <p>(E) Ecology (Ivy Room – 2nd Floor): Climate change effects on vegetation. <i>Colden Baxter (ID), Franco Biondi (NV)</i></p>
5:10 pm – 6:00 pm	Joint Session Report Out (Aspen/Cedar Rooms combined): Summary and identification of common regional scientific challenges and solutions. <i>10 minutes for each breakout topic (A through E)</i>
6:00 pm	Adjourn Dinner on your own. Informal self-organized groups at Café' Ole', Bardenay, Brick Oven Bistro, or others (maps provided).

Wednesday, April 1, 2009	
7:30 am	Continental Breakfast (Evergreen Room - 2 nd Floor)
8:15 am – 9:00 am	Interactive Lecture: Recruiting for Diversity (Evergreen Room) <i>Sam Byrd, President of iDiversityWorks!</i>
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Presentations: Examples of Effective Education and Outreach Programs that Emphasize Diversity. <i>Janet Callahan (ID), Dave Hassenzahl (NV), Marnie Carroll (NM)</i>
9:45 am – 10:15 am	Facilitated Diversity Discussion and Learning Activities <i>Sam Byrd</i>
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Networking Break
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	<p>Breakout Sessions: Presentations of 15 minutes each followed by joint discussion identifying ideas for common approaches and new collaborative opportunities.</p> <p>(F) Public Outreach (Aspen Room –2nd Floor): Creating an informed citizenry; identifying and collaborating with stakeholder groups and decision-makers. <i>William Smith (NV), Von Walden/Colden Baxter (ID), Jessica Sapunar-Jursich (NM)</i></p> <p>(G) Integration of Research and Education (Cedar Room – 2nd Floor): Programs to increase participation in STEM fields, K-12 materials development, and educational outreach programs). <i>Jacque Ewing-Taylor (NV), Katherine Mitchell/Clyde Romero (NM), Paul Allan (ID)</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>CI Working Group and other interested parties (River Fork Room – 3rd Floor): Finalization of CI collaboration recommendations for report out.</p>
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch Buffet Style (in The Landing - Return to Evergreen Room)
1:30 pm – 2:10 pm	Cyberinfrastructure (CI) Report Out (Evergreen Room): Common regional CI challenges and solutions. <i>Karl Benedict (NM)</i>
2:10 pm – 2:30 pm	Joint Session Report Out (Evergreen Room): Identification of common education and outreach challenges and solutions. <i>10 minutes for each breakout topic (F-G).</i>
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Concluding Remarks, Q&A, Next Steps <i>Greg Bohach, Bill Michener, and Gayle Dana (EPSCoR Project Directors)</i>
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn