



Applying knowledge to improve water quality

Pacific Northwest

Regional Water Program

A Partnership of USDA NIFA
& Land Grant Colleges and Universities

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November 2-3, 2005:

Groundwater Under the Pacific Northwest

Our regional research and extension conference, Groundwater Under the Pacific Northwest— Integrating Research, Policy, and Education, will be held November 2-3, at the Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington.

Because of the importance of ensuring adequate water supplies, this year's Biennial Regional Research and Extension Water Quality Conference will focus on groundwater issues in the Pacific Northwest. Our two-day conference is packed with information relating to a broad array of groundwater-related topics, including groundwater quantity and quality, surface and groundwater interaction, hydrogeology, groundwater modeling, management and policy implications, and integration of science, education, and policy. What makes this conference truly unique is that many of these concepts are demonstrated with regional examples from La Pine, Walla Walla, Umatilla, and the Southern Willamette Valley Groundwater Management Area.

CONFERENCE GOALS

- ◆ Provide participants with a holistic understanding of the current science, policy, and management of Pacific Northwest groundwater resources.
- ◆ Strengthen connections between research, extension, regulatory, and technical assistance groups.
- ◆ Identify critical research and information needs required for successful groundwater management.

PRE-CONFERENCE ITEMS

- ◆ On November 1st, both a pre-conference workshop and pre-conference field trip will be offered.

Field Trip:
Clark County Groundwater Tour

Pre-Conference Workshop:
Groundwater Essentials

Consult for more information:
www.swwrc.wsu.edu/conference2005/index.html

This conference offers you the ability to stay current on the latest technical, social, and legal issues essential to managing water resources in the Pacific Northwest. In addition to the oral presentations, a poster session will provide opportunities for exchanging ideas and networking with colleagues. While focusing on regional issues and solutions, the conference will begin each morning with a thought-provoking keynote presentation by a prominent national speaker. They will help shed new light on the challenges and opportunities for integrating science into decision-making.

So come and join the dynamic atmosphere of this year's conference and be prepared to share your own experiences with other professionals in the PNW. You can obtain more information for the conference at: www.swwrc.wsu.edu/conference2005/index.html.



Pacific Northwest Regional Water Quality Coordination Project Partners

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University Publications:

<http://www.alaska.edu/uaf/ces/publications/>

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<http://www.uidaho.edu/wq/wqhome.html>

University Publications:

<http://info.ag.uidaho.edu/Catalog/catalog.htm>

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Oregon State University
Extension Service
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University Publications:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/>

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Washington State University
WSU Extension

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Water Resource Research Institutes

Water and Environmental Research
Center (Alaska)

<http://www.uaf.edu/water/>

Idaho Water Resources
Research Institute
<http://www.boise.uidaho.edu/>

Institute for Water and
Watersheds (Oregon)
<http://water.oregonstate.edu/>

State of Washington
Water Research Center
<http://www.swwrc.wsu.edu/>

Environmental Protection Agency

EPA, Region 10

The Pacific Northwest

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The Project

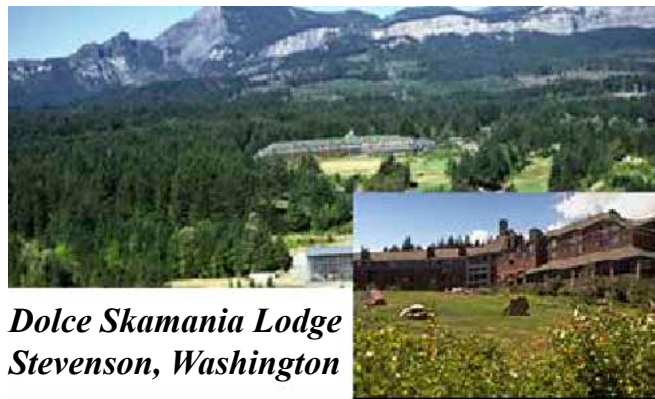
Land Grant Universities, Water Research Institutes, and EPA Region 10 have formed a partnership to provide research and education to communities about protecting or restoring the quality of water resources. This partnership is being supported in part by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

Our Goal and Approach

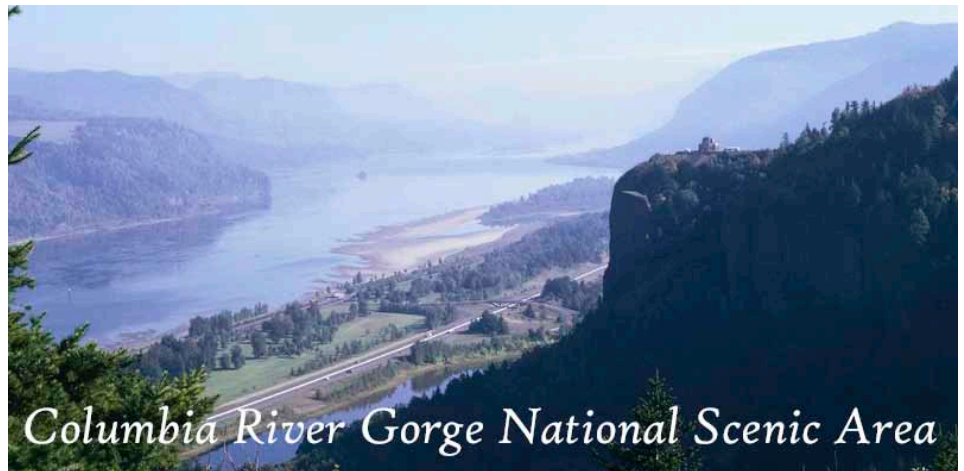
The goal of this Project is to provide leadership for water resources research, education, and outreach to help people, industry, and governments to prevent and solve current and emerging water quality and quantity problems. The approach to achieving this goal is for the Partners to develop a coordinated water quality effort based on, and strengthening, individual state programs.

Our Strengths

The Project promotes regional collaboration by acknowledging existing programs and successful efforts; assisting program gaps; identifying potential issues for cross-agency and private sector collaboration; and developing a clearinghouse of expertise and programs. In addition, the Project establishes or enhances partnerships with federal, state, and local environmental and water resource management agencies, such as by placing a University Liaison within the offices of EPA Region 10.



**Dolce Skamania Lodge
Stevenson, Washington**



Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

National Water Quality Program Areas

The four land grant universities in the Pacific Northwest have aligned our water resource Extension and research efforts with eight themes of the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

1. Animal Waste Management
2. Drinking Water and Human Health
3. Environmental Restoration
4. Nutrient and Pesticide Management
5. Pollution Assessment and Prevention
6. Watershed Management
7. Water Conservation and Management
8. Water Policy and Economics

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