

*The Delta Science Program and the U.S. Geological Survey
Jointly Present a Delta Lead Scientist Candidate Brown Bag Seminar:*

Boosting the Use of Science and Data in Support of Management Decisions and Informed Public Policy

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Universities, practitioners, agencies and non-profits in the northwest region have been using regional research and data collaboratives to position science as a timely and credible contributor to the solution of highly complex societal issues at the water-energy-food-climate nexus. The University of Idaho has been a major player in standing up for three of these collaboratives, including the [Northwest Knowledge Network](#), data and metadata services redefining what it means to do science; the [Northwest Climate Science Center](#), a best-practice model for the provision of climate science and decision support tools; and the [Western Initiative for the Dairy Environment](#), a science roadmap for common progress among conflicting interests of regulation, values and practice.

Learnings from these regional initiatives can be applied to collaborative science and decision-making processes among contractors, agencies, NGOs and elected officials during the implementation of the Delta Science Plan, allowing the *coequal goals* vision to progress more swiftly into reality.

