



Applying knowledge to improve water quality

# Pacific Northwest

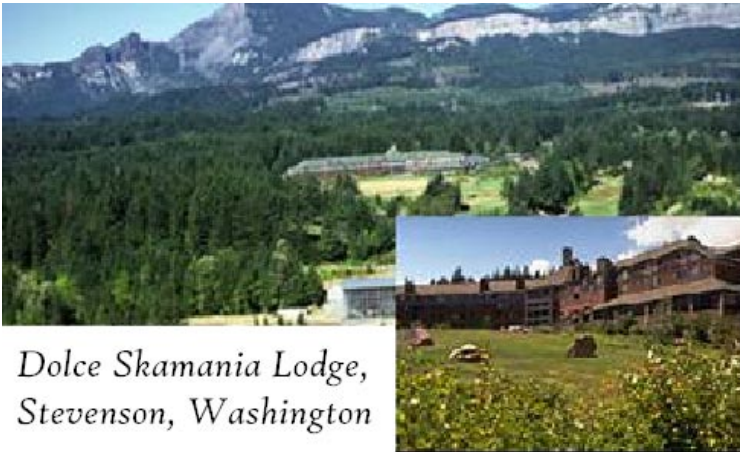
## Regional Water Program

A Partnership of USDA CSREES  
& Land Grant Colleges and Universities

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### 2005 Conference Announcement:

## Integrating Research, Policy, and Education for Our Groundwater Resources



Dolce Skamania Lodge,  
Stevenson, Washington

The biennial Regional Research and Extension Water Quality Conference will return in 2005 to the beautiful Dolce Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington. Scheduled for November 2 and 3, 2005, with a pre-conference workshop on November 1, the conference will focus on groundwater issues in the Pacific Northwest. The conference is expected to draw an audience of approximately 200 water-resource professionals from around the region to present and share their work with researchers, regulators, practitioners, educators, students, and others. From research to outreach, from policy to human health, the conference will cover a wide range of topics on groundwater quantity and quality.

The call for abstracts will be out soon. In addition to presenting your most recent experiences, staying current on the latest technical, social, and legal issues are essential to a water-resource professionals' career. Networking with peers is also important. The conference schedule will allow an opportunity to accomplish this by providing a day and a half of concurrent sessions, ample break and meal times, and a poster session/networking reception. Mark your calendar and join your colleagues in Stevenson, Washington to learn about the many interesting aspects of groundwater in the Pacific Northwest.

**2005 Conference**  
**November 2-3, 2005**  
**Pre-conference Workshop**  
**November 1, 2005**  
**Dolce Skamania Lodge**  
**Stevenson, Washington**

Stevenson, Washington is located in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, less than an hour's drive from the Vancouver, Washington/Portland, Oregon area. This beautiful area has much to offer for those wanting to do some hiking or sightseeing. Some ideas for sightseeing include the following:

- Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum, Stevenson, Washington. Learn about the natural and human history of the area. Contact: (800) 991-2338.
- Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Monument Headquarters, Amboy, Washington. Discover the drama of an active volcano. Contact: (360) 449-7800.
- Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge & Marine Park, Cascade Locks, Oregon. Cruise the Columbia River Gorge aboard a triple-deck paddle wheeler. Contact: (800) 643-1354.



## Pacific Northwest Regional Water Quality Coordination Project Partners

### Land Grant Universities

#### Alaska

Cooperative Extension Service  
Contact Fred Sorensen:  
907-786-6311

<http://www.uaf.edu/ces/water/index.html>

University Publications:

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

#### Idaho

University of Idaho  
Cooperative Extension System  
Contact Bob Mahler: 208-885-7025

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

University Publications:

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

#### Oregon

Oregon State University  
Extension Service  
Contact Mike Gamroth: 541-737-3316

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

University Publications:

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

#### Washington

Washington State University  
WSU Extension  
Contact Bob Simmons:  
360-427-9670 ext. 690

<http://wawater.wsu.edu/>

University Publications:

<http://pubs.wsu.edu/>

Northwest Indian College  
Contact: Michael Cochrane:  
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<http://www.nwic.edu/>

### 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  
<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/>

Office of Research and Development,  
Corvallis Laboratory  
<http://www.epa.gov/wed/>

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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 Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension System (CSREES).

## 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.

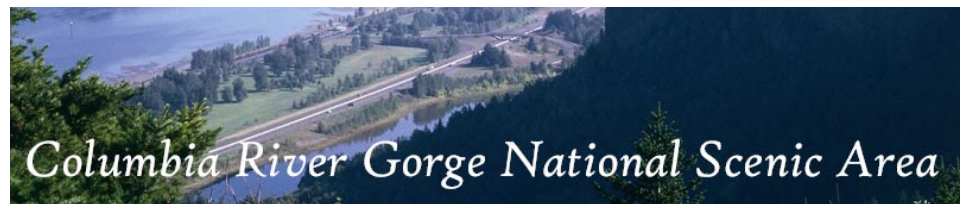
## Our Strengths

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.

For more information on things to do in this area, contact the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce at (800) 989-9178 or visit their web site at <http://www.skamania.org/>.

The 2005 conference is sponsored by the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service. The conference is being organized by the State of Washington Water Research Center with help from the following: Compliance Services International; Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; Northwest Indian College; Oregon Dept. of Human Services; Oregon State University; University of Alaska Cooperative Extension Service; University of Idaho; USDA NRCS; USEPA Region 10; USGS; Washington State Dept. of Agriculture; Washington State Dept. of Ecology; Washington State University; and Washington State University Extension.

**For more information, contact the State of Washington Water Research Center by e-mail at [watercenter@wsu.edu](mailto:watercenter@wsu.edu) or continue to check the SWWRC web site at: <http://www.swwrc.wsu.edu/>.**



*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 Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension System.

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

*CSREES is the Cooperative States Research, Education, and Extension Service, a sub-agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, and is the federal partner in this water quality program.*