IDAWRA Brownbag: Wed. June 5, 2013; 11:30 - 1:00 pm "From Wild Sage to Farm: Historic Land Uses of the Boise River Valley"

Speaker: Jennifer Stevens, Ph.D. Stevens Historical Research Associates

Wednesday, June 5, 11:30 -1 pm (talk will start at 11:45)

Location: Washington Group Plaza Executive Dining Room

720 Park Blvd Boise, ID 83712

Cost: Free

Lunch available in the Washington Group cafeteria, next to the Executive Dining Room IDAWRA thanks the Corps of Engineers for providing the venue.

In her talk, "From Wild Sage to Farm," Jennifer Stevens will provide an overview of the Boise River's historic uses on valley lands from the 1860s to 1950. She will discuss the physical changes to the river, the increase in irrigation, and the arrival of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Jennifer Stevens runs Stevens Historical Research Associations, a historical research consulting firm founded in 2004 in Boise, Idaho. She has expertise in the field of water rights, land use, mining history, urban planning and urban history. She has more than eighteen years of archival research and writing experience in public history. Her consulting firm provides services related to legal matters as well as cultural resource management.

Jennifer has worked on more than twenty water use-related cases across the West in multiple states, including California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Kansas.

In addition to her work on history of the natural environment, Stevens served five years on Boise's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and an additional five years on Boise's Planning and Zoning Commission. In 2011, Idaho's Governor "Butch" Otter, appointed her to the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

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