"Reducing Post-Fire Watershed Flood Risk - Paths to Community Success"

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Wildfire was on everyone's mind last summer and for good reason. According to the Idaho Department of Lands, $164.3 million was spent across agencies in Idaho on fire suppression and 741,700 acres were burned statewide in 2013. The Beaver Creek fire burned more than 100,000 acres and the Elk and Pony complex fire burned 131,258 acres of public and private land. What happens after the fire is suppressed to reduce the immediate risk of flood and debris flows, particularly when timely response is critical to success? Responsibilities and authorities are distributed to local, State, Tribal, and Federal government organizations, but are there gaps and overlaps that slow or impede efforts? How best can short-term and long-term recovery be managed at the watershed level while respecting private rights and public responsibilities? What is the role of non-governmental organizations and where do they contribute? Join us to learn more about the post-fire watershed recovery process and responsibilities and participate in a discussion of how to improve future efforts.

The Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Boulevard | Boise, ID 83714
5:30PM Social, no-host bar
6:15PM Buffet Dinner
7:00PM Presentation

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