Dinner Meeting of the Idaho State Section of the American Water Resources Association Thursday, February 18, 2016 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

" Mining In 21st Century: Idaho "

Panel members:

- Moderator: Dr. Virginia Gillerman, Associate Research Scientist, Idaho Geological Survey
- Jeffrey Root, Land Manager, Midas Gold
- Phil Bandy, Senior Scientist, Forsgren Associates Inc.
- Rob Hanson, Mine Waste Program Manager, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- Jim Egnew, Geologist, Payette National Forest, USFS

There is no doubt that the mining sector is a valuable contributor to the economic vitality of Idaho. As a state rich in natural resources and suffering from high unemployment in rural counties, Idaho is always working to maintain a balance between good stewardship and economic benefit. In 2012, mining and related processing jobs contributed \$1.47 billion to Idaho's gross state product and the mining industry accounted for \$133.7 million in property, sales, excise, and income taxes paid to Idaho (Idaho Geological Survey 2015). But the swings in commodity prices, now in a downturn, lead to fluctuations of hiring and layoffs in Idaho's mining sector and impact individual families, communities, counties and the State. Permitting and regulatory requirements are part of the financial setting for existing mines and new mines, regardless of commodity prices. The length of time to permit a mine expansion or a new mine is measured in years. Come listen to a panel discussion of the intricacies of mining in Idaho in the 21st century with Federal and State regulators and spokesmen for the mining industry.

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