

Idaho Section of the American Water Resources Association (IDAWRA) brownbag: "Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) history and update", Thursday, September 21, 2017 , 11:30, Washington Group Plaza Executive Dining Room, 720 Park Blvd., Boise

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Speakers: Marie Callaway Kellner, Water Associate, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), and Austin Hopkins, Conservation Associate, ICL

The EPA and Army Corps are considering rescinding the 2015 Clean Water Rule, a law aimed at clarifying which water bodies and wetlands were protected under the Clean Water Act. Although the proposed rule is currently stayed in the courts, if the rule were enacted it would protect sources of drinking water for 1 in 3 Americans. Idaho Conservation League will discuss the legal and historic background that brought us to where we are today, then discuss what Idaho stands to lose if the Clean Water Rule is ultimately rescinded.

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