

IDAWR Brownbag Presentation:

Idaho Section of the American Water Resources Association (IDAWRA)
Tuesday, May 7th 2019, Lower Boise River Watershed Council 319 program

- Speaker: [Dan Steenson](#), Director, Lower Boise Watershed Council

11:30 am – 1:00 pm (Presentation starts at 11:45pm)

Location: 2nd floor Conference Room, Banner Bank Building, 950 W Bannock Street, Boise, ID 83702

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High sediment discharge to the lower Boise River from Mason Creek (at bottom of photograph).

Grant Assistance



The 319 Grants provide financial incentive to implement on-the-ground Best Management Practices.

Dan has over twenty-five years of experience in water rights, water quality, flood management, public and local land use, grazing rights, mining, agricultural, and environmental law. Dan's practice includes representing a variety of clients and entities in judicial and administrative proceedings at the local, state and federal levels. He also has extensive experience crafting and presenting legislation to the Idaho legislature, and working collaboratively with diverse interest groups to develop innovative and effective solutions to Idaho's natural resource challenges.

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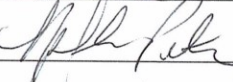
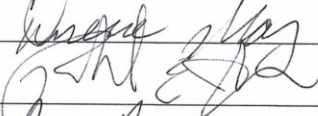
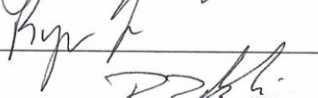
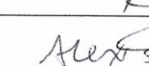
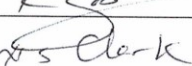

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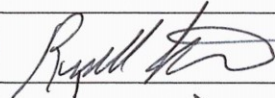
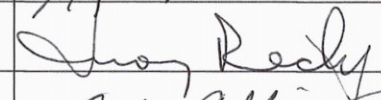
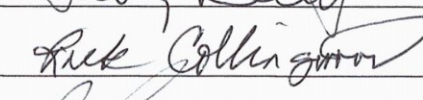
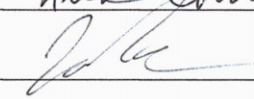
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