

## **Report for 2001WA2061B: Statewide Outreach and Information Transfer**

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Report Follows:

The following items constitute the core of the technology transfer activities of the center.

1. A regional water quality conference was held in connection with a USDA-CSREES funded grant. The main objective of the conference was to present current science and scientific advances as well as their practical application for technology transfer and outreach. Over 170 individuals from extension, university faculty, consultants, and technical personnel for state and federal agencies came together to express their experiences in a wide variety of local water issues including animal waste management, drinking water and human health, environmental restoration, nutrient and pesticide management, pollution assessment and prevention, water quantity and policy, and watershed management.
2. Continued funding for the USDA-CSREES grant was received. The project helps coordinate research and extension activities of the Water Research Institutes and Cooperative Extension Services in Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington with EPA Region 10. Bi-monthly meetings are held, and communication between researchers and governmental agencies is expanding rapidly.
3. Washington e-Water News. This is an informative electronic newsletter that reaches over 1,500 individuals. It includes a variety of current and emerging research and extension issues presented in a format suitable for the general public. Newsletter issues 3, 4 and 5 were printed during this year. The newsletter has been extremely well received by our constituency.
4. Web page development. This is an important media for us to present information about the activities of the Center and the research faculty in the state as well as news and events, research reports, and opportunities for research funding. This media requires nearly continuous work to ensure that the material is current and the look of the page is up to date. Therefore, a great deal of effort is placed into improving and updating the page.
5. Our database of interested stakeholders is constantly being updated. Currently, over 2,000 names are included with the number growing every month.
6. A variety of other small activities are conducted such as a) presentation to watershed groups, b) service in response to telephone and e-mail requests from users, c) organization of small seminars and workshops, and d) attendance at extension and agency meetings.