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Abstract

Water shortages across the Pacific Northwest last year, as well as continuing watershed planning activities associated with growing water demands in the face of the Endangered Species Act, have highlighted the need for research and public understanding of water issues facing the State of Washington. The impact of continued economic development (both urban and agricultural) will continue to put strain on the quantity and quality of water resources and threaten relatively short drinking water supplies and limit growth in many areas. Complex interactions and options will need to be understood by decision makers and public stakeholders at all levels so that informed decisions can be made. Education will be the key to insure the public fully comprehends the choices presented to them. This remains one of the challenges and opportunities for the State of Washington Water Research Center.