



IDAHO WASHINGTON AQUIFER COLLABORATIVE

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The Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) is a non-profit organization working to maintain and enhance water quality and quantity for present and future generations by developing management strategies which benefit the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer and the Spokane River region.

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Grant Proposal Review Committee
Five Star & Urban Restoration Program, 2015
1133 Fifteenth St., N.W., Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Proposal Review Committee Members,

I am writing in support the University of Idaho Extension's "Cleaner. Water. Faster. Interpretive Trail" project. The purpose of the Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) is to work together to maintain and/or enhance water quality and quantity for present and future generations by developing management strategies which benefit the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer (as defined by the USGS, "the Aquifer") and the Spokane River region. IWAC will facilitate regional dialogues and studies that result in recommendations for policy directions and shared stewardship of the Aquifer and the Spokane River, in a collaborative manner. IWAC acknowledges that the information (both online and on interpretive signs) developed by the project are in alignment with our educational and outreach program. While our focus is on protection of the sole source aquifer that supplies drinking water to about 600,000 people, the protection of surface waters is integral to this effort.

A project involving both Idaho and Washington will be a great benefit to this area.
Please feel free to contact me any time if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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