



**SCOTT BEDKE**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 27, 2024

Dear Congressman Simpson,

I am writing in support of the University of Idaho's Community Project Funding request for the infrastructure for the Idaho Water Center in fiscal year 2025. This funding will support the necessary equipment to allow the University of Idaho to be a one-stop shop for critical data related to water quantity and quality.

Idaho has a rich history of water law. Whether it is the Snake River Basin Adjudication which created certainty for water rights, or significant investments in water infrastructure by the state, Idaho has been able to effectively manage water. For the sake of future generations, and planning for growth, we need to archive this data and create a space to model future uses of the water. That is why this request is so timely and necessary.

The one-time funding for equipment and building improvements will be used to preserve the history of Idaho's water data and law files so future generations can appropriately plan for future water use in agricultural, urban, and rural communities. The existing staff and students at the University of Idaho are ready to begin archiving data that will be available to communities throughout the state for planning future water use.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request and for your leadership on natural resource issues. Idaho benefits from your position on the House Appropriations Committee, and this request would be another beneficial project in Idaho that will live far beyond our generation.

Sincerely,

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Congressman Mike Simpson  
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*RE: Support for the University of Idaho's Community Project Funding Request*

Dear Congressman Simpson:

On behalf of the Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA), I write in support of the University of Idaho's (UI) Community Project Funding request to develop infrastructure for the Idaho Water Center in fiscal year 2025. This funding will support data and modeling capabilities that will help water users of all shapes and sizes across Idaho.

IWUA represents irrigation district, canal companies, water districts, ground water districts and similar organizations throughout Idaho. We also represent the supporting industries for the organizations (i.e. chemical suppliers, attorneys, engineers, etc.). Our members are very interested in water management and understand the value of data in these efforts.

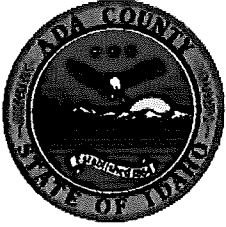
UI's proposal would greatly benefit Idaho water users in the following ways:

- Access to better data will help capture Idaho's water history
- Plan for the future
- Preserve our natural resources through efficient planning
- SRBA especially will benefit from capturing historical data
- Will be a valuable resource for urban development and planning
- Will help irrigators better understand crop rotations

Thank you for your consideration of this important request and your leadership on natural resource issues. This is a unique opportunity for Idaho capture our history and help plan for the future.

Sincerely,

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*Via Email*

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**RE: University of Idaho Water Center CPF**

Representative Simpson:

On behalf of Ada County, we are reaching out to express our collective support for the University of Idaho's (UI) Community Project Funding proposal for the Idaho Water Center infrastructure in fiscal year 2025. This funding is crucial in enabling the University of Idaho to serve as a comprehensive hub for vital data concerning the Gem State's water quantity and quality.

The proposed one-time allocation for equipment and facility enhancements will help facilitate the preservation of Idaho's water data and legal records, ensuring that upcoming generations can adequately strategize for agricultural, urban, and rural water needs. The UI's capable staff and students stand prepared to commence data archiving efforts, which will ultimately benefit growing communities across our state in planning for future water utilization.

Idaho boasts a significant legacy in water law, from the establishment of water rights certainty through the Snake River Basin Adjudication to substantial investments in water infrastructure. It is imperative, for the sake of future generations and sustainable growth planning, that we archive this invaluable data and establish a platform for modeling future water utilization. Hence, the timing and necessity of this request cannot be overstated.

We extend our gratitude for your thoughtful consideration of this request and commend your steadfast leadership on natural resource matters. Your pivotal role on the House Appropriations Committee greatly benefits Idaho, and the approval of this request would mark yet another impactful project with enduring benefits for all Idahoans.

Sincerely,

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