



WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL

WOTUS Regional Concept Pre-Workshop: Operationalizing regional concepts in western states

July 11, 2022 10:30 am - 1:30pm (MT) via zoom

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Pre-workshop goals

- Discuss tools that could be used within a regional context to define WOTUS in western states.
- Prepare outputs for the August workshop with policy makers.
- Review and provide input on annotated outline of white paper: *Applicability of regional classification schemes and hydrologic tools to inform a regional approach to WOTUS.*

Agenda

- 10:30 am Welcome and introductions
- 10:35 am Workshop Goals and Tools (*Erica Gaddis, PhD, Western States Water Council*)
- WOTUS background and Summary of Pre-workshop 1
 - Zoom features, Lucid Chart for whiteboard brainstorming, and interactive map
- 10:50 am [Stream Flow Duration Assessment Methods](#): *Scientific underpinnings and western region applications* (*Tracie Nadeau, PhD, USEPA Region 10*)
- 11:05 am [New Mexico's Hydrology Protocol for Surface Water Quality Management](#) (*Shelly Lemon, New Mexico Environment Department*)
- 11:20 am [Arizona flow regimes](#) (*Erin Jordan, PhD, Arizona DEQ*)
- 11:35 am *Oregon forest management stream typing* (*Josh Seeds, Oregon DEQ*)
- 11:50 am *Wyoming flow duration curve criteria* (*Eric Hargett, Wyoming DEQ*)
- 12:05 pm **Break**
- 12:20 pm Group discussion using virtual whiteboard:
1. How do existing tools align with regional classification schemes? What options do you see to apply these tools using existing regional classification schemes?
 2. How might these tools be used in a WOTUS context? Define key terms regionally? Development of maps of jurisdictional waters? Developing bright line thresholds for significance?
 3. What policy questions and issues should be discussed at the main workshop in August?
- 1:00 pm Next steps and group survey.
- Feedback on draft white paper: *Applicability of regional classification schemes and hydrologic tools to inform a regional approach to WOTUS.*
 - Presentations for technical pre-workshops summary at August workshop.
 - Post-workshop group survey