



**Region Breakout Session Notes**  
**NIWR 2024 Fall Virtual Meeting**  
**October 29, 2024, 3:20–4:00 pm ET**

**NIWR Board Representative:**

**Attendance:**

**Suggested Discussion:**

- Introductions (5 minutes) Meeting Kendra- the new Idaho Director, John, Cindy and Nicole introduced themselves to Kendra, Todd not available
- Success Stories (10 minutes), Questions from New Directors
  - 
  -
- Regional Activities (10 minutes)
  1. Opportunities to advance collaboration between NIWR institutes and USGS Water Science Centers in your region
    - 
    -
  2. Plans for use of increased 104b funds, possibility of joint RFPs
    - 
    -
- NIWR-wide Issues. Respond to the following discussion prompts (10 minutes):
  1. What can NIWR do to help communicate the impacts of increased WRRRA appropriations over the past several years?
    - 
    -
  2. What topics do you recommend for the agenda when we gather for the annual NIWR meetings in DC in February 2025?
    - 
    -
- Other Topics (5 minutes)
  - Based on questions from new Director-Discussed funding, funding models and how to make a WRRRI prosper after initial start up funding from a University finishes
  - Discussed two different potential regional projects: salmon and chemicals, drought

***Note about reporting to the main session (4:00–4:30 pm): We will have a short period following the breakouts for regions to share key points from your discussions, including how best to use time at the annual meeting in DC. Regional board***

*representatives (or their designees) will be asked to share one top suggestion for an annual meeting topic (3 minutes per region).*