



## **USDA-CSREES 2005 National Water Quality Conference**

### [Public Reactions to the Revocation of the Local Public Interest Provision in Idaho Water Law](#)

**Abstract:** In 2003 the Idaho legislature revoked the local public interest review criterion from Idaho water law. Since 1978 the review review criterion had allowed citizens to protest the granting of a water right or water rights transfer on grounds unrelated to water quality/quantity in the state.

**Objectives:**

To gauge public reaction about the local public interest and the move made by the legislature to revoke the review criterion, a survey was conducted.

**Methods:**

A survey was distributed randomly to 1122 residents in three Idaho counties.

**Results:**

Survey results showed that a large majority of the public approved of the local public interest provision of the law and were upset that the legislature repealed this law.

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