

MINUTES
HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2015
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Thompson, Vice Chairman Anderst, Representatives Raybould, Hartgen, Vander Woude, Nielsen, Anderson, Mendive, Trujillo, Beyeler, Chaney, Nate, Scott, Smith, Rusche, Jordan, Rubel
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Vice Chairman Anderst, Representative(s) Hartgen, Vander Woude, Beyeler, Rusche
GUESTS: None

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Trujillo** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Trujillo** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Chaney** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Trujillo** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Greg Clark, Director United States Geological Survey (USGS), presented their mission to serve the Nation by providing reliable scientific information to understand the Earth, minimize loss from natural disasters, manage water, biological energy, and mineral resources which will enhance and protect our quality of life. USGS Idaho Water Science Center (IDWSC) has four offices employing sixty five staff members. USGS has multiple state, local, Federal, Tribal, private sector and NGO's as funding sources. USGS has a stream gage data program that researches, educates, and protects our water quality. The studies program covers surface water, groundwater, and water quality and each project takes approximately one to three years. Current studies of interest are in Wood River Valley Groundwater, Idaho stream flow statistics, and the Idaho National Laboratory groundwater project.

In response to questions, **Mr. Clark** explained there is a decreasing trend of springs flowing into the river which he hopes will level off or they could lose the rest of the Lost River. He said water quality is improving and contaminates are decreasing, now it is more about quantity over quality.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Representative Thompson
Chair

Heidi McKay
Secretary