

Idaho Hydrologic Update for June 2021



We continue to collect sediment samples in the South Fork Clearwater River watershed, including at [USGS 13338100](#) near



Harpster. Data from the study will help our state, tribal, and Federal partners track progress toward meeting [water-quality goals](#) in the watershed.



Our colleagues at the USGS Wyoming-Montana Water Science Center will re-install a robotic sampler at [USGS 13032500](#), Snake River near Irwin, next month. This effort is part of an ongoing [biosurveillance study](#).



We partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct airborne lidar mapping of southwestern Idaho sites that are part of our [bridge scour monitoring study](#) with the Idaho Transportation Department. This is [USGS 13213000](#), Boise River near Parma.

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Jim Bartolino Retires After 31 Years of Service



Jim Bartolino has served as our groundwater specialist since 2004, and has been our acting Deputy Center Director for the last four months.

After earning his doctorate from Texas Tech University, Jim began his USGS career in Austin, Texas. In 1994, he moved to Albuquerque to lead groundwater-resource studies throughout New Mexico. He was promoted to New Mexico groundwater specialist in 1998. In her 2007 AGU Langbein Lecture, Dr. Mary Anderson cited one of

Jim's New Mexico reports as one of [15 USGS publications of great significance](#).

During his tenure here in Idaho, Jim has been instrumental in developing hydrogeologic assessments of the [Spokane Valley-Rathrdum Prairie](#), [Wood River Valley](#), and [Treasure Valley](#) aquifer systems. He has also participated in international studies of water resources in Iraq and Ethiopia.

Jim and his wife, Chris, are moving to the Wood River Valley with their three Chesapeake Bay Retrievers: Winnie, Toby, and Jake. They plan to enjoy cycling, Nordic-skiing, camping, hiking, bird hunting, and fly fishing. They will also continue working with Chesapeake Bay Retriever Relief and Rescue to help them evaluate, foster, and transport dogs to new homes.

Thanks to Nils Ribi for permission to use the photo of Jim that Nils took during a 2017 public meeting in the Wood River Valley.

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