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INTRODUCTION

The funding and collegial support provided through cooperative projects have long been integral components of the agency’s operation. The activities highlighted for the 2011 Annual Report represent long-term research, service, and education programs by the Survey. Over time, the staff has developed wide-ranging interdisciplinary networks in support of its mission. For a one-year snapshot of what has been a very productive synergy, look at the Partners and Collaborators section for the many organizations currently involved in Survey projects. This is a tribute to the staff’s interest, initiative, and ingenuity in building these relationships. Details of the staff’s professional engagement in the agency’s agenda are in the staff Publications and Activities section at the end of this report.
The Idaho Geological Survey is the lead agency for collecting and disseminating geologic information and mineral data in the state. In addition to its main office in Moscow at the University of Idaho, the Survey has satellite offices in Pocatello at Idaho State University and in Boise at the Idaho Water Center and also Boise State University. Staff geologists conduct applied research with a strong emphasis on producing maps and information on Idaho’s geologic setting, earth resources, and geologic hazards. Externally funded projects enhance this research.
ADMINISTRATION

The Survey’s statewide mission encourages interdisciplinary partnerships and collaboration with many other agencies, organizations, and universities. This broad cooperation ranges from direct grants for individual projects to the collegial sharing of expertise and information. On the national level, the Survey is also directly involved in the initiatives of the Association of American State Geologists. These alliances offer many opportunities to engage in projects that enhance the agency’s applied research and outreach.

Funding Partners


Collaborators

Ada County Highway District ~ American Geological Institute ~ Association of American State Geologists ~ Belt Association ~ Brigham Young University-Idaho ~ Boise State University ~

**Association of American State Geologists**

The Survey is an active participant in the Association of American State Geologists (AASG). As Idaho State Geologist, Roy Breckenridge represented Idaho AASG at the midyear meeting in Denver and the AASG Spring Liaison in Washington, D.C. During the year he served as a member of the minerals and policy committee and also served on the geologic hazards committee. The AASG is a strong advocate for the funding and reauthorization of
the U.S. Geological Survey’s National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) as well as research programs for data preservation, minerals, energy resources, and geologic hazards. AASG was successful in receiving an award for a nationwide geothermal database from the U.S. Department of Energy. The three-year project includes all state geological surveys and is being led by the Arizona Geological Survey.
FISCAL OVERVIEW

During the year, mandated reductions in state funding reduced the Survey’s FY2011 state appropriation to $701,100 from the final FY2010 budget of $710,940. The FY 2012 appropriation has been set at $671,800. These cuts to the budget base adversely affect the agency’s mission in research, public service, and education.

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Sources of Funding

- Federal Grants and Contracts: 37%
- State Appropriations: 53%
- State Agencies: 5%
- Local Accounts: 4%
- University of Idaho: 1%
Organization and Personnel

Organization Chart

Idaho Geological Survey

Appropriated positions in bold
Non-appropriated positions in italics

Governor

State Board of Education

President, University of Idaho

Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Directors, Idaho Geological Survey

State Geologist

Research Geologists
(Moscow 1.66, Pocatello 1.0)

Associate Research Geologists
(Moscow 1.0, Boise 1.0)

Assistant Research Geologist
(Moscow 1.0)

Senior Geologist
(Moscow 0.8)

Financial Technician (1.0)

Digital Mapping, Database, and Web-site Manager (1.0)

Cartographer: Map Design and Production
Temporary Cartography and GIS Assistant

Publications Manager (0.8)

Office Assistant/Sales

Research Geologists
(Moscow)

Senior Geologists
(Moscow)

Research Support Scientist
Temporary Geologists
Geologic Research Assistant

Main Office at Moscow
University of Idaho
Satellite Offices
Boise State University
Idaho State University

Idaho Geological Survey Advisory Board

Idaho Mine Safety Training Program

Mine Safety Specialist

Appropriated positions in bold
Non-appropriated positions in italics
Directory

Moscow office
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MS 8071
Pocatello, ID 83209-8071
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Administrative and Support Staff
Roy M. Breckenridge ……………………………………………………………………………………… Director and State Geologist
Kurt L. Othberg  ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………  Director
Roger C. Stewart  …………………………………………………………………………………………………………….…………….…… Manager, Publications and Communications
Tracy Kanikkeberg .………….…………………………….………………….…….………………….…….…………………. Financial Technician
Sherry E. Pixley .….…………………………………………………………………………………………………. Office Assistant/Sales
Michelle Hughes .…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Melissa M. Neiers ……………………………………………………………………………………. Financial Technician, Pocatello

Research, Full Time
Roy M. Breckenridge .................................................................................................................. Full Research Geologist
Jane S. Freed …………………………………………………………………………………………………………… Cartographer
Collette Gantenbein ................................................................................................................... Cartographer/GIS Assistant
Dean L. Garwood ..................................................................................................................... Senior Geologist
Virginia S. Gillerman ............................................................................................................... Associate Research Geologist, Boise
John D. Kauffman .................................................................................................................... Senior Geologist
Reed S. Lewis .......................................................................................................................... Associate Research Geologist
Victoria E. Mitchell .................................................................................................................. Research Support Scientist
Kurt L. Othberg ....................................................................................................................... Full Research Geologist
William M. Phillips .................................................................................................................. Assistant Research Geologist
Loudon R. Stanford ................................................................................................................ Manager, Digital Map and GIS Lab
Michael J. Weaver .................................................................................................................. Mine Safety Specialist, C.M.S.P.
John A. Welhan ....................................................................................................................... Full Research Geologist, Pocatello

Research and Support, Part-Time
Chris A. Blankenship ................................................................................................................ Work Study
Russell F. Burmester ................................................................................................................ Geologist
James R. Cash ............................................................................................................................ Earth Science Instructor
Skye W. Cooley ....................................................................................................................... Research Support
Rachel G. Daley ....................................................................................................................... Research Support
Glenn F. Embree ....................................................................................................................... Geologist
Vincent H. Isakson .................................................................................................................. Research Support
Becky A. Kolb .......................................................................................................................... Work Study
Mark D. McFadden .................................................................................................................. Geologist
Madison L. Myers .................................................................................................................... Research Support
Sherry E. Pixley ........................................................................................................................ Non-lab Research
Keegan L. Schmidt ................................................................................................................ Geologist
Darin M. Schwartz .............................................................. Research Support
Malcolm L. Spannagel ............................................................................................................ Work Study
Cody J. Steven ......................................................................................................................... Work Study
David E. Stewart .................................................................................................................... Geologist
Kerrie N. Weppner ................................................................................................................ Research Support
Idaho Geological Survey
Advisory Board

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Representing Office of the Governor

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David Jackson
Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

Karl Languirand
Idaho Association of Professional Geologists

Jack Lyman
Executive Director, Idaho Mining Association

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Chair, Department of Geosciences, Boise State University

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Director, Idaho Geological Survey
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Advisory Committee

David P. Jackson – Chairman
Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

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PRISEM Geoscience Consulting LLC

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IdahoView / America View Program

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Boise Center Aerospace Laboratory
Idaho State University

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Idaho Association of Counties

Jerome Mapp
Idaho Planning Association

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Idaho Transportation Department

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NRCS State Geologist, Oregon and Idaho

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State Archaeologist and Deputy SHPO Preservation Office
Idaho State Historic Office

John Russell
Russell Surveying

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Idaho Water Resources Research Institute

Scott Van Hoff
U. S. Geological Survey Geospatial Liaison

Sylvie White
TerraPen Geographics
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Exploration Geologist
Midas Gold Inc., Spokane, WA

Dave Frank
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Bruce Godfrey
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University of Idaho, Post Falls, ID

Garth Reese
Head of Special Collections
University of Idaho Library
RESEARCH

Geological Mapping and Related Studies

The Survey’s primary research activity is mapping and publishing the geology of Idaho’s 7.5’ and 30’ x 60’ quadrangles. Before 1990, geologic mapping in Idaho was primarily conducted in localized rural areas to facilitate extraction of earth resources. In the last two decades, the Survey has been mapping in areas selected specifically because of development impacts in urban settings, for earth-resource needs, and to advance the science. The Idaho Geologic Mapping Advisory Committee (IGMAC) assists the Survey by assessing Idaho’s mapping needs and addressing long-term plans for geologic mapping. The committee guides the medium- and short-term mapping plans to take advantage of state partnerships. Idaho’s geologic map products have been used, for example, to designate landslide hazards; to define mineralization potential; to delineate rock units that form boundaries of aquifers; to show geologic materials for engineering needs; to better predict groundwater resources; to aid in highway design and construction; and to define geologic resources of public lands, which include Idaho’s parks, recreation areas, and endowment lands.

Funding of Idaho’s geologic mapping program is shared by the STATEMAP component of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program. Since 1993, Idaho has received nearly $3 million in federal funds and matched an equal amount of state money to complete geologic mapping in Idaho. In 2011, the Idaho Survey was again in the top several in the nation among all STATEMAP proposals. During the year, Survey geologists worked in project areas throughout the state and mapped ten 7.5’ quadrangles under the STATEMAP Program. An additional 7.5’ quadrangle was mapped
Completed and In-Progress Projects

- STATEMAP, EDMAP, and other partners: 1992-2010

Grangeville Project Area
- Ferry Project Area
- Salmon Project Area
- Bonners Ferry Project Area
- Moscow
- Coeur d'Alene
- Sandpoint
- Boise
- Caldwell
- Hailey
- Twin Falls
- Idaho Falls
- Pocatello
- Moscow

New Mapping 2011

- New Mapping

Western Project Corridor
- Eastern Project Corridor
- Central Project Corridor

General Project Corridors for Long-Range Planning

Map showing various project areas and regions in Idaho.
with U.S. Forest Service funding and parts of six 7.5' quadrangles were mapped with Idaho Department of Water Resources funding.

**Hydrogeology**

Cooperation and collaboration have been a hallmark of the Survey’s interaction with other groundwater interests in Idaho, including state and federal water resource and environmental groups, university researchers, and water users throughout Idaho. Research activities include analysis and modeling of aquifer hydrogeology, groundwater levels, and groundwater contamination; activities related to resource management include assessing the impact of surface-derived contaminants on groundwater, evaluating the water-bearing potential of proposed developments and the hydrogeology of water supplies, and activities related to education and outreach. One of the Survey’s key roles in this regard is communicating its research and monitoring results to state and local governments, regulatory authorities, city and county planners, and to private and public interests seeking information about groundwater issues, as well as actively participating in graduate teaching and research.

Contamination of groundwater by nitrate and other compounds derived from septic leachate is one of the most pervasive water-quality management problems in the state. The Survey cooperated with Idaho’s Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) on a number of fronts related to water quality, including: a GIS screening tool to assess the risk that septic sewage disposal poses to groundwater quality; the use of spatial statistical techniques to delineate Nitrate Priority Areas in a statistically defensible manner; and providing technical input to IDEQ via the state’s Groundwater Monitoring Technical Committee. At a local level, the Survey played a major role in a technical advisory committee established by Bannock County to identify areas that are vulnerable to septic-
derived contamination of groundwater and to assist the County’s citizens’ advisory committee to propose protective overlays for various districts based on hydrogeology, septic density, and existing septic-derived contamination.

The Survey worked with the Idaho Department of Water Resources to integrate hydrogeologic information contained in IDWR’s Well Construction Database with new geologic mapping to better understand the subsurface geologic and hydrologic characteristics of the western Snake River Plain. This information, together with hydrologic monitoring data, was used to develop a conceptual model of the aquifer and its suitability as a water supply for future development. Staff work continued on the East Ada project, funded by IDWR to map the geology and characterize the hydrogeology of the Mayfield area in east Ada County.

The results of state-funded basic research that the Survey performed six years ago were put to practical use in FY2011. The Survey’s work on spatial statistical analysis of water quality data enabled IDWR, IDEQ, and the U.S. Geological Survey to modify the Statewide Groundwater Monitoring Network sampling plan and thereby reduce costs and increase monitoring efficiency in the Boise-Meridian area. The modified sampling plan was justified on the basis of the Survey’s previous work that identified redundancies in the state’s annual and rotating 4-year sampling campaigns that could be eliminated at a substantial cost savings without sacrificing critical information about spatial or temporal trends of groundwater contamination.

**Geologic Hazards**

Idaho is prone to earthquakes, flooding, landslides, and volcanic eruptions. The Survey works to support mitigation of these hazards in several ways. Public awareness is addressed through website information and direct contact by e-mail, telephone, and
occasional public lectures or field trips. Geological mapping conducted through the STATEMAP program provides baseline information on the location, magnitude, and frequency of hazards. This information is incorporated into planning documents and also serves as the basis for more detailed studies, such as mapping of liquefaction susceptibility and earthquake site classes. The Survey collaborates with volcanic and seismic monitoring of Idaho performed by the U.S. Geological Survey, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, University of Utah, University of Idaho, and BYU-Idaho. Finally, the Survey provides expert opinion and advice to state and federal agencies involved with Idaho hazard mitigation. In FY11, the Survey performed the following hazard mitigation activities at the request of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security:

- Participation in meetings of the Idaho Seismic Advisory Committee. This committee provides expert advice on issues related to earthquake hazards and risk reduction strategies.

- Participation in review and revision of the Idaho State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Updating the State Hazard Mitigation Plan qualifies Idaho for all available federal assistance in the event of disasters. It provides a framework to save lives and reduce vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards.

- Participation in update of the Idaho Emergency Operation Plan, Earthquake Annex. This portion of the plan documents response of first responders to an Idaho earthquake emergency.

- Conducted field trip on Seismic Hazards of the Boise Area for the joint meeting of the National Earthquake Managers and the Western States Seismic Policy Council.
Mines and Mining

Active Mining

It was a very good year for many companies as precious and base metal prices were high, fueling an increase in exploration activity. However, construction-related commodities were still in a slump. A record Idaho production value of $1.066 billion for non-fuel mineral production was achieved in 2008 and reported in the Minerals Yearbook by the Survey in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey. Major mining-related developments in 2010 include the very high silver and gold prices, which favored operations and new developments at silver mines in the Coeur d’Alene District and several large exploration projects for gold. Positive developments from 2009 extended into 2010. Developments included resource increases and probable future expansions at Hecla’s Lucky Friday mine and the Thompson Creek mine, mining on the new panels at Smoky Canyon phosphate mine, approval of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and other permits needed for the Idaho Cobalt mine in Lemhi County, and the Draft EIS for the Blackfoot Bridge phosphate mine. While financing difficulties stymied projects of some junior mining companies, there were still several large exploration projects underway and spending money. Major projects included Azteca Gold’s deep drilling at Two Mile Gulch near Osburn, New Jersey Mining’s Toboggan joint venture at Murray, the Crescent mine development by United Mining Group, Premium Exploration’s project at Orogrande, Midas Gold’s Golden Meadows project at Stibnite, Otis Gold’s work at Kilgore, the Atlanta Gold project, and Mosquito Consolidated’s drilling of the very large Cumo molybdenum-copper deposit in Boise County. Many smaller projects were also underway. During the year, requests for minerals information and mine files and reports dramatically increased as a result of the boom in exploration activity, particularly with critical minerals and rare earth elements.
Mining Histories

The Survey continues with its popular — and award-winning — series of mine history reports, which combine published references with unpublished materials from its mineral property files. A History of the Clayton Mine and Smelter in Custer County was published during the year. The Survey completed an Abandoned Mine Lands project for the Idaho Department of Lands to investigate the Florida Mountain and Blue Gulch area in Owyhee County.

Energy

Geothermal

The Survey successfully completed the first year of a major three-year Department of Energy-funded subcontract administered by the Arizona Geological Survey (AZGS) to identify, compile, and digitally format relevant geotechnical information within the state that can help stimulate geothermal energy exploration. These data will be cataloged in the new National Geothermal Data System and will be nationally accessible via an on-line browser interface. Work is nearing completion on the digitization of the State’s permitted geothermal wells and oil and gas exploration wells, as well as the formatting of IGS’s active fault database. Work is also continuing on a statewide map and database of thermal wells and features, a bibliography of Idaho geothermal literature, and a compilation of radioactive (heat-generating) elemental concentrations in volcanic and igneous rocks in the state.

In addition, Idaho is one of a handful of states to have received supplementary funding under the Geothermal Data Program to collect new geothermal data. In this part of the program, the Survey is preparing to drill three or four wells to collect heat flow information in areas of southeast Idaho that have geothermal power generation potential. The Survey, working closely with the Bureau of
Land Management and IDWR, has submitted a Notice of Intent and documentation for NEPA permitting and expects to begin drilling in mid-FY12.

**Oil and Gas**

The Survey maintains files on more than one hundred fifty oil and gas wells in the state. These files include the reports and logs provided by companies to the Oil and Gas Commission from 1903-1988. Some files contain drilling service reports, geophysical logs, geologic logs, and lease maps. Most are one-of-a-kind documents, and many are in fragile condition.

Information on historical oil and gas exploration wells in Idaho was transferred to the Survey in 2009 from the Idaho Department of Lands. In FY2011, the emphasis was on scanning the historical statewide oil and gas well log collection. Recent geothermal and oil and gas exploration in Idaho has greatly increased the number of requests for these logs and the Survey goal is to make them available on the website.

**Carbon Sequestration**

In FY2011, the Survey was awarded a grant to compile geologic data relevant to the U.S. Geological Survey’s Carbon Sequestration Assessment Program. Much of the funding was used to supplement other funding sources to help organize, check, and scan oil and gas well files, to compile a list of selected geologic references, and to post the data on the Survey’s website. The project was extended several months into FY2012.
OUTREACH

The Survey disseminates geologic and mineral data on Idaho primarily through its publications, Website, in-house collections, and efforts by the staff in educating the public in the earth sciences.

Publications

Publication Sales

- IGS Maps 9%
- IGS Books 19%
- Other Maps 7%
- USGS Topographic Maps 40%
- Miscellaneous 25%

Website—www.idahogeology.org

The website provides customers electronic access to its publications and data. Over 97 percent of IGS publications are now available free for download in PDF format. Finding information on the website has been simplified. Publications can be located via search engines on the site. Geologic data are available there as well, including GIS geologic map data sets and geochemical analyses. This year IGS added a new Google Maps-driven search tool for finding
and retrieving information about Idaho mines and prospects. In FY 2011, there were 452,000 users that visited the Survey website for information and downloaded 220,000 products. Twenty-seven new publications were posted on the site this year.

The Digital Mapping and GIS Laboratory

The Survey’s digital mapping and GIS laboratory provides services that include digital cartography, spatial data management, database management and design, network system administration, graphic design and desktop publishing, and website support. The lab continues to compile geology from around the state in a geologic map database in addition to producing geologic maps. Fifteen geologic maps were published this year. All are available as print-on-demand maps and can be viewed free on the website.

Databases And Archives

The Survey stores and maintains several databases. Many of these data portray spatial information and include additional data tables all stored in relational databases. Interactive data available on the Survey’s website include sets of information on earthquake epicenters, mines and prospects, oil and gas wells, and geologic faults. The mines and prospects database is available for download. The Survey’s archives were inventoried for the National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program in FY 2008. In FY 2011, scans of historic photographs of the Borah Peak earthquake area were completed and records obtained from the Sunshine Mining Company were indexed. A new version of the Mines and Prospects database was also released.
Mine Safety Training

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration distributes federal grants to 49 states and the Navajo Nation. Grant funds are used to support health and safety training courses and programs designed to reduce mining accidents, injuries, and illnesses.

The Survey remains committed to providing expert health and safety training and retraining that meets the requirements for 30 CFR parts 46 and 48, New Miner Training and Annual Refresher Training. In addition, the Survey offers MSHA approved classes on such varied subjects as fall protections, powered haulage, accident prevention, electrical hazards, silicosis prevention, respiratory protection, prevention of hearing loss, substance abuse, hand and forearm safety, miner’s rights and responsibilities, water hazards, job safety analysis, mine gases, and hazard communications. Training is conducted on-site whenever feasible and is designed to be as site specific as possible. Before training begins the instructor conducts an inspection of the property with the mine manager or safety supervisor. The program is then adapted to address their findings. Mine Rescue Training consists of actual mock rescues underground, the use of hands-on training, classroom instruction and mine rescue competitions. Surface mine rescue training includes rope rescue training, confined space rescue training, and knowledge and control of hazardous materials (HAZMAT). All training includes first aid. During FY 2011, the position was vacated and a new mine safety trainer was hired.

Earth Science Education

On October 7-8, 2010, the Survey exhibited a display on Idaho natural hazards and geology at the annual Idaho Science Teachers Association meeting in Lewiston. The meeting was at-
tended by teachers from across the state. The Survey distributed Earth Science Education Week packets to teachers at the meeting. The American Geological Institute hosts Earth Science Education Week in cooperation with sponsors as a service to the public and the geoscience community. Each year, local groups, educators, and interested individuals organize celebratory events. Earth Science Education Week offers opportunities to discover the earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the earth. The program is supported by the U.S. Geological Survey, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Park Service, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation, U.S. Department of Energy, ExxonMobil, Environmental Systems Research Institute, and other geoscience groups.

Due to funding cuts, the Survey’s field workshop for teachers was not offered in FY 2011.
PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Publications


Well Logs for the Union Oil UNST-7 and UNST-8 Geothermal Test Wells, Newdale 7.5-Minute Quadrangle, Idaho, by William M. Phillips: Idaho Geological Survey Staff Report 10-9, 10 p., 2010.
Abstracts


Reports

Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reports on Florida Mountain and Blue Gulch areas, Owyhee County, Idaho, by Virginia S. Gillerman: Idaho
Geological Survey project report to Idaho Department of Lands, AML contract, 14 p., January.


Inventory of Idaho Department of Lands AML Information, by Virginia S. Gillerman: Idaho Geological Survey spreadsheet, deliverable for Idaho Department of Lands Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) contract, March.

Presentations


Geology Along U.S. 95- Coeur d’Alene to Sandpoint, by Roy M. Breckenridge: North Idaho Legislative Tour, Coeur d’Alene, November.


Geology of the Coeur d’Alene Area, by Roy M. Breckenridge, Coeur d’Alene Chamber of Commerce Leadership Coeur d’Alene, September.
Geothermal Setting and Development Possibilities for the Stanley Area, by John A. Welhan: Mayor and council representatives, Stanley, June.


Idaho Mining and Exploration 2010, by Virginia S. Gillerman: Snake River Section Society of Mining Engineers (SME), Pocatello, April.

In Search of the Megashear: Proterozoic Structure and Stratigraphy of the Beaverhead Range, Idaho and Montana, by Reed S. Lewis: University of Montana Geology Department Seminar, Missoula, Montana, April.


Web Products


Operational Improvements

Geologic map-publication tracking database: an in-house productivity application (Loudon R. Stanford).

Updates to Mines and Prospects Database and online search capability (Digital Mapping and GIS Lab staff, Victoria E. Mitchell, Reed S. Lewis, Virginia S. Gillerman).

Professional Activities

Adjunct Graduate Faculty, Boise State University (V.S. Gillerman).

Administration and technical lead on ARRA geothermal data project (J.A. Welhan).

Advisory board, Advanced National Seismic System, Intermountain West Regional Advisory Council (R.M. Breckenridge).

Advisory board meeting, Idaho Geological Survey teleconference, Moscow, Boise, and Pocatello, April (R.M. Breckenridge, K.L. Othberg).

Affiliate, Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES), Idaho National Laboratory (V.S. Gillerman, J.A. Welhan).

Affiliate Faculty and Graduate Faculty representative, Idaho State University (J.A. Welhan).


Association of American State Geologists, mid-year meeting, Denver, Colorado, November (R.M. Breckenridge).

Association of American State Geologists, Annual meeting, Dubuque, Iowa, June (R.M. Breckenridge).

Chair and Member, Search committee, Research Support 3, IGS, April, May (V.S. Gillerman).

Co-developer and co-teacher, Geol 5599 geothermal exploration course, Idaho State University (J.A. Welhan).

Co-supervisor, introduction of 3-D visualization and modeling software, Idaho State University Geol 210 course, November (J.A. Welhan).
Committee Member and Reviewer, Review of Geology and Geography Academic Programs for North Idaho Community College, Coeur d’Alene, March (W.M. Phillips).

Coordinator, Annual Belt Association meeting, Spokane, Washington, February (R.S. Lewis).


Earthscope/NSF seismic line field trip with University of Wisconsin and Washington State University professors and graduate students, central Idaho, August (R.S. Lewis).

Fellow, Society of Economic Geologists (V.S. Gillerman).

Field Trip Leader, Geology along U.S. 95- Coeur d’Alene to Sandpoint: North Idaho Legislative Tour, Coeur d’ Alene, November (R.M. Breckenridge).

Field Trip Leader, Seismic Hazards of the Boise Area, National Earthquake Program Managers Annual Meeting, Boise, April (W.M. Phillips).


Idaho Geologic Mapping Advisory Committee, teleconference, October (R.M. Breckenridge, R.S. Lewis, K.L. Othberg, W.M. Phillips).

Idaho Geospatial Forum meeting, Boise, October (L.R. Stanford).

Idaho Geospatial Council Executive Committee meeting, Boise, April and June (L.R. Stanford).

Idaho Geological Survey representative, Department of Geosciences, Boise State University (V.S. Gillerman).

Idaho Geological Survey representative, Governor’s Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee (J.A. Welhan).

Idaho Geological Survey representative, Idaho State University Department of Geosciences (J.A. Welhan).

Lecturer, Boise State University/Colorado School of Mines Geophysical Field Camp, Neal Hot Springs, Oregon, May (V.S. Gillerman).

Member, American Geophysical Union (W.M. Phillips, J.A. Welhan).

Member, American Institute of Professional Geologists (R.M. Breckenridge).

Member, Department of Grant Administrator’s Roundtable, Office of Sponsored Programs, University of Idaho (T. Kanikkeberg).

Member, Financial Information Group, Office of Business Systems and Accounting Services, University of Idaho (T. Kanikkeberg).

Member, Geological Society of America (R.M. Breckenridge, V.S. Gillerman, R.S. Lewis, V.E. Mitchell, K.L. Othberg, W.M. Phillips,).

Member, Geological Society of Nevada (V.S. Gillerman).


Member, Geothermal Resources Council (J.A. Welhan).

Member, Governor’s Geothermal Task Force, Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance, Boise (V.S. Gillerman).

Member, Idaho Ground Water Monitoring Technical Committee (J.A. Welhan).

Member, Minerals and Policy Committee, Association of American State Geologists (R.M. Breckenridge).

Member, Northwest Mining Association (V.S. Gillerman, R.S. Lewis, V.E. Mitchell).

Member, Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division, Geological Society of America (R.M. Breckenridge).

Member, search committee for Mine Safety Trainer position (R.M. Breckenridge, Chair, V.S. Gillerman, T. Kannikeberg, K.L. Othberg, M.J. Weaver).

Member, Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, Inc. (SME) (V.S. Gillerman, V.E. Mitchell).
Member, Spokane Coeur d’Alene Corridor, Water Sustainability, and Climate Research Initiative, Biophysical Work Group (R.M. Breckenridge).

Member, Western States Seismic Policy Council (R.M. Breckenridge, W.M. Phillips).

National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) Jet Propulsion Lab site visit and meetings with NASA scientists to establish research collaboration in remote sensing (J.A. Welhan).


Participant, Basement rocks field trip with University of Montana professor and graduate students, upper North Fork Clearwater River, Idaho, October (R.S. Lewis).

Participant, CAES Geothermal Workshop, presentations and discussions with colleagues from INL, BSU, UI, and ISU on the future of geothermal research activities in the state, Idaho Falls, April (J.A. Welhan, V.S. Gillerman).

Participant, Earth Science Education Week, hosted by American Geological Institute, supported by U.S. Geological Survey, NASA, the National Park Service, the AAPG Foundation, U.S. Department of Energy, ExxonMobil, ESRI, and other geoscience groups, October (IGS Staff).

Participant, Executive Board Meeting, Idaho State Hazard Mitigation Plan, September (W.M. Phillips).


Participant, Field Trip, Reinterpreted history of latest Pleistocene Lake Bonneville – geologic setting of threshold failure, Bonneville flood, deltas of the Bear River, and outlets for two Provo shorelines, southeastern Idaho, May (W.M. Phillips).

Participant, Idaho Environmental Forum Panel Discussion, Boise, August (V.S. Gillerman).

Participant, Joint Annual Meeting of the Cordilleran and Rocky Mountain Sections, Geological Society of America, Logan, Utah, May (R.S. Lewis, W.M. Phillips).
Participant, Joint Annual Meeting of the Cordilleran and Rocky Mountain Sections, Geological Society of America, Logan, Utah, Hells Canyon field trip, May (R.S. Lewis).

Participant, Joint Annual Meeting of the Western States Seismic Policy Council and National Earthquake Program Managers, Boise, April (W.M. Phillips).

Participant, Mine tours of Silver City area, Stibnite, Thunder Mountain, Lemhi County rare earth deposits, Brundage placer, and Gold Hill mine (V.S. Gillerman).

Participant, Mine Safety Health Administration (MSHA) Refresher Training, Boise, November (V.S. Gillerman).

Participant, NASA HySpiri satellite platform technical workshop, August 23-26 (J.A. Welhan).

Participant, President’s Leadership Meetings: government outreach, public policy, marketing and branding, University of Idaho (R.M. Breckenridge).

Participant, Shaping Sustainable Communities along the Spokane-Coeur d’Alene Corridor - Nonpoint Pollution Control and Human Dynamics, Stakeholders meeting, University of Idaho Research Park, Post Falls, June (R.M. Breckenridge).

Registered geologist, Oregon Board of Geologist Examiners (R.M. Breckenridge).

Representative and Disaster Coordinator, Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS) State Agency Emergency Coordinator’s Working Group (V.S. Gillerman).

Reviewer, Geoarchaeology (W.M. Phillips).


Reviewer, Geology (W.M. Phillips).

Reviewer, U.S. Geological Survey article manuscript, April (K.L. Othberg).

Secretary, Belt Association Board of Directors (R.S. Lewis).

Supervisor, Chris Blankenship, Work Study student, University of Idaho (W.M. Phillips).

Teaching, Geol 599 Independent Study course in geostatistics, Idaho State University (J.A. Welhan).

Teaching, Geol 599 Independent Study course in geothermal exploration, Idaho State University (J.A. Welhan).

Technical advisor to Bannock County Groundwater Overlay Technical Advisory Committee (J.A. Welhan).

Technical advisor to Bannock County Planning and Zoning Department (J.A. Welhan).

Technical advisor to Department of Environmental Quality on statistical analysis of groundwater-monitoring data (J.A. Welhan).

Technical advisor to Shoshone-Bannock Tribes’ Water Resources Department (J.A. Welhan).

Technical and planning advisor for Idaho State University’s Indigenous Nations Institute (J.A. Welhan).

Training, E-mail and Business Writing Essentials, Rockhurst University Continuing Education Center, October (T. Kanikkeberg).

Training, Gatekeeper Orientation, Human Resources, University of Idaho, December (T. Kanikkeberg).

Training, Personnel Functions, Department of Human Resources, University of Idaho (T. Kanikkeberg).

Training, Space Survey, Phases I, II, II, Office of Sponsored Programs, University of Idaho, March, April, May (T. Kanikkeberg).

**Media Interviews**


**Idaho Mining Expert Comments on Chilean Mine Rescue**, by KTVB News (Ch. 7, Boise), KTRV (Fox 12 News, Nampa), KIVI (Ch. 6, Nampa), and KIFI-TV (Ch. 8, Idaho Falls): Television interviews, October 13, 2010 (V.S. Gillerman).


**Mining in Idaho**, by Staff: Marples NW Business Letter, March 9, 2011 (V.S. Gillerman).


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Grants and Contracts


Idaho Mine Safety Training Program: M.J. Weaver and R.M. Breckenridge (Mine Safety and Health Administration, October 2009-December 2010, $92,578).

Idaho Mine Safety Training Program: S. Furman (Mine Safety Health Administration, September 2010- March 2012 $95,000).


Geologic Map of the Big Creek Quadrangle: R.S. Lewis (U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, Region 4, June 8, 2010-August 1, 2011, $19,221).