

## Idaho Hydrologic Update

## for March 2021



During the first week of April, we will again collect water, food web, and fish tissue samples from the Kootenai River as part of ongoing transboundary monitoring in cooperation with the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the Montana

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. The sampling is designed to evaluate potential water-quality effects from coal mining operations in southeastern British Columbia, with the primary focus on quantifying selenium concentrations.



This month marks 110 years of consecutive water data for <u>USGS 13185000</u>, Boise River near Twin Springs. This <u>station upstream of Arrrowrock Reservoir</u> is the furthest upstream station in the Boise River watershed.



The staff of our Idaho Falls Field Office are settling into their new facility at the corner of Jones Street and Sherry Drive. The new building consolidates office and warehouse space for our team of hydrologic technicians servicing eastern Idaho.

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## Farewell to Gordon Rattray and JoJo Mangano

At the end of this month we will be saying goodbye and good luck to two of our colleagues.



Gordon Rattray retires from the USGS after a long and productive career at Yucca Mountain, in New Mexico, and here in Idaho. He has been a key member of our Idaho National Laboratory Project Office, focused on examining groundwater chemistry to identify the sources and movement of groundwater at the INL. His work has informed the development and refinement of our groundwater-flow model for the eastern Snake River Plain aguifer.



JoJo Mangano is a cartographer/illustrator with the USGS Science Publishing Network. Prior to joining the SPN, he served as a hydrologist/geomorphologist with the USGS Oregon Water Science Center working on geomorphic, hydrologic, and mapping projects throughout western Oregon. JoJo is moving to Washington State to be closer to friends and family, but he will continue to contribute his science communication skills to our publications.





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