



## BPA awards community education grants

### Bonneville Power Administration

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**BOISE, Idaho.** - The Idaho Department of Water Resources received a \$2,500 grant today from the Bonneville Power Administration for its 1997 Idaho Water Awareness Week (WAW).

The grant is one of 13 such grants given throughout the Northwest as part of BPA's Education Program. The grants will support projects that teach environmental awareness and energy efficiency to elementary, middle and high school students.

"Northwest educators are seeing tighter budgets," said Joan McNamara, BPA's education coordinator. "Organizations like BPA should help find creative ways to supplement the shrinking education dollar. As an organization committed to supporting education in the Northwest, BPA is proud to award this grant to 1997 Idaho Water Awareness Week."

The WAW grant will help Idaho sixth graders learn about water and the environment. Students will spend five days in the classroom studying conservation, pollution prevention and the many demands put on our water resources. In addition to class room study, the students will have opportunities to participate in field trips, study the science of water, and discover the role water has played in Idaho's history, culture and economy.

"Finding a sustainable balance between water usage and the natural environment will be an ongoing challenge for Idahoans," said John Williams, a member of the statewide WAW Steering Committee and a BPA employee based in Boise. "This program will help prepare tomorrow's leaders to meet that challenge." BPA has been a sponsor of WAW since its inception in 1994.

This year, in addition to sponsorship, BPA is awarding the grant to help provide Water Awareness Week kits to the 10,000-12,000 students who will participate in the week-long program in school districts all over Idaho between April 28 and May 2, 1997.

The other 12 grant recipients are:

- The Montana Energy Calendar sponsored by the 1997 Montana Energy Education Council
- Salmon Camp sponsored by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
- Plant a Tree, Save a Fish sponsored by the Public Power Council and the Yakama Indian Nation Salmon Corps
- The OCEEE Grant Program sponsored by the Oregon Collaboration for Energy, Education and the Environment

- Salmon Watch sponsored by Oregon Trout
- The Edison Project sponsored by Clallam County Youth 2000
- Meet Mr. Electricity sponsored by the Columbia Valley Gardens Elementary School in Longview, Wash.
- Classroom Workshops sponsored by Snohomish County Public Utility District #1
- Lake Roosevelt Water Festival sponsored by the Lake Roosevelt Water Festival Planning Committee in Colville, Wash.
- Energy, Environment and Community sponsored by the Energy Outreach Center in Olympia, Wash.
- The Richland Summer Science Camp sponsored by the Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology
- Salmon Education and Restoration sponsored by the Toppenish School District #202.

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