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## 3rd Annual NSF EPSCoR Western Consortium Tri-State Meeting

NEW MEXICO – The 3rd Annual NSF EPSCoR Western Consortium Tri-State Meeting is being held in Bernalillo, NM from April 6-8, 2011 at the <u>Tamaya Resort</u> <u>Hotel and Spa</u>. The Western Consortium is comprised of Idaho, Nevada, and New Mexico EPSCoR programs in which similar research agendas are shared, and collaboration can develop joint research and education initiatives.

Two hundred researchers and educators from across the consortium are registered to attend the meeting, which will include concurrent sessions on climate research and education projects, workshops, and a poster competition for students. Keynote presentations include "Forest Mortality Responses to Climate Change" by Craig Allen of the U.S. Geological Survey and "Standards and Sharing in Mature Organizations" by Ted Habermann of the NOAA's National Geophysical Data Center.

This year's meeting builds upon and extends the collaborations that have been established between researchers across institutions and disciplines throughout the Western Consortium. By combining resources and expertise across the Consortium, progress is being made that otherwise would be impossible by individual states. For the full agenda, please visit <u>our website</u>.

If you have questions about New Mexico EPSCoR, the Western Consortium, or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tri-State Meeting, please contact Natalie Willoughby at <a href="mailto:nwilloughby@nmepscor.net">nwilloughby@nmepscor.net</a>.

New Mexico's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NM EPSCoR) is a multi-faceted program aimed at improving New Mexico's capacity to carry out scientific research. Funded by the NSF, the current project focuses on science research into the impacts of climate change on Northern New Mexico water resources.