

**Western Extension Directors Association
Regional Issues Scan
March 2013**

Critical Issues

Program Related Issues:

- Wildfire
- Drought
- Water quantity and quality
- Influence of climate change on all of the above; implications for growth and development in the West; possible intervention/adaptation strategies
- Energy, including alternative energy and energy conservation
- Rural community and economic development
- Healthy living
- Military programs

High Priority Organizational Issues:

- Evaluating impact of Extension programs, including regional and state impact evaluation
- Marketing regional/state impact of Extension
- Addressing priority needs of urban audiences, including urban agriculture
- SNAP-Ed and EFNEP funding
- Effect of sequestration on capacity funding and competitive grant funds
- Professional development
 - Professional development for regional directors (mid-managers)
 - New faculty/staff orientation
 - Using technology for problem solving
- Multi-state collaboration on common issues
- Sustainable funding for WRDC

Director/Administrator Changes

- None

Future WEDA Meetings

- April 30-May 3 Joint WEDA/WAAESD/WRPLC Meeting, Ft Collins, CO
- July 15-18, Western Region Joint Summer Meeting, Coeur d'Alene, ID
- Sept. 18-19, WEDA Fall Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (Galaxy)