Education, Outreach, & Diversity Highlights:
Wind River Education Programs

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Program Highlight of 2014:
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Our goal: Develop programs through strong collaborative partnerships with the Wind River Indian Reservation (WRIR), the only reservation in Wyoming.

Challenges:
- Distance-- nearly 4 hours from Laramie
- Past disappointments
- Few established relationships
- Uncertainty about needs
- Two different tribes with diverse needs and culture

But, in each challenge was a greater OPPORTUNITY
Education Roundtables

Hosted two large Education Roundtable discussions in Fall of 2013 and Spring of 2014
• Facilitated by outside party
• Community driven
• Identified needs
• Collaboration with educators, community leaders, and agency representatives

Main program components include:
• Education support for K-12 by providing resources, teacher trainings, in class demonstrations
• Developing an Outdoor Classroom
• Placing stream gauges and MET stations
• Community engagement through water fairs and outreach.

In June we visited with the Joint Business Council of the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes where they approved our plan. We then organized a hiring committee for Wind River Education Coordinator based in Fort Washakie (August 2014).
Program Implementation

Underway or completed:
• Hired Wind River Education Coordinator, Jennifer Wellman (September 2014)
• In-class education demonstrations (Fall/Winter 2014)
• Teacher Training with Teton Science Schools (November 2014)

Coming up:
• Identification of outdoor classroom space
• Development of resource boxes for teachers
• Community Water Fair
WyCEHG Involvement

- Instrumentation: place monitoring equipment
- Help with Teacher Trainings
- Work with Jennifer to do in-class or outside demonstrations
Thank you