

PNWER Agriculture Related Working Groups

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PNWER Hosted a roundtable with State/Provincial Agriculture
Directors and Ministers in Spokane in July 2018

Agriculture Technology (Precision Farming)



Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

- Expanded UAS use in farming, transportation, energy and emergency response.
- PNWER 2019 initiative to help WA, OR, ID, MT better coordinate public-private sector drone users. Conducted a drill on using UAS for damage inspection, and **Idaho statewide symposium**.

Gap:

Currently, no PNWER state has a UAS coordinator. Idaho ITD is asking to fund a new position helping state agencies coordinate with local government and private sector stakeholders on UAS policy.



2019 Action Items

- UAS Recommendation
 - Establish a statewide UAS Coordinator position to help state & local agencies and private sector stakeholders collaborate on policy and UAS use
- Agriculture Action Items
 - Encourage each legislature to explore policies for improved broadband access to enhance precision farming.
 - Explore and address policy gaps around utilizing unmanned vehicles in farming.