



Technicians from our Idaho Falls Field Office participated in the eastern Idaho [i-STEM summer institute for K-12 educators](#). They demonstrated how real-time streamgages work and how they collect streamflow data with acoustic devices.



In July, we conducted our annual ecological assessment of [Rock Creek at Twin Falls](#) in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Rock Creek is a long-term monitoring site for the [USGS National Water-Quality Assessment](#).



Technicians installed an acoustic Doppler velocity meter at stream-gage [13172455, Snake River near Murphy](#). The ADVM will help to maintain the accuracy of our real-time streamflow data and improve responsiveness to changes in discharge from dam operations

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### New Hydrologists Will Strengthen Our Capabilities

We are excited to introduce you to four new members of our science staff in Boise.



Austin comes to us from the USGS Wisconsin Water Science Center where his research focused on urban contaminants, including [microplastics](#).



Stephen has a background in environmental economics, researching the economic value of acquiring additional data for groundwater management.



Mark is our new surface-water specialist, coming to us from Idaho Power Company. He will continue to build our expertise in [acoustic sediment monitoring](#).



Lauren comes to us from HDR, Inc. She will lead our ongoing water-quality monitoring studies in the [Coeur d'Alene](#) and lower [Boise River](#) basins.



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