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[Stormwater Outfall Reduction Plans](#)

Chris Bosley, City of Coeur d'Alene

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[Cultural Resource Mitigation from the Post Falls Dam](#)

Peter Mahoney, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

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[Atlas Waterfront Project](#)

Hilary Anderson, City of Coeur d'Alene and Phil Boyd, Welch-Comer Engineers

Feb. 4

[Natural Resources Restoration at Gray's Meadow](#)

David Leptich, Idaho Fish and Game

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The Our Gem Coeur d'Alene Lake Collaborative includes local experts from the University of Idaho Community Water Resource Center, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Lake Management Department, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Kootenai Environmental Alliance, Kootenai County, Coeur d'Alene Regional Chamber and CDA 2030.

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National Academy of Sciences Revisiting Lake Coeur d'Alene Water Quality

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) and Kootenai County are cosponsoring an \$800 thousand, 18-month study examining water quality conditions in Coeur d'Alene Lake. The National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NAS) will conduct the study with support from The Coeur d'Alene Tribe (CDA Tribe) and the Environmental Protection Agency.

This study further examines decades long concerns regarding the effect of historical mining activities in the Silver Valley contaminating millions of tons of lake sediments with metals such as zinc, arsenic, cadmium, and lead. While these metals are currently bound to sediments at the bottom of the Lake, the heart of federal, state, tribal and local concerns are these metals being released into the water column. Such an outcome would trigger an ecological, economic, and cultural disaster. [Read more](#)

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