

INTERAGENCY WATER RIGHTS COURSE FOR ALASKA

October 24-28, 2016 - Campbell Creek Science Center, 5600 Science Center Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507

Course Goals, Objectives and Target Audience

Overall Course Goal:

The overall course goal is to provide participants with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to protect, manage, and obtain water rights associated with water resources on federal public lands in Alaska, in accordance with agency policies.

Course Description: This course is based on a review of case studies relevant to the agencies, as well as instruction in Alaska State and Federal water law and policies. Participants will discuss and apply water rights policies, processes, methods, forms, and tools to protect a diversity of water-dependent values and a diversity of water uses.

Objectives:

1. Participants will understand how federal responsibilities can be implemented by working through the state water rights system.
2. Participants will understand how the Alaska water rights system works and be able to identify water rights procedures to meet specific land management objectives.
3. Students will be able to formulate water right applications and understand how to manage water rights as part of federal land management functions in Alaska.
4. Participants will be able to understand how to obtain and manage state reservations of water as part of federal land management functions in Alaska.
5. Participants will be able to apply new water rights process knowledge to on-the-ground situations.

Target Audience: Agency managers and resource specialists who manage/need water for the following program areas: water, range, wildlife, fisheries, realty, appraisals, acquisitions, wilderness, recreation, wild & scenic river management and planning.

Day 1 audience: All personnel listed above.

Day 2 audience: All personnel listed above.

Day 3 audience (sessions from 8 AM to 11 AM): All personnel listed above

Day 3 audience (sessions from 11 AM to 1:15 PM): All personnel who apply for water rights or who manage/maintain water rights.

Day 3 audience (sessions from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM): Lands/realty staff and others who acquire/dispose of water rights and work on water-related lands actions.

Day 4 audience: Hydrologists, fisheries biologists, wild & scenic river managers.

Day 5 audience: All personnel listed above