# 2026 PALOUSE BASIN WATER SUMMIT

## *Replenish*

Thursday, October 29, 2026

SEL Event Center 3:00 – 7:15pm

**Program**

**Welcome/Introductions** –

*Emcee Dr. Robin Nimmer, Senior Hydrogeologist with WSB*

**Nez Perce Tribe Welcome and Remarks** –

*The Honorable Samuel Penney, Chairman Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee*

**Mayors Remarks –**

*The Honorable Francis Benjamin, Mayor of Pullman; the Honorable Hailey Lewis, Mayor of Moscow*

**PBWS Water Advocate Awards** –

**City Conservation Updates** –

*Ariel Medeiros, Assistant Planner with the City of Pullman; Kelli Cooper, Sustainability Programs Coordinator with the City of Moscow*

**The Palouse Seasonal Weather & Climate Outlook** –

*Joel Atwood, Senior Service Hydrologist with the National Weather Service*

**Building Consensus for Complex Water Challenges: Lessons from the Spirit Lake-Toutle/Cowlitz River Collaborative** –

*Dr. Kara Whitman, WSU Associate Professor School of the Environment*

**Water Governance: Balancing Certainty, Flexibility, and the Need for Funding** –

*Barb Cosens, UI Distinguished Professor Emerita College of Law*

**State of the Palouse Basin –**

*Mike Faupel, Executive Director with the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee*

**PBAC Clearwater Diversion Study** –

*Jeff Hansen, Engineer with HDR*

**Keynote: Banking on Groundwater –**

*Dr. William Alley*

**Closing Remarks / Drawings -**

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