



WESTERN SNOW CONFERENCE



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Announcement and Call for Papers

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2008 brings us to commemorate the 76th annual Western Snow Conference. It's not too early to begin making plans to attend this year's conference, to be held in Hood River, OR during the week of April 15-17, 2008. The theme of this year's conference is "**Working Across Boundaries**" (be it watershed, county, state or country; a line in the sand or a major river).

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Many topics will be considered for submission of papers, ranging from Snow Measurement, Climate Change Impacts, Glacier Studies, Snow Safety, Water Supply Forecasting, Hydropower, Modeling, Irrigation, Transportation, Conservation and Recreation. So get your thoughts together, prepare a presentation, and make your plans to attend.

You are invited to submit an abstract for an oral or a poster presentation. Please indicate either "oral" or "poster" with your submission, which should include the lead author's name, address, phone, fax, and email. **The abstract of 150-300 words should be submitted by January 15, 2008 to the Technical Committee chair at the address below.**

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A short course workshop titled "**Understanding Using Mountain Soil Moisture Data**" will be held on Monday, April 14 and will provide a forum of continued education for the relationship between soil and water.

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Please review the Western Snow Conference web page at <http://www.westernsnowconference.org/> for further details as they become available.

The North Pacific Area of the Western Snow Conference will serve as the host for this coming conference, so please, if you have questions or suggestions, contact one of the members and pass along your thoughts.

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The Conference Hotel is the Best Western Hood River Inn, 1108 East Marina Way, Hood River, OR 97031, 541-386-2200 or 800-828-7873. Single rooms are within the Federal per diem rate at \$70, and the rate holds for 3 days before and after. River view rooms are available for an additional charge. The website for the hotel is: [Http://www.hoodriverinn.com](http://www.hoodriverinn.com)

See you all in April 2008 for a meeting with great technical content and a locale that's both on the river and near the mountain. Extend your stay and make the trip into a vacation to remember. Spring skiing should still be available on Mt. Hood and river rafting will be heating up on near-by streams.

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