**Drought Planning Focus Group**

1st Meeting Agenda, October 29th, 2018

* Welcome, Introductions, and summary of meeting agenda – Ashley Lowrey, Watershed Coordinator
* Project Overview – Ashley
	+ Project goals and objectives (see below)
	+ Drought planning process, background and timeline for the Upper Yellowstone Watershed.
* Drought Presentation – Greg Pederson, Research Ecologist, USGS
	+ Historical context of drought
	+ Local drought trends
* Defining drought, adaptation and resilience – Sara Meloy, Water Resource Planner, DNRC
	+ Different definitions of drought: Hydrological, agricultural, meteorological, etc.
	+ Adaptation and Resilience vs. Response
	+ Goals around understanding local impacts and vulnerabilities
* Local experience of drought – Druska Kinkie
* Open Group Discussion
	+ What does this group want to see out of this process?
	+ Feedback from proposed timeline and goals. Who are we missing?
	+ Next steps.

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**Overarching Goal:** To understand how drought affects all sectors in our community/watershed.

**Objectives:**

* Incorporate a broad variety of voices from the major water use sectors in the Upper Yellowstone region.
* Identify historic and current drought conditions and begin to compile and share data on precipitation, snowpack, streamflow, soil moisture, etc.
* Identify all the ways in which drought impacts various water use sectors in the Upper Yellowstone.
* Discuss and identify specific adaptation strategies that will reduce impacts from the next drought.

*Thank you for coming!!*