

RuralCONNECTIONS

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The Western Rural Development Center is soliciting articles for its **FALL 2016** issue of *Rural Connections*.

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Call for Articles

We are seeking abstract submissions on topics ranging from Extension outreach to community development, land use and resource planning, energy development, community preparedness, rural health, and more! We welcome abstracts on other topics and research areas that are relevant to communities in the West. Some examples include:

- Rural Health
- Land Use and Planning
- Climate Impacts
- Community Preparedness and Response
- Transportation and Housing
- Community Development
- Energy Efficiency
- Economic Development
- Drought
- Wildfire

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Direct your questions to [Betsy Newman](#), Editor, *Rural Connections*.

What You Will be Reading in the Spring 2016 Issue!

A list of articles in the upcoming issue of *Rural Connections*:

- County Economies 2015: The Uneven Geography of Opportunity in the Rural Western Counties
- Power of the Fork: The Utah Farm-Chef-Fork Program
- Embracing Uncertainty and Building Community: Participatory Watershed Assessment and Planning for the Upper Gila River Arizona
- Economic Evaluation of Variable Rate Irrigation Center Pivot Technology
- Hope for the Best and Plan for the Worse: Can You Age-in-Place in YOUR Home?
- Preparing Youth for Today's Economy: A Multidisciplinary Extension Concern
- Embracing Tribal Health and Food Sovereignty among the Karuk, Klamath, and Yurok Tribes in the Klamath Basin through Collaborative Partnerships
- Illicit Drug Abuse in Rural Communities

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About *Rural Connections*

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The rural West is at an economic, demographic, and ecologic crossroads. The current population of the western U.S. is approximately 75,187,681 and covers 1,873,253 square miles. The West continues to be stricken with drought and wildfire while also experiencing increases in community development and economic growth. The rural spaces in the West continue to produce valuable resources while attempting to create more sustainable practices. **As of 2010, the rural population of the western U.S. numbered 7,356,764.** The Western Rural Development Center continues to work closely with Cooperative Extension to increase capacity building in the West and to promote excellence in research for the prosperity of western rural communities.



Rural Connections is published two times each year and focuses each issue on topics of interest to residents in the Western U.S. Contributors include researchers, faculty, practitioners, and professionals from throughout the nation. It is intended to appeal to a broad audience. The magazine is electronically distributed to over 800 Western Rural Development Center stakeholders, made available on its [website](#) and announced in [Twitter \(@westernrural\)](#).

The magazine is further distributed to over 4,000 individuals by the Western Rural Development Center's partners including the [Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development](#), the [North Central Regional Center for Rural Development](#), the [Southern Rural Development Center](#), [USDA-NIFA](#), and reaches an extensive national and international audience. The WRDC also makes printed copies available for the contributors, and as requested by its stakeholders.

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