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Have you met Idaho Representative Linda Hartgen? A Co-Chair of the CSG West Energy and Environment Committee, she will work with Colorado Senator Chris Hansen to facilitate member dialogue and collaborative solutions to issues faced throughout the region. We look forward to supporting the committee's efforts during the 2021-22 biennium.

## **WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE EMERGING ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT ISSUES IN THE WEST?**

Striking a balance between growth in electricity demand and preservation of the West's unique qualities is a priority. As population grows, so does power demand. There are many issues (salmon, for example) that reflect this tension. We will need a wide portfolio of resources, from hydro to fossil fuels to alternatives - each with its advocates and detractors- to find the appropriate balance.

## **WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT?**

District 24, in Twin Falls County, Idaho is a largely urban area with agriculture on the outskirts of the district. Idaho being an agriculture state, many of the industries in my district are agriculture and dairy based. The area is growing at pace with the overall state, which is currently the fastest growing state in the union. Our community is somewhat diverse even though we are 120 miles from our State Capitol in Boise.

## **WHAT IS ONE THING THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT WOULD FIND INTERESTING?**

I am an owner/operator of a large farming operation. For 24 years I worked for the Idaho Supreme Court as the Fifth Judicial District Trial Court Administrator, serving the eight counties within our district. I have a blended family that includes six granddaughters and



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two great grandchildren. I enjoy snow skiing, golfing and maintain one very rusty pilot's license.