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❖Faculty Research Interests❖

Transportation systems, economic development - Dr. John Bowen (John.Bowen@cwu.edu)

Energy, political economy/ecology, Latin America - Dr. Elvin Delgado (Elvin.Delgado@cwu.edu)

Aquatic ecology and hazards, (lake, riparian, wetland/coastal processes) - Dr. Anthony Gabriel (Anthony.Gabriel@cwu.edu)

GIS/remote sensing applications in environmental modeling, cartography - Dr. Bob Hickey (Robert.Hickey@cwu.edu)

Geomorphology, soils, snow, environmental change in mountains and drylands - Dr. Karl Lillquist (Karl.Lillquist@cwu.edu)

Landscape ecology, conservation, remote sensing/GIS, social-ecological systems - Dr. Jennifer Lipton (Jennifer.Lipton@cwu.edu)

Water allocation and policy in the American West - Dr. Michael Pease (Michael.Pease@cwu.edu)

Crowd-sourced mapping and GIS, critical cartography, Latin America - Dr. Sterling Quinn (Sterling, Quinn@cwu.edu)

Paleoenvironmental reconstruction, wildfire, climate change, forest management - Dr. Megan Walsh (Megan.Walsh@cwu.edu)

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