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Internal and external stakeholders include the general public, academia, government leadership, industry, members of the media, Snake River Geothermal Consortium (SRGC) members, U.S. Department of Energy staff and program leadership, Idaho National Laboratory leadership, local Native American tribes, and special interest environmental non-government organizations.

SRGC uses many methods to provide information to key audiences and stakeholders and to gather input from stakeholders. Currently, feedback from stakeholders is received through in-person interactions, email, and phone calls. Plans include establishing a general-inquiries phone line, providing and collecting comment cards at larger outreach events, responding on an individual basis, and adding a question/comment feedback form to the snakerivergeothermal.org external website. Messages submitted via this form will be sent to the SRGC communications lead and then distributed to the appropriate SRGS member.

Stakeholder interactions have been overwhelmingly positive thus far. As of May 15, 2016, the SRGC has received 57 letters of support for the Frontier Observatory for Research in Geothermal Energy (FORGE) site (Table 1). These letters are from individuals, cities, counties, and regional economic development organizations throughout the surrounding region, as well as Colorado, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Australia, and Germany. Figure 1 is a map showing support from areas around the FORGE site. Plans are to continue to expand the support to areas farther from the proposed FORGE site boundary by using targeted outreach.

Lessons learned:

- **Multi-directional communications:** The focus in the past has been more one-way communications, with the SRGC communicating information to stakeholders but not making it as easy for stakeholders to provide feedback and input to SRGC (two-way). In Phase 2, we plan to increase multidirectional communications.
- **Expand engagement beyond Idaho National Laboratory (INL):** Previously, engagement was very INL-centric and did not leverage other SRGC member institutions as effectively as possible. Plans include more involvement from all SRGC members.
- **Target special interest groups:** Previously, the SRGC reached out to special interest non-governmental organizations but did not have a specific plan for how to continue the interactions and target each group in a particular way. Those details are now included in the FORGE *Communications and Outreach Plan* (Ulrich and Podgorney, 2016) and will be used to accomplish targeted outreach to these groups in Phase 2 and beyond.

Table 1. List of letters of support for the SRGC FORGE site.

Organization, Entity or Individual	Location	Date
Arco-Butte County Business Incubation Center	Arco, ID	September 7, 2014
Andrea Todd	Idaho Falls, ID	April 26, 2016
Bannock Development Corporation	Pocatello, ID	September 10, 2014
Bingham County Commissioners	Blackfoot, ID	September 8, 2014
Bingham Economic Development Corporation	Blackfoot, ID	September 4, 2014
Bradley Christensen	Ammon, ID	April 25, 2016
Brandon Horkley	Rigby, ID	April 25, 2016

Table 1. (continued).

Organization, Entity or Individual	Location	Date
Brett Holist, Maintenance, City of Arco	Arco, ID	August 26, 2014
Butte County Chamber of Commerce	Arco, ID	September 7, 2014
Butte County Commissioners	Arco, ID	September 9, 2014
Butte County School District Superintendent Spencer Larsen	Arco, ID	August 27, 2014
Cameron Taylor	Rigby, ID	April 26, 2016
Chris Ischay	Idaho Falls, ID	April 25, 2016
Clark County Idaho Board of County Commissioners	Dubois, ID	2014
Clay Condit, Idaho Science Center	Arco, ID	August 23, 2014
David Clark	Idaho Falls, ID	April 23, 2016
Eastern Idaho Economic Development Partnership	Blackfoot, ID	August 25, 2014
Ernest Fossum	Idaho Falls, ID	April 25, 2016
Erv Grafwallner, Council Member, City of Arco	Arco, ID	August 26, 2014
Florian Wellmann	Aachen, Germany	April 25, 2016
Fort Hall Business Council	Fort Hall, ID	August 29, 2014
Gene Davis, Council President, City of Arco	Arco, ID	August 26, 2014
Greg Hulet	Idaho Falls, ID	May 5, 2016
Grow Idaho Falls, Inc.	Idaho Falls, ID	September 16, 2014
Idaho Clean Energy Association	Boise, ID	September 2, 2014
Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter	Boise, ID	August 26, 2014
Jackie Flowers, General Manager, Idaho Falls Power	Idaho Falls, ID	September 9, 2014
James Durrant	Idaho Falls, ID	April 25, 2016
James McCarthy	Idaho Falls, ID	April 25, 2016
Janet Albers	Hyde Park, UT	April 25, 2016
Jodi Grgich	Rigby, ID	April 25, 2016
John Powers	Piedmont, SC	April 25, 2016
Johnny Podgorney	Idaho Falls, ID	April 23, 2016
Keith Henn	Cranberry Township, PA	April 24, 2016
Kent Campbell	Boulder, CO	April 27, 2016
Kim Sanders, Maintenance, City of Arco	Arco, ID	August 26, 2014
Lemhi County Economic Development Association	Salmon, ID	September 5, 2014
Lost Rivers Economic Development	Arco, ID	August 23, 2014
Manolis Veveakis	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	April 24, 2016
Marjanna Hulet	Pocatello, ID	April 27, 2016
Mayor Nina Jonas, City of Ketchum	Ketchum, ID	April 26, 2016
Mayor Paul M. Loomis, City of Blackfoot	Blackfoot, ID	September 9, 2014
Mayor Ross Langseth, City of Arco	Arco, ID	August 26, 2014

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Otto J. Higbee, Board Member of Lost Rivers Economic Development	Mackay, ID	September 5, 2014
Paul Allen	Idaho Falls, ID	April 26, 2016
Ray Arguello	Eagle, ID	April 24, 2016
Renee Bowser	Idaho Falls, ID	April 25, 2016
Robert Neilson	Meridian, ID	April 25, 2016
Ronald Guymon	Idaho Falls, ID	April 26, 2016
Small Business Owner: Rosanne Barnal, The Bargain Barn	Arco, ID	2014
Thomas Ulrich, Teton Valley developer	Tetonia, ID	May 16, 2016
Tony Chisham, Maintenance Supervisor, City of Arco	Arco, ID	August 26, 2014
Travis Gilchrist, Council Member, City of Arco	Arco, ID	August 26, 2014
Tyler Gordon	Blackfoot, ID	April 26, 2016
University of Idaho Extension Professor Charles C. Cheyney	Arco, ID	September 7, 2014
Virginia Parsons, City Clerk/Treasurer	Arco, ID	August 26, 2014
Yidong Xia	Idaho Falls, ID	April 24, 2016

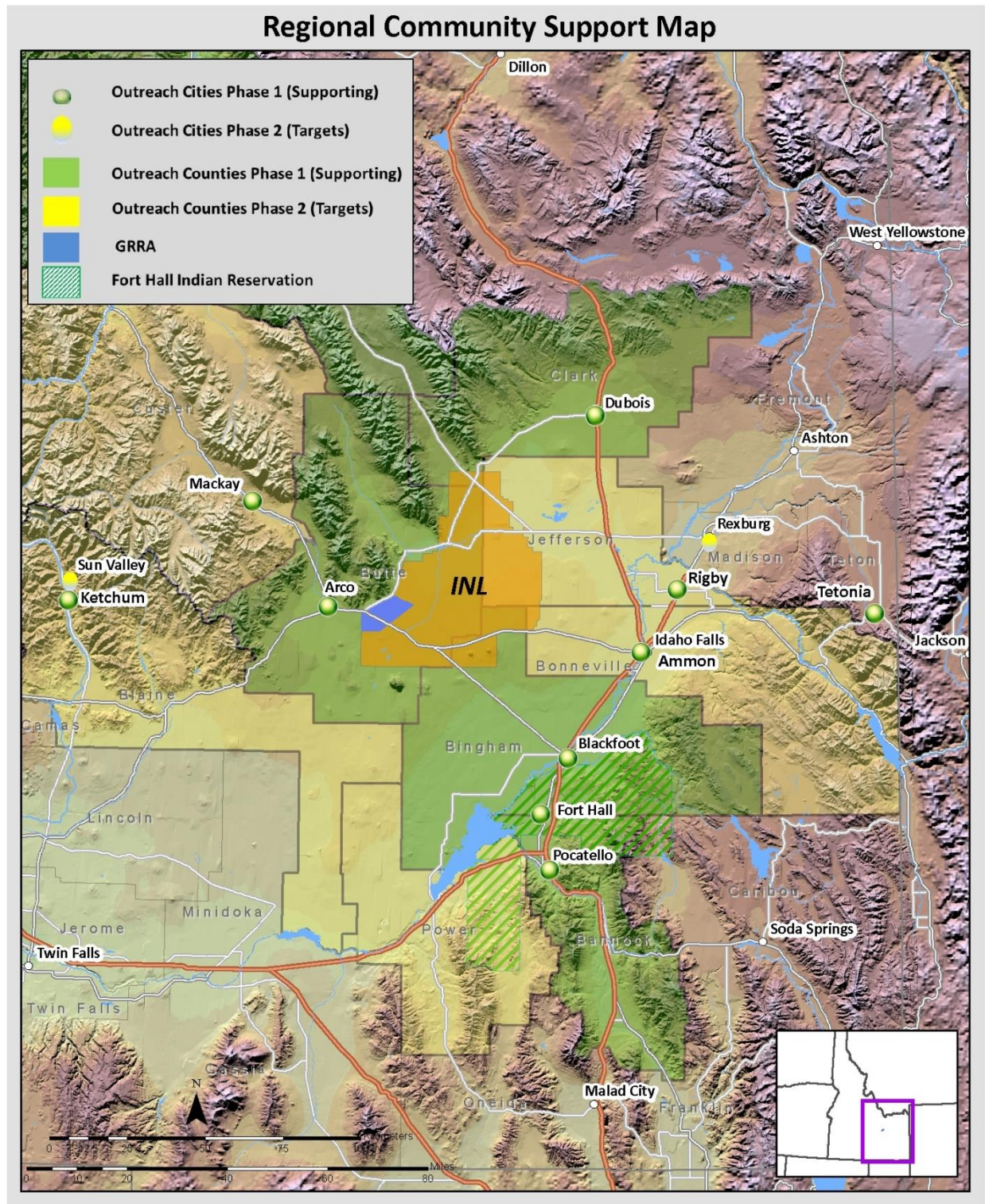


Figure 1. Regional map showing where support of FORGE has been expressed.