

INTERIM APPOINTEE BIOGRAPHY:

SYDNEY LEWIS (Idaho Transportation Department)

Sydney is a Senior GIS Analyst with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). She earned her Bachelors in Geoarchaeology from Boise State University in December 2011. She started her career with a position with the Bureau of Land Management as an Archaeologist, where she completed archaeological surveys while mapping site locations and maintaining the groups' GIS data. After that opportunity, she moved on to be a GIS Analyst with the Idaho Transportation Department. This was the beginning of her journey at the District 4 office in South Central Idaho. She led initiatives to begin standardizing data schemas statewide, and managed teams of field crews to assist in boots on the ground data collection efforts. In 2017 she then was promoted to Senior GIS Analyst for ITD's HQ office, where she's been assisting the team with their new Linear Referencing System implementation of ESRI Roads and Highways, and supporting all aspects of ITD's enterprise GIS. This includes serving as technical support on committees that have created draft testing recommendations for autonomous vehicles for the state of Idaho, and helping to support the department in their decision making process as it relates to LiDAR data acquisition and data management.

Recently she's been involved with ITD's first ever 18-month long Emerging Leaders program. Participation in this program was done through an application process in which only 24 employees were selected. She will graduate from the program in June.

Outside Sydney's professional career she enjoys spending time with her family, adventuring outdoors and exploring new places while watching her child learn on each new experience. She hopes that the skills that she's gained from personal, collegiate, and professional opportunities will help her gain your vote to serve on the IGC Executive Committee.
