Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or upcoming events, contact Matt Johns at 253/445-4538 or mjohns@puyallup.wsu.edu.

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Idaho STMA: Contact Greg Liggett at 208/496-2421 or liggett@byu.edu.

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