

DRI drought researchers deserving of credit

DRI researchers Hathett and McEvoy are to be commended for their work on snow drought [RGJ.com, Jan. 17]. One of their goals is "to give other researchers, policy makers and the public more tools to examine how snow droughts affect the environment and communities."

Our national administration has chosen to ignore all the tell-tale signs of global warming and climate change in their pursuit of the almighty dollar. Future generations need all the advocacy they can get from people like these researchers. Of course, the economy is important, but there needs to be an awareness that it is not always about jobs and growth. There is a looming cloud on the horizon, and that cloud either has no rain or too much rain, both serious impacts on our world.

Locally, growth impacts us all and never believe the developers' mantra that growth pays for growth. Quality of life is vital and policy-makers need to take that into consideration.

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