



## The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Palouse Basin Water Summit – Please Join Us!

Did you know that it takes more than 7,600 liters (2,000 gallons) of water to make a single pair of jeans? That morning cup of coffee required 140 liters (37 gallons) of water before it found its way to your table—water that was used to grow, process and ship the coffee beans. When we spend money on food, clothes, cell phones or even electricity, we are buying water — a shockingly large amount of water.

According to award-winning author and environmental journalist Stephen Leahy, water is essential to our way of life in ways we never imagined. While water usage continues to soar, shortages now affect more than 3 billion people including millions of Americans and Canadians. A decade from now 3 out of 5 people will face water shortages.

Please come join us for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Palouse Basin Water Summit and meet the author of the book some reviewers have called “brilliant and shocking” and “exceptionally lucid”. Leahy's book, ***Your Water Footprint: The Shocking Facts Behind Our Thirst for Earth's Most Precious Resource***, reveals some of the hidden costs of water and how we use it in our everyday lives.

We'll also have great presentations from local water experts, area youth and our annual State of the Basin Report. The Summit is set for Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 – 8:30pm at the SEL Event Center in Pullman. Free and open to all community-minded Palouse residents. Additionally, we'll draw for some fabulous prizes including a low-flow toilet and a \$1000 xeriscaping yard makeover! Come to this important community conversation. For more information, please visit: [www.palousewatersummit.org](http://www.palousewatersummit.org).