

NIDIS

**Interdisciplinary Research and
Applications Working Group**

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 - Compile an inventory of ongoing drought research
 - Assess knowledge gaps
 - Connect agency activities to applications
 - Provide guidance to research agencies

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5. An initial task of this group is to conduct an inventory of drought-related research portfolios in federal and state agencies and the private sector

Status



- Not much progress in this Working Group
- Identified tentative list of members
 - 12 members
 - Balanced between government, academia, and private/NGO
- Have not yet held a working group meeting

Plans



- Build a catalog of current and recent research linked to the Portal
 - Agency calls for proposals
 - Recent publications – summaries, searchable
 - Professional meetings
- Develop an expertise database to link on the Portal
 - Searchable by type and region
 - Sort of like a speakers bureau
 - Also linked and searchable on the Portal
- Analyze catalog and expertise database for gaps