On Dec. 11, 2020, John Wagner became director at Idaho National Laboratory. He quickly immersed himself in his new responsibilities and is excited about the important clean energy and national security work conducted at INL. Learn more about John’s personal and professional life.

What emotion best describes being INL’s new director?

EXCITEMENT

What’s one attribute you’ve learned in your leadership roles at INL?

EMPATHY

How old were you when you realized you wanted to pursue a career in nuclear?

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What nuclear technology are you most excited to see demonstrated over the next decade?

I can’t pick just one - excited to see several different non-LWR reactor technologies demonstrated.

Which STEM class was your favorite?

PHYSICS

What’s one piece of equipment at INL you find especially interesting?

TREAT

Hobbies?

DI RT BIKES, HIKING & FISHKEEPING

Favorite sport?

FOOTBALL & SUPERCROSS

How many states have you worked in?

6 MO, NM, PA, NJ, TN, ID

How many kids do you have?

SIX

Favorite local restaurant?

NOT JUST ONE COPPER RILL AND SMOKIN’ FINS ARE AMONG MY FAVORITES.

Favorite season of the year?

SPRING

Favorite food?

GERMAN & MEXICAN