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TRAINING AND INFORMATION SHARING

Training Sessions - National Riparian Service Team (NRST) with selected summaries

Creel, Chihuahua, Mexico

International Model Forestry Program sponsored this class which included participants from Bosque Modelo Chihuahua, federal, state, & local government representatives, university officials, and townspeople. Technical references 1737-9 and 1737-11 were translated into Spanish and used during the training. The attendees got an understanding of the potential of their streams if they can manage the uses occurring within the riparian areas and their watersheds.

Society for Range Management, PFC Workshop, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

The NRST presented half-day riparian assessment workshop and provided both English and Spanish translations of the training materials.

Columbia Basin Workshop, Concurrent Session on Riparian Management, WA

USDA Forest Service Program Managers, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, NV

Rangeland/Watershed Class Field Trip, Oregon State University

The NRST regularly assists university efforts by providing both classroom and field instruction and giving students access to materials and expertise.

Vale District BLM & Malheur/Owyhee Watershed Council, Vale, OR

NRCS/University of California Cooperative Extension, Glenn County, Willows, CA

This session involved a good mix of landowners and agency personnel. They were able to look at and evaluate field sites that had undergone voluntary management changes several years prior to the workshop and describe the attributes and processes of the recovery.

British Columbia, Canada

A 3-day PFC class (Squamish) and a 1 day PFC briefing (Victoria) was sponsored by the BC Ministry of Environment. Participants included BC Ministries of Environment, Municipal Affairs, and Forests, Office of Auditor General of BC, First Nations, University of BC, University of Victoria, Department of Fisheries & Oceans (federal), Squamish City, District of Saanich, CRD Water Capital Regional District (Victoria's municipal water supply), and several private consulting firms. They were very interested in how an understanding of the PFC Assessment can help them in their management of municipal watersheds and urban streams as well as wildland settings.

Western Region Extension Specialists PFC Training, NV

Cooperative Extension plays an important educational role in resource management, and their involvement with the state cadre greatly enhances the program.

Oregon Extension Agents, State Agencies, and NRCS, OR

This session was designed to strengthen the accelerated cooperative approach for riparian restoration through bringing those entities together who have key roles in implementing the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. It was very successful in laying the foundation for the use of a common language and methodology across a broad landscape.

Riparian Ecology Class, Fisheries & Wildlife Department, Oregon State University

Riparian & Rangeland Workshop, Washington Cattlemen's Association, Ritzville, WA

This workshop was sponsored by the WA Cattlemen's Association and jointly presented with members of the WA Cadre using a local ranch for field sites.

Quivira Coalition, NM

The purpose of this coalition is to teach ranchers, environmentalists, public land managers, and members of the public that ecologically healthy rangeland and economically robust ranches can be compatible. Their mission is to define issues of grazing conflict and to articulate a new position based on common interests and common sense. With all the groups above attending, this session served to provide tools toward accomplishing those goals.

Society of Wetlands Scientists Annual Meeting PFC & Willow Workshops, AK

As part of the pre-activities to their annual meeting, the SWS asked the NRST to do a workshop introducing the PFC assessment and concepts along with having Dr. Alma Winward teach a special segment on willow identification and ecology.

Interagency Grazing Management for Riparian Areas Training (3 sessions OR/WY/ID)

This curriculum was designed to complement the recently revised Technical Reference, Grazing Management for Riparian-Wetland Areas (TR-1737-14), with the intent to further the awareness and understanding of the tools, concepts, and thought processes needed to develop and implement successful riparian grazing management strategies.

NRCS & Kansas State Interagency Riparian Technical Team, KS

This group of people were interested in adopting a standard assessment procedure for Kansas and wanted to learn about PFC.

Training Sessions - State Cadres

ARIZONA

Safford
Heber

CALIFORNIA

Arroyo Grande (*Los Padres NF*)
Amador
Eldorado
Coalinga (*Arroyo Passajaro Watershed CRM*)
Jamestown
Quincy (2)
Cleveland NF
Sequoia NF
Scott River

COLORADO

Burlington (*NRCS*)
Limon (*NRCS*)
Gunnison
Grand Junction

IDAHO

University of Idaho
Bruneau
Challis
Burley
Soda Springs
Idaho Falls
Sandpoint
Weiser

MONTANA

Great Falls
Townsend
Hamilton
Dillon

NEVADA

Stateline
Reno

NEVADA (cont.)

Minden

NEW MEXICO

Alamogordo
White Sands Missile Range
Santa Fe

OREGON

Vale District BLM
Madras
Medford
Baker City
Eugene
Lakeview
Elgin
Lone Rock
Lorella
Long Creek
Crane
Condon
Bly (*Gerber WEST Group*)

UTAH

Monticello
Beaver
Provo

WASHINGTON

Ellensburg

WYOMING

Thermopolis (*Shoshone NF*)
Rawlins
Pinedale
Spearfish, SD

NRST Support to State Cadres

Assisted state training cadres in their first year by attending 23 sessions to provide support, quality control, and assist in teaching. Held second session of Train the Trainers.

Arizona (1)	Montana (2)
California (1)	Oregon (5)
Colorado (2)	Utah (2)
Idaho (3)	Washington (2)
Nevada (3)	Wyoming (3)
New Mexico (1)	

NRST - Briefings, Presentation, and Key Contacts

AGENCIES

USDA Forest Service Soils and Fisheries Program Managers
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Oregon BLM/Region 10 EPA/Oregon DEQ
International Model Forestry Program
OR/WA BLM & USDA Forest Service R6 Executive Leadership Team
Arizona BLM Riparian Coordinators
USDA Forest Service State & Private Cooperative Forestry Program
NRCS Plant Materials Centers
Oregon BLM Hydrologist & Fisheries Meeting
Policy Advisor NMFS
NRCS Western Region Board of Directors
National Biological Service
FS Deputy Regional Forester's Leadership Team Meeting
FS R6 Natural Resources Department
Bonneville Power Administration

COMMUNITY, CONSERVATION, AND INDUSTRY INTERESTS

Colorado Riparian Association
Washington/Idaho Cattlemen's Association Meeting, Coeur d' Alene, ID
Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
Oregon Cattlemen's Association
Willow Creek Watershed Council, OR
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Society of American Foresters
Wildlife Stewards, OR
The Wildlife Society
NW Ag News Radio
Plenary Speech, AWRA/SRM Rangeland Mgmt & Water Resources Conference, NV
The Atlantic Monthly Magazine
American Rivers National Staff
Crook County Watershed Council, OR
North Fork Gunnison River Improvement Association including a radio interview, Hotchkiss, CO
Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission
Malheur/Owyhee Watershed Council
Sierra Club
Keynote Address, Peaks to Prairies Watershed Stewardship Conference, SD

Trout Unlimited (Speech at National Meeting)

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Senator Gordon Smith's Staff

Congressional Staffers from members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources

Committee; House Resources Committee, and House Resources Subcommittee on Parks & Public Lands

State Cadres - Briefings, Presentations, and Key Contacts

AZ Cadre - New Mexico Advisory Council, Socorro

AZ Cadre - AZ Cattlegrowers Association

AZ Cadre - Resource Advisory Council Tucson Field Office, Tucson

CA Cadre - CA Riparian Habitat Joint Venture, agency, non-profit, Sacramento

CA Cadre - Farm Bureau, CA River Assessment, RCD, Sacramento

CA Cadre - Agency mid management, non-profit, university, Davis

CA Cadre - Biodiversity Council, Sacramento

CA Cadre - Flight Log, newsletter of the CA Partners in Flight

CO Cadre - Colorado Riparian Association, Pagosa Springs

CO Cadre - Grazing in Riparian Areas, Wildland Hydrology Consultants, Pagosa Springs

CO Cadre - Colorado Riparian Association, Poster Session, Montrose

NV Cadre - White Pine Riparian Association, Ely

NM Cadre - Agriculture Advisory Board, NM State Lands Office, Santa Fe

MT Cadre - FS Northern Region (R-1) Board of Directors, Missoula

OR Cadre - Pine Hollow Watershed Council, Antelope, OR

OR Cadre - Bridge Creek Watershed Council, Mitchell, OR

OR Cadre - Burnt River Private Land Owners, Unity, OR

OR Cadre - OR Dept of Agriculture & Dept of Environmental Quality, Salem, OR

OR Cadre - Indian Creek West Group, Lakeview, OR

OR Cadre - Burnt River Private Land Owners, Unity, OR

OR Cadre - East Birch Creek Stakeholders & Land Owners, Pilot Rock, OR

OR Cadre - Lone Rock Watershed Council, Condon, OR

UT Cadre - Earthwatch Volunteers, Moab

Products

Developed a variety of high priority communications tools needed by interagency training cadres to improve training sessions and training materials, including presentation materials and handouts.

Spanish language version of TR 1737-9 for use in southwest states and Mexico

TR 1737-14, Grazing Management for Riparian-Wetland Areas and course materials

CONSULTING AND ADVISORY SERVICES

NRST Service Trips

Willow Creek multi-agency/public consultation, Idaho
Sand Creek multi-agency consultation, Idaho
Snake-John Day Resource Advisory Council, Oregon
Bridge Creek Riparian Volunteer Day, Oregon
Montana State University, Bandy Ranch Riparian Assessment, Montana
Placer Mine Reclamation, Alaska

Consult on Lakeview District BLM playa problem wetlands, Oregon

Provided a training session on using the PFC assessment for problem wetlands and assisted in the assessment of several hundred acres of problem wetlands. Demonstrated that the PFC assessment was an appropriate tool for assessment of these problem areas.

Arizona State University PFC Consulting, Arizona
Catlow Redband Conservation Agreement, Oregon
BLM Environmental Compliance Team for the Clean Water Act
Oregon DEQ Draft Guidance for the 303(d) List, Oregon
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Project Reviews
PACFISH/INFISH
ICBEMP Minimum Standards & Guides
ICBEMP Science Team Training

Boise National Forest, Bear Valley Watershed Monitoring under ESA Requirements (ID)

The Team was asked to work with the Level 1 and Level 2 teams to develop a monitoring plan for the Bear Valley Watershed. The Team investigated the development of a "template" for monitoring plans that could be used westwide. The Team worked collaboratively with the Level 1 team, permittees, and the Pacific Rivers Council. The Team will continue to be involved, as needed, and has been requested to do a PFC training session to provide the foundation and common language among this diverse group of interests. The purpose is to evaluate the use of PFC as a tool to summarize and understand progress in Bear Valley.

Sycan-ZX CRM (OR)
South Fork Kern River, Inyo National Forest (CA)
Cumberland Allotment CRM (WY)
Burnt River Assessment (OR)

San Juan/Rio Grande National Forest, Saguache Park (CO)

Met with the Rocky Mountain Region, Regional Riparian Coordinating Committee, the San Juan/Rio Grande National Forest, permittees and environmental interests to discuss the Forest Land Management Plan standards and guidelines related to riparian areas and grazing management. The purpose of the meeting was to reach a common understanding of how best to apply the S&Gs, to understand PFC as a tool in achieving Forest goals for riparian areas, assess a number of areas using PFC, and to discuss grazing management strategies to improve condition of riparian areas.

PROGRAM REVIEW

Review and Respond

Review and comment on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF Land Management Plan DEIS for riparian areas, Montana

Review Alternative 7 for the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF DEIS based on NRST recommendations, including field visit and discussion of new alternative, Montana

Review Herd Creek Watershed Analysis, Idaho

Grazing Program Review, Umpqua National Forest, Oregon