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**RIPARIAN
COORDINATION
NETWORK**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS
FY2000**

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TRAINING AND INFORMATION SHARING

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

Community Stakeholders - Whistler, B.C.

The NRST assisted members of the B.C. cadre who are working with a diverse group of community stakeholders for the purpose of developing a long range plan to manage the areas aquatic habitat and safeguard the municipal watershed.

Forest Service Region 8 - Asheville, NC

This group was comprised of Federal, State, and local government, university, and private individuals interested in doing cooperative watershed assessments.

Riparian Grazing Training sponsored by EPA - Richfield, UT

Westside Washington PFC - Port Hadlock, WA

OR State University Range/Watershed class

Biological Soil Crust Training - Lake Mead, NV

Water/Road Interaction Workshops (SDTDC & FHWA) - Cincinnati, OH & Portland, OR

The NRST serves as part of a national cadre established to provide training to various state and federal agency personnel. This is part of a multi-agency effort to improve road management and maintenance techniques across the county.

Pacfish/Infish Implementation Module Training (Boise, Twin Falls, Spokane, Burns)

This is an interagency cooperative process designed to ensure end of season conditions are met relative to grazing management in areas designated as endangered fish habitat.

OR State University Hydrology class

Mackay PFC - Mackay, ID

Land Trust Alliance - Sun River, OR

This is an organization comprised of many land trusts throughout the west. They have a high interest in the health of riparian areas and in restoration and management for sustainability.

Rangeland Riparian Management and Monitoring - Wells, NV

Assisted UNR Cooperative Extension and the NV cadre in teaching a one week course co-sponsored by the ranching community.

North Carolina Interagency PFC - Asheville, NC

This group is comprised of Federal, State, and local government, universities, and private individuals interested in doing cooperative watershed assessments.

Grazing Management for Riparian Areas - Butte, MT

Upper Sevier Demo Watershed - Panguitch, UT

At the request of the steering committee, the NRST provided PFC and riparian grazing training.

Grazing Management for Riparian Areas, Upper Dakota RC&D - Minot, ND

This was a follow-up course for people who learned the PFC assessment method last year and were interested in developing grazing management strategies for riparian recovery.

Riparian Grazing, Western Division American Fisheries Society - Telluride, CO

Al Winward's Riparian Vegetation Monitoring - Richfield, UT

This was the first in a continuing series of training designed to teach people the riparian vegetation monitoring methods recently published by Alma Winward in a new document, RMRS-GTR-47.

Price PFC - Price, UT

Utah State University Cooperative Extension hosted ranchers and agency personnel in a session focusing on assessing desert type riparian systems.

Park City PFC - Park City, UT

Federal and state agencies, along with private interests, are initiating assessment of the Weber River Watershed.

Photo Interpretation for PFC - Langon, ND

BLM's NARSC & NTC provided follow-up training to people in North Dakota initiating riparian assessment on a large geographic area.

National Research Council Riparian Committee - H. J. Andrews Experimental Forest

Provided a one day workshop for this group charged with reporting on the status and management of riparian areas nationally.

Forest Stewardship Workshop - Port Hadlock, WA

Training Sessions - State Training Cadres

Ruidoso

ALASKA

Thorne Bay

ARIZONA

CALIFORNIA

CSU Monterey
Santa Ynez River
Marin County Envirothon
Pardee Reservoir
Tehama County.

COLORADO - PFC

Denver
Salida
Steamboat Springs I
Steamboat Springs II

IDAHO - PFC

Mackey
Nampa
Idaho Falls
Couer d'Alene
Hailey
Moscow, U of I

IDAHO - Riparian Grazing

IDAHO - Riparian Monitoring

MONTANA - PFC

Miles City
Missoula
Big timber

MONTANA - Riparian Grazing

Butte

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque

NEVADA - PFC

Carson City
Mason Valley
Elko or Battle Mtn

NEVADA - Riparian Grazing/Monitoring Wells

OREGON

La Grande
Prineville
Corvallis

UTAH

WASHINGTON

Republic
Port Hadlock
Cle Elum

WYOMING

Worland
Lander

NRST - Briefings, Presentations, and Key Contacts

AGENCIES, COMMUNITY, CONSERVATION, AND INDUSTRY INTERESTS

Washington Dept of Transportation
Western States Water Resources Council
Mid-West Fish & Wildlife Conference
BLM OR/WA Eastside Biologists
Oregon Water Resources Commission
COCC Desert Watershed Management Class
SRM Riparian Monitoring Symposium
National Research Council Riparian Study Committee
Demo Watershed Business Plan Workshop
Columbia River Conference
Mule Deer Foundation
Ag, Fish, Water (Washington)
WMI North American Conference
BLM Fish, Hydrology, Riparian, and Range program staff
BLM/FS Eastern OR Hydrologists
Deschutes Basin Resources Conservancy
OSU Riparian Ecology Class
Oregon Plan Monitoring Meeting
Culture, Economy, & Ecology of Ranching West of the 100th Meridian
Malheur Watershed Council
Deschutes Watershed Council
American Society of Civil Engineers Watershed Symposium
Society and Resource Management Conference
PNW/SRM Summer Meeting and Tour
Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting
NRCS Regional Conservationists
Utah Game & Fish, DEQ, Dept of Ag, and Trout Unlimited
AWRA Riparian Ecology & Management Conference
Regional Watershed Roundtable Meetings
Scott's Valley Watershed Council
Collaborative Stewardship Workshop
BLM's Leadership Challenge

WASHINGTON OFFICE/NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

BLM Director and Staff
FS Associate Deputy Chief for National Forest Systems
FS Director's of Range, Fish/Wildlife/Botany, and Watershed/Soil/Air
Riparian Coordinators for BLM, FS, & NRCS
Reinvention Coordinators for BLM, FS, & NRCS

State Cadres - Briefings, Presentations, and Key Contacts

California - PFC introduction at “Blue Circle Meeting” in Santa Cruz County. PFC overview presented to Elkhorn Slough watershed group.

Wyoming - hosted NRST workshop on riparian grazing at the Western Division American Fisheries Society Meeting in Telluride, CO, as well as sponsoring and all-day riparian stream trailer demonstration.

NRST Support to State Training Cadres

Assistance to state training cadres by attending sessions to provide support, quality control, and assist in teaching:

CA (Pardee Reservoir), CO (Steamboat Springs), MT (Big Timber, Butte), NV (Wells), OR (Corvallis), WA (Port Hadlock), WY (Worland)

Training Materials

Soils module for PFC training cadre
Initial stage of FS Roads/Riparian Training Module development
Contributed material for Central OR training video
Idaho cadre - updated lotic and lentic PFC training materials, developing CD.

Publications/Articles/Interviews/Videos

TR 1737-16, User Guide for Assessing PFC and Supporting Science for Lentic Areas
Full Stream Ahead Newsletter
Georgia Telegraph Newspaper
Bend Bulletin & AP Article (Seattle, Portland, Denver, etc.)
Riparian Video Series (initial planning meetings w/NTC)
Public Works Magazine
Riparian Soils video (draft script submitted to NTC)
Book Chapter for Culture, Economy, & Ecology of Ranching West of the 100th Meridian
Soil Bioengineering Technical Reference (San Dimas publishing)
Cascade Cattleman
Interview for Range Magazine
Interview for Mule Deer Magazine
BLM Career Enhancement Broadcast

CONSULTING AND ADVISORY SERVICES

NRST Service Trips (with selected summaries)

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument - Kanab, UT

The NRST, along with BLM and members of various user groups, assessed the riparian condition on a portion of the monument relative to livestock and recreational use, and tamarisk invasion.

Lost River Ranger District - Mackay Idaho

Provided guidance on riparian conditions, setting objectives, and development of grazing strategies.

Crooked River National Grasslands - Prineville, OR

Offered guidance on management and monitoring of ephemeral systems relative to specific issues and objectives.

Surprise Resource Area - Cedarville, CA

The NRST reviewed 3 grazing allotments with the BLM and permittees to help develop management objectives and strategies to meet those objectives.

Unalakleet River Drainage - Unalakleet, AK

Assisted NARSC and Anchorage Field Office with PFC photo interpretation and ground proofing.

Upper Pit River Watershed Review - Alturas, CA

Participated at request of FS as part of a restoration review team for the demo watershed.

Oxbow Ranch - N. Fork John Day River...The Nature Conservancy

Juniper Hills Preserve - Post, OR...The Nature Conservancy

South Diamond Creek, Gila National Forest - Silver City, NM

Second opinion assessment as part of a settlement agreement with FS and plaintiffs.

Wenatchee Field Office of BLM - Wenatchee, WA

Pine Creek Ranch - North Central Oregon

Participated as a member of an interdisciplinary group assisting Oregon State University and the Warm Springs Tribe in the development of a watershed restoration plan.

Dunning Ranch - Roseburg, OR

Assisted BLM in developing management options and a monitoring plan for this recently acquired property, purchased to provide improved habitat for Columbia Whitetail Deer.

Ongoing Participation

Oregon Governor Kitzhaber's Independent Multi-disciplinary Science Team
PACFISH Monitoring Team
FS/BLM Grazing Implementation Monitoring Module Team
Regional Implementation Support Team (RIST) for ICBEMP
A1/A2 Core Network Adjustment Team
Federal Caucus Habitat Committee
Sycan-ZX CRM
Consensus Institute, Sustainable Communities Steering Committee (WSU)
Society for Range Management Riparian & Watershed Committee
San Dimas Technology and Development Center (tech transfer)
Forest Service Riparian/Roads Core Team
Washington Governor's Ag, Fish, Water Group
OSU Water Temperature Research Advisory Committee
BLM Career Enhancement Panel

General Advice & Document Reviews

Riparian portion of the RPA - Chapter 3
OR State of the Environment Report
Western Federal Lands Highway Division - Blain Road Project
BLM response regarding North Fork John Day Wild & Scenic River appeal
Owyhee River Wild & Scenic lawsuit deposition
NFWF western US riparian project proposals
FS Range Program of Work
Follow-up regarding Big Sandy (WY) with BOR, BLM, TU, WY F&G
FS Roadless Initiative DEIS - Chapter 3
OSU Riparian Ecologist Selection committee
FS NRIS Environmental Justice Module

State Cadres Service Trips

California - Indian Creek, Plumas Co, NRCS Greenville field office...assessed stream reaches on 4 ranch properties and provided technical advice relative to reducing erosion and flooding problems.

Wyoming - Assisted the BLM's Cody Field Office assessing difficult lentic and lotic sites.

PROGRAM REVIEW

Program Review

Workshop 2000...for the Riparian Coordination Network for the purpose of reviewing the implementation of this approach, sharing information, and developing strategies for strengthening and continuing this effort.

NRST/Cadre Conference Calls...to assess individual cadre needs, develop action items, and share information and ideas for the purpose of ensuring each cadre is operating effectively.

Program Evaluation...continuation of the design and implementation of a large scale evaluation of the interagency strategy for Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Restoration. The information gathered will be used to ascertain a measure of customer satisfaction and program effectiveness.

FS Riparian/Roads Team...review of Forest Service Regions 2, 3, & 9.

Noxious Weeds & Riparian Restoration...NRST met with BLM and FS weed program managers to examine program interface and develop and integration strategy.

Biological Analog...NRST assisting PNW Research in development of a biological analog to PFC for the goal of integrating physical processes with biological components.

Program Coordination...program coordination/administration meetings with BLM, FS, and NRCS key staff.



**FY99 NRST ACCOMPLISHMENTS
BY STATE AND ISSUE**

STATE	ISSUE										
	Water Quality/Quantity	Endangered Species	Livestock	Big Game	Flooding	Roads	Recreation	Restoration Prioritization	Natural Stress/Management Stress	Monitoring	Working Group Effectiveness
Alaska						X		X	X	X	X
Arizona	X		X	X				X	X	X	
California	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Colorado	X	X	X					X	X	X	
Idaho	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Kansas	X		X					X	X	X	X
Montana	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
North Dakota	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X
New Mexico	X	X	X					X	X	X	X
Nevada	X	X	X					X	X	X	
Oklahoma	X		X			X		X	X	X	X
Oregon	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Texas	X		X					X	X	X	X
Washington	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X