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TRAINING AND INFORMATION SHARING

Training Sessions - National Riparian Service Team (NRST)

Community/Agency Workshop (CO)

This session is designed to provide a balance of the technical aspects of riparian restoration and management as well as introducing outreach and consensus techniques addressing the social dimension. It focuses on concepts and skills needed for individuals and organizations taking on the role of convener or facilitator bringing together affected interests in confronting and resolving conflict.

Water/Road Interaction Workshops (AZ)

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 country.

OSU Range/Watershed Class and the Watershed Stewards Program

This effort combines the generosity of a local landowner host with university students and groups of people from urban Portland, for a learning experience designed to strengthen the understanding of managing and making a living from the land.

FS/Permittee Workshop (AZ)

Forest Service employees and permittees on the Tonto NF were introduced to principles and grazing management strategies designed to restore and maintain riparian areas.

Biological Soil Crust Training (AZ)

The NRST participates as part of a national instructor cadre on biological soil crusts.

Riparian Grazing Training (CA)

This 3 day session in Scotts Valley, CA, was sponsored by the Siskiyou RC&D in conjunction with local landowners and agency personnel, to help develop alternatives for riparian improvement.

Denton, TX PFC Training (TX)

This session was sponsored by a interagency, interdisciplinary group in the Dallas-Ft Worth area that provides advice and technical expertise on environmentally friendly ways to manage streams.

FS National Regional Bridge Engineer's Workshop

Members of the NRST provided a segment on stream geomorphology and bridge location.

Washington Conservation Corps PFC Training

The Washington Department of Ecology sponsored a 2-day session for the supervisors of conservation crews that work throughout the state on water quality and salmon recovery projects.

Lentic PFC Training (UT, ID)

Region 4 (FS) sponsored 2 interagency sessions in preparation for assessment activities planned as part

of an aquatic, riparian, and water strategy.

PFC and Grazing Management for Riparian Areas (TX)

This session was attended by a mix of NRCS personnel and people from other agencies and the private sector. It was sponsored by NRCS to help strengthen their effort relative to programs such as continuous sign-up CRP.

Pendleton Community PFC (OR)

The session was co-sponsored by the Stewards of the Umatilla River and various other local organizations and agencies to bring together stakeholders and agency personnel to foster communication regarding water quality and habitat conditions. Field sites included leveed, farmed, and municipal reaches.

PFC & Aerial Photography (MT)

The NRST participated with members of the cadre from the National Science and Technology Center in Denver, providing instruction for this 3-day course.

Bonnars Ferry Community PFC (ID)

Sponsored by the Kootenai River Network, the objective was to provide training to a wide range of local interested parties so they are better able to assist with assessment and restoration of riparian-wetland resources.

SRM/AFS Symposium (2)

The NRST along with other individuals, presented a day long symposium entitled Livestock Management for Fishable Waters: A Catchment Approach, at the annual meeting of Society for Range Management and at the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society Conference.

County Empowerment Workshop (OR)

The NRST was asked to provide assistance by leading a field trip as part of a locally held county empowerment workshop.

Training Sessions - State Training Cadres

ARIZONA

Safford
Tucson
Springerville

CALIFORNIA

Redding (2)
Arcadia
Coalinga
Bishop

COLORADO

La Junta
Montrose
Fort Collins
Glenwood Springs w/NRST
Grand Junction

IDAHO

Lewiston
Fort Hall (sponsored by Coop Extension)
Twin Falls
Mountain Home
Moscow (sponsored by UI Range Dept)
Bonners Ferry w/NRST
Idaho Falls w/NRST

MONTANA

Deer Lodge
Glasgow

NEW MEXICO

Silver City
Farmington

NEVADA

Winnemucca (Summit Lake Paiute Tribe)

OREGON

Pendleton (community and agency sponsored)

UTAH

Cedar City w/NRST

WASHINGTON

Nisqually w/NRST (WA Conservation Corps)

WYOMING

Cheyenne

British Columbia

Kimberly

NRST - Briefings, Presentations, and Key Contacts

BLM's Executive Leadership Team (June, Sept)
BLM/FS Water Program Managers Meeting
PNW/SRM Section Meeting
Oregon Cattlemen's Association
National Cattlemen's Association
Soil and Water Conservation Society
Tri-State Range Shortcourse
OR Chapter AFS Workshop
North American Program, Wildlife Conservation Society (Hilary Cooke)
Region 5 FS Range, Fisheries, Hydrology Workshop
ID SRM Section Workshop
FS Nat'l Range Directors and Program Managers Meeting
Willamette Urban Watershed Network
1st Annual Quivira Coalition Conference
Owyhee Working Group Meeting
Hay Canyon Watershed Council
Region 6 FS Range and Soils Program Managers Meeting
TNC and Grassland Reserves
International Symposium for Society and Resource Management
U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution
National Highway Institute
Conservation In Practice, publication of the Society for Conservation Biology
Western Regional Cooperative Soil Survey Conference
BLM NACD Liaison
BLM's Leadership Challenge Conference
BLM Retiree's meeting and fieldtrip
OR Statewide Monitoring Workshop
Farmer/Stockman Magazine (ID, CA, WA, OR)

State Cadres - Briefings, Presentations, and Key Contacts

CO Cadre - CO Watershed Assembly Conference in Breckenridge, CO
NV Cadre - Nevada Youth Range Camp
NV Cadre - Lectures in 3 classes at UNR
NV Cadre - Alpine Watershed Group w/CA Cadre

CONSULTING AND ADVISORY SERVICES

NRST Service Trips

Valles Caldera National Preserve (NM)

This area is being administered by a Board of Trustees as an experiment in public land management. In preparation for development of a management plan, the NRST was asked to assess current riparian conditions, and provide recommendations on management options and monitoring protocols.

D.E. Jones Ranch Property (OR)

This property, which includes 7 miles of the Malheur River, was purchased by the Burns Paiute Tribe for the purpose of restoring fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, and other values. The team was asked to work with the Tribe and their partners to assess conditions and provide recommendations as a base from which the group could formulate a more comprehensive management plan.

Tryon Creek Assessment (OR)

Tryon Creek is within an urban watershed in the city of Portland and home to several listed fish species. To address habitat and water quality problems, the West Multnomah SWCD asked the NRST to do an assessment as part of their baseline data and to provide recommendations for restoration activities.

Deschutes River, City of Bend (OR)

The City Planning Commission asked the NRST to help them understand the function and condition of the river within Bend in the context of balancing the impacts of nearby development and a desire to have a healthy riparian corridor.

OR Dept of Transportation (OR)

The NRST provided advice on location and design of a local bridge crossing.

Malheur National Forest Monitoring Assistance (OR)

The NRST provided guidance on monitoring to FS, FWS, NMFS, Level 1 Team, OSU Extension personnel, and permittees for the purpose of building understanding and developing consistency.

Zumwalt Prairie Preserve (OR)

The Nature Conservancy and the Wallowa County Natural Resources Council asked for assistance from the NRST in assessing Camp Creek on this newly acquired 42 square mile property. The team held a community meeting and had a number of individuals accompany them as they did the assessment. A follow-up report was submitted as part of the baseline information being gathered for creation of a management and monitoring strategy.

Pintler Ranger District (MT)

This trip was in response to a request for assistance following an Infish Review on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF relative to meeting interagency grazing implementation monitoring requirements. The discussion and the final report clarified appropriate within-season triggers, end-of-season indicators, monitoring protocols and determining standards for both. Impaired function and system recovery were also addressed as well as management options and developing a plan for short, mid, and long-term monitoring.

Parker Creek Assessment (ID)

The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho requested a PFC assessment be completed on Parker Creek, a tributary to the Kootenai River and habitat for listed fish species. The team also provided guidance in linking the results with the bioassessment data in order to create a more complete set of information to prioritize and determine restoration activities. Recommendations were made regarding management strategies and monitoring.

Bighorn National Forest (WY)

The objective of this trip was to visit 3 allotments with forest staff, state agency personnel and permittees in order to review concerns, impacts, and site potentials with the expectation of increased understanding for better management and monitoring decisions and a decrease in the level of controversy.

Morgan Creek Allotment (ID)

The NRST assisted the BLM Challis Field Office, FS Challis Ranger District, and FWS personnel in interpreting monitoring data and on-the-ground indicators of trend on Morgan Creek and several tributaries. Selected Designated Monitoring Areas were visited and appropriate with-in season triggers, end-of-season indicators, standards, and monitoring protocols were discussed.

Crooked River Watershed Council (OR)

The NRST contributed to several feasibility studies and design projects.

Lost Creek Restoration Assessment (OR)

As follow-up to a riparian condition assessment, the NRST is providing input to the development of a restoration plan and subsequent projects to be implemented by TNC on the Juniper Hills Preserve.

Ongoing Participation

Oregon Governor Kitzhaber's Independent Multi-disciplinary Science Team
Pacfish/Infish Monitoring Team
Consensus Institute, Sustainable Communities Steering Committee (WSU)
Society for Range Management Riparian & Watershed Committee
San Dimas Technology and Development Center (tech transfer)
Federal Highway Administration - Blaine Road Project
Forest Service Riparian/Roads Core Team
Bear Creek Study data collection
Bio-analog development

State Cadres Service Trips

NV Cadre - Numerous assistance trips on several ranches near Elko.

REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Review and Respond

Draft Riparian Policy for the State of Oregon
Draft FS Soils Program Strategic Plan
Riparian Ecosystem Evaluation: A Review and Test of BLM's PFC Assessment Guidelines
Draft assessment "Science and Economics of Riparian Buffers on Agricultural Lands"
Book proposal "Ecological Management of Riparian Areas in the Southwest"
Course 1730-25 Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement
University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Youth Riparian Education Toolkit

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Planning and Coordination

FY 2002 Work Planning Meeting *(Nov 2001)*

Program Coordination...*program coordination/administration meetings with BLM, FS, and NRCS key staff and others (Washington D.C. - Dec 2001, Feb, June, Aug 2002)*

NRST/State Cadre Conference Calls...*to assess individual cadre needs, develop action items, and share information and ideas.*

2002 Riparian Coordination Network Workshop...*designed for the purpose of gathering feedback on the draft strategy revision and to provide a forum for sharing examples of where the ACRRM approach facilitated riparian restoration, including both technical and social aspects. (April - Ogden, UT)*

Accountability and Evaluation

2002 Annual Accomplishment Report...*activities of the Riparian Coordination Network*

Program Evaluation Process...*results of a formal OMB approved evaluation process are being compiled and the data analyzed. Through an extensive mail survey along with a series of interviews, information has been gathered to ascertain a measure of customer satisfaction and program effectiveness. Preliminary findings are being used to help shape the program adaptations that will be characterized in the revised strategy document.*

Product Development

Draft TR-19 Riparian/Wetland Soils
Draft progress report *(strategy explanation and accomplishment summary, 1996-2001)*
Draft revised strategic plan document *(evaluation findings and guidance for the coming years)*
WY Cadre pamphlet "Keeping Water on the Land Longer"