



## Biennial Creeks & Communities Network Meeting March 4-6, 2008 ♦ Silver Legacy Hotel ♦ Reno, Nevada

The Creeks & Communities (C&C) strategy is a continuation of the interagency effort titled 'Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Restoration and Management, initiated in 1996 by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and US Forest Service (FS) in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The strategy rests on the belief that,

"Restoration will not happen through regulation, changes in the law, more money, or any of the normal bureaucratic approaches. It will only occur through the integration of ecological, economic and social factors, and the participation of affected interests. Since riparian-wetland areas often pass through or are shared by numerous landowners, a collaborative approach, applied at the ground level in a watershed context is...[critical] to successful restoration and future management."

The National Riparian Service Team (NRST) leads a biennial C&C Network Meeting in support of advancing the implementation of the C&C strategy. These are working meetings designed to increase and enhance the ability of the Network to be effective in both managing and implementing the initiative to meet participating agencies' goals. The agenda reflects the strategy's emphasis of blending aspects of both resource and social science in order to craft an effective approach for working with individuals, communities and institutions to accelerate cooperative riparian restoration and management. Participants will learn ways to maximize the application of the C&C framework for effectively integrating science and the social dimension in support of collaborative problem-solving and adaptive management. Several sessions are designed to strengthen understanding and consistency in both teaching and using the foundation tool – Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) assessment method. Additional segments are aimed at furthering the Network's ability to apply collaborative principles and practices, including case study examples demonstrating the larger context of how these have been used. Finally, Network members will share their past experiences, complete work plans for FY2008-2009, and present their emphasis for the coming two years. Expanding and diversifying the Network is an ongoing emphasis and people are encouraged to invite a guest to the meeting (e.g., a potential new Network member, a manager, community member). Exhibit space will also be provided.

Registration - Please contact Carol Connolly at (541) 416-6892 or [carol\\_connolly@or.blm.gov](mailto:carol_connolly@or.blm.gov) with any questions, to R.S.V.P., or to request exhibit space. There is no registration fee.

Lodging – Room reservations can be made by calling the group reservation department of the Silver Legacy Hotel (1-800-687-8733) and request group code NRST308 prior to February 11 for a special rate of \$59 per night.

## **Network Meeting Outline**

### ***Tuesday 3/4/08 (8:00am – 5:00pm)***

#### Welcome/Logistics

Ron Wiley (NRST Lead); Carol Connolly (NRST Public Affairs and Network Meeting Coordinator)

#### Introductions/Grounding

Mike Lunn (Solutions for Sustainability LLC)

#### State and Province Team Reports/Recognition

State and Province Team Leads, Ron Wiley (NRST Lead)

#### Washington Office Agency Leadership

BLM, Forest Service, NRCS, USFWS

### ***Wednesday 3/5/08 (8:00am - 5:00pm)***

#### Potential and Capability in the Context of PFC Assessments

Janice Staats (NRST Hydrologist) and Network panel

#### Breakout Sessions

Group 1 – PFC Hydrology, Lead: Janice Staats (NRST Hydrologist)

Group 2 – PFC Vegetation, Lead: Sandy Wyman (NRST Range Management Specialist)

Group 3 – PFC Erosion/Deposition, Lead: Ron Wiley (NRST Lead)

Group 4 – C&C Working with People, Lead: Mike Lunn (Solutions for Sustainability LLC)

#### Breakout Session Wrap-up

Breakout Session Leads

#### Application of PFC – The Assessment and the Results

Steve Smith (ID State Team Lead and ID BLM Agency Coordinator)

#### State and Province Work Plan Development

State Teams and British Columbia Lead

### ***Thursday 3/6/08 (8:00am-5:00pm)***

#### Greenline Clarification Discussion

Erv Cowley (Former ID State Team Lead and ID BLM Coordinator – retired)

#### Multiple Indicator Method (MIM) Discussion

Tim Burton (BLM ID State Fisheries Program Lead)

#### Case Studies Panel Discussion - North Fork Crooked River and Swamp Creek

Mike Lunn (Solutions for Sustainability LLC)

#### FY2008-2009 Work Plan Presentations

State and Province Team Leads, Ron Wiley (NRST Lead)

#### Closeout

Ron Wiley (NRST Lead), Mike Lunn (Solutions for Sustainability LLC)