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To: Field Managers

From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources

Subject: Assessing the Proper Functioning Condition of Lentic Riparian-Wetland
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Attached is an announcement for a course on Assessing the Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) of Lentic Riparian-Wetland Areas. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Butte is sponsoring this session from July 10-11. Floyd Thompson of the Butte Field Office is the course coordinator and is advertising this opportunity locally. Please notify your staff of this session as well as the people in United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FS) and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in your area with natural resource specialists and habitat biologists who may want to attend. The FS sponsored two sessions of this course last year, one in Cedar City, Utah, and the other in Idaho Falls, Idaho. With the growing interest in learning lentic PFC, we would like to have this advertised on a broad basis.

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1 Attachment

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Announcement (1 p)

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Riparian Workshop Announcement

Assessing Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) of Lentic Riparian-Wetland Areas Butte, Montana - July 10-11, 2003

The Butte Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management is sponsoring a 2-day workshop on "**Assessing the Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) of Lentic Riparian Areas.**" The goal is to promote an understanding of the functions and processes that maintain lakes, ponds, wetlands, and springs to facilitate the conservation and management of these and other lentic ecosystems.

The workshop will be led by the National Riparian Service Team and the Montana Cadre and is one of many activities conducted as part of a west-wide effort entitled "**Creeks and Communities: A Continuing Strategy for Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Restoration and Management.**" Emphasis is on bringing together people of diverse backgrounds and values. The approach involves using the PFC assessment method as a foundation tool to facilitate cooperation among all landowners on a watershed scale. Effective restoration and management must promote the establishment of common terms and definitions, and methods for evaluating the condition of riparian areas. This tool has proven useful in determining those opportunities where there is a high probability for positive change with a reasonable investment, while enhancing management and problem solving at the local level by the people most affected.

The training is available to Federal, State, and local agencies, Tribes, industry and conservation interests, and others. The first day will be in a classroom setting, beginning at 8:30 a.m., ending at approximately 4:30 p.m. The second day will be spent in the field applying the process on several sites, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 4:00 p.m. **There is no tuition** and class size will be **limited to 30** people on a first-come, first-serve basis in response to this announcement. Participants will be responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements. Specific information regarding the meeting room location, motels, and other logistics will be provided to those attending.

If you would like to attend, please contact Floyd Thompson (phone 406-533-7625, fax 406-533-7660, e-mail floyd_thompson@mt.blm.gov,) by June 26, 2003. Be sure to include the following information:

Name
Affiliation or agency
Address, phone, fax, e-mail
Interest, discipline or area of expertise