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To: All Field Officials

From: Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center

Subject: Riparian-Wetland Technical References

Riparian-Wetland areas are the most productive and highly prized resources found on BLM lands. In 1991, the BLM Director approved the Riparian-Wetland Initiative for the 1990's, which established national goals of restoring, protecting, and maintaining BLM's riparian-wetland resources.

To assist in managing BLM's riparian-wetland resources, the National Applied Resource Sciences Center (NARSC) works with Field Offices to develop and print technical references. Technical Reference TR 1737-12 (Attachment 1) supplements TR 1737-9, Process for Assessing Proper Functioning Condition (PFC), TR 1737-10, The Use of Aerial Photography to Manage Riparian-Wetland Areas, and TR 1737-11, Process for Assessing Proper Functioning Condition for Lentic Riparian-Wetland Areas. Technical Reference 1737-12 provides a procedure for using aerial photography to answer many of the PFC standard checklist items found in TR 1737-9 and TR 1737-11.

To augment the use of TR 1737-12, Field Offices can obtain photo training through NARSC. A 2-day training course is being developed that will be taught at the requesting Field Office starting this spring. Information about this course can be obtained by contacting Don Prichard, Natural Resource Sciences Group (RS-130), at (303) 236-0162.

Technical Reference 1737-13 (Attachment 2) supplements TR 1737-7, Procedures for Ecological Site Inventory--with Special Reference to Riparian-Wetland Sites, TR 1737-9, TR 1737-10, and TR 1737-11. Technical Reference 1737-13 provides resource specialists with the basic information, concepts, and procedures associated with using historical photographs to analyze changes that have occurred on specific ecological sites in relationship to possible change agents.



Additional copies of TR 1737-12 and TR 1737-13 can be obtained by contacting the Printed Materials Distribution Section (PMDS) located at the National Business Center. When ordering these documents from PMDS (BC-650B), use Form 1556-1 (January 1993), the correct title, and Pamphlet No. TR 1737-12 for TR 1737-12 and Pamphlet No. 1737-13 for TR 1737-13.

If you or your staffs have any questions, please contact Don Prichard at the phone number listed above or on GroupWise.

## 2 Attachments

- 1 - TR 1737-12, Using Aerial Photographs to Assess Proper Functioning Condition of Riparian-Wetland Areas (52 pp)
- 2 - TR 1737-13, Observing Physical and Biological Change Through Historical Photographs (36 pp)

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