

# Full Stream Ahead

## News and Highlights from Creeks and Communities: A Continuing Strategy for Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Restoration and Management

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### **Utah BLM Briefings**

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The Utah BLM State Office Renewable Resources group just completed briefing our 10 Field Offices and one National Monument in the state. The meeting (Utah BLM Fish/Wildlife/Botany/Special Status Species/Riparian program update) was meant to give each of our offices the current management direction for each program, present new ideas for each office to consider in their program, to present on-going programs meant as a refresher, and to discuss any resource issues the offices may have.

Utah BLM State Office program managers for fish, riparian, wildlife, and botany presented the material with assistance from the BLM National Aquatic Monitoring Center, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and from the Utah BLM State Office Rangeland Management Specialist. We also were fortunate to have our Washington Office riparian and wetlands program manager with us for two of the four meetings. Our Utah State Office Branch Chief was also with us during all four meetings.

One portion of each of these meetings was devoted to the Creeks and Communities program. The Utah BLM State Office fish biologist/riparian specialist presented a PowerPoint on the subject then had a question and answer session immediately following. There were roughly 130 people who attended these sessions including a few field office/monument managers and supervisors intermixed among the audience of specialists. We were pleased with the response from the people in regard to the Creeks and Communities topic.

For questions or comments, please contact Tom Mendenhall (Utah BLM State Office fish biologist/riparian specialist) at [tom\\_mendenhall@blm.gov](mailto:tom_mendenhall@blm.gov) or 801-539-4073.

### **Creeks & Communities Objective 1: Create Awareness and understanding of, and interest in, this Strategy and invite participation across multiple scales.**

#### **❖ Providing briefings about the existence and nature of the Strategy**

- With the help of Bianca Streif and Doug Young, Janice Staats and Susan Holtzman briefed the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Office State Supervisor, his staff, and some of the Field Office Supervisors in Portland, Oregon on March 14, 2005. We received support for Bianca to act as Oregon Fish & Wildlife Service Riparian Coordinator and as an Oregon Team Member in the network. It was suggested that the network do briefings for

the Regional level of Fish & Wildlife Service for more awareness and support of the Creeks & Communities Strategy. If each State Team could accomplish a similar briefing with either State Offices or Regional Offices of the Fish & Wildlife Service, we could possibly recruit new network members from that agency from each of the Western States (be sure to ask for what you need).

- Janice Staats, Ron Wiley, Carol Connolly, Steve Smith (UT Cadre Coordinator), Ervin Cowley (ID Cadre Coordinator), and Sherm Swanson (NV Cadre Coordinator) briefed the USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region (R4) Leadership Team April 18, 2005. The Cadre Coordinators told their story well of how the Creeks & Communities Strategy is being implemented in their States. We appreciate the support shown by the Regional Forester, Directors, and Staff. The Intermountain Region has a Regional Interdisciplinary Riparian Team who are working together on their Regional Riparian Strategy that involves both a collaboration aspect and a science aspect (Rick Forsman, Joe Gurrieri, Gina Lampman, and Jeff Bruggink).

### **Riparian Coordination Network Conference**

The National Riparian Service Team will once again be hosting our biennial Riparian Coordination Network Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to be **November 8-10, 2005** in Reno, Nevada. Please mark your calendars for this event. More Details will follow pending agency conference approval.

Meeting purpose: To increase the capacity (ability) of the Riparian Coordination Network to effectively implement the Creeks & Communities strategy to help landowners and managers (individuals, institutions, communities) understand attributes and processes of creeks to resolve critical riparian-wetland issues in a way that demonstrates value relevancy.

Participants will build awareness of the big picture of the Creeks and Communities Strategy and how to integrate science and the social dimension using very concrete steps and examples. The conference will address how the Creeks and Communities Strategy can be used to meet your day to day work needs and fill your program responsibilities.

There will be ample networking opportunities and presentations will be given by agency partnership/collaboration leaders, university specialists and non government organizations to find ways that we can combine efforts to increase our effectiveness implementing the Creeks and Communities Strategy.

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### **Websites of Interest**

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<http://stormh20.com> -the Journal for Surface Water Quality Professionals. If you're looking for information on NPDES Phase II compliance, TMDLs, or any other issues related to surface water quality, look no further!