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RIPARIAN AREA MANAGEMENT

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*A User Guide to Assessing Proper
Functioning Condition and
the Supporting Science for Lentic Areas*



Functional
Rating

Checklist
Summary



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Functional Rating

- ID Team's determination/discussion
- For an area to be PFC means it provides the elements contained in the definition - dissipates energies, filters sediment, aids floodplain development, etc.

Functional Rating cont.

- If all the items on the checklist are answered yes, obviously it is PFC.
- If there are some no responses the ID team must determine if any of these answers make the area susceptible to degradation from energy events.

Functional Rating cont.

- If the no answers can result in degradation the area is rated something less than PFC.
- Functional-at-risk areas will possess some or even most of the elements in the definition but have at least one attribute/process that gives it a high probability of degradation with energy events.

Functional Rating cont.

- Trend must be determined when a rating of functional-at-risk is given
- Nonfunctional areas clearly lack the elements listed in PFC. Usually these areas have a preponderance of no answers.

Summary Determination

Functional Rating

Proper Functioning Condition _____
Functional --At Risk _____
Nonfunctional _____
Unknown _____

Strong



Weak

Remarks:

Trend for Functional--At Risk

Upward _____
Downward _____
Not Apparent _____

Remarks:

Standard Checklist

Are factors contributing to unacceptable conditions outside the manager's control?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what are those factors?

_____ Dewatering
_____ Dredging Activities
_____ Road encroachment

_____ Mining Activities
_____ Watershed conditions

_____ Other (specify) _

Remarks:

Natural Riparian Resources

Water



Soil, Landscape



Vegetation