

A group of approximately ten people are standing in a lush, green riparian area. They are positioned in a line across the middle ground, looking towards the left side of the frame. The foreground is dominated by tall, vibrant green grasses. A narrow stream flows through the grass, starting from the bottom left and moving towards the center. The background is filled with dense green bushes and trees, including several tall, thin evergreens. The overall scene is bright and natural, suggesting a healthy ecosystem.

# **Creeks and Communities**

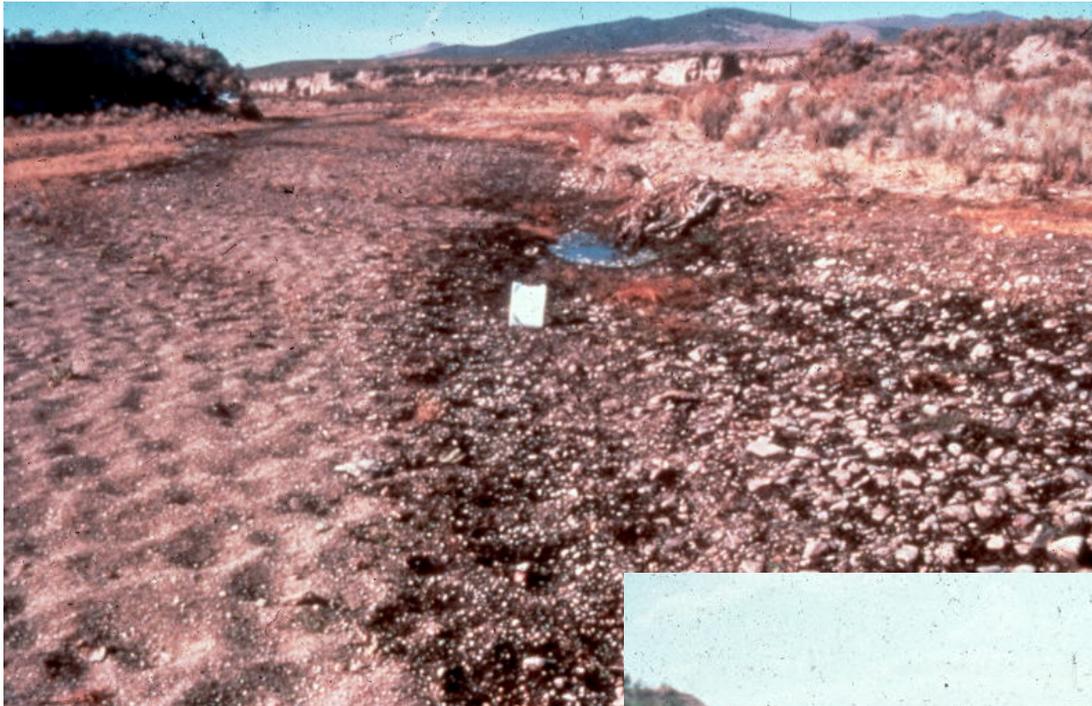
**A Continuing Strategy for  
Accelerating Cooperative  
Riparian Restoration and  
Management**



**Bear Creek OR  
1976**



**Bear Creek OR  
1988**



**Dixie Creek  
NV 1989**



**Dixie Creek  
NV 1995**



**Burro Creek  
AZ 1981**



**Burro Creek  
AZ 2000**

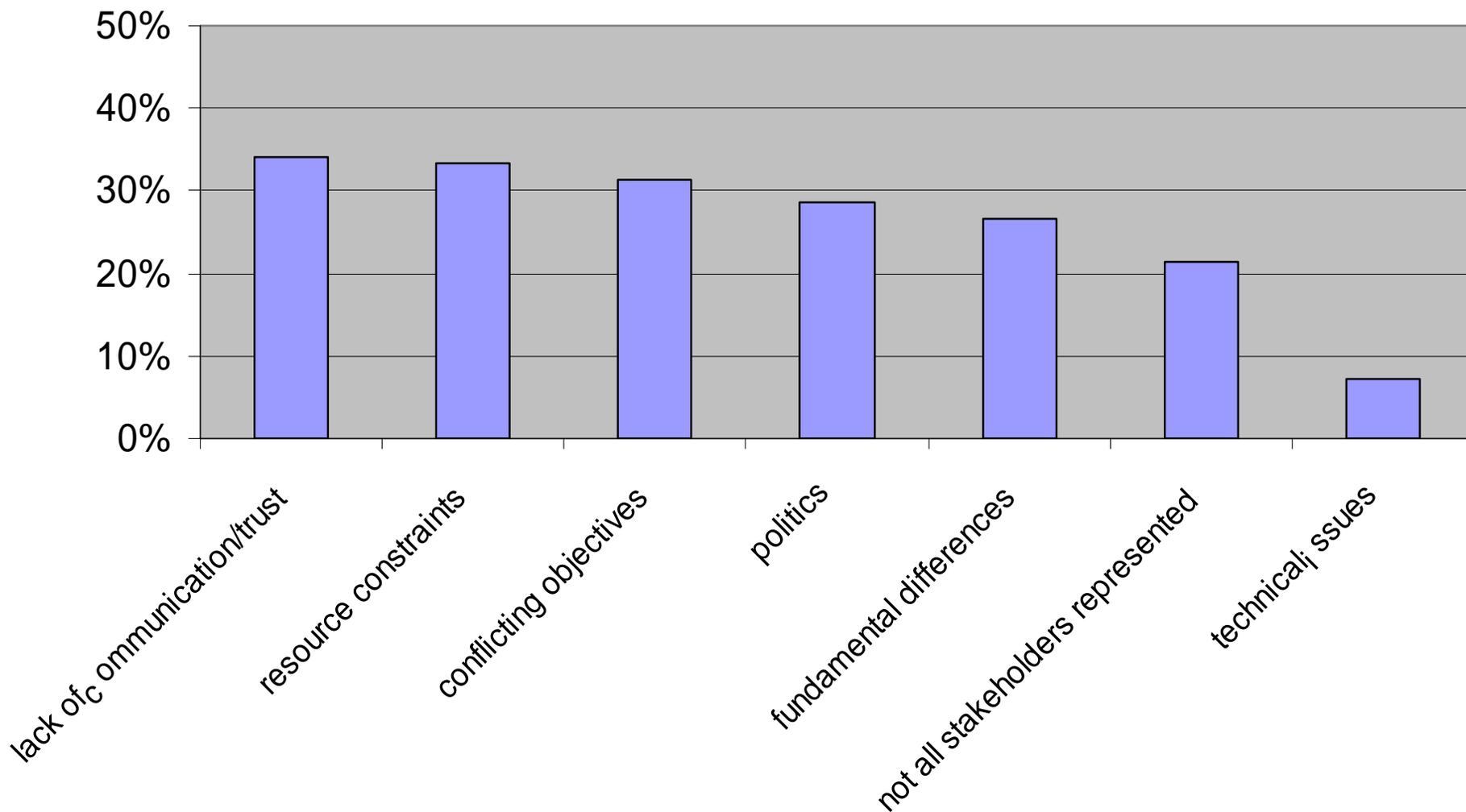


**“Information does not resolve  
social conflicts, people do.”**

(Duane 1997)



# Extremely Serious Barriers to Cooperative Riparian- Wetland Restoration and Management (Identified by PFC Workshop Survey Respondents)



# The Initiative for Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Restoration and Management

- Created in 1996
- BLM, USFS, NRCS
- Program mission
- Program philosophy
- Program goal
- Program tool

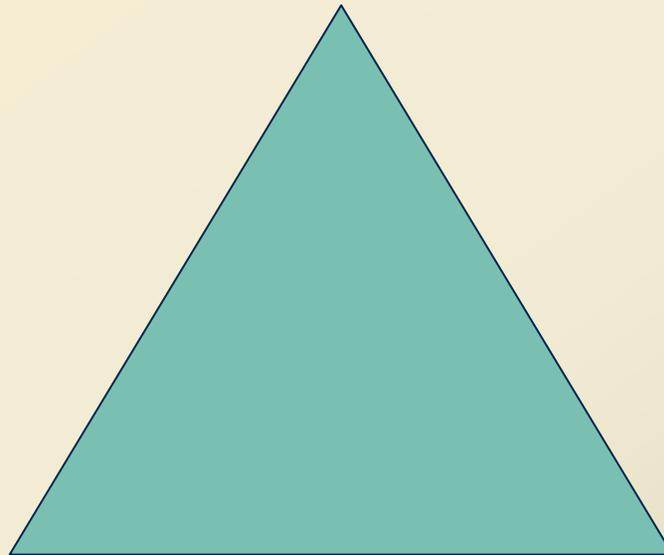


# Bringing Diverse Groups of People Together



# THE PROPER FUNCTIONING CONDITION METHOD

Vegetation



Water

Soil

# What do you see?



**Pearl Creek NV  
1982**



**Pearl Creek NV  
1983**

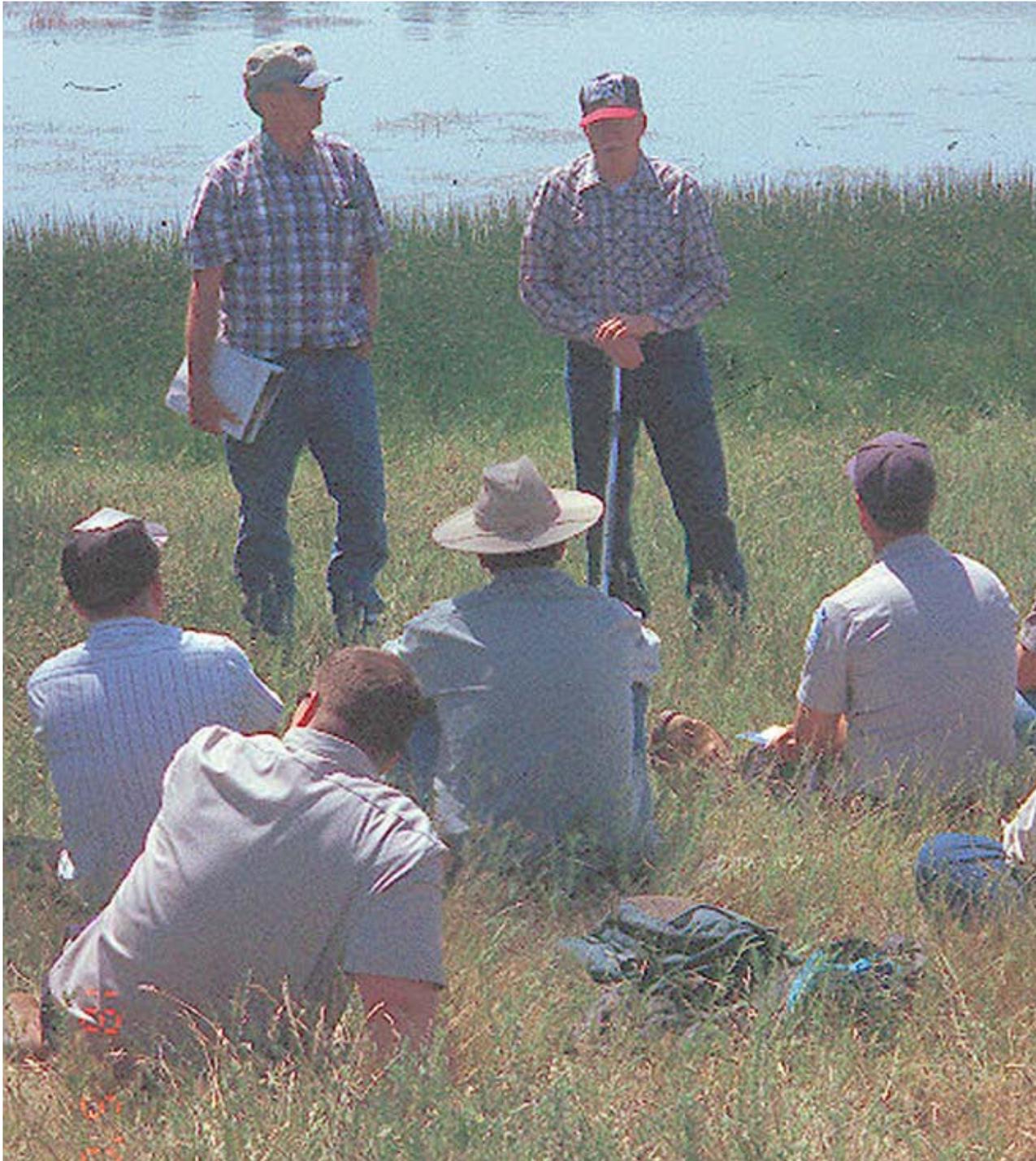
# Finding a Common Interest Without Forcing Common Values



**Muddy Creek WY  
1986**



**Muddy Creek WY  
1996**



**Respectful  
Learning  
Environments**

**Build  
Relationships**

# Building Ownership



# Service Trips

- ✓ **Everyone interested involved**
- ✓ **PFC workshop for common understanding/vocabulary**
- ✓ **Provide expertise**
- ✓ **Agree on problem**
- ✓ **Develop solution**
- ✓ **Capacity or ability**



# Success Depends On

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- ✓ **Increased participation**
- ✓ **Managed conflict**
- ✓ **Science information that is understandable to everyone**

# Healthy Streams Through Bringing People Together

