

# Creeks and Communities

A group of approximately ten people are standing in a lush, green field next to a narrow creek. The field is filled with tall grasses and various shrubs. In the background, there is a dense line of trees, including tall pines. The scene is outdoors and appears to be a natural area being visited or managed.

A Continuing Strategy for  
Accelerating Cooperative  
Riparian Restoration and  
Management

# Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Restoration & Management



Bear Creek,  
Oregon



1977



1988



Jane's Meadow, WY  
1989

Jane's Meadow, WY  
1997



# Topics for Discussion:

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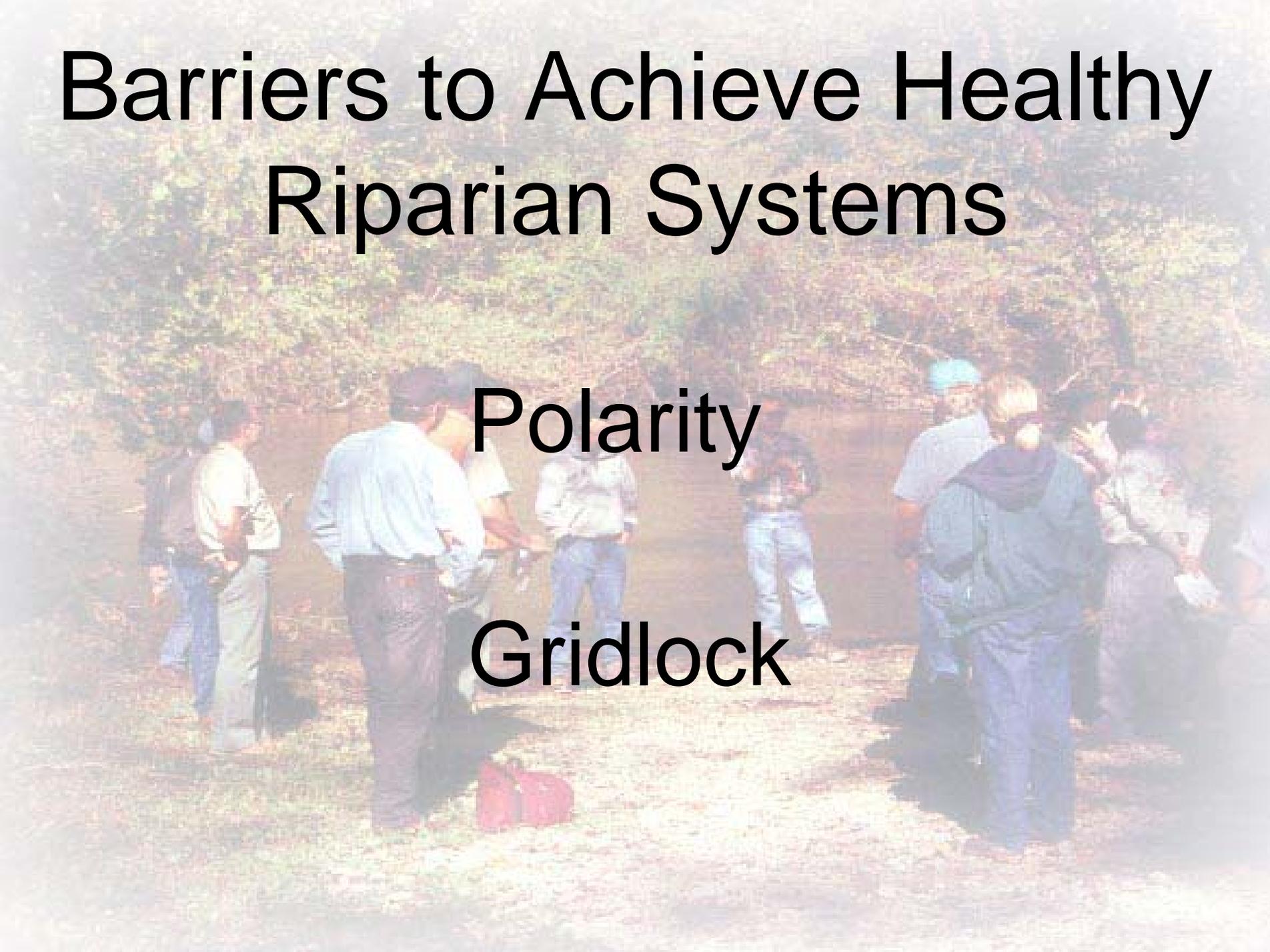
- Need for the strategy
- Evaluation of the strategy
- Revised Goals and Objectives

Comments and Discussion

# Barriers to Achieve Healthy Riparian Systems

Polarity

Gridlock



# The Strategy:

- Encourages Relationships
- Builds trust
- Creates a common vision

Through community outreach and education, and advisory services

“Restoration will not happen by regulation, changes in the law, more money, or any of the normal bureaucratic approaches. It will only occur through the integration of ecological, economic, and social factors, and participation of affected interests.”

# Tools

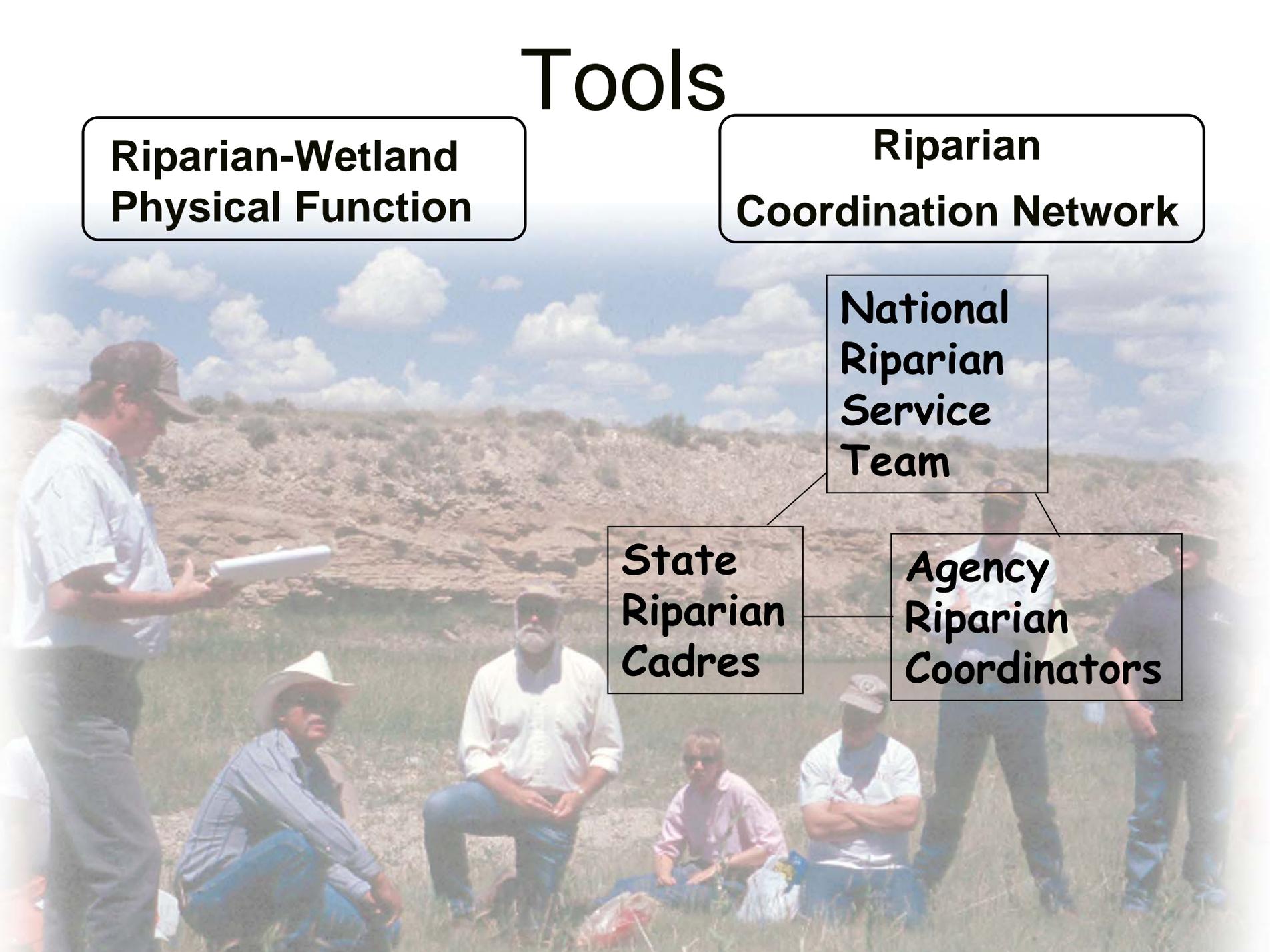
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Physical Function**

**Riparian  
Coordination Network**

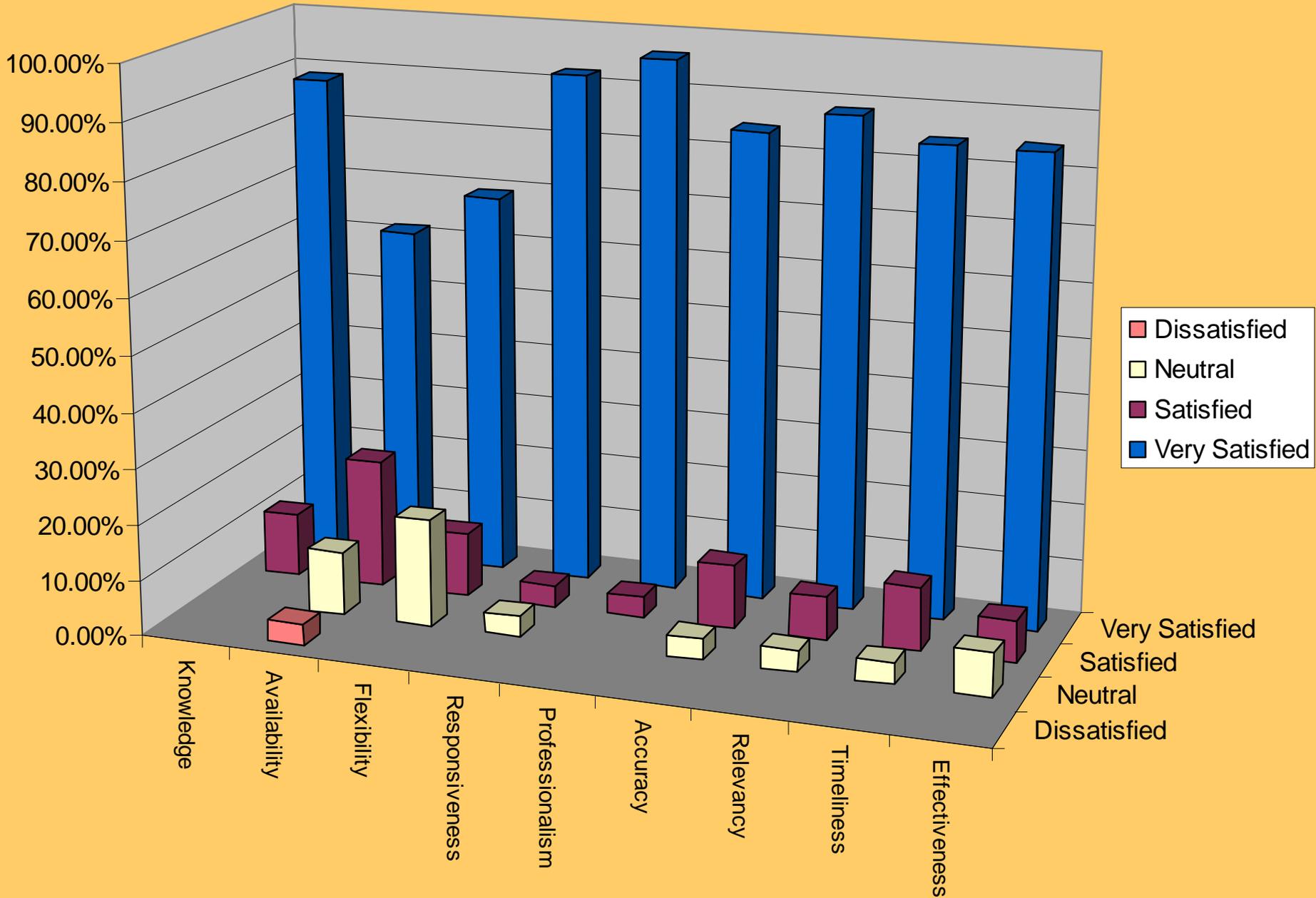
**National  
Riparian  
Service  
Team**

**State  
Riparian  
Cadres**

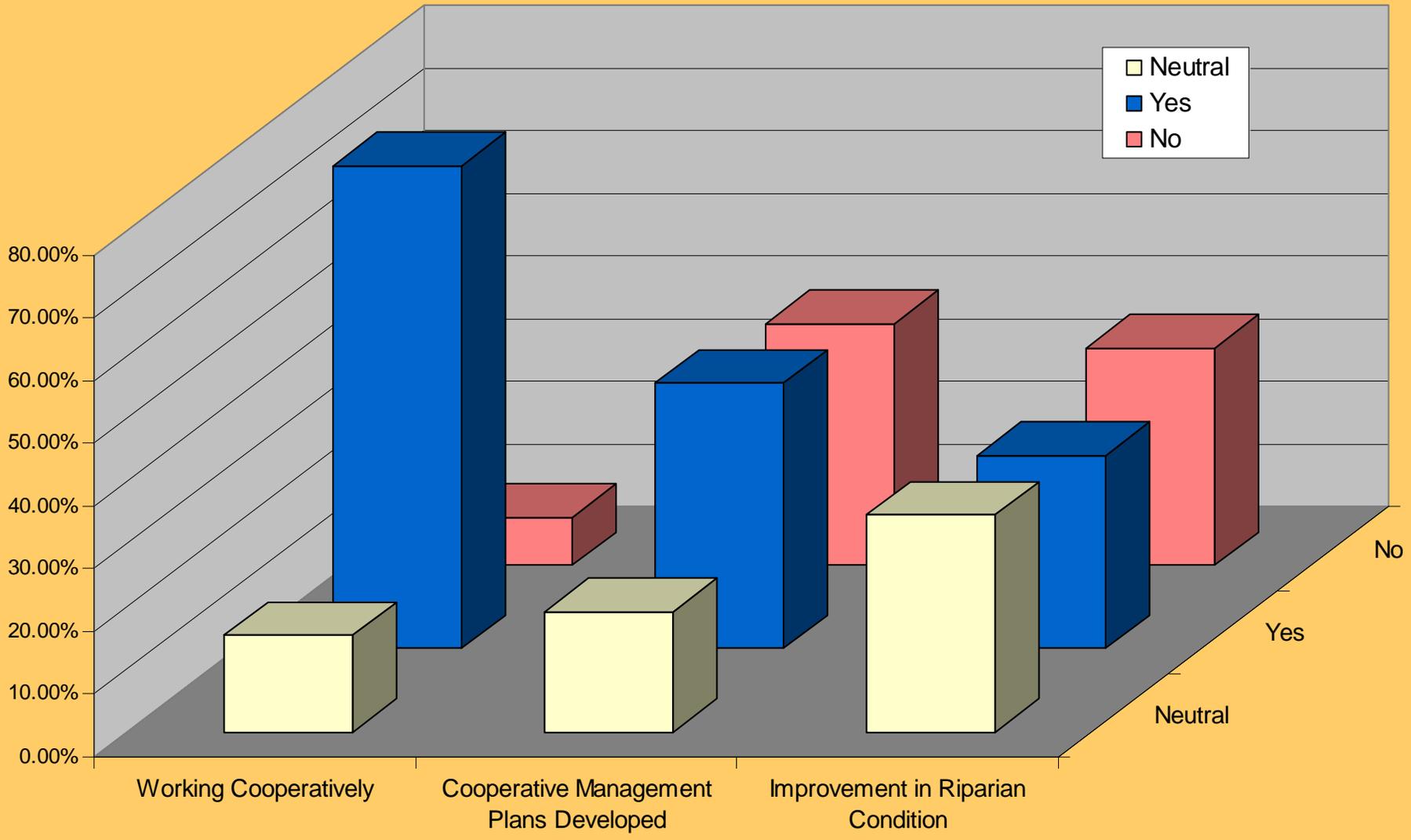
**Agency  
Riparian  
Coordinators**



# NRST Services



# Service Trip Results



## Initial

Science-based  
approach

Reliable sources  
of water

Secondary –  
Social Dimension

## Future

Resource  
sustainability

Local community  
participation

Community  
economic stability

# The Revised Strategy





# Goal

Critical Mass  
of People

Shared  
Knowledge

Sustainability

# Objective

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A group of approximately 12 people are gathered in a dry, open field. In the foreground, a man in a blue jacket and dark pants is speaking to the group. The group consists of men and women of various ages, some wearing cowboy hats and others in work clothes. They are holding papers and appear to be listening attentively. In the background, there are some small buildings and a hillside with sparse vegetation under a clear sky.

Create awareness and understanding

Invite multiple scale participation

# Objective

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Provide tools  
Develop solutions  
resource  
human/social



# Objective

A group of approximately ten people are gathered in a field with a pond. Some are standing on the grassy bank, while others are wading in the water. One person is holding a long yellow measuring pole. A woman in a blue shirt is writing on a clipboard. The background shows a dry, hilly landscape under a cloudy sky. A pickup truck is visible in the distance on the left.

Ensure consistency and effectiveness

Program management and accountability



Dixie Creek, NV  
1989



Dixie Creek, NV  
1995

# Sheep Creek, ID



1994



2000



Burro Creek, AZ  
1981



Burro Creek, AZ  
2000

# Success Depends On

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- **Additional institutional support**
  - Recognition of this model as a way to foster development of collaborative solutions
  - Integration into existing and future programs
  - Increased participation
  - Support for collective action

# Healthy Streams Through Bringing People Together

A group of six people are gathered in a grassy field, likely a stream restoration site. They are dressed in casual work clothes, including hats and plaid shirts. One person is sitting on the ground, while others stand around. The background shows a rocky, reddish-brown hillside under a clear sky.

Your Input



# Little Muddy Creek, WY

## Photo Point



1989



1999

A man wearing a brown long-sleeved shirt, blue jeans, and a dark cap stands in a grassy field next to a small pond. He is looking towards a mountain range in the background. The scene is outdoors with a clear sky and a utility pole visible in the distance.

*The approach helps communities change their perception of being a victim of decisions to a partner in local solutions.*