

UTAH RIPARIAN TEAM

2008 and 2009 Accomplishment
Report Presentation

Acknowledgements

2008-2009 Active Utah Riparian Team Members and Coordinators:

- **Mark Petersen (Co-Team Lead)**
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- **George Cruz**
- **Rick Hopson (Agency Coordinator)**
- **Shane Green**
- **Norm Evenstad**
- **Paul Curtis**

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PFC Training Support: Janice Staats, Wayne Elmore, Steve Leonard, Don Prichard, Dave Smith, and Mike Lunn

Contracting Support: Carol Connolly

2008 Summary



Big Creek, Rich County, Utah

- Facilitated and hosted MIM Training in Evanston Wyoming and Rich County, Utah.
- Participated in Antimony Creek (USFS) PFC Training and Assessment with the NRST.
- Cedar City, Utah MIM Training with Assistance of Ervin Cowley.
- Team Leader attended PFC Train the Trainer Training with the NRST, Temple, Texas.
- Participated in the Flashy and Intermittent Stream Systems PFC Training and Assessment with the NRST, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, Utah.
- East Fork Sevier River Restoration Service Trip, Antimony, Utah

2009 Summary



Tusher Wash, Moab, Utah

- Sevier River Assessment of Stream and Riparian Conditions using SVAP and PFC w/ low level video and high res aerial photo
- Bear and Birch Creeks MIM Implementation Training, near Cedar City, Utah.
- Multiple Indicator Monitoring (MIM) Implementation Training, in Rich County, Utah.
- Implemented a PFC Training of Riparian-Wetland Areas in Moab, Utah.
- Pine Creek MIM Stations on BLM and USFS to evaluate different grazing management practices on Bonneville cutthroat trout habitat.

Pine Creek



Pine Creek, USFS



Pine Creek, BLM

What Impact did the Team have in 2008-2009?

- Provided training to a large number of non-federal entities including local counties, various Utah Conservation Districts, Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Utah State University, Intermountain Center for River Restoration and Rehabilitation, consultants, NGO's as well as some federal agency representatives including BLM, FS, and NRCS.
- Trained a lot of people that would have not been able to attend training if we had not traveled to them.
- Provided a needed quantitative monitoring training through MIM.



Diverse Participation

What worked?

- Support from MIM developers and NRST to assist with specific trainings such as MIM and Flashy and Intermittent Stream System PFC.
- Active coordinators, leadership, and team participation.
- Providing training at local locations where training is needed without incurring travel costs for the participants.
- MIM training followed up with MIM implementation training.



Paria River, Utah



MIM Implementation Training

What did not work?

- Has to be a Team effort with communication and coordination being a two way street not a one way.
- Not having a clear understanding of the Creeks and Communities Strategy and knowing how to clearly define and explain it.
- Having individuals participate in trainings that no matter who talked with them or tried to convince them they were not interested in what we had to share.



Cow Pie Nest



Steve Smith doing his best!

What would we do again or differently?

- “Do the things that worked again and not do the things that didn’t (duh)!” Mark Petersen
- Try to implement PFC training followed by MIM training and finally MIM implementation training in the same geographic area.
- Try to get as much Team participation and communication as possible.
- Combined training with MIM developers and NRST.



Bear Creek, Utah



NRST /Utah Riparian Team

What was our biggest challenge?

TEAM PARTICIPATION!

- Not necessarily a high “work” priority since members involvement is on a volunteer basis.
- Need more support from the agencies leadership to acknowledge the value of the State Teams and make sure the employees are encouraged and supported to participate.



Wayne Elmore

How are we operating differently?

- Active coordinators and leadership.
- Really making an effort to offer MIM training and implementation into our program.



The MIM Crew – Tim, Steve and Erv

How to advance the Creeks and Communities Strategy in Utah?

- Develop a better Team understanding of the Creeks and Communities Strategy.
- Incorporate the Creeks and Communities Strategy into existing riparian opportunities.



Colorado River Tamarisk Treatment Assessment