

Assessing Riparian Condition: Workshops for 2009

Session Locations/Dates:

Canon City, Colorado: June 9-10, 2009

Denver, Colorado: July 14-15, 2009

Who should attend: Private landowners, ranchers, industry employees, state or federal agency employees, and others who are involved with or interested in the values and functions associated with riparian areas and in learning some basic ways of determining their condition.

What is it?: The Colorado Riparian Training Team, an interagency, interdisciplinary team, is inviting private landowners, state/federal/county employees, or other interested individuals in Colorado to attend a 2-day training session on how to assess riparian/wetland condition. A primary objective of this training is to develop a common vocabulary and understanding of riparian areas among people who work on the land.

The session includes one day in a classroom setting and one day visiting streams in the field and applying the concepts learned in the classroom. There is no tuition, but space is limited. The class size will be kept low (maximum of 30) to facilitate meaningful interaction.

Benefits to Participants: After attending this workshop, you will have a better understanding of the values associated with riparian/wetland areas. Participants will learn methods for assessing the condition of riparian/wetland sites on their land, and where to go for assistance in improving or restoring sites, if necessary. The assessment method is straightforward and involves completing a checklist with 17 yes/no questions.

Enrollment information: There is no tuition required to attend one of these workshops. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a certain number of slots reserved for local participants. If you have attended one of these workshops in the past five years, you can sign up to attend as a “refresher”, but your name will be placed on a waiting list, since preference is given to folks who have not attended a previous workshop. If you would like to register to attend or find out more about these workshops, please contact:

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