

2025 "Restoring Rivers for a Resilient Future" River Management Symposium - PDF Program

Monday, April 7

6:00-8:00pm

Arrive and Check-in!

Tuesday, April 8

Room	Aquarius	Andromeda	Cosmos I	Cosmos II	Galaxy
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8:00 - 9:30am

Plenary - Aquarius/Andromeda Ballroom
 Amy Cordalis (Ridges to Riffles)
 Dave Coffman or Dan Chase (RES) - "Tracking Change with the Klamath River Renewal Project"
 Eric Peterson (Trinity River Restoration Program) - "Dam still there? Successes and Challenges after Decades of Restoration on the Trinity River"

9:30-10:00am

Break
Snacks/Coffee in Orion

10:00 - 11:30am

	Importance of Indigenous-led River Restoration/"Fix the World People": Tribally-led River Restoration - Stephanie Quinn-Davidson	Wild and Scenic Rivers Act 101 Training	U.S. Forest Service Wild and Scenic River Climate Change Threats Assessment - Liz Townley	Grant Funding Strategies for River Management and Restoration - Anna Nelson	FERC Training
			Outstandingly Remarkable Watershed Connectivity?: Exploring a watershed approach to river value identification / Climate Refugia as an Outstandingly Remarkable Value / Protecting the Climate Refugia Values of Wild and Scenic Rivers - Kai Allen, Mike Fiebig, Liz Townley	Oregon's State Scenic Waterways - Sean Stewart	
		The Ripple Effect Project: Connecting Humanities Research to River Management Strategies - Frank Schmitz		Expanding Regulatory Frameworks to Evaluate Dynamic Alluvial Valleys - Samuel Leberg	

11:30 - 1:00pm

Awards Luncheon - Aquarius + Andromeda
 Tim Palmer is scheduled to present about his book afterwards.

1:00-1:30pm

Break
Snacks/Coffee in Orion

1:30 - 3:00pm

	How we Brought the Salmon Home: Inside the grassroots campaign to un-dam the Klamath - Craig Tucker	WSR Lightening Round #1 1. Your recently designated Wild & Scenic River: Introducing a new wild and scenic river video series - Nancy Taylor 2. Evaluating Management Effectiveness: A framework for Wild and Scenic Rivers - Kai Allen 3. Measuring the River Access Experience: Establishing Indicators of Quality via the Interagency Visitor Use Management Framework - Ben Fowler 4. Rusting rivers in the Arctic: current knowledge and wild and scenic river management implications - Sharon Kim	National Protected Rivers Assessment: Using Science and Data to Prioritize and Improve Watershed Connectivity (30 min) David Moryc	What makes a Great State Water Trail System? - Lelia Mellen	FERC Training
			A High Tech High Adventure Study to Save a Rare Plant - Kevin Colburn	The Resilience Conservation Matrix: How to prioritize rivers for protection, restoration, and more - Denielle Perry	
	Risky business: Uncovering people's concerns over the Klamath dam removals - Dan Shelby	Tubing Across State Lines: Innovating for Collaborative Visitor Use Management - Sarah Burskey	Reality Capture and 360° Mapping for Stormwater Asset Management and Planning: A Virtual Journey Through the Cuyahoga River Watershed in Cleveland, Ohio - Ben Fowler	Partnerships and Collaboration in Urban Rivers Restoration - Alison Elder	

3:00 - 3:30pm

Break
Snacks/Coffee in Orion

3:30 - 5:00pm

	Enterprise Approach to Ecosystem Restoration - Richard Roos Collins	WSR ELIGIBILITY AND SUITABILITY :	Qualitative Research on Water Values - Natalie Warren	What Goes into Good Design? Fundamentals of the River Access Planning Guide and Worksheets - Jordan Sector, Betsy Bryne	FERC Training
	Restoration Work on the Mid Klamath River - How a community has become the agents of recovery - Kathy McCovey	- Answering the Questions: Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Process - Corita Waters (NPS), Steve Chesterton (USFS), Nicole Gustine (USFWS), Monica Zimmerman (BLM) (Combined with Chris Colvin)	Allocating Recreation with Fairness at the Forefront: Introducing a research-based planning and management handbook - Will Rice		
			Where the Framework Ends: Equity considerations and limitations during agency river permit allocation decision making processes - Kelsey Phillips		

5:00 - 6:00pm

Group Photo on Side Lawn
Break

6:00 - 8:00pm

Reception, Posters, Exhibitors - Stardust Lounge

Wednesday, April 9

8:00am - 5:00pm

Field Sessions

FERC participant field trip (full day)	Raft the "New Klamath" River (full day)	Klamath Walking Tour (full day)	Let's Get Real! Exploring Rogue River Access Design from the River User and Designer Perspective (1/2 day AM)	Rogue Valley Restoration: Fire, Floodplain, and Fish (1/2 day AM)	Rogue Nugget Rafting (1/2 day PM)
Thursday, April 10					
Room	Aquarius	Andromeda	Cosmos I	Cosmos II	Galaxy
8:00 - 9:30am	Dam Removal in the Rogue River Basin - Jim McCarthy	WSRA Section 7 "Introduction to Section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Training - Steve Chesterton, B. Blanchard/S. Roseborough	45 min - Scaling Low Head Dam Removal and Retrofit / Drowning machines: the campaign to take on low-head dams / Dam Removal as a Strategy for Climate Resilience - Katie Schmidt, Hattie Johnson, Megah Quinn	Leveraging partnerships between university outdoor recreation and STEM departments to build sense of belonging and teamwork skills in the field - James Vonesh	Hands-on, Pens-out - Rogue River Access Collaborative Design Charette - Putting the River Access Planning Guide to Use - Jordan Sexter, Betsy Bryne
	Planning and Opportunities for Effective Stream Restoration in Deer Creek - Bob Lange		Is there a future that includes both free-flowing rivers and native fish? An underestimated conflict between invasive species management and river protection policy. (40 min) - Kestrel Kunz	A model for training the next generation of river managers in multidisciplinary community-centered science and outreach - Athena Bertolino	
	Lake Frances: Investigating a Legacy Sediment Riparian Ecosystem - Cheyenne Morgan		Free-flowing Klamath River: Implementing Section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act for Dam Removal - Christine Boston	Escalation of Unwelcome Behaviors; How to Build the Culture You Want - Jim Miller, Gina McClard	
9:30-10:00am	Break Snacks/Coffee in Orion				
10:00 - 12:00	Identifying the Public Interest is Complicated! Lessons from the Lower Klamath Proceeding (40 min.) - Diana Shannon/Mark Ivy	WSR Lightening Round #2 1. Intersection of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and Federal Land Policy and Management Act - Britta Nelson 2. It's Time to Amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to include Tribal River Protections - Mike Fiebig 3. What does successful forest management in protected river corridors look like? - Lisa Ronald 4. Negotiating varying visitor perspectives and the need to determine user capacity for Wild and Scenic Rivers - Chris Armatas 5. Restoration Projects on Wild and Scenic Rivers - Tangy Ekasi-Otu	An Innovative Approach to Rehabilitating Lateral Connectivity on a Large-Scale Salmonid Rearing Habitat Restoration Project - Yuba River, CA - April Sawyer	Low Impact Hydropower – Putting People and the Environment First - Shannon Ames	Invertebrate community ecology as an evaluation tool for restoration goals - Susan Washko
	Integrating Heritage Management Concerns into Ecosystem Renewal: Implementing a FERC Historic Property Management Plan During the Lower Klamath Project (40 min) - Kirk Ranzetta		Upper Eel River Watershed Community Visioning Process - André Sanchez	Creating a Nonmotorized Boating Grant Program - Janine Bellaque	Pushing the Imagination - First steps towards reintroduction in two iconic watersheds - Jonathan Ambrose
	Drones, streampower, and new rapids on the Klamath: Gauging whitewater challenge in the information age - Dan Shelby		How a Des Moines River Bank Stabilization Project Benefited a Youth Summer Camp, Historians, and Mudpuppies - Paul Speed	Developing and Utilizing Social-Ecological Models to Improve River Management - Chase Lamborn	Reconnecting Tribal Management to Public Lands using the 'Good Neighbor Authority': The Wiyot Tribe and BLM Arcata Field Office Watershed Restoration Collaboration - Zane Ruddy
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch on Your Own				
1:30 - 3:00pm	Accessibility: Championing Accessibility for All in Hydropower Licensing - Hannah Volk	WSR VUM River Management Tool Kit Spotlight: Practical Techniques for Using Desired Conditions, the Heart of Resilient Rivers and Collaborative Community Stewardship - Liz Lacy, Jennifer Reed, Monica Zimmerman, Rachel Collins, Aleks Pitt	Best Practices for Managing Bank Erosion (40 min) - John Field	Innovative Approaches Quantifying River Capacity and Recreation Management Objectives: A Case Study of the Payette River System - Jordan Smith	Decision Making Under Deep Uncertainty and Connecting Policymakers with Stakeholders: The Colorado River Basin Post-2026 Operations Exploration Tool - Season Martin
	Planning for River Recreation With Dam Removal - Thomas O'Keefe			Restoring River Flow: Hazard Removal, Invasive Species Management, and Community Engagement - KayeC Jones	EcoFIP: A Toolbox for Assessing Multi-Benefit Floodplain Restoration Opportunities - Beau Thetford
	Flood, Habitat, and Geomorphic Considerations for River Corridor Design - Andrew Nelson			River Smart Communities & Integrated River Management Networks (40 min) - Hannah Mico	The Returning Rapids of Cataract Canyon - Mike DeHoff
3:00-3:30	Break Snacks/Coffee in Orion				
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Closing Plenary - Aquarius Ballroom Stephanie Quinn-Davidson (Ridges to Riffles) Sam Carter + Paddle Tribal Waters (River Radius Podcast Live Show)				
5:00 - 6:30pm	Break Online Auction Ends at 5:30 pm Auction Item Pick Up from 5:30 - 6:30 pm				
6:30 - 8:00pm	Closing Banquet/Live Auction - Aquarius Ballroom				