

Stream Corridor Workshop – Innovations to Raise the Bar

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This is a joint presentation with Greg Fenchel of USDA Los Lunas Plant Materials Center and Grant Gurnee' of Walsh Environmental focused on providing the audience with hands-on tools to approach challenging riparian restoration projects.

Session 1 - Greg and Grant will provide an overview of habitat restoration principles and techniques, highlighting the use of a newly developed riparian restoration method: long stem transplants. Innovative tools of the trade will be presented to illustrate the hands-on techniques. They will also present a summary of the *Guide for Planning Riparian Treatments in New Mexico*; a new USDA manual that provides step-by-step instructions for inventory, analysis and design of riparian restoration projects throughout the West. Copies of the manual will be provided to each attendee.

Session 2 - Interactive Breakouts: Utilizing the information presented, as well as professional experience, the audience will break out into 3 teams to tackle 3 real-life project examples using team work and problem solving skills to address logistics and design challenges. Each team will present their solutions for group discussion.