

## 2014 North American River Management Symposium

### **CALL for WORKSHOPS, SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS, PAPERS & POSTERS**

**Deadline for abstracts:**  
August 15, 2013



The River Management Society invites you to participate in the 2014 North American River Management Symposium program entitled *Managing Rivers in Changing Climes* as a presenter, session organizer, and poster session participant or workshop coordinator.

Submit your proposal abstract(s) by clicking the [Managing Rivers in Changing Climes Abstract Submission Form](#). We are seeking proposals that fit within one or more of the four program themes highlighted below:

#### **River Planning and Management**

- Associated costs and funding resources
- Economic impact studies
- Infrastructure: launches (put-ins/take-outs), campgrounds, access for the disabled and aging
- Urban river development
- Visitor use and capacity
- Complex user demands-agriculture, utility, recreation
- Whitewater park development/management
- Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Water Trails, National Blueways
- Managing user conflicts

#### **Legislative-Legal**

- Use liability statutes
- Hydro-licensing, FERC
- Colorado Recreation in-channel diversions
- Water use conflicts
- User fees
- Wild and Scenic River studies/designation
- National Water Trails, National Blueways

#### **Environmental**

- Best Management Practices
- Boater restrooms, human waste management
- Invasive plant and aquatic species management
- Climate change
- Water quality
- Dams-removal, operations, mitigation credits
- Energy development
- Snow-making

#### **Professional Development** Recreational

- Professional tracks & CEU opportunities
- Partnerships
- Internships
- Mentoring
- Engaging youth: growing exposure to river professions
- River management certificate, an interscholastic collaboration

We'd like each speaker to include a discussion of the two issues below into his or her presentation. Your presentation does not have to address them but if they are relevant, please do so:

- **Funding** - How was your project funded?
- **Engaging the next generation of river managers:** How are you engaging emerging professionals into your program?

## Poster Session/Contest

This is an opportunity to promote your organization and to better educate individuals about initiatives taken to promote one or more of the four themes identified above. Individuals may enter a poster in one or more of the theme categories. Symposium participants will have an opportunity to cast votes to determine awards that will be given to winners in each category. Poster guidelines are available on the [2014 Symposium Call for Papers site](#).

## Continuing Legal Education Program

There will be a joint program with attorneys on Monday, April 14, 2014, at which the following topics will be addressed. These qualify for continuing legal education credits. River managers are encouraged to attend. If you have a topic that relates to these, please submit an abstract.

1. Recreational use statutes; liability for injuries suffered on rivers and river banks; signage-related liability issues
2. Launch sites: Signage; Americans for Disabilities Act requirements, funding, and exemptions
3. Army Corps of Engineers - Section 404 permits
4. Access to rivers - Federal navigability laws, user conflicts resulting from increased public access, and unauthorized use (NO TRESPASS) signs
5. Recreational Instream Channel Diversions (RICDs), Diversions for recreation
6. Wetlands rules, mitigation banking
7. User conflicts - when you need a lawyer, and how to avoid them
8. How to write and interpret laws, how to write good legislation - a legal resource tool kit:  
Example: Maryland's bill proposal to allow access to rivers along bridge right-of-ways

***Professional continuing education credits in other disciplines may be available, as well.***

## Plenary Sessions

This is a list of four topics for plenary session panels. All participants are encouraged to attend plenary sessions. Plenaries will take place first thing in the morning and each afternoon, followed by presentations on related topics. We encourage you address these topics in your presentations, and if you'd like to participate on a plenary session panel, please let us know.

1. **The business of running a river:** Who is responsible for both managing and funding the management of our rivers? How much does it cost to manage a river? How should we approach overcrowding and new use conflicts in the face of staff cutbacks? Do user fees cover costs? Who should?
2. **Retired baby boomers to help work on rivers** - River Management Society members are the most informed powerful river proponents the country has ever had. Mentoring opportunities abound, but the 'shelf life' of retirees can be short if individuals are not sought, trained, engaged and rewarded for their volunteerism. How do we bring retirees back into the river management fold to create gratifying experiences for them, role models for rising stars, and a brighter future for our rivers?
3. **Internships, mentoring, engaging youth.** The 'greatest generation' of river managers is retiring. How do we engage the next generation of rising professionals?
4. **Urban river development – becoming a River Town.** Towns are looking to rivers as a centerpiece for economic and social urban renewal, rather than as a forgotten resource.

## Important Links

- [Abstract Submission Form](#)
- [Abstract Guidelines and Samples](#)
- [Poster Guidelines](#)
- [Poster Template](#) (suggested)

## Symposium Proceedings

RMS will put all presentations on a flash drive that is given to Symposium participants when they check in at the registration desk: thus, ***it will be essential that you deliver your program to RMS by the March 15, 2014, deadline.***

**If you know individuals who are potential presenters or who would simply like to attend the symposium, please pass this on.** Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you in Denver!

# ***Managing Rivers in Changing Climes***

**2014 River Management Symposium  
Denver, Colorado, USA  
April 15-17, 2014**

## **TITLE OF CONFERENCE PAPER**

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If relevant to your topic, please state how you will address the following:

\_\_\_\_ How did you obtain funding for your program? Is this sustainable?

\_\_\_\_ How are you engaging the next generation of river professionals in your program?

## **ABSTRACT**

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Include a 1-page executive summary that participants can quickly peruse to get the key points you are trying to convey.

Be sure to use the same font that is on this page so that they will be the same in the program.

## ***Example Abstract***

### ***River Crossings: Linking River Communities***

***A research conference and workshop***

## **SITE MANAGEMENT IN THE WAKE OF DAM REMOVAL – RESTORATION, RECREATION AND THE LESSONS LEARNED**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Few objects have as substantial an effect on a river system as a dam, and few actions can create change more dramatic than dam removal. As the pace of dam removal speeds up throughout the United States, land managers are increasingly left with transformed river landscapes and questions to answer about site stabilization, restoring riparian conditions and public access.

The decommissioning of Marmot Dam on the Sandy River, located in the foothills of the Cascade Range east of Portland, provides an instructive case study for managing post-removal site. Portland General Electric (PGE), an Oregon power utility, announced plans to decommission the Bull Run Hydroelectric Project in 1999 and implemented these plans by removing Marmot Dam in 2007. The Sandy River now flows from the flanks of Mount Hood unimpeded to the Columbia River. Two segments - upstream and downstream of the former dam -are federally recognized as Wild and Scenic.

As the land manager for the underlying federal property, the Bureau of Land Management (Salem District) has been actively engaged in a large-scale, post-removal project at the site. The BLM is currently undertaking site restoration and landscape development in a heavily impacted riparian setting.

The removal opens new opportunities for river recreation as well as challenges for river managers. The Sandy River is within 30 miles of the Portland metropolitan area, home to two million residents. The BLM has engaged with this community to develop a permitted access program and develop the Sandy River Water Trail, a paddle guide that provides the public valuable river-related information.

This presentation presents important lessons learned during this effort. From structuring landscape planning charettes to working directly with utilities to innovative restoration techniques, this presentation will offer a relevant story for those engaged in the intersection between restoration and recreation.