



Training Future River Professionals 2014-2015 Webinars

This series of webinars is being offered by the River Management Society for members, colleagues and friends interested in workshops and training sessions offered at past training events. They are free of charge. This will be the concluding session for the year and we appreciate everyone's attendance and great feedback!

1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time (one hour)

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Great River, Got Water?

Tools to help provide protection of instream flow in the face of climate change, drought, urban and energy development and over allocation.

Rivers throughout the United States are facing increasing pressures due to these challenges, and it is important to understand the potential tools that may be available to protect instream flows in your river. The session will present an overview of these issues and describe three tools for consideration by river managers to protect and maintain instream flows important to fisheries, aquatic communities, wildlife, riparian vegetation, recreational uses and local economies. We will discuss protection tools including state law, federal law and administrative mechanisms that may provide protection of instream flows. The presentation should compel each river manager to evaluate whether flows in their river are truly protected.

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Bill has worked for the Water Rights Branch for 25 years and has been instrumental in negotiating water right settlements for parks in Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah. The Water Rights Branch provides technical expertise, policy guidance and coordinates with the Office of the Solicitor and Department of Justice in development of instream flow and groundwater protection strategies for 401 national parks.

Bill is also the co-lead of the NPS' Wild and Scenic Rivers Program and co-chairs the NPS' Wild and Scenic Rivers Steering Committee. He is a past member of the Interagency Wild and Scenic River Coordinating Council and was employed previously by the Forest Service, working on the Gila and Tonto National Forests. Bill received his MS degree in Hydrology from New Mexico State University and his BS degree in Watershed Science from Colorado State University.