



### *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 and**

**Webinars will follow a familiar timing and format:**

<i>Day of week</i>	<i>Wednesdays</i>
<i>Time of day</i>	<i>1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time</i>
<i>Duration</i>	<i>One hour, except as noted</i>

## May 27, 2015

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### **The Cross Watershed Network Year III: New Connections, 2015 Restoration Workshop**

The Cross-Watershed Network [XWN] is an emerging network to connect river restoration practitioners through information sharing, collective capacity building, and collaboration across watersheds. XWN is designed to help groups grow their ability to develop effective partnerships and strong implementation capabilities in the following key areas:

- Building a peer-to-peer support system
- Capacity building
- Connecting
- Documenting lessons learned
- Information sharing; and,
- Increasing communication

XWN welcomes all site-based practitioners, watershed and river partnerships, private landowners, public and private agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities, and tribes working toward watershed health.

The Verde Watershed Restoration Committee hosted the first Cross-watershed Network workshop in Cottonwood, Arizona September, 2013 and the Escalante Watershed Partnership hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual workshop. 60-70 watershed stakeholders attended from Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, California, Wyoming and Montana. Presentations by geomorphology and habitat restoration experts offered best practices and interactive breakout sessions tackled programming, internal capacity and outreach topics with round robin feedback sessions and problem-solving discussion. Participants indicated that the workshop met or exceeded their expectation, was a

worthwhile investment and relevant to their work in the areas of Geomorphology, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration, Collective Problem Solving and Long Term Maintenance (of riparian restoration).

We look forward to sharing how XWN Year III is growing the collaboratively managed website, and will see your input on our plans for our unique Linkers Program and 2015 Workshop..

### **Chip Norton, Friends of the Verde River Greenway**

### **Tahnee Robertson, Southwest Decision Resources**

**Chip**, a worn out rock climber and active whitewater boater, lives in the rural community of Camp Verde, Arizona. He retired in 2008 and currently serves as a volunteer on several nonprofit, municipal and county boards and commissions. Chip is an advocate for community-based solutions to conservation challenges, and he enjoys working with community and agency partners to achieve conservation and economic development goals.

NGOs - President: Friends of Verde River Greenway, Treasurer: Verde River Institute

Collaboratives - Program Manager: Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition, Core Team: Cross-Watershed Network, Steering Committee: Verde Front Sustainable Recreation Coalition

Appointments - Supervisor: Verde Natural Resource Conservation District, Commissioner: Camp Verde P&Z Commission, Commissioner: Yavapai County Resource Advisory Commission, Steering Committee: Prescott National Forest Strategic Action Planning Team

**Tahnee** is a professional facilitator, mediator and collaboration practitioner. For the past 20 years, in the U.S. and internationally, her project work has included forest planning and management, recreation planning, collaborative adaptive management, watershed management, community and regional visioning, youth engagement, overflight noise issues, coalition building, and affordable housing policy. Previously, she was the associate director of the Program on Environment and Community at Cornell University and the Latin America coordinator for the Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development.

Tahnee has a Bachelor's in Biology from Grinnell College and a Masters in Natural Resources from Cornell University. She is a member of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution's Roster of Environmental Conflict Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals. She is fluent in Spanish.