

LOWER SNAKE RIVER SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT VIRTUAL FORUM

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District (Corps) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invite agencies and stakeholders in the lower Snake River watershed to participate in the second Lower Snake River Sediment Management Forum (Forum). The purpose of the Forum is to share information regarding sediment science and monitoring, and long-term sediment management in the watershed.

Online meeting details and a final program will be available on the Corps website below by late September:

<https://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects/Programmatic-Sediment-Management-Plan/>.



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Forum Objectives and Principles:

- Improve our understanding of the causes and movement of sediment in the Lower Snake River and contributing drainage areas.
- Provide a venue to share information regarding sediment management and monitoring of upland/sediment deposition.
- Increase dialogue and collaboration on future sediment monitoring and management efforts by fostering a non-regulatory climate that encourages candid, open discussion.
- Act as a sounding board for studies, potential actions, and public involvement outreach strategies.
- Participation by agencies and other entities is voluntary, not required.
- Meet periodically, inclusive of all interested agencies, Tribes, and non-governmental entities.

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This information exchange forum is a valuable opportunity for all stakeholders to help with identifying and addressing emerging needs/science for the lower Snake River watershed. By collaboratively addressing sediment management in the lower Snake River and contributing drainage areas, the Forum is intended to improve our understanding of the nature, sources, and movement of sediment in the watershed; help identify opportunities to address sediment issues over the near- and long-term; and foster collaboration and communication among the various entities working in the watershed.

The first Sediment Management Forum was held in October 2018. The presentations covered topics such as sediment transport in the lower Snake and Clearwater Rivers, prescribed burning of rangeland and soil erosion, models for predicting soil erosion, and a rehabilitation project on the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River. Attendees at the 2018 Forum expressed an interest in future Forums and provided feedback on possible future topics.

The Forum planning committee is now finalizing speakers for the 2020 Forum. Planned topics include sediment data collection in the basin, an update of the Yankee Fork restoration project, biological monitoring of a dredged material disposal site, and sediment reduction projects on agricultural lands. The plan is to have three sessions with a total of nine speakers. Speakers will present for 20 minutes each, with added time for questions/discussion.



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