Regional Sediment Management and Engineering With Nature Inland Working Meeting

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- Relevance of RSM/EWN to Inland Districts
- Working Meeting
- Presentations and Examples
 - Missouri River
 - Decision Making and Level of Detail
- RSM/EWN Challenges and Opportunities
 Field Trip



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Relevance to Inland Districts



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Missouri River Basin







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Corps wants to build habitat projects and to reintroduce sediment to the river







concerned about increasing sediment in the river-- "sediment is a pollutant" mind-set

Missouri-River Flood of 2011



Some Other Presentations

- Beneficial Use of Dredge Mat'l on the Ohio River
- Tuttle Creek Reservoir Sedimentation
- Sediment Management Needs at Huntington District Reservoirs
- Rio Grande Reservoirs and Sediment Problems



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Decision Making and Level of Analysis

Empirical Data

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Empirical Data + Regional Process-Based Models













Decision Making and Level of Analysis

- Empirical Tools
 - XS Viewer
- HEC-RAS
 - SIAM sediment budgeting
 - Mobile-bed modeling
 - BSTEM bank erosion
 - Reservoir sedimentation
- AdH
- Site-specific 2D and 3D sedimentation problems
 GEISHA
 - Full watershed sediment modeling (including watershed BMPs, reservoirs, and rivers)





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RSM-EWN Opportunities

Guidance/ Case Studies



Systematic review, lessons learned, and design guidance for river restoration, bendway weirs, and grade control projects

Method for quantifying costs and benefits of (1) recharging sediments trapped behind reservoirs to the downstream channel (2) beneficial use plans that keep sediment in the river





RSM-EWN Opportunities

Training



Create a "Planning Associates Program" for River Engineering

Cover River Engineering in PROSPECT courses (some material is scattered over several other courses, other essential skills are not taught in any)

Create a Reservoir Sedimentation PROSPECT course





RSM-EWN Opportunities



Create sediment management plans in advance of flood events to intelligently inform post-flood recovery efforts

Sediment budgets that include fluxes to/from the floodplain

Tools for automating uncertainty analysis in sediment





RSM-EWN Challenges

"Sediment is a pollutant" mindset



Lack of data (baseline data, calibration data)

Large systems = very expensive projects (too big for RSM)

Lack of standard ways to quantify economic and environmental benefits to include in project justifications





RSM-EWN Challenges



Competing interests: Who does or does not want the sediment?

Permitting process ill-suited to looking at sediment as a resource

Corps lack of interest in water supply (dedicated programs, funding, research)





Field Trip – Deer Island Shallow Water Habitat Site





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