



Memorandum

Date: 4 January 2016
To: Adrian Miller, Policy Chair
From: Hans Berge, Adaptive Management Program Administrator
Subject: Eastern Washington Riparian Assessment Project (EWRAP) Phase II Report

CMER recently completed EWRAP Phase II Report. The purpose of this study was to explore the dataset used in EWRAP Phase I (report completed in June 2008) to determine whether or not there was merit in additional analysis with this dataset.

After a great deal of guidance from Scientific Advisory Group Eastside (SAGE), CMER scientists analyzed data and determined that this exploratory exercise highlights the need to do additional work in several areas. The analysis identifies the variation in riparian stand composition and characteristics across the eastside and the need for consideration of disturbance regimes (e.g., past forest management, fire, pests) in setting targets for riparian stand conditions in a dynamic environment. Lastly, this report supports the idea that there is extensive overlap in the distribution of forest types across Ponderosa Pine and Mixed Conifer Timber Habitat Types and recommends a study be initiated within the Adaptive Management Program to examine and validate the accuracy of using those definitions.

Since this report is an exploratory analysis, I am not requesting that TFW Policy take any specific action at this time for this report. However, after reading the Phase II and Findings Report, along with the presentation given by Dave Schuett-Hames at the January 2016 meeting, Policy may be interested in follow up work for a Timber Habitat Type Validation Project that SAGE is currently interested in scoping.