ASFPM WEBINAR: Developing and Implementing Dam Removal Projects

Few things have as fundamental an impact on rivers as dams. Dams block a flow and can harm fish and wildlife, affect clean water, and alter recreation. When the negative impacts of a dam on the river and communities outweigh the benefits, dam removal may be a sound approach to restore healthy rivers, floodplains, and riverside communities.

Dam removal projects may appear intimidating; however, American Rivers has developed training designed to empower floodplain managers, state agencies, nonprofits, and others to undertake these projects. This webinar is a broad introduction to American Rivers’ more advanced, multi-day training. We will kick off the webinar with an overview of why dam removal is an effective approach for restoring rivers and floodplains, before moving into resources and strategies for initial project exploration. Finally, we break down the science and design of dam removals into six components.

In this webinar, you will learn:

- steps in the dam removal process;
- how to develop a planning data sheet to determine if your project is straightforward or complex; and
- how to scope out the components of a dam removal project.

Target Audience: Floodplain Administrators and others with an interest in new tools for restoring and enhancing the floodplains in their region.

Continuing Education: 1 Core CEC for CFMs, CFMs must be present for entire webinar to receive credit.

All registered participants will receive access to an electronic recording of this eLearning opportunity!

PRESENTERS

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