

Land Change Science



Beaver Dams & their Analogs are Natural Infrastructure in Dryland Streams “NIDS”

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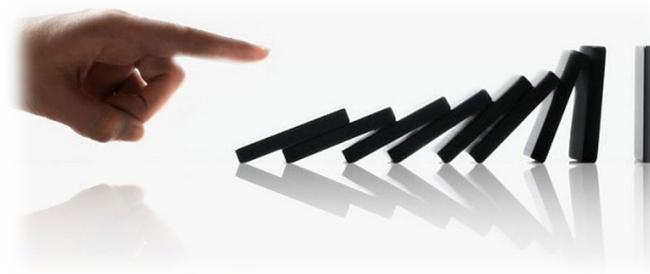
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Drivers of Change

Climate

- Winter vs. summer rainfall
- Drought → Fire
- Monsoons → Floods



Humans

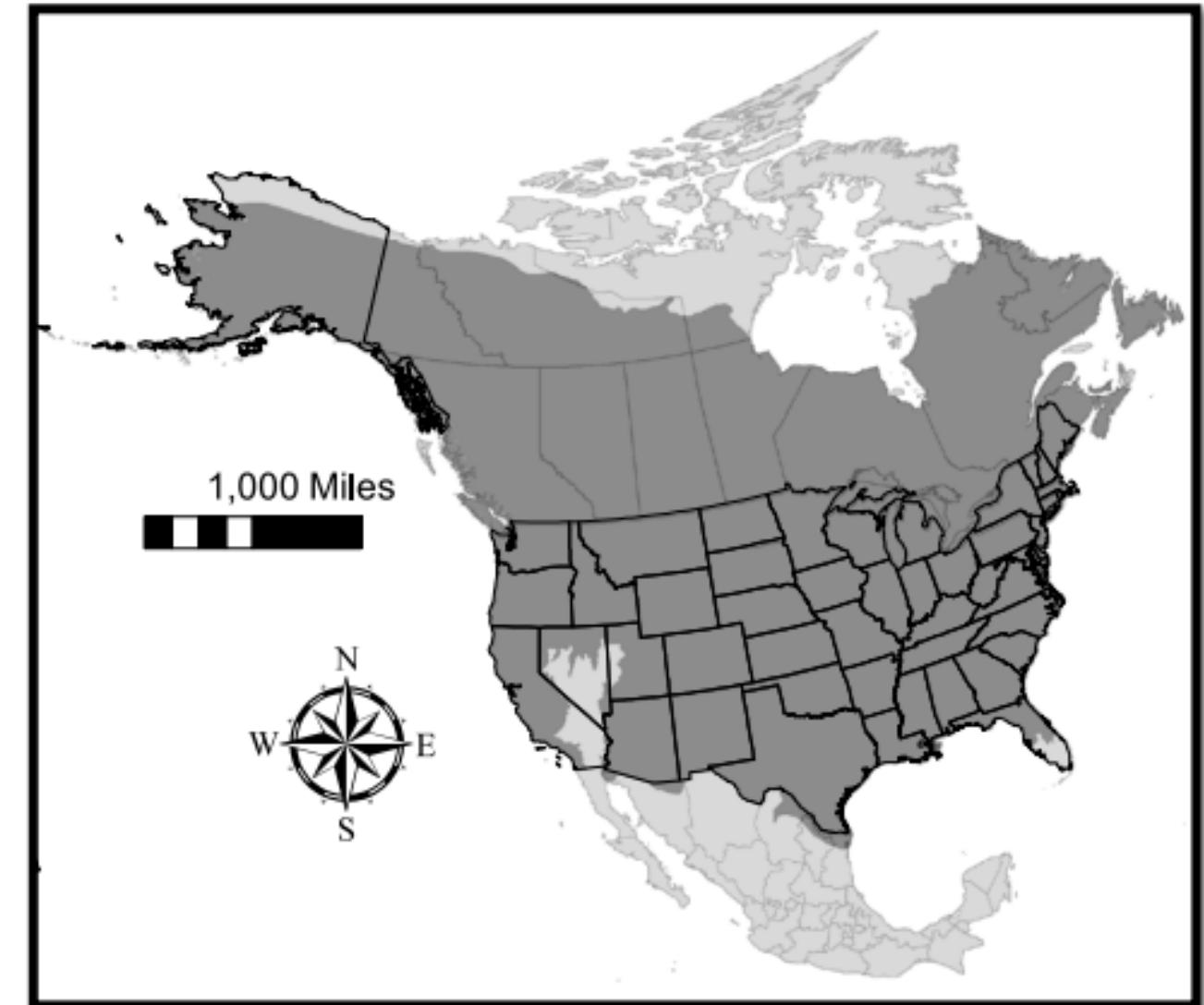
- Urbanization
- Groundwater pumping
- Agriculture
- Cattle grazing
- Timber logging
- Mining
- Fire suppression
- **Hunting, fishing, & trapping**

North American Beaver

Agents of *flood control* and
soil conservation



<https://www.sciencefocus.com/nature/why-do-beavers-build-dams/>



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Airborne Beavers Fight Floods

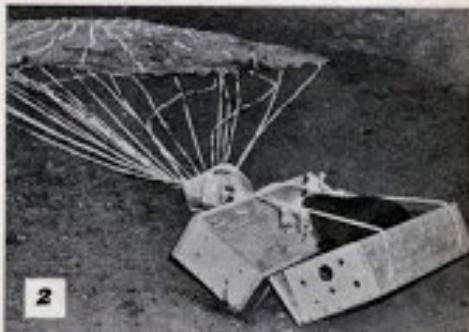
OUT in Idaho, the Department of Fish and Game is teaching eager beavers to yell "Geronimo!" These busy little creatures are being dropped by parachute to terrain where they can do their bit in the conservation battle.

Idaho state caretakers trap unwanted beavers which may be a nuisance in certain areas, round them up at central points and pack them in pairs in specially constructed wooden crates. After they are dropped, the boxes remain closed as long as there's some tension on the parachute shrouds but pull open as soon as the chute collapses on the ground. Then, out crawl Mama and Papa beaver, ready to start work.

After they're settled, the 40-pound, web-footed rodents multiply and become outpost agents of flood control and soil conservation. Fur supervisor John Smith reports that in carefully observed early operations, the beavers headed straight for water and started building a new dam within a couple of days.

However, one problem still remains to be solved—a question of ethics more than conservation. Are these eager beavers bona fide members of the Caterpillar Club? *

1. Boxed for travel, this beaver is placed in a crate designed by Scotty Heter. left.
2. Rubber bands pull the box apart when the chute hits the ground, freeing the animal.
3. Heading for water, the airborne beavers start working like beavers on their new dams.



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The Beaver Restoration Guidebook

Working with Beaver to Restore Streams, Wetlands, and Floodplains

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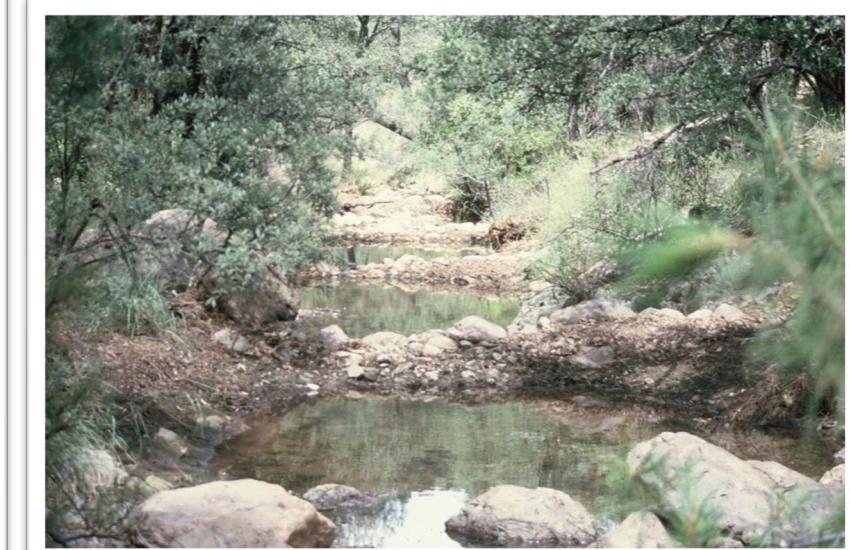
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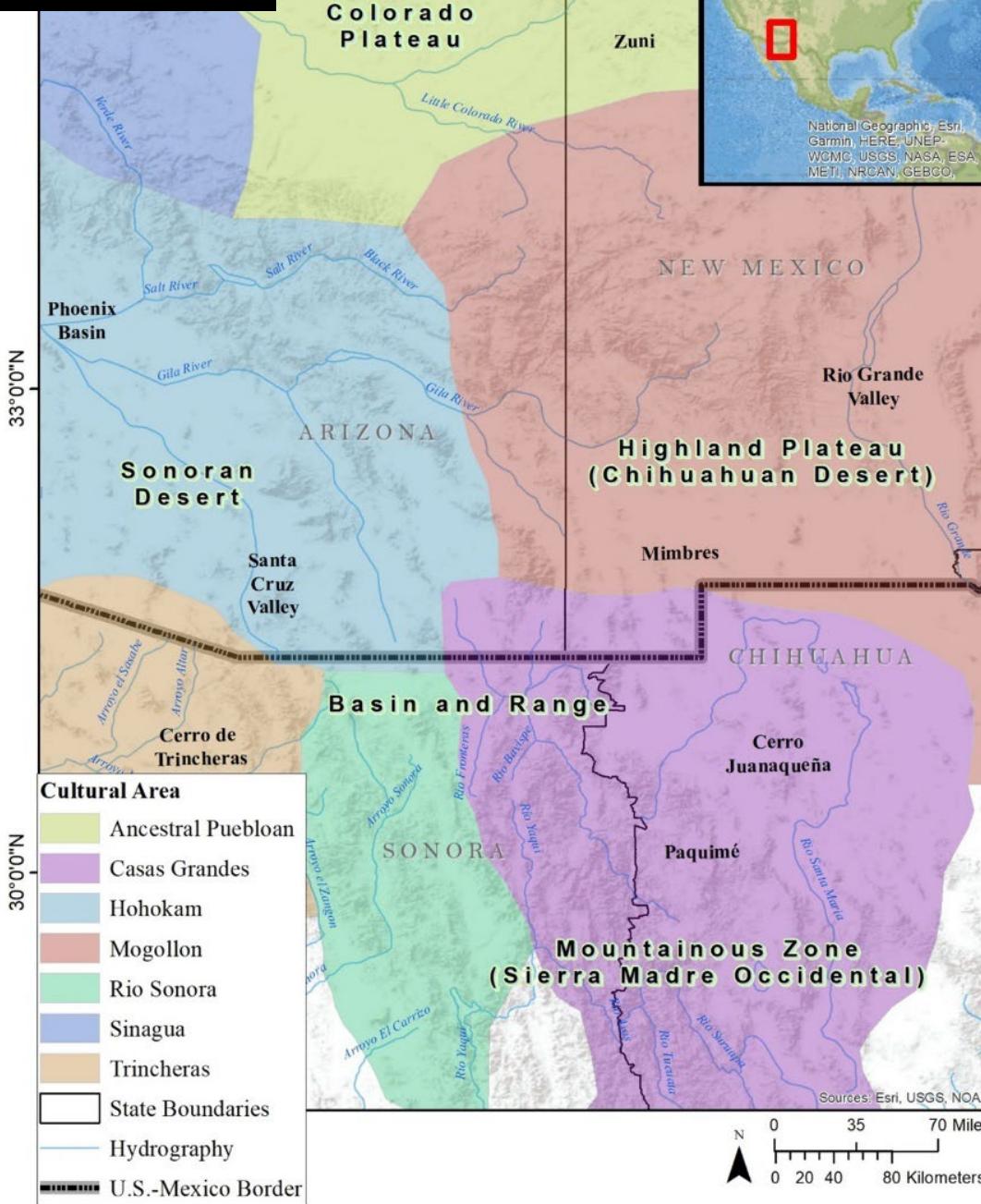


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“Rock Detention Structures”?

a.k.a.: Erosion Control Structures, Check-Dams, Gully plugs, Trincheras, Linear alignments, Leaky Weirs, One Rock Rams, Zuni Bowls, & Gabions





Ancient Infrastructure offers Sustainable Agricultural Solutions to Dryland Farming

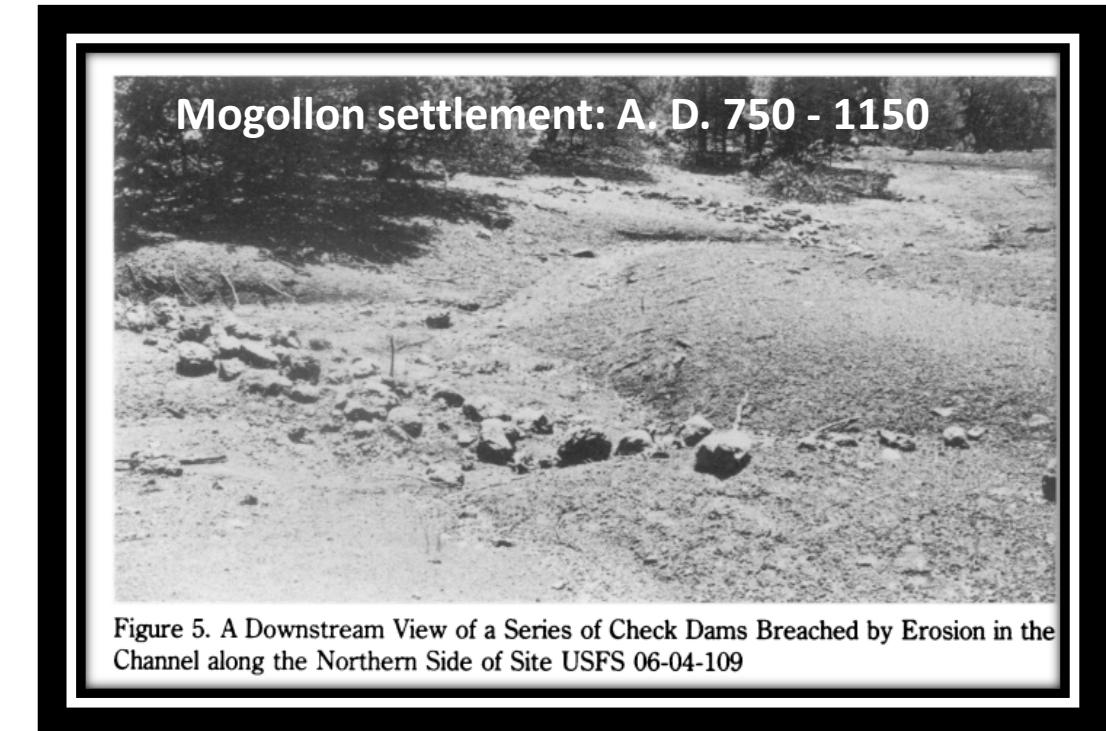
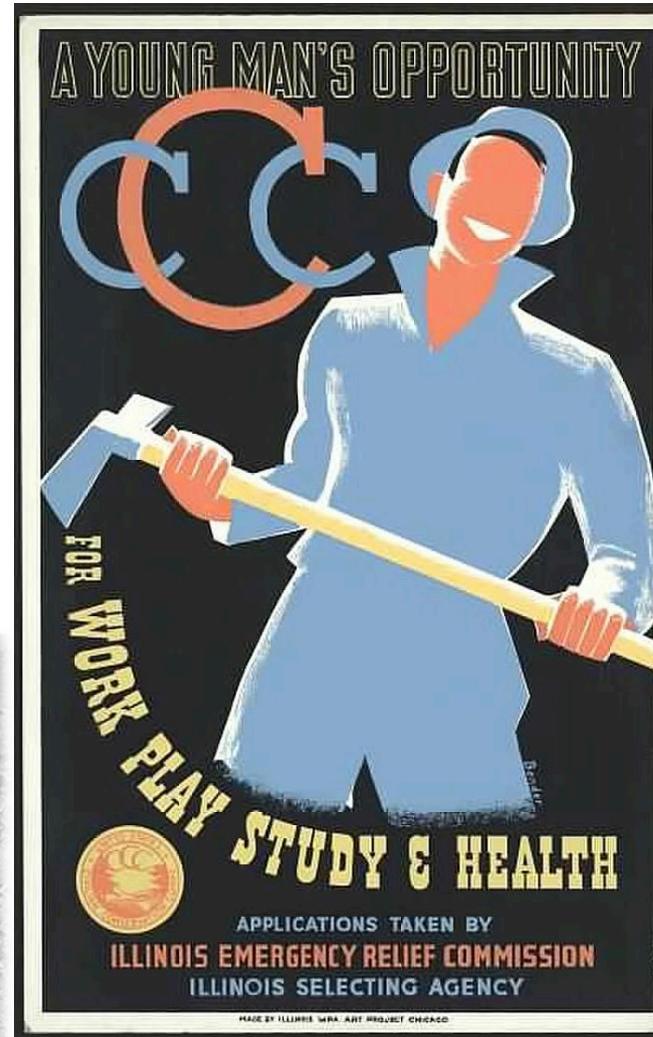


Figure 5. A Downstream View of a Series of Check Dams Breached by Erosion in the Channel along the Northern Side of Site USFS 06-04-109

1930's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Works Progress Admin (WPA) Rock Detention Structures



Figure 4. Water and soil control structure built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s near Mogollon, New Mexico. In addition to the multiple course construction, note (1) the uniformity in the sizes of the rocks, (2) the stacking of materials that involved a certain amount of deliberation, (3) the dipped elevation, (4) the way in which rocks were stacked in the channel, abutting the banks, (5) the lack of breaching, and (6) the sediment accumulation behind the structure.



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Modern Rock Detention Structures



Science of rock detention structures Aridland Water Harvesting Study

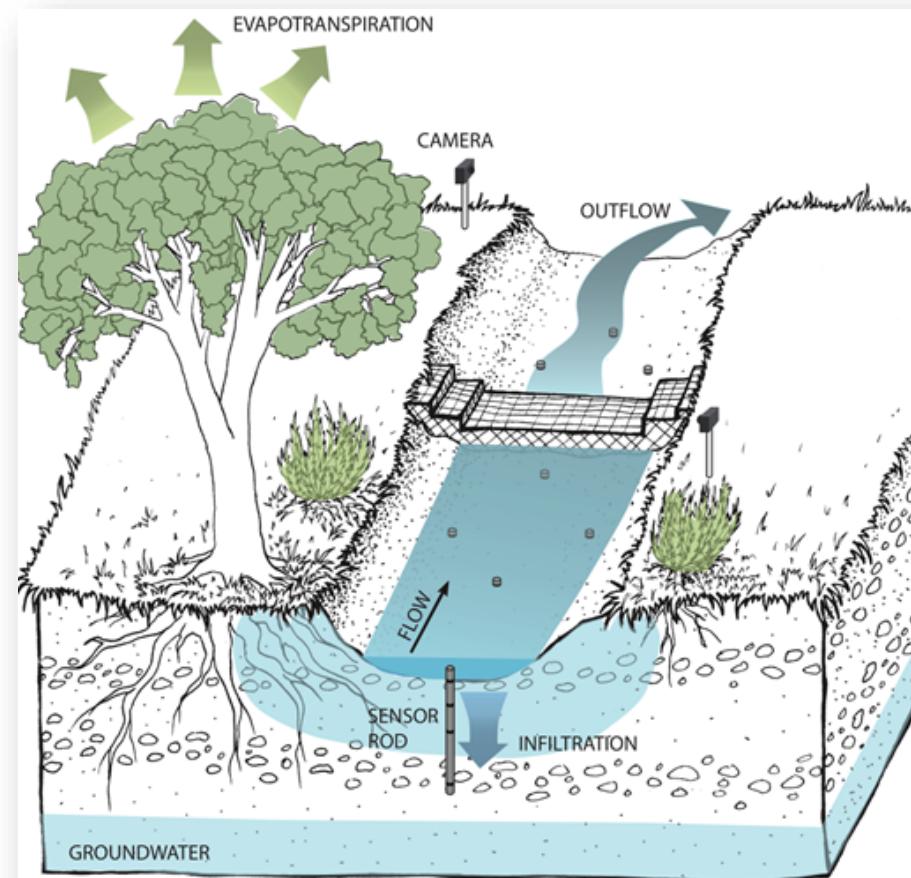
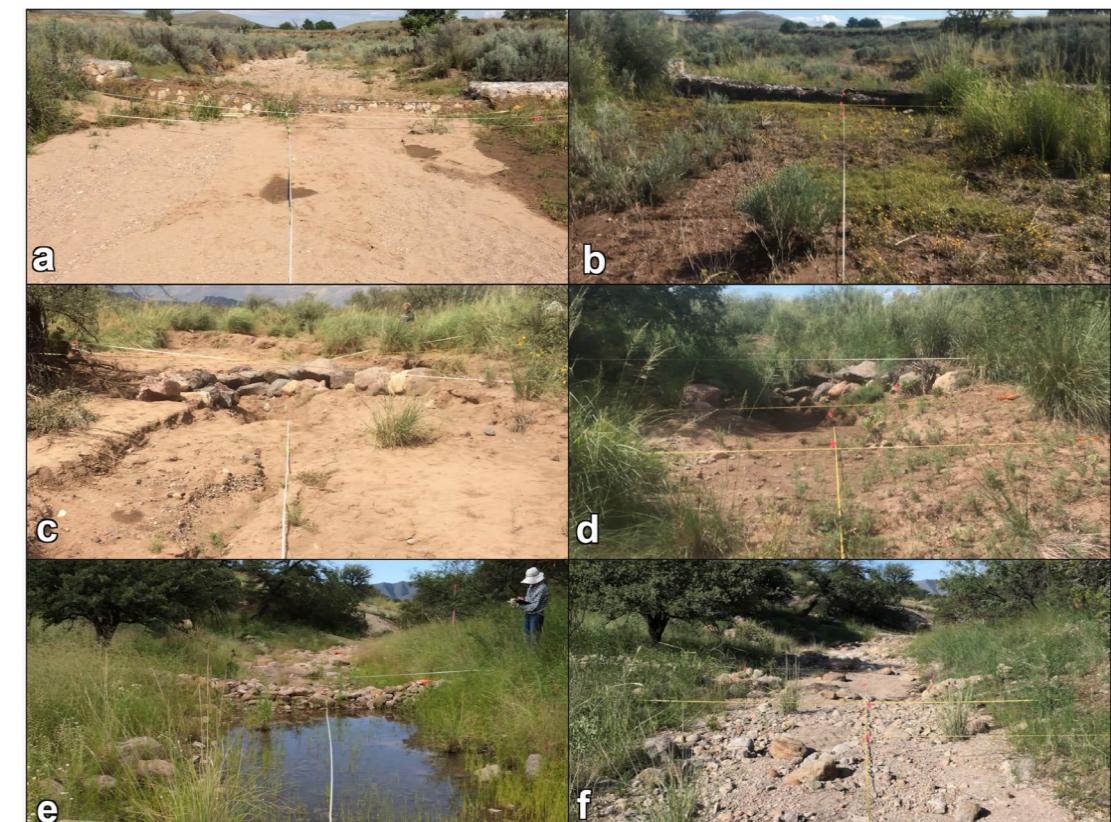


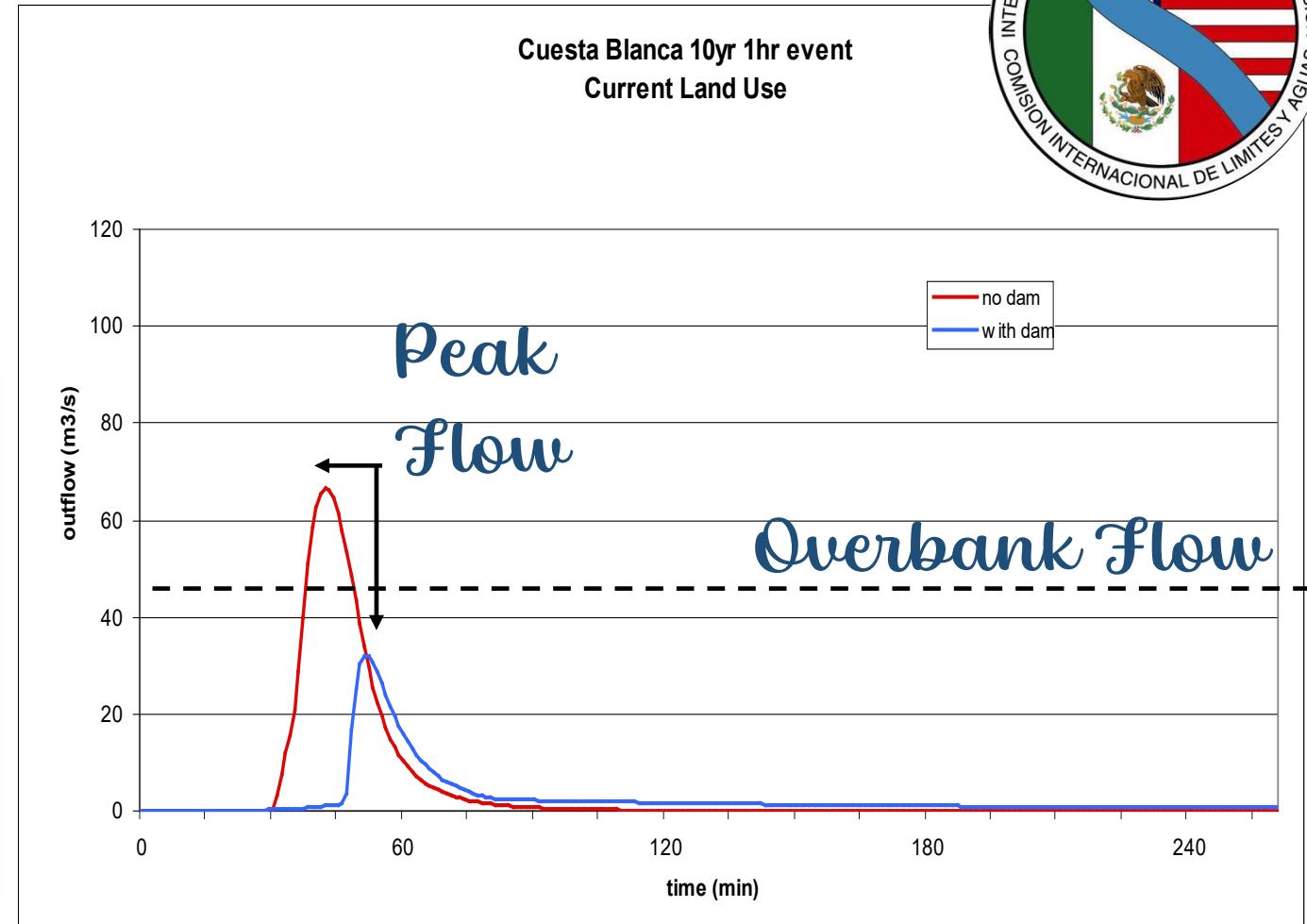
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Natural Infrastructure in Dryland Streams (NIDS)

Reduce Flooding Hazards

Gabions



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Natural Infrastructure in Dryland Streams (NIDS)

Increase Vegetation and Habitat Provisioning

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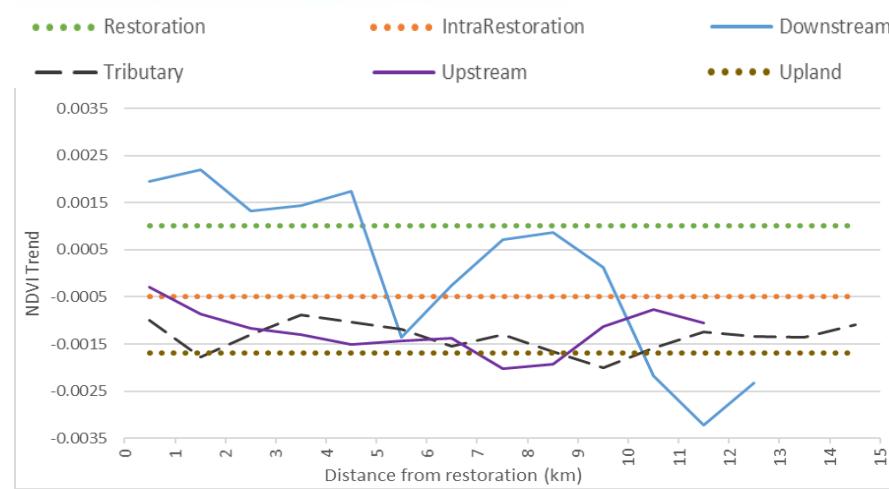
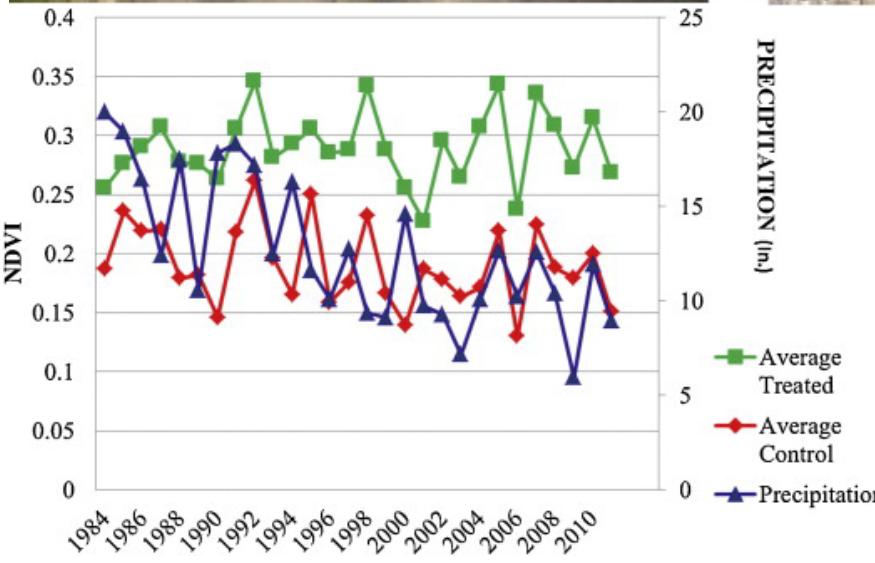
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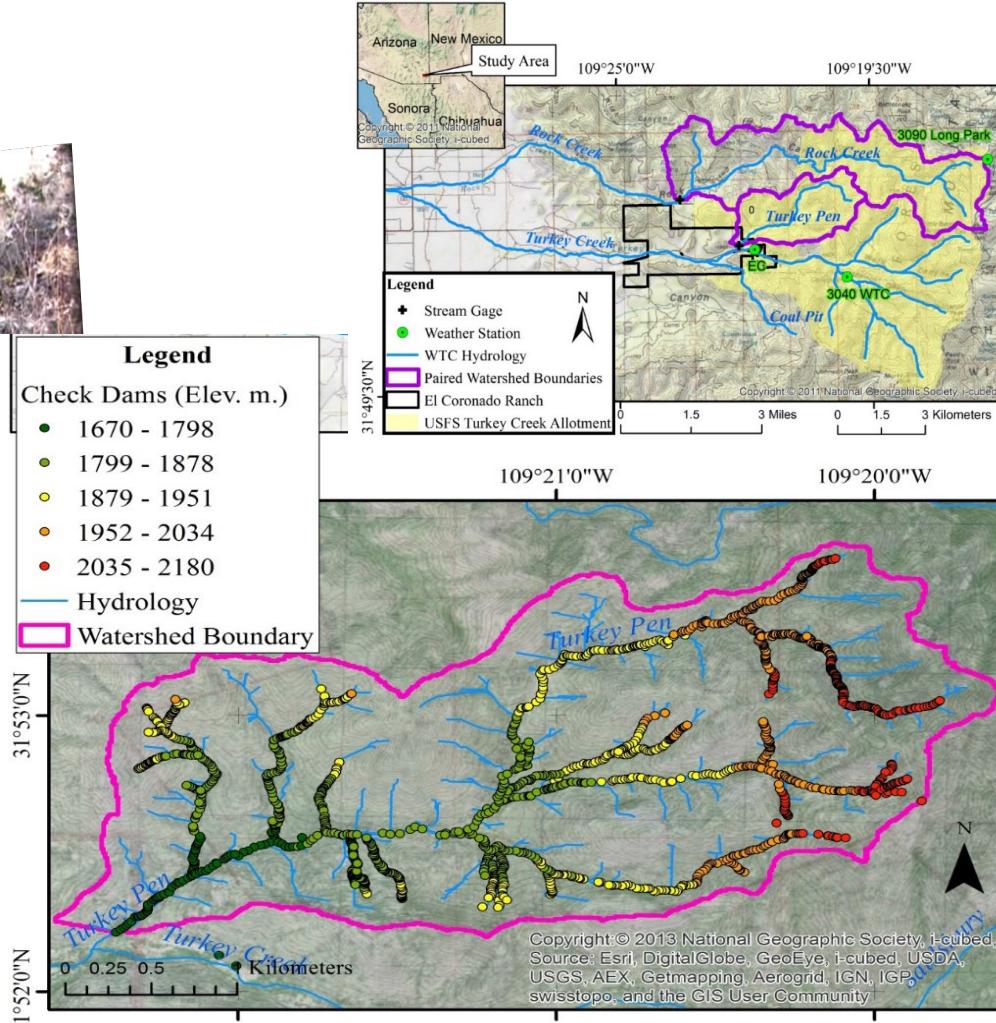
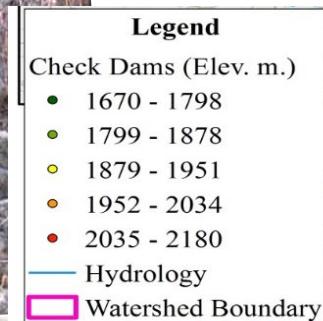
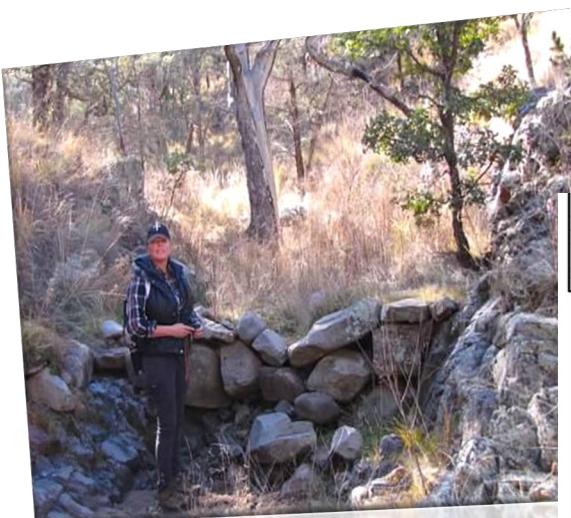
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Natural Infrastructure in Dryland Streams (NIDS)

- Increase water availability



Check Dams



Untreated/Control (RC)			
	Q Volume (Total Cubic Meters)	Precipitation (Monthly total * Watershed Size, in Cubic Meters)	% Runoff
July	12,959	3,878,490	0.33
August	58,139	3,468,960	1.68
September	34,264	1,011,780	3.39
October	1,720	0	0

Treated (TP)			
	Q Volume (Total Cubic Meters)	Precipitation (Monthly total * Watershed Size, in Cubic Meters)	% Runoff
July	0	1,238,090	0
August	18,561	1,107,360	1.68
September	27,560	322,980	8.53
October	855	0	0

- Increase erosion control and soil formation

Soil is LIFE

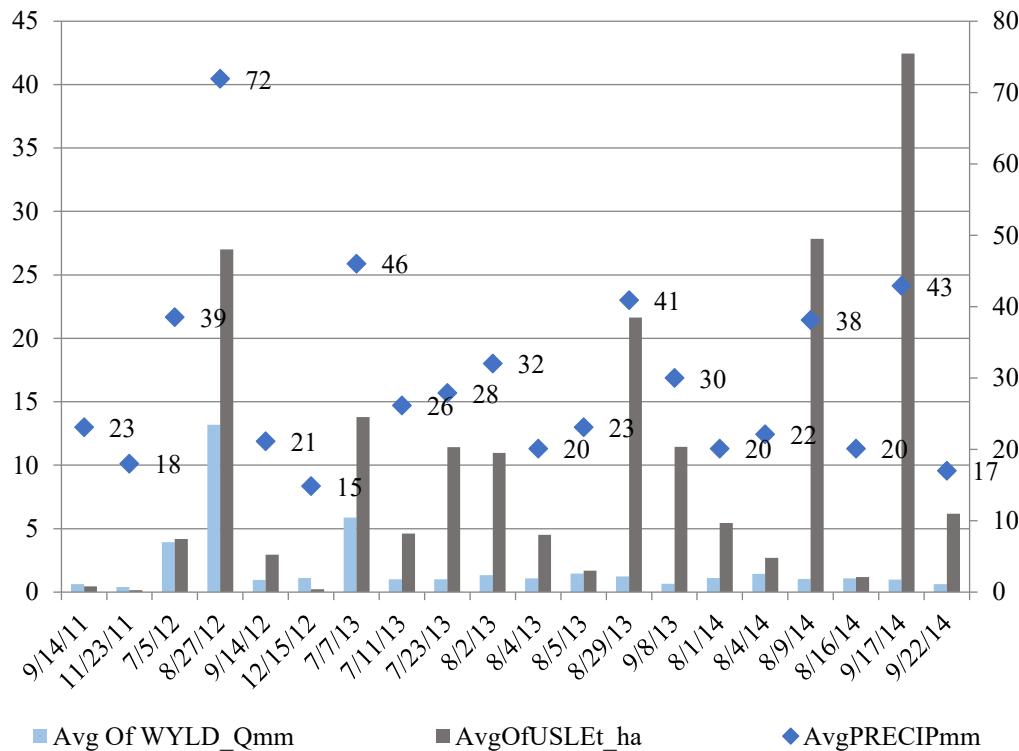
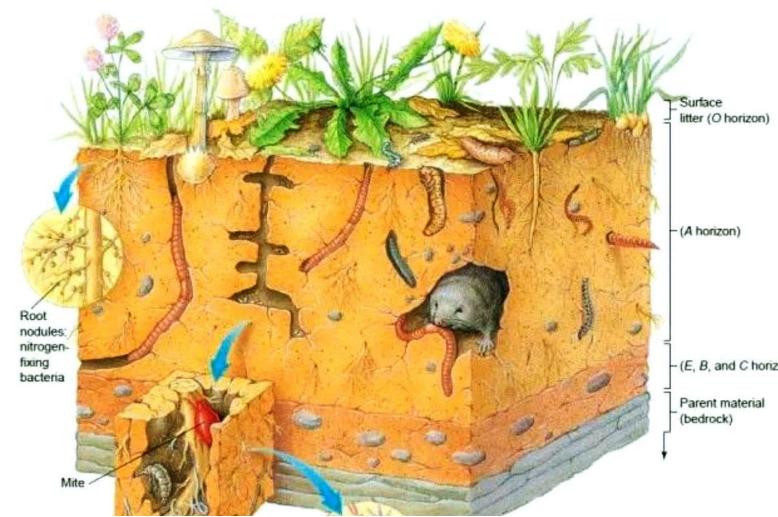


Table 2.

Model results (assuming untreated): average discharge, soil loss, and sediment yield at the study site watershed and estimates of treatment on sediment yield.



	Turkey Pen (Treated)	Rock Creek (Control)
Size (ha)	769	2405
Avg. flow (cms)	0.077	0.192
Average soil loss (USLE; tons/year)	792	3174
Avg. sediment yield (SDR = 0.45–0.61; tons/year)	356–483	1428–1936
Avg. sediment yield IF check dams (ton/year)	178–242	714–968

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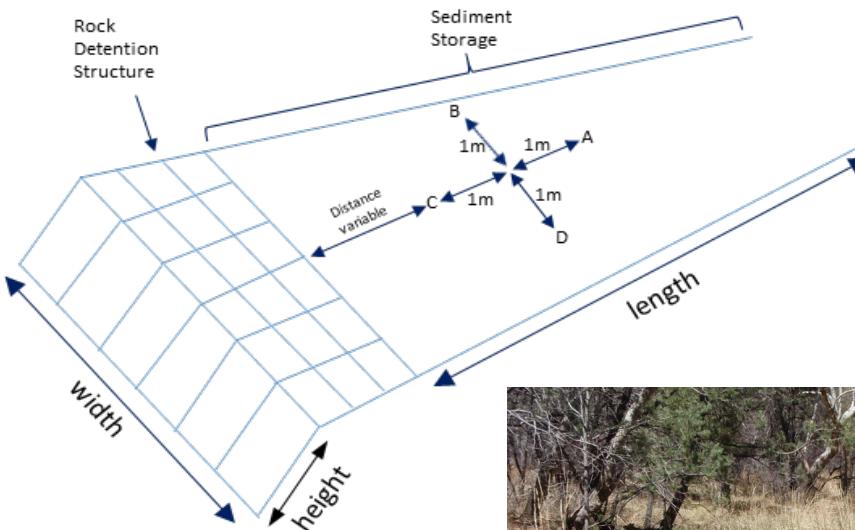
Natural Infrastructure in Dryland Streams (NIDS)

- Soil Carbon Storage and Sequestration

Trincheras

Check Dams

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Stable isotope ratios of carbon and nitrogen
($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$)

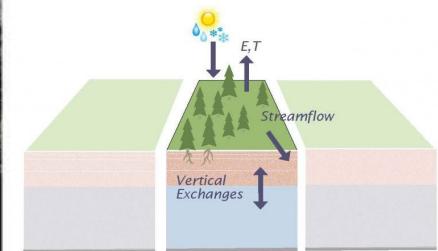
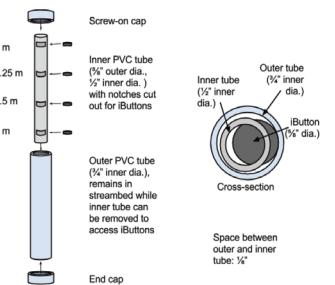


We conservatively estimated the potential mean annual capture of Organic Carbon by check dams in the Turkey Pen Watershed (recall $\sim >2000$ check dams/769 ha) to be $\sim 200\text{-}250$ metric tons/ha.

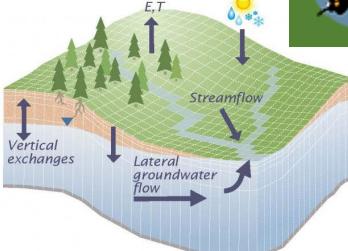
... Equivalent to what is stored in wetlands

- Increase water availability (infiltration and lateral flows)

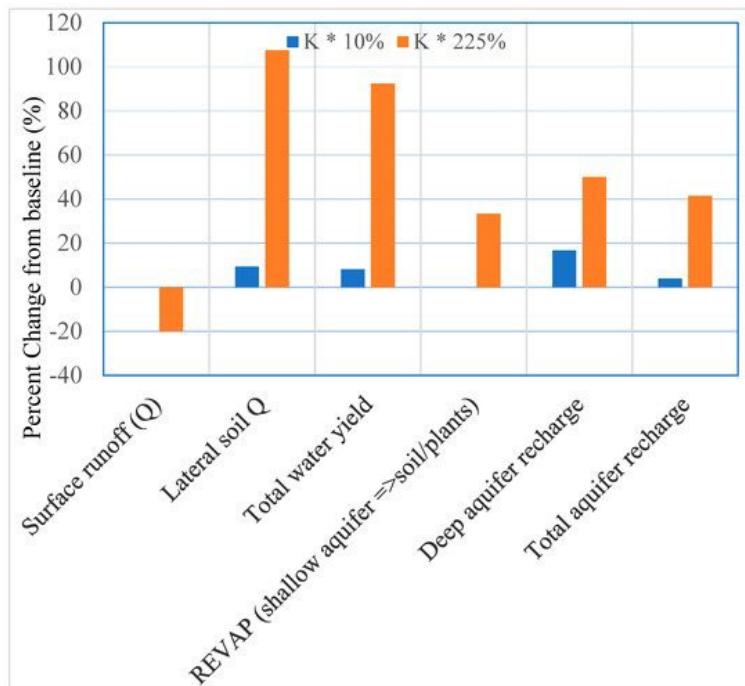
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Traditional Land Surface Models



Integrated Hydrologic Models



BORDERLANDS RESTORATION NETWORK

Phoenix, AZ → Climate Regulation



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One-Rock Dams

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
Science & Technology Program**

Hydrologic Research Pre- and Post-Grade Control Structure Installations

Hydrologic monitoring is being conducted at the Heard Scout Pueblo site under Science and Technology Program study #1751

Impacts of Grade Control Structure (GCS) Installations on Hydrology and Sediment Transport as an Adaptive Management Strategy

ONE ROCK DAM
+ 1 rock high + uniform surface

View from Above: Shows a cross-section of a dam made of stacked rocks, with arrows indicating flow moving through it. Labels include "Flow" and "Slight dip at center".

Cross Section: Shows a side view of a dam made of stacked rocks, with a "Slight dip at center" indicated.

Side View: Shows a side view of a dam made of stacked rocks, with "Flow" indicated.

Grade Control Structure Installation: A photograph of a completed one-rock dam installed across a stream bed.

Photo Credit: Adel Harrouf, Thomas Tosline

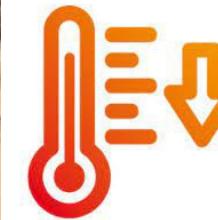
EXPLANATION

- WS WeatherHawk Station locations. These weather stations collect air temperature, barometric pressure and precipitation.
- WS-N, north location
- SW USGS Surface Water monitoring location Go to <https://water.usgs.gov/owsdata.html> and use 332153112022300 to search "Unnamed Creek at Heard Scout Pueblo Near Phoenix".
- SW-USGS Station 332153112022300
- SW-DS Downstream pressure transducer to calculate stream elevation
- SW-US Upstream pressure transducer measures stream height to calculate stream elevation
- △ HSP Heard Scout Pueblo groundwater monitor well location HSP-1 ADWR Well Registry 55-227363 Cased to 50 feet, below land surface (ft, bsl).
- HSP-2 ADWR Well Registry 55-227500 Cased to 20 ft, bsl; has six soil moisture sensors attached from 3 to 20 ft, bsl;
- USGS Housing for surface water monitoring equipment
- SC US Geological Survey (USGS) Sediment Chain location, used to monitor sediment transport conditions

The study will assess the hydrologic impact of GCS installations on storm flows, soil moisture, and sediment transport. Hydrologic monitoring began in 2017. GCS installations are planned for 2018. Research results will be used to inform water management policy regarding techniques used to optimize integrative management of surface water, groundwater, and eco-hydrologic resources.

For more information: <https://go.usa.gov/rQONQ>

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Three-degree
microclimate cooling
effect for at least 2
days following rainfall

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Ecosystem Services of Rock Detention Structures

- ✓ Flood regulation
- ✓ Habitat Provisioning
- ✓ Water regulation, purification, and provisioning
- ✓ Erosion regulation
- ✓ Carbon sequestration and storage
- ✓ Climate regulation
- ✓ Food Provisioning



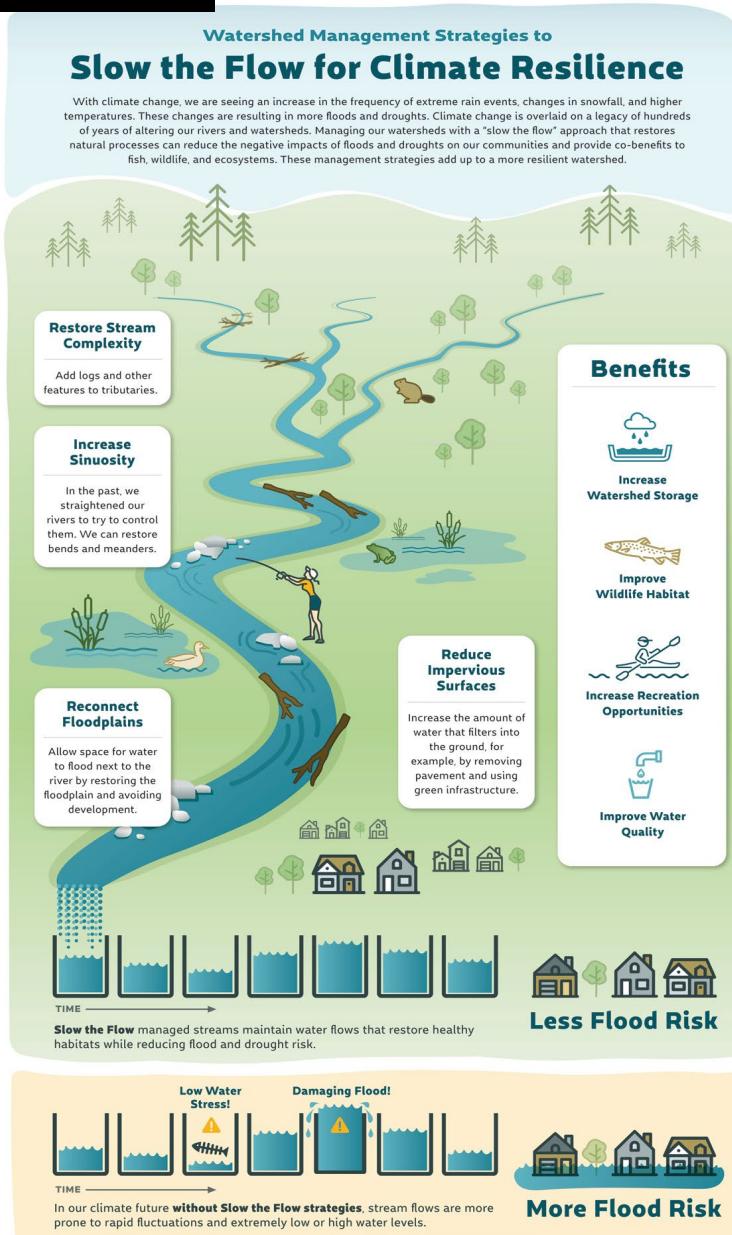
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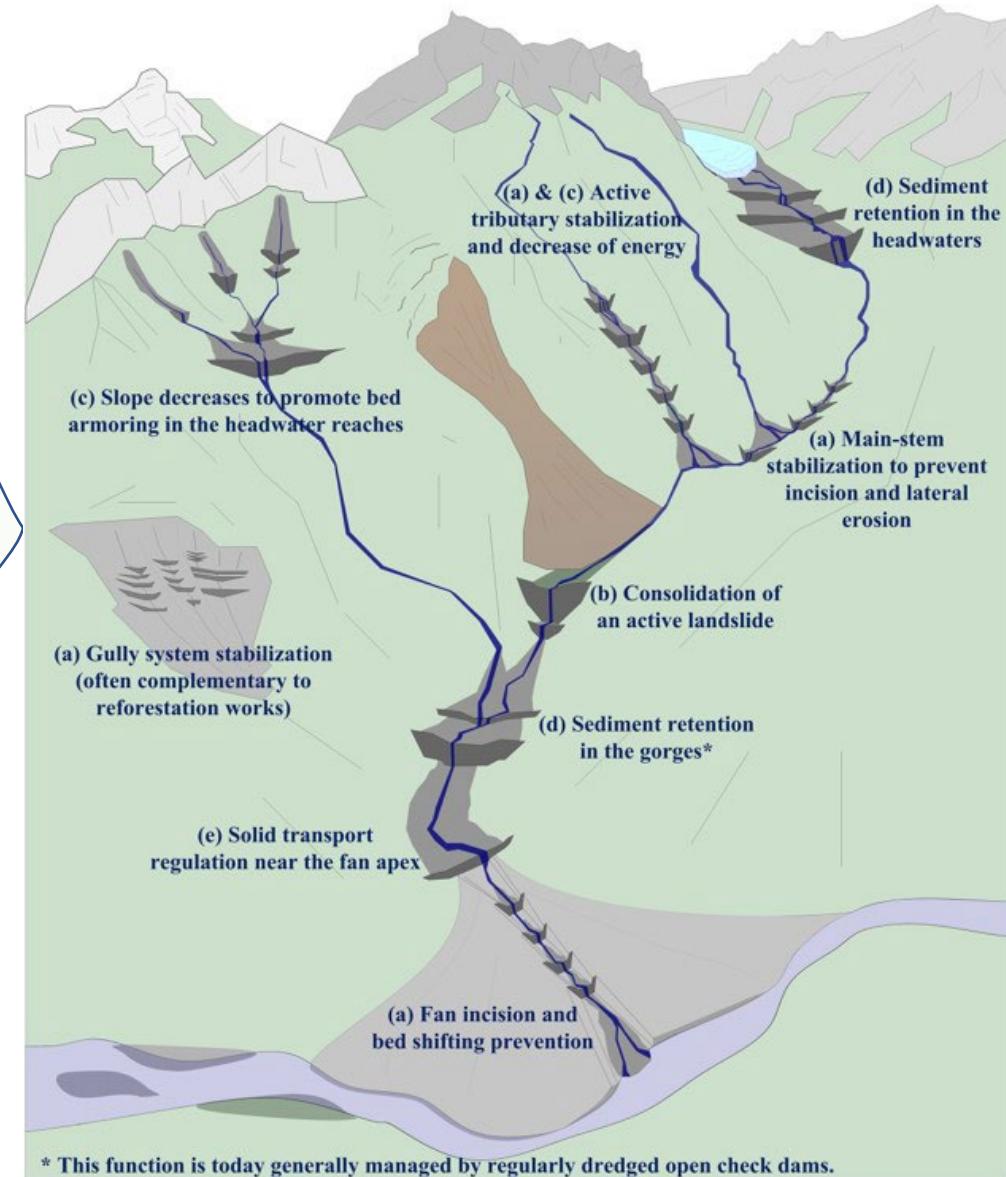


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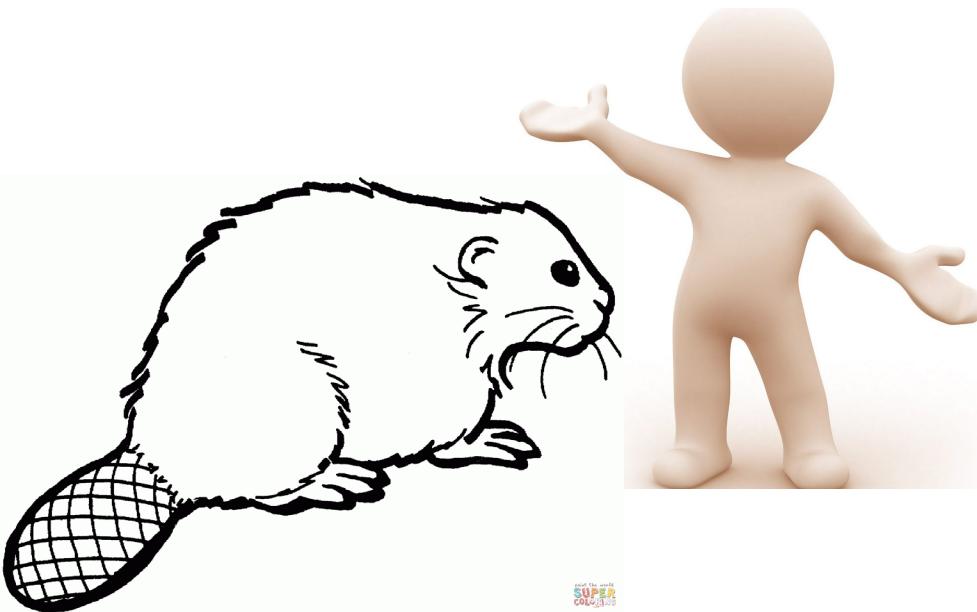
OR

Rock
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Who Done It?



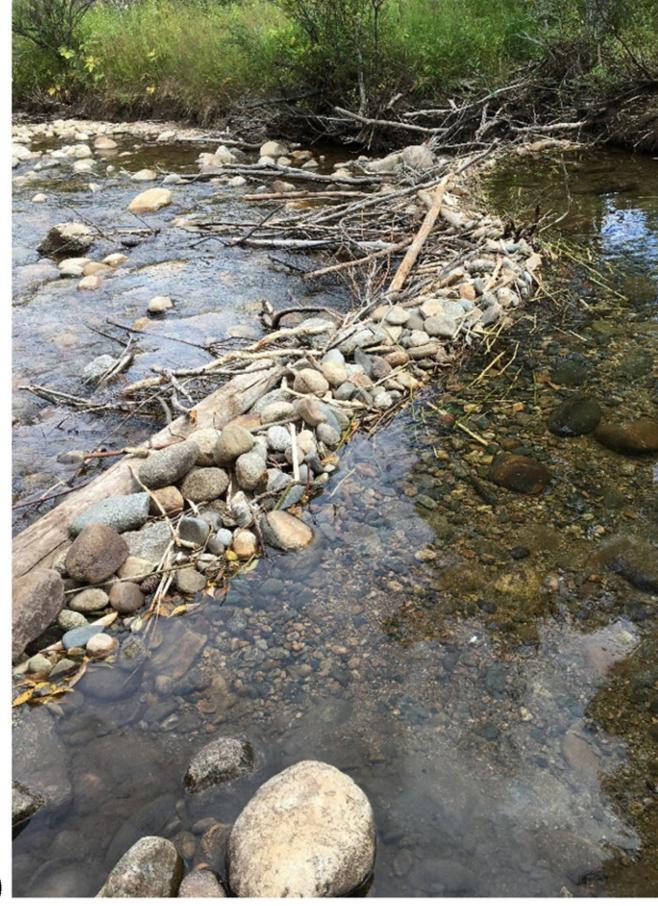
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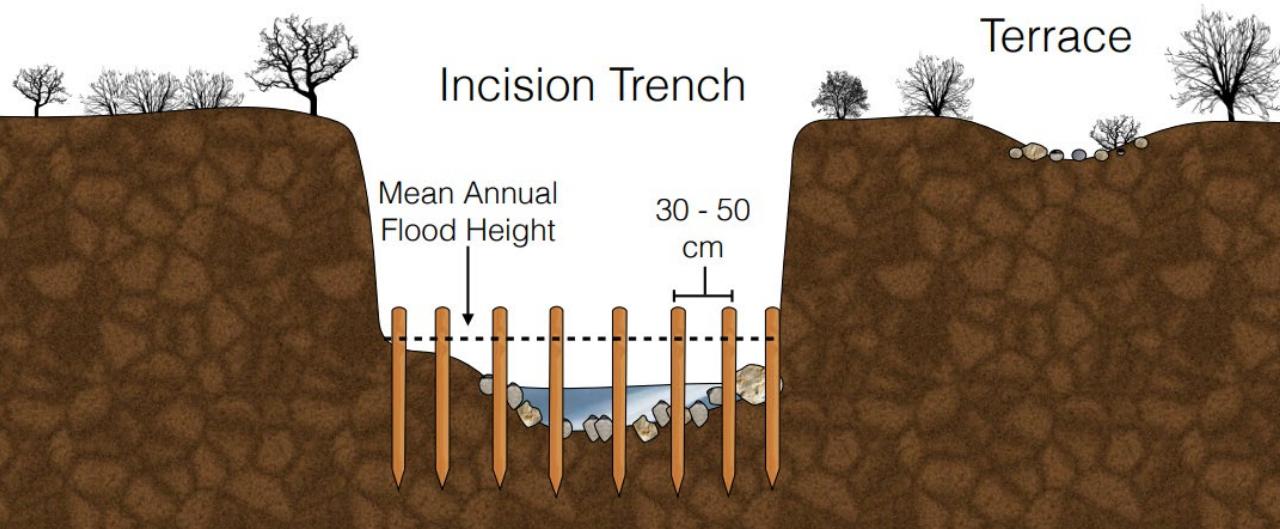
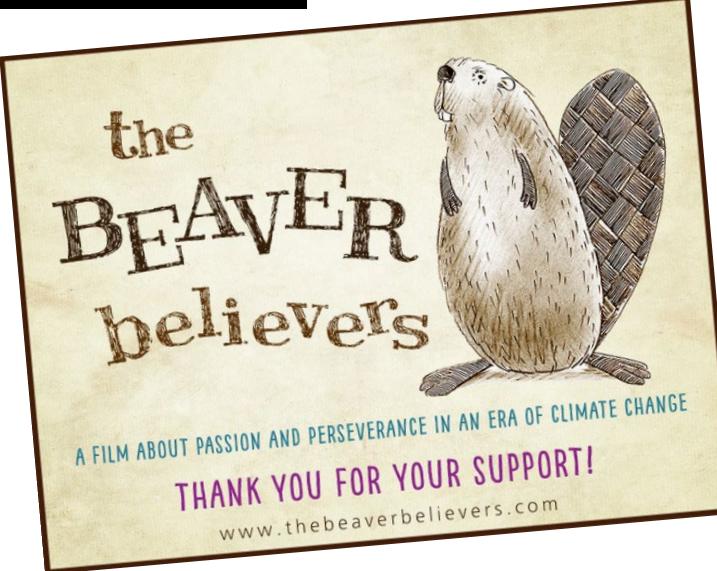


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Beaver dam analogues (BDAs)



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Natural Infrastructure in Dryland Streams (NIDS)

Beavers, Beaver Dam
Analogs (BDAs)

AND

Rock Detention
Structures

Leaky Weir



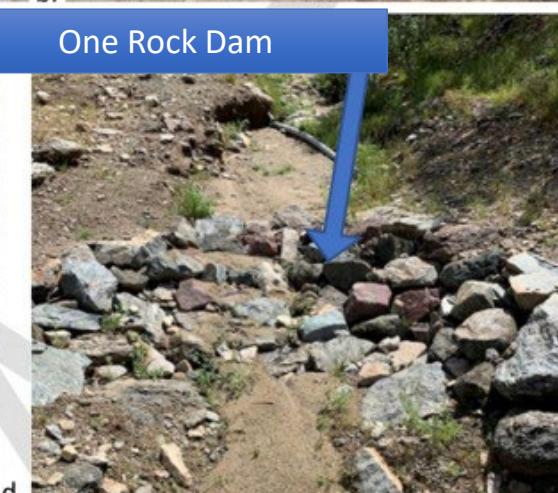
Gabion



Check Dam



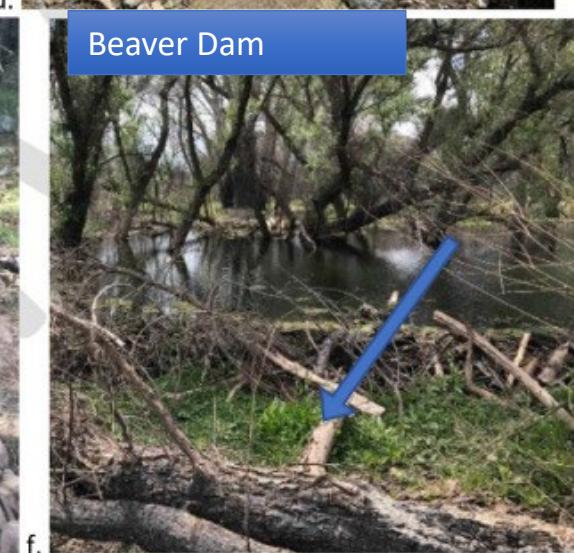
One Rock Dam



Trincheras

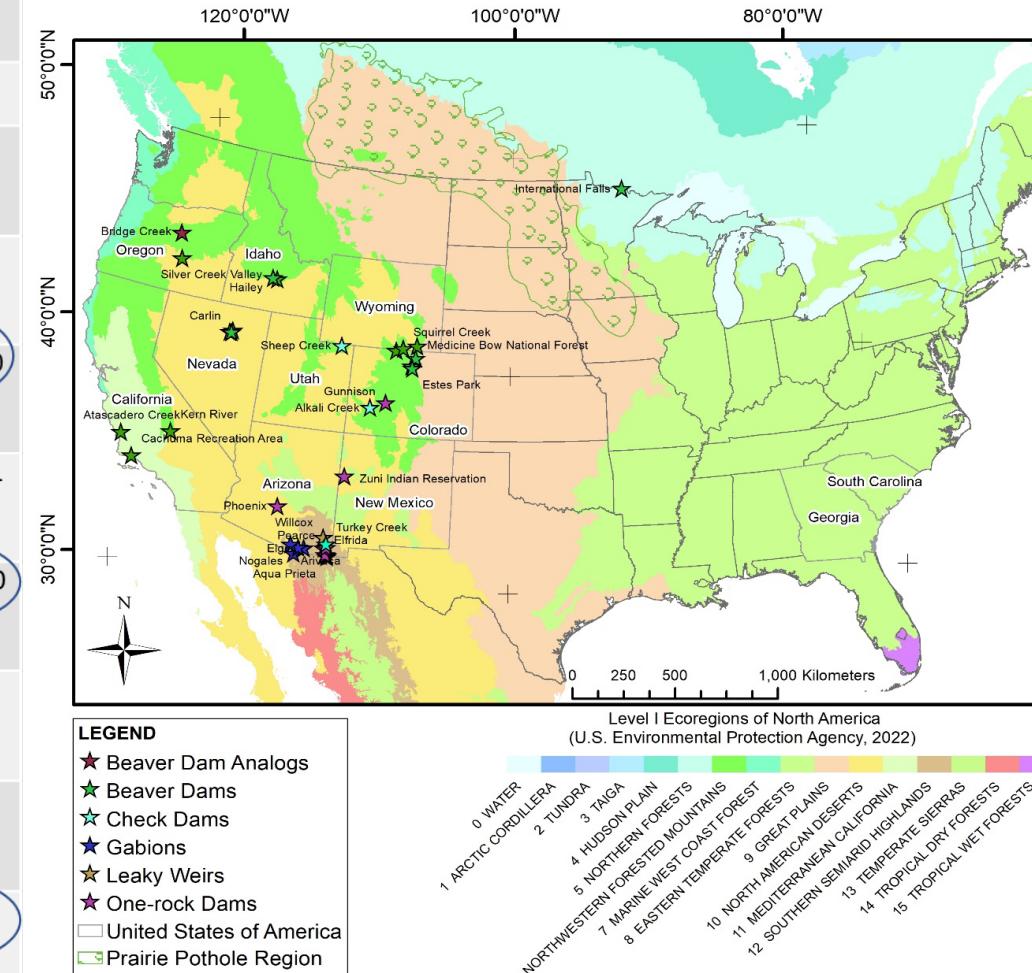


Beaver Dam



Reference	Description	Place	Soil Mg C/ha
Tangen and Bansal, 2020	Prairie Pothole Region wetland (inner area)	Upper Midwest, USA	66
Buringh, 1984	Dry grassland soils	Global	40-100
Bedard-Haughn et al. 2006	Prairie Pothole Region wetland	Upper Midwest, USA	175.1
Badiou et al. 2011	Prairie Pothole Region wetland	Upper Midwest, USA	205
Callegary et al. 2021	Rock detention structure soil-water-carbon sinks	Southeast Arizona, USA	200-250
Ouyang and Lee 2020	Mangrove (tidal wetlands)	Global	283-361
Wohl, 2013	Relict beaver meadows, Rocky Mountain National Park	Estes Park, Colorado, USA	300-400
Krauss, et al. 2018	Marsh Sites Along the Upper Tidal Estuaries of the Savannah River	Georgia, USA	455
Krauss, et al. 2018	Marsh Sites Along the Upper Tidal Estuaries of the Waccamaw River	South Carolina, USA	1258
Wohl, 2013	Active beaver meadows, Rocky Mountain National Park	Estes Park, Colorado, USA	1150-1400

Natural Infrastructure in Dryland Streams (NIDS) Soil Carbon Storage and Sequestration



- Trincheras**
- Check Dams**
- Gabions**
- Beaver Dams**

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List of climate adaptation and mitigation services for each type of NIDS

Climate Adaptation & Mitigation Services	Leaky weirs	Gabions	Trincheras and Check dams	One-rock dams	Beaver dams and analogues
Increases Water Availability	Coy et al. 2019; 2021; Norman 2021a	Fandel 2016; Fandel et al., 2016; Norman 2020; 2021a; Norman et al., 2014; 2019; Uhlman et al. 2020; Wilson and Norman 2018;	Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Heede and DeBano, 1984; Norman 2020; 2021a; Norman et al., 2016; Norman and Niraula 2016; Ponce and Lindquist, 1990	Norman 2020; 2021a; Norman et al., 2021; Silverman et al., 2019; Tosline et al., 2020	Bouwes et al., 2016; Fairfax and Small 2018; Fairfax and Whittle 2020; Gibson and Olden 2014; Gurnell, 1998; Macfarlane et al., 2017; Naiman et al., 1988; Pilliod et al., 2018; Pollock et al., 2003; 2014; Puttock et al., 2017; Silverman et al., 2019; Vanderhoof and Burt, 2018; Westbrook et al., 2016; White, 1990; Wohl, 2021
Holds Sediments in Place and Promotes Soil Formation and Productivity	Coy et al., 2019; 2021; Norman 2021a	Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Norman 2020; 2021a; Norman et al., 2010a; 2010b; 2017; Norman and Niraula 2016	DeBano and Heede, 1987; Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Geyik, 1986; Norman 2020; 2021a; Norman et al., 2017; Norman and Niraula 2016; Smith and Wischmeier, 1962	Gellis et al., 1995; Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Norman, 2021a; Norman et al., 2021b; Silverman et al., 2019; Tosline et al., 2020;	Bouwes et al., 2016; Butler and Malanson 1995; Gibson and Olden 2014; Gurnell, 1998; Pollock et al., 2003; 2014; 2018; Puttock et al., 2018; Scarmando and Wohl, 2020; Silverman et al., 2019; Westbrook et al., 2016; Wheaton et al., 2019; Wohl, 2021
Stores C and N in soil-water-carbon sinks where plants grow		Callegary et al., 2021; Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Norman 2020; 2021a	Callegary et al., 2021; Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Norman 2020; 2021a; Norman et al., 2017; Norman and Niraula, 2017	Callegary et al., 2021; Gerencia de Restauración Forestal, 2018; Norman, 2020; 2021a; Silverman et al., 2019	Gibson and Olden 2014; Lazar et al., 2015; Pollock et al., 2014; Johnston, 2014; Laurel and Wohl, 2019; Silverman et al., 2019; Sutfin and Wohl, 2017; Wohl 2013; 2020; 2021
Controls stormwater runoff and filters water	Coy et al., 2019; 2021; Norman 2021a	Callegary et al., 2021; Fandel 2016; Fandel et al., 2015; 2016; Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Norman 2020; 2021a; Norman et al., 2010a; 2010b	Callegary et al., 2021; DeBano and Heede, 1987; Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Geyik, 1986; Norman et al., 2017; Norman and Niraula 2016	Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Norman 2021a; 2021b; Tosline et al., 2020;	Fairfax and Whittle 2020; Gibson and Olden 2014; Gurnell, 1998; Pollock et al., 2014; Westbrook et al., 2016; Wohl, 2021
Increases Vegetation Viability	Norman 2021a; Wilson and Norman 2019	Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Norman 2020; 2021a; Norman et al., 2014; Wilson and Norman 2018; 2019; Wilson et al., 2021	DeBano and Heede, 1987; Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Norman 2020; 2021a; Norman et al., 2014; Norman 2020; Wilson and Norman 2018; 2019; Wilson et al., 2021	Gerencia de Restauración Forestal 2018; Huryna and Pokorný 2016; Norman 2020; 2021a; Silverman et al., 2019; Wilson and Norman 2019; Wilson et al., 2021	Fairfax and Small, 2018; Fairfax and Whittle, 2020; Macfarlane et al., 2017; Pilliod et al., 2018; Gibson and Olden 2014; Gurnell, 1998; Pollock et al., 2003; 2014; Silverman et al., 2019; The Nature Conservancy 2017; Vanderhoof and Burt, 2018; Wohl, 2021
Decreases Air Temperatures and Climate Variability				Huryna and Pokorný 2016; Norman 2021b; Norman et al., 2021b; Tosline et al., 2020; Norman 2021a; Norman et al., 2021; Tosline et al., 2020; Zeedyk and Clothier 2014	Silverman et al. 2019; Weber et al. 2017

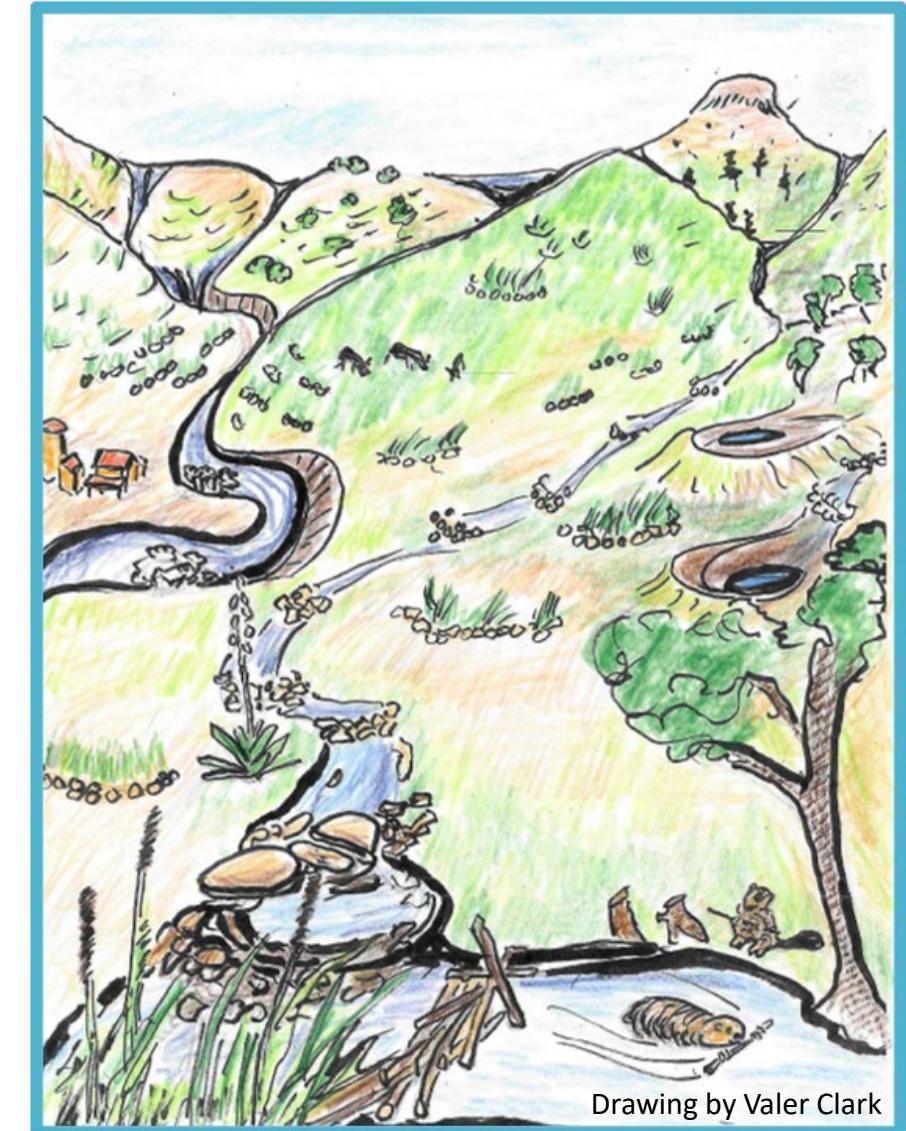
Hydro-meteorological risks that can be addressed by NIDS as Nature-Based Solutions based on Climate Adaptation or Mitigation Strategies

Risk	Nature-Based Solution	Climate Mitigation or Adaptation Strategy	References
Drought	NIDS reduce ecosystem sensitivity to drought by enhancing soil-water capture, storage, and safe release, and by promoting vegetation productivity and diversity in soil-water-carbon sinks , this supports overall ecosystem function using less precipitation.	2.2.1. Increases Water Availability; 2.2.2. Sediment Storage, Formation, and Productivity; & 2.2.5. Increases Vegetation Viability.	Gurnell, 1998; Huryna & Pokorný, 2016; Norman et al., 2014; Robinne et al., 2021; Silverman et al., 2019; The Nature Conservancy & Gunnison Climate Working Group, 2017; Uhlman et al. 2020; Vanderhoof and Burt, 2018; Wilson & Norman, 2018.
Water Shortage	NIDS promote surface-water availability, subsurface, hyporheic flows, and recharge via capture, storage, and safe release. They increase overall hydrologic function of channels, which helps them resist reductions in water availability and helps them recover when a reduction does occur.	2.2.1. Increases Water Availability	Fairfax & Small, 2018; Fairfax & Whittle, 2020; C. Fandel et al., 2016; C. A. Fandel, 2016; Gibson & Olden, 2014; Gurnell, 1998; Norman, 2020, 2021b; Robinne et al., 2021; Silverman et al., 2019; The Nature Conservancy & Gunnison Climate Working Group, 2017; Uhlman et al. 2020; Vanderhoof and Burt, 2018; Wilson & Norman, 2018.
Flooding	NIDS help regulate small to medium sized flood events and retain NPS pollutants.	2.2.4. Flood Attenuation and Water Quality Protection.	Norman, 2020, 2021b; Norman, Huth, et al., 2010; Gurnell, 1998; Norman, Levick, et al., 2010; Robinne et al., 2021.
Heatwaves	NIDS help reduce impacts of heatwaves via increased vegetative biomass, and water content in vegetation and at rock structures, that provide cooling effects.	2.2.3. Carbon Sequestration and Storage; & 2.2.6. Decreases Temperatures and Climate Variability.	Norman et al., 2014; Wilson & Norman, 2019; Callegary et al., 2021; Norman et al., 2021; Silverman et al., 2019; Tosline et al., 2020; Weber et al. 2017.
Dust Storms	NIDS increase site and soil stability and can control a landscape's susceptibility to erosion by wind or water.	2.2.2. Sediment Storage, Formation, and Productivity.	Gurnell, 1998; Norman and Niraula, 2016; Norman et al., 2017; Smith and Wischmeier, 1962.
Wildfire	NIDS promote fire resilient soil-water-carbon sinks; they create greener/wetter riparian areas with saturated soils that are harder to ignite (firebreaks), provide refugia for wildlife, and their increased biodiversity aids in quicker recovery post-fire.	2.2.1. Increases Water Availability; & 2.2.5. Increases Vegetation Viability.	Fairfax & Whittle, 2020; Goldfarb, 2020; Norman, 2021a; Robinne et al., 2021; Silverman et al., 2019; Stockdale et al., 2019; Tensegrity, 2018; Wheaton, 2018.
Biodiversity losses	NIDS support slow-moving and clear wetland environments that provide nurseries for multiple organisms, including rare and unique plants and aquatic life. Increases in vegetation further provides opportunity of more species' habitat provisioning and forage.	2.2.5. Increases Vegetation Viability; 2.3.1. Increases Biodiversity.	Davee et al. 2019; Geist and Hawkins, 2016; Gibbs, 2000; Gurnell, 1998; Naiman, et al. 1988; Norman et al., 2014; Pollock et al., 2003; Sabo et al., 2005; The Nature Conservancy and Gunnison Climate Working Group, 2017; Vanderhoof and Burt, 2018; Wilson et al., 2016; Wilson et al., 2021; Wilson & Norman, 2019.
Food insecurity	NIDS have been used for improving food security (farming and rangeland) for over a thousand years.	2.2.1. Increases Water Availability; 2.2.2. Sediment Storage, Formation, and Productivity; & 2.2.5. Increases Vegetation Viability.	Buckley & Nabhan, 2016; Fish & Fish, 1984; Fish et al., 2007; 2013; Gilbert, 2021; Howard and Griffiths, 1966; Leopold, 1937; Norman, 2020; Wohl et al., 2019.



Watershed Restoration → Wetland Creation

- Long-term maintenance, adaptive management and re-tooling..
- Combination of structures, depending on conditions
- Lots and lots of structures (*thousands*)
- Installed by trained restoration practitioners
- Based on prioritized needs (erosion control, recharge, habitat provisioning, flood detention, etc..)



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Nature-Based Solutions

Natural Infrastructure in Dryland Streams (NIDS)

Beavers Dams & Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs)



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