

# Colorado & Wyoming AFS



## LTPBR Restoration Principles



# Design Manual References – Chapter 2



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9. Defer decision making to the system
10. Self-sustaining systems are the solution



# Low-Tech Restoration Principles



**A**

MESSY PALS

**B**

TIDY PALS



## 5. It's okay to be messy



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RESTORATION PRINCIPLE 5.

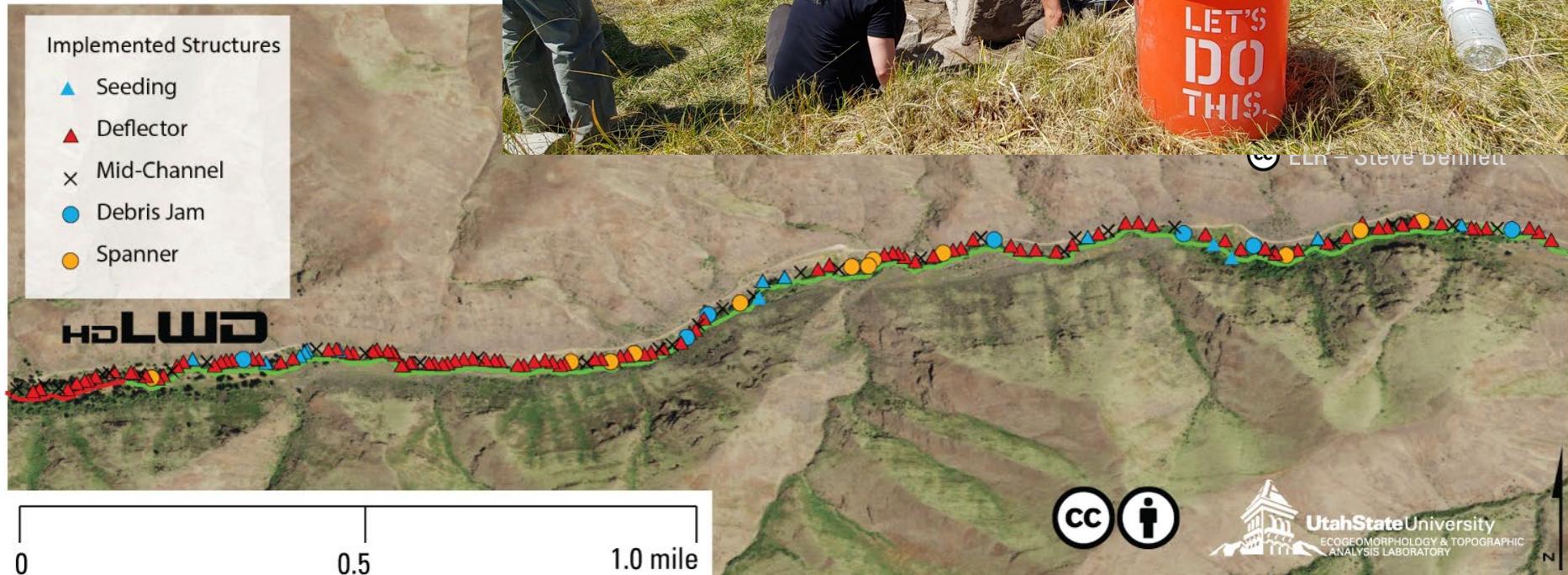
# Beaver Like to Make Messes...



- Messiness = complexity -> ecosystem health and resilience

# 6. There is strength in numbers

More IS better



Adapted from Figure 2.10 of Wheaton et al. (2019, p 74-75) –  
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# 7. Use Natural Building Materials

A



B



C



Reduce costs

Consistent with local landscape

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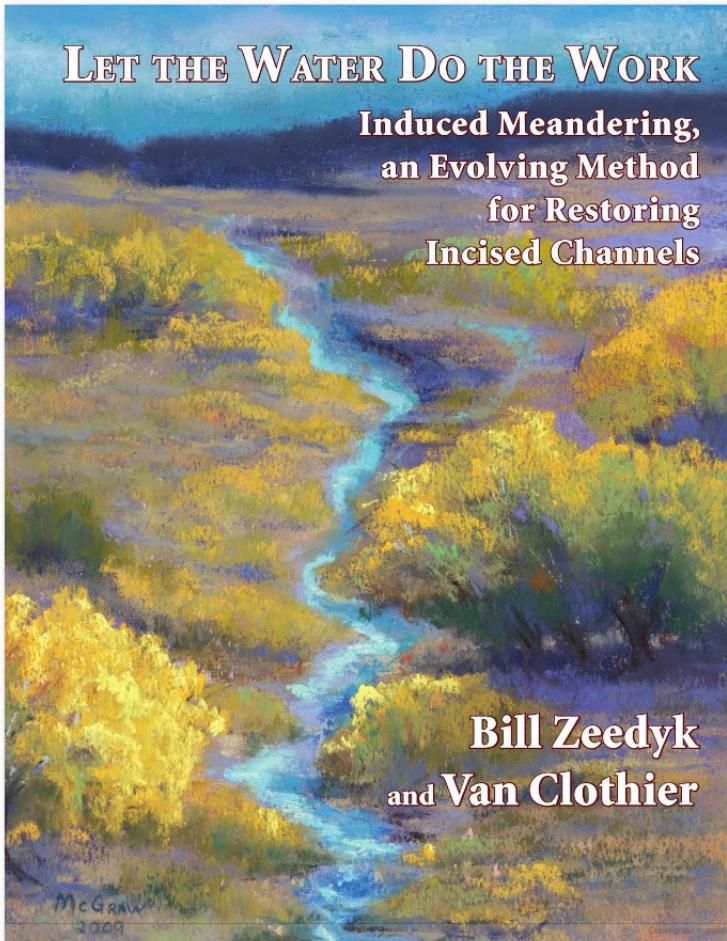
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# 8. Let the system do the work

Geomorphic work like erosion & deposition instead of grading



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***"What if restoration was about stream power doing the work, not diesel power?"***

— Jared McKee (USFWS)

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# 9. Defer Decision Making to System



## What decisions do we make in traditional restoration design?

- How far to erode bank?
- Channel width
- Slope
- Planform
- Elevation to set floodplain
- Capacity of channel



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# Review: Restoration Principles



**Ultimate goal is Self-Sustaining systems**



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