

Quarterly Progress Report July – September 2011

Project Name: Eastern Washington Riparian Assessment Project (EWRAP), Phase II
Project Status: Data Analysis (Section 1)
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Sponsoring SAG: Science Advisory Group Eastside (SAGE)

Background

The purpose of Phase II of EWRAP is to evaluate current and projected riparian stand conditions under current or alternative riparian management prescriptions using data collected during Phase I of this study. Phase I of this study focused on developing a sampling design, collecting data, and preliminary data analyses. The preliminary Phase 1 analyses evaluated data variability and determined that more data was needed to report outcomes within reasonable confidence levels.

In May of 2011, CMER staff was asked to provide assistance in completing Phase 2 of the Eastern Washington Type F Riparian Assessment project (EWRAP Phase 2). CMER staff developed a proposal that was approved by SAGE to complete the project.

There are three primary sections in the proposal:

Section 1: *'Analyses to address objectives and critical questions,'* describes how the objectives and critical questions will be addressed. Each objective with associated critical questions is discussed separately.

Section 2: *'Data preparation,'* describes the preliminary analyses that need to be done to prepare the data for the analyses described in Section 1.

Section 3: *'Implementation,'* describes the sequence in which the work will occur and the products that will be submitted to SAGE for review and discussion.

Current Status

The proposal was accepted by SAGE in August of 2011. CMER staff is working on Section 1. Over the next few months they will be calling into the monthly SAGE meeting and sharing status updates with the group and asking for direction as appropriate.

Budget

CMER staff will be completing the analysis and report writing.