

The Practical Streambank Bioengineering Guide

User's Guide for Natural Streambank Stabilization Techniques in the Arid and Semi-arid Great Basin and Intermountain West

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Preface

In the arid and semi-arid Great Basin and Intermountain West, streams and riparian areas are rare and precious resources, often visible in the landscape for miles as ribbons of green. These habitats provide a disproportionately large number of benefits for such a small percentage of the landscape.

The condition of streams and riparian areas reflect the health of the surrounding landscape. Where rivers and riparian areas are healthy, full of life and energy, the stewards of that place must respect the land. Where rivers and riparian areas are degraded, it is most likely that the area's residents do not understand the interconnectedness of these resources.

This publication was written to provide guidance for those interested in streambank bioengineering. It was also written to increase awareness of streams and riparian areas, their importance, and their interconnectedness with other resources. In essence, they reflect our values, our sense of place, and our concern for fellow citizens. Streams and riparian areas record these values and beliefs to be read by future generations. Let's make sure the record is one of stewardship.

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*"The care of rivers is not a question of rivers,
but of human heart"*

Tanka Shozo



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