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project implementers, including technical and operational stream workers; and project supervisors, including skilled and unskilled labourers such as machine operators, tree planters, fallers, crew foremen, etc; others, including community members, First Nations, unemployed forest workers, etc. who are interested in becoming involved in WRP and are seeking specific technical ideas and information.

In order to fulfill our editorial mandate, we will be relying on our readers' participation. WRP staff have started the ball rolling by taking part in naming our Technical Bulletin. We received a lot of great suggestions, and your votes determined the name, with Les Molnar, Terry Anderson and Cristina Soto independently coming up with Streamline.

We would like to request feedback from you including articles, or suggestions for them, project descriptions (with relevant photos and drawings), as well as information for our "Update" section on: upcoming seminars, conferences, training sessions with dates and appropriate information or contact names, particularly good and relevant articles, books, book reviews, web sites etc. In order to meet our goals, we reserve the right to edit submissions for appropriate content, style and relevance to the Technical Bulletin.

Streamline will be as good as we make it! ▲

*Cristina Soto, Editor*

## Technical Exchange Between B.C. and U.S.F.S.

*Pat Slaney*

Rehabilitation of resource values in watersheds impacted by past logging practices, is a task that transcends international borders. Significant investment in watershed restoration in B.C. has lagged our southern neighbouring states because logging also lagged, as did knowledge of impacts. Beyond this, fish habitat rehabilitation in the two locales has been driven by differing strategies. In the U.S., a focus developed in the 1980's on restoring declining habitat features, mainly as large wood secured in stream channels. A major program has expanded rapidly over the past decade, given a further boost at the watershed level in 1993 by the President's post-Forest Conference Directive. In contrast in B.C., the offsetting of mainstem habitat losses by restoring and creating off-channel salmonid habitats has been a focus of the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans for over a decade, supplemented by the Province's pilot-level work on instream habitat measures, including low-level nutrient applications. Efforts were on a relatively modest scale until the recent establishment of BC's Watershed Restoration Program (WRP).

Such differing focuses, each with technical merit, provide fertile ground for technical exchange between agencies on aquatic ecosystem management and restoration, particularly where expertise is in short supply. In 1995, a technical exchange agreement was reached between the provincial Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks and the USDA Forest Service. The result has

been cooperation and sharing of information between B.C. fisheries agencies and their contractors and U.S. Forest Service staff in the form of field project inspections at both the planning and implementation stages, regional seminars, and tours of completed projects. The B.C.-U.S. Stream Restoration Workshop at Mesachie Lake continued this productive relationship.

We have enclosed the Abstracts of all presentations as an insert in this Special Edition of Streamline. Feel free to contact the authors for more information. ▲



*Participants in the Mesachie Lake Workshop*