

Temperature TMDL Analysis

Land Cover, Hydrology and Morphology

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*Upper Klamath
Lake Drainage*



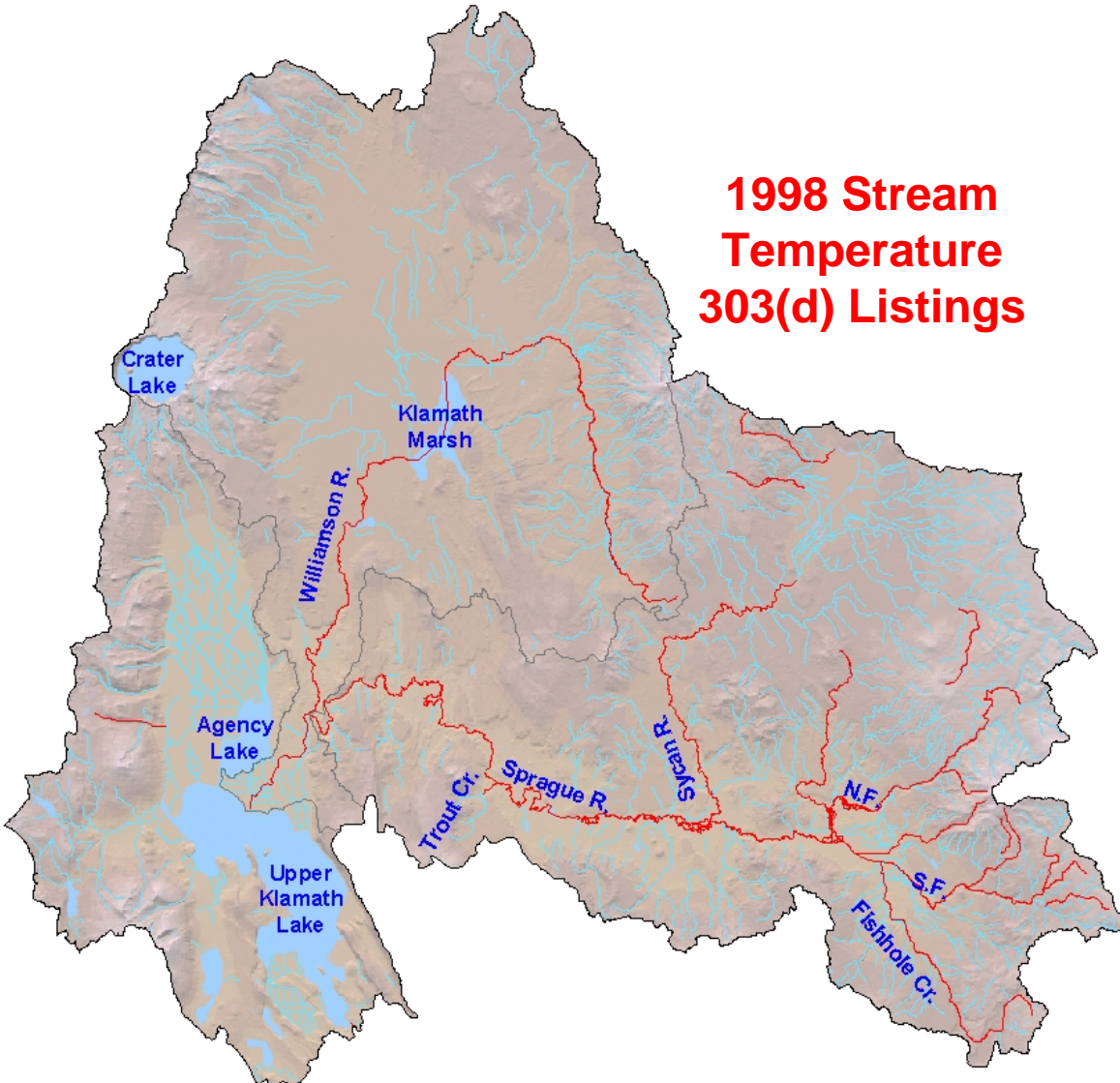
North Fork Sprague River

Temperature Limited Water Bodies

Upper Klamath Lake Drainage

Drainage Area = 3,800 mi²

Perennial Stream Miles = 3,008 mi



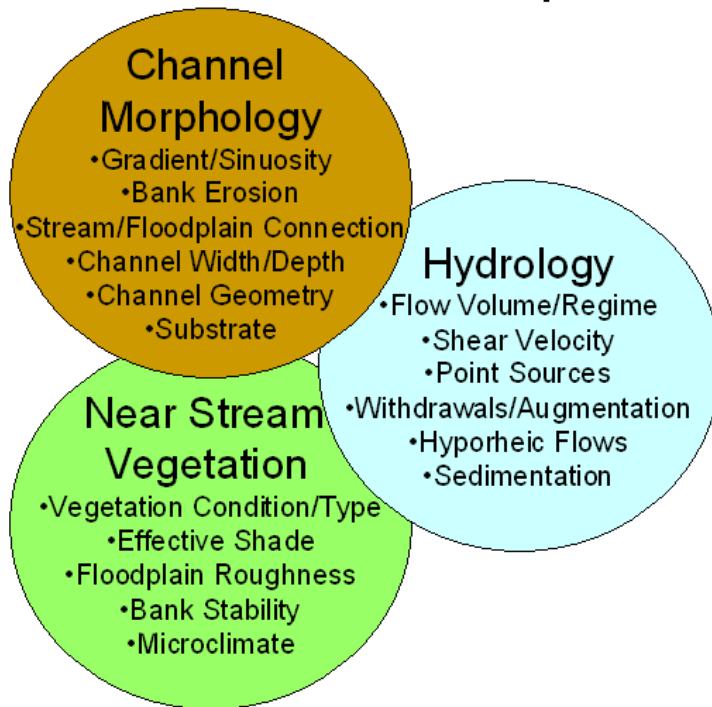
Oregon's Stream Temperature Standard

- The intent is to minimize human sources of stream warming.
- Numeric triggers based on salmonid sub-lethal temperatures are used to invoke the standard.
- Narrative triggers can also invoke the standard
- TMDL development is scaled to a drainage

Stream Temperature Analysis

Channel Morphology, Near Stream Land Cover and Hydrology Parameters are Considered in the Analytical Methodology

There are Several Stream Physical Parameters that Influence Temperature



(Many of these parameters are interrelated)

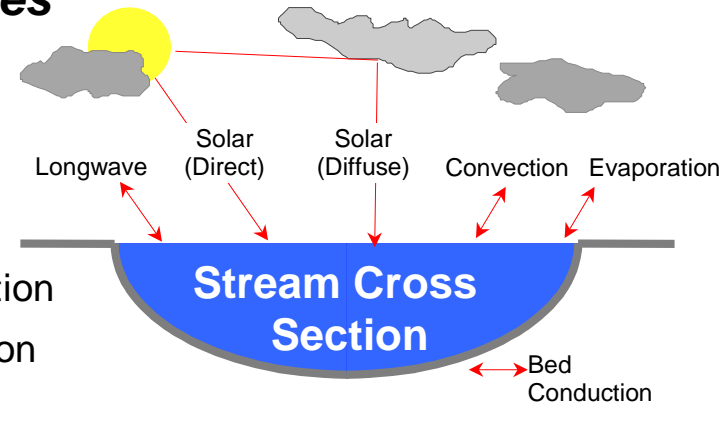
Important Stream Parameters Often Affected by Human Activities

Effective shade and **stream flow** are highly sensitive to human activities and significantly affect the stream temperature regime.

- **Effective Shade** is controlled by near stream vegetation and channel width
- **Stream Flow** is controlled by withdrawals, augmentation and discharge from point sources

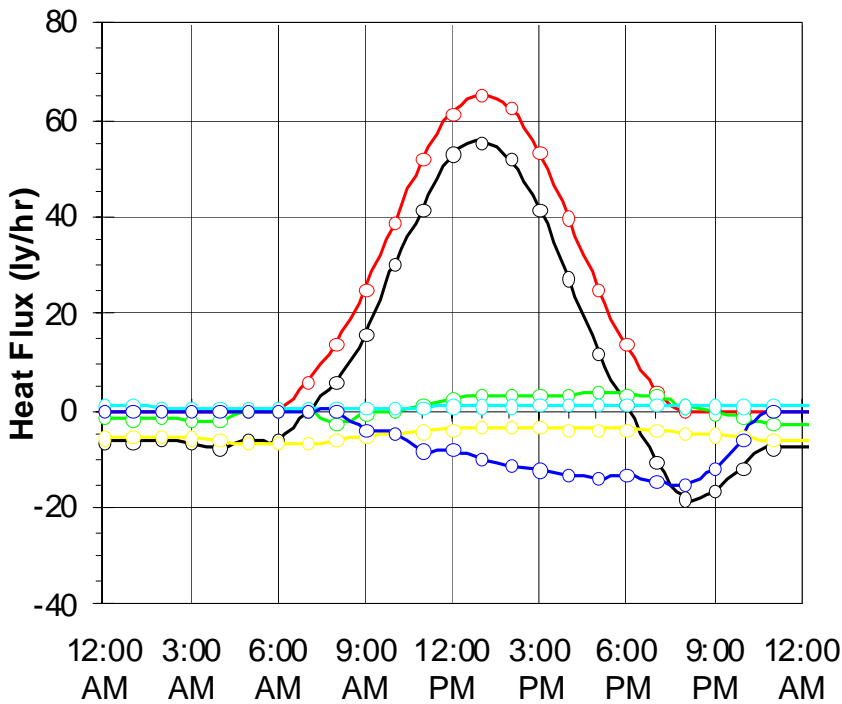
Stream Temperature Simulation Methodology

Heat Transfer Processes

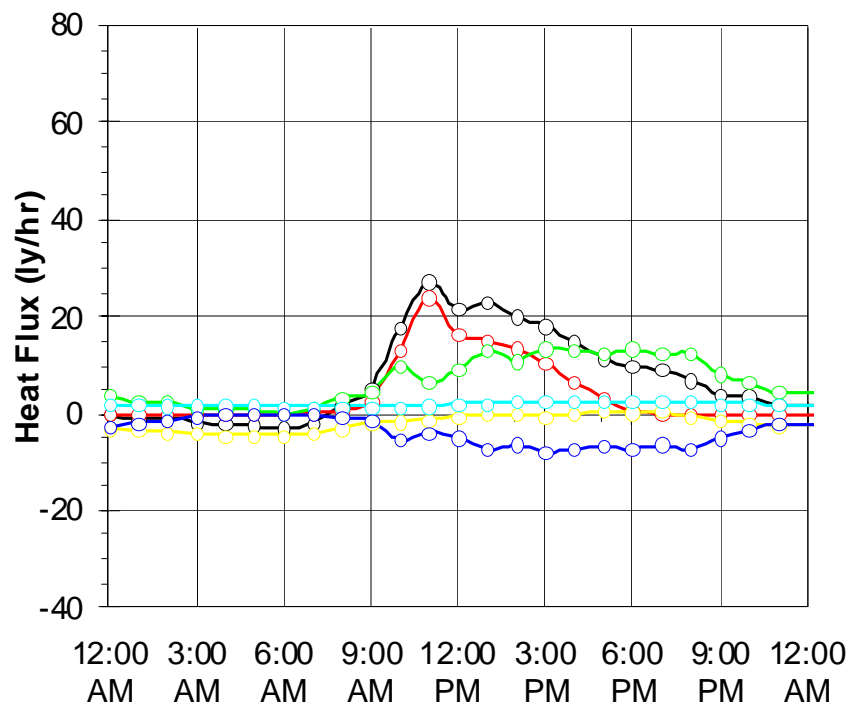


- Total Energy Budget
- Longwave Radiation
- Bed Conduction

- Solar Radiation
- Air Convection
- Evaporation



Sprague River
River Crest Road - River Mile 50.9

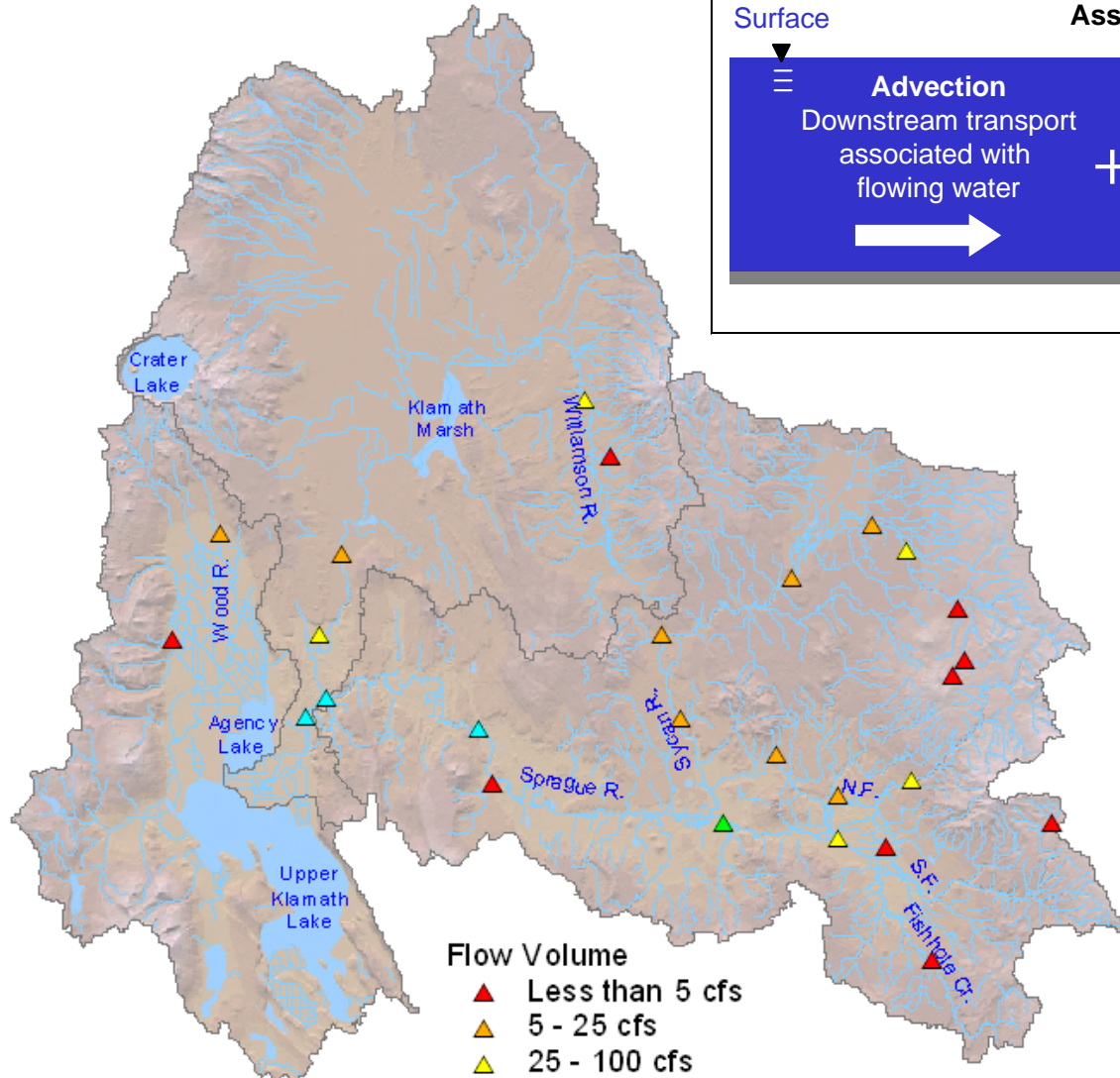
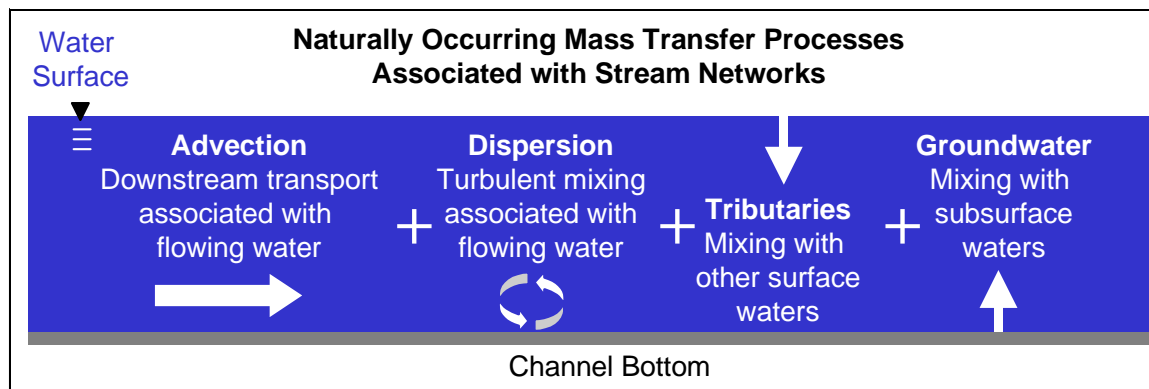


North Fork Sprague River
Upstream Lee Thomas Campground

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Mass Transfer Processes

Ground Level Flow Data



Flow Volume

- ▲ Less than 5 cfs
- ▲ 5 - 25 cfs
- ▲ 25 - 100 cfs
- ▲ 100 - 250 cfs
- ▲ Greater than 250 cfs

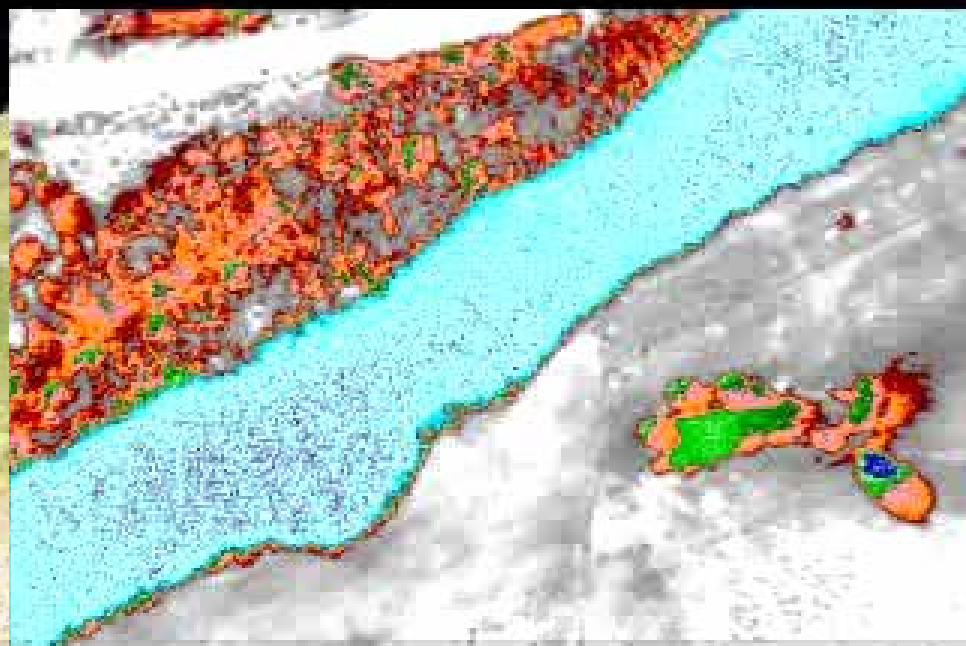
Williamson River Calibrated Video

(River Miles 11.8 to 19.8)

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Digital Day Video

FLIR



FLIR Temperature Scale (± 0.4 °F)



Stream Temperature Analysis - *Analytical Methods*

1. **Collect and summarize data** →

Ground level, Remote Sensing & GIS Data

2. **Derive spatial data sets**

Channel Morphology, Land Cover & Hydrology

3. **Simulate Current Conditions**

- Heat & Mass Transfer
- Statistically Validate Methodology

4. **Develop Potential Conditions**

Channel Morphology, Land Cover & Hydrology

5. **Simulate Potential Conditions**

- Run Multiple Scenarios
- Perform Sensitivity Analysis

6. **Develop Management Targets - Surrogate Measures**

Fishhole Creek



Winema National Forest staff performing stream survey on Fishhole Creek, a tributary to the Sprague River, as part of a coordinated long-term monitoring plan. Data of this type is instrumental to the landscape scaled water quality analysis that is developed in TMDLs.

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Color aerial photos used to digitize stream data nodes and digitized land cover polygons

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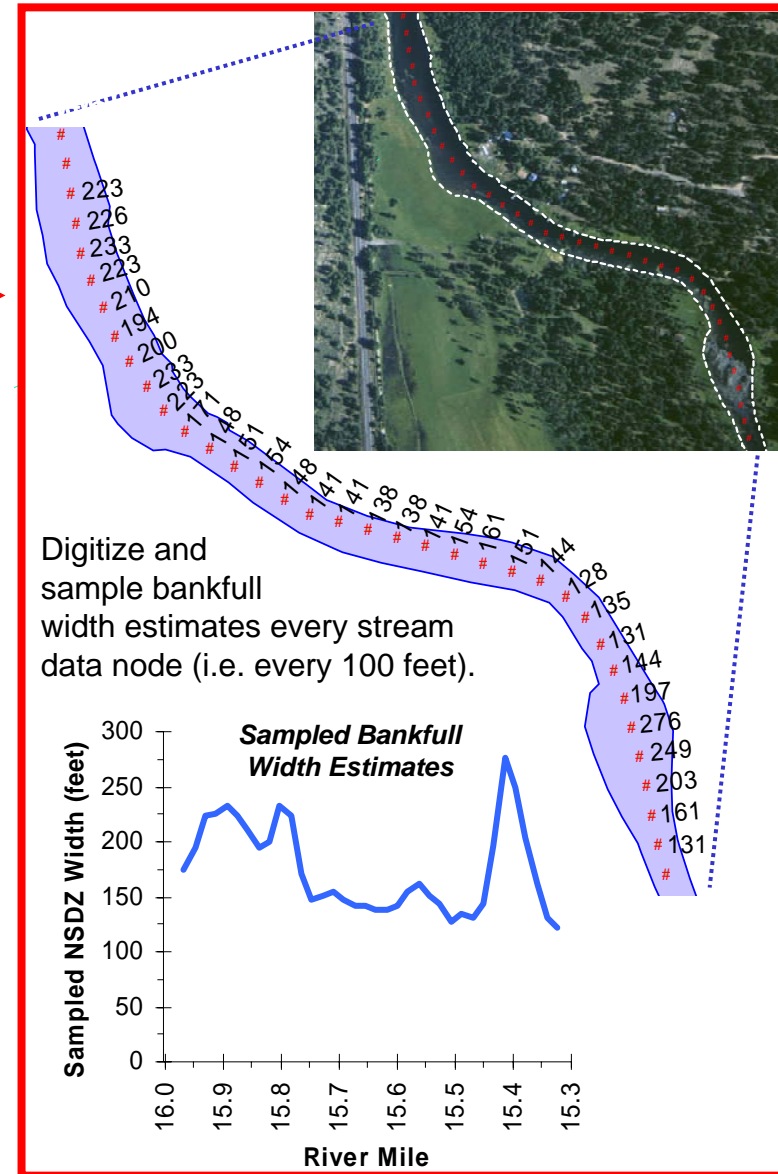
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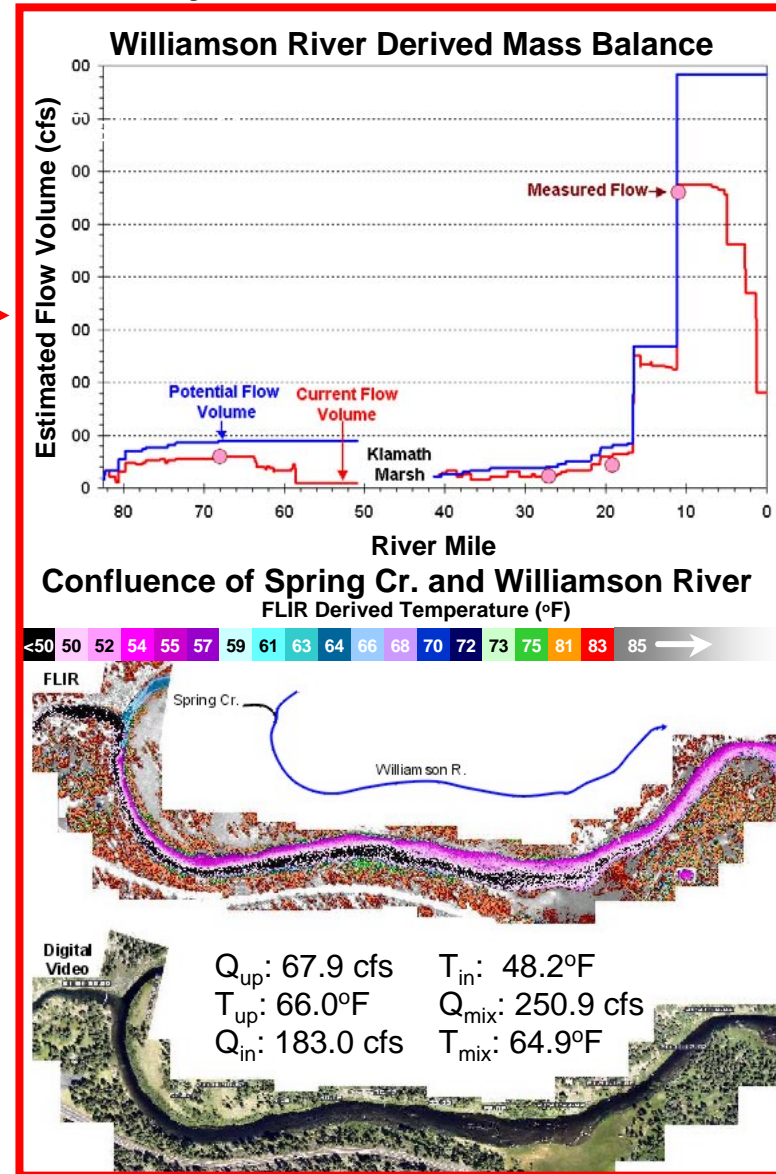
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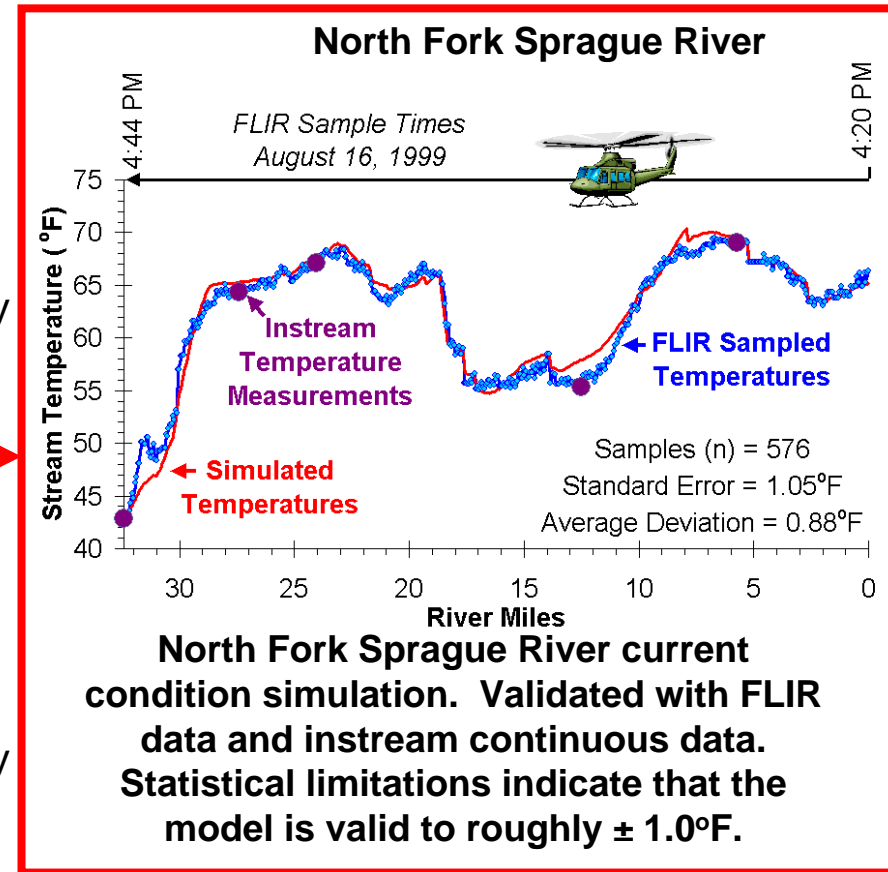
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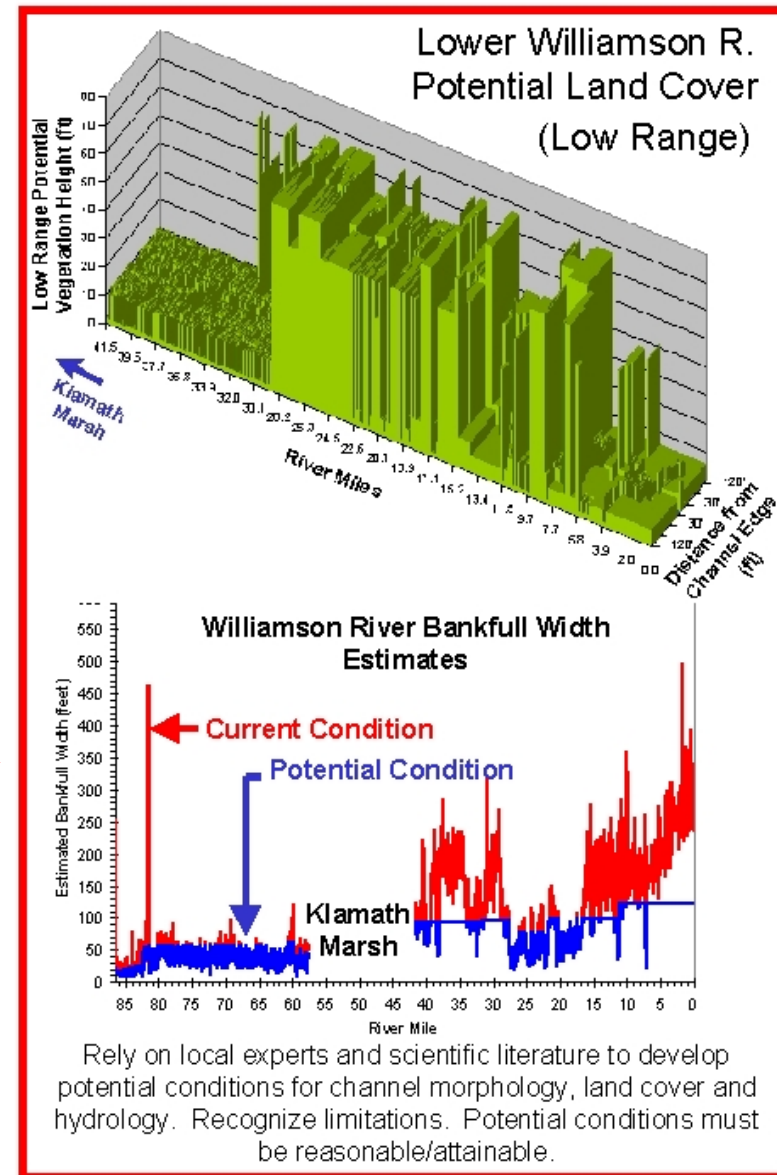
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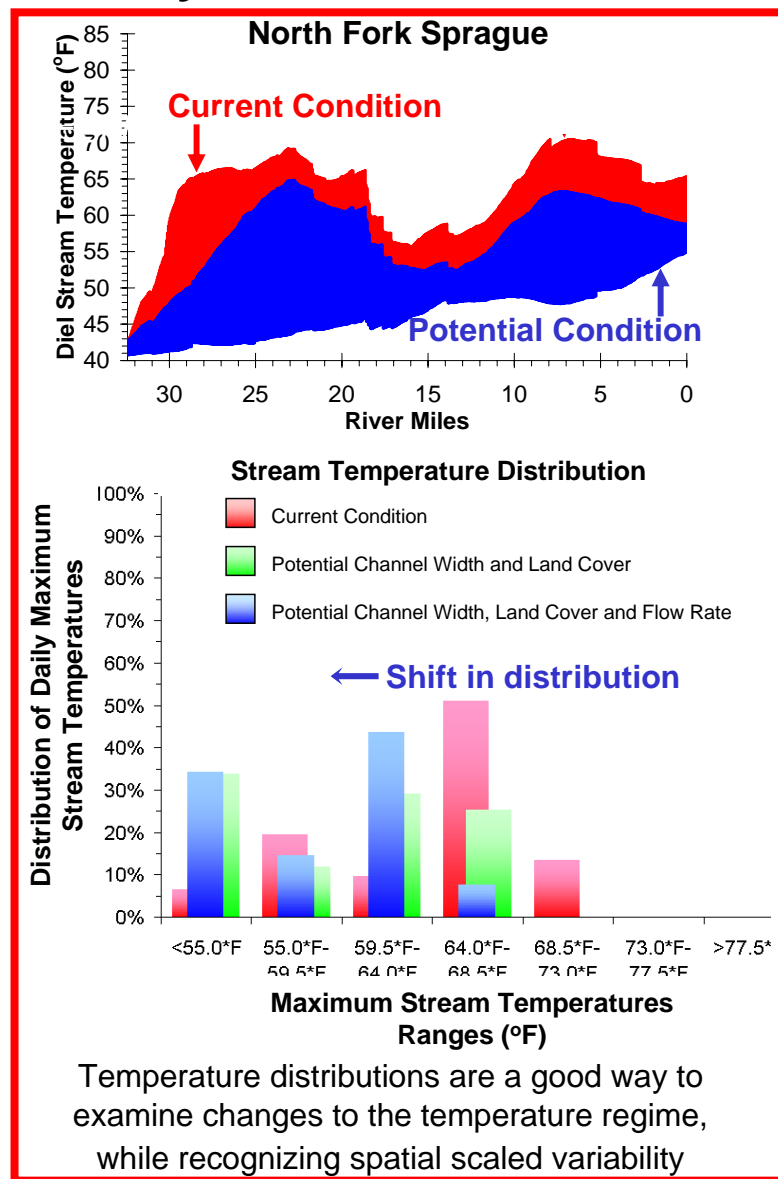
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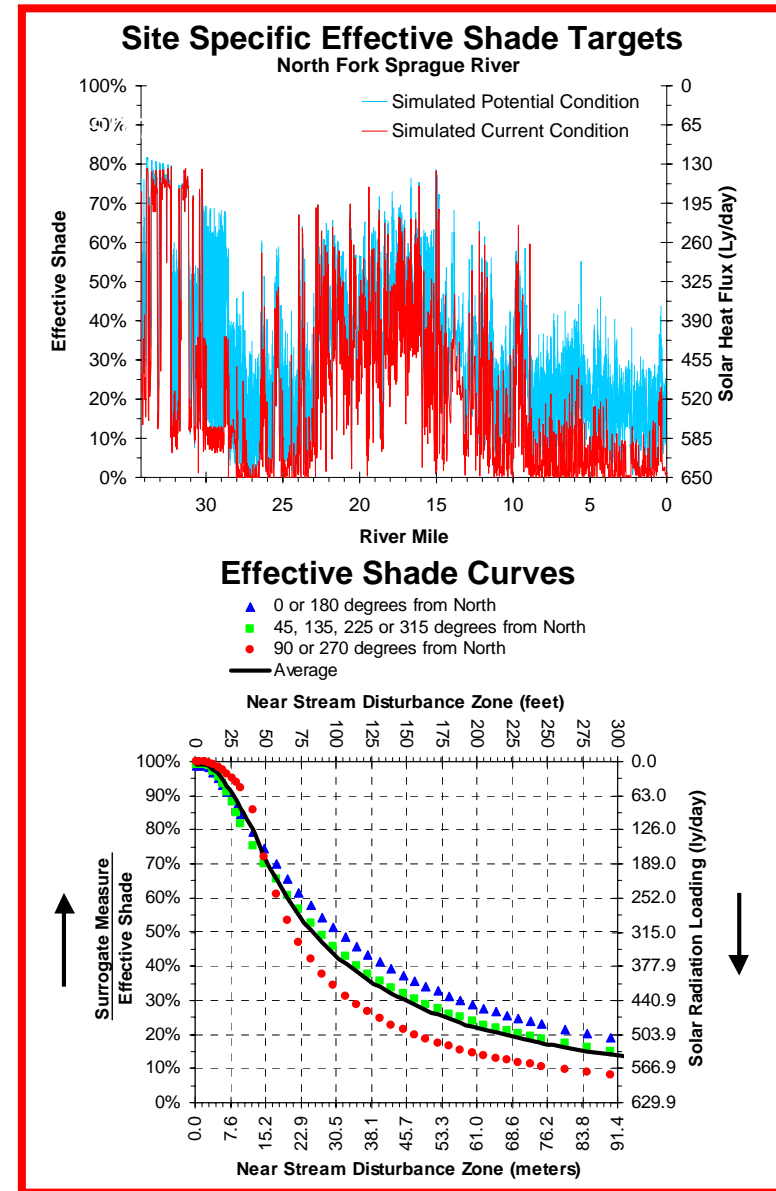
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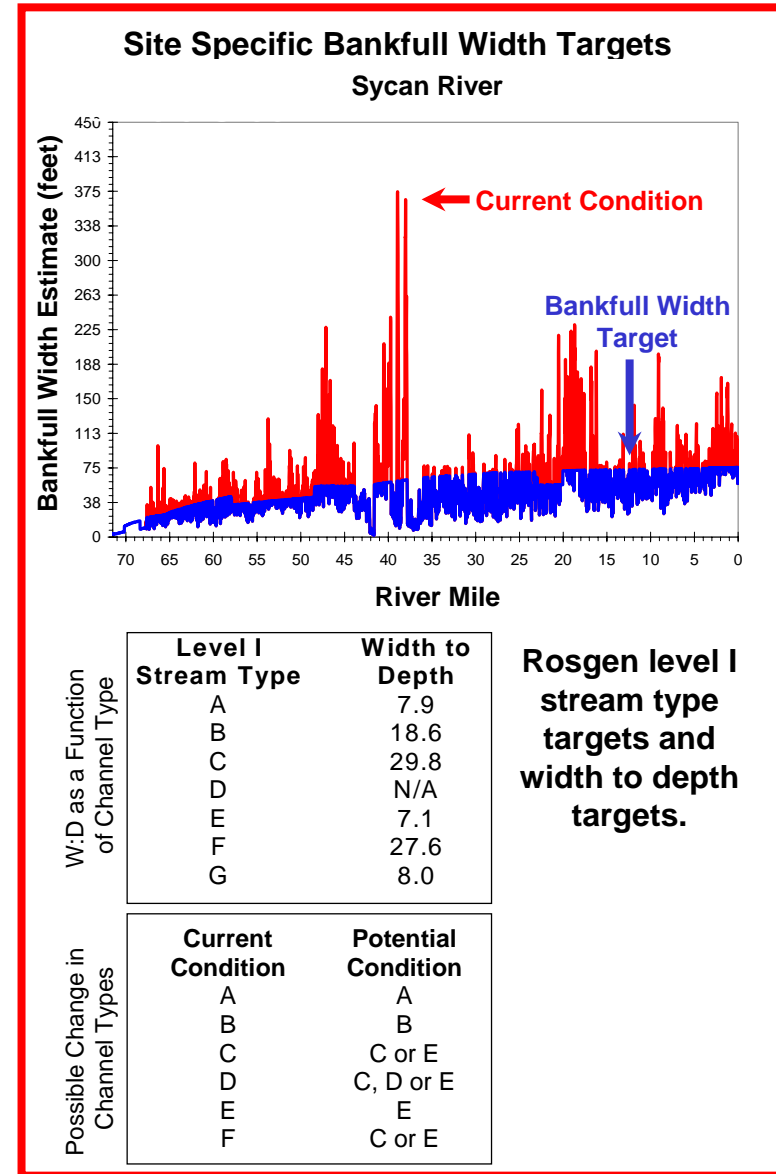
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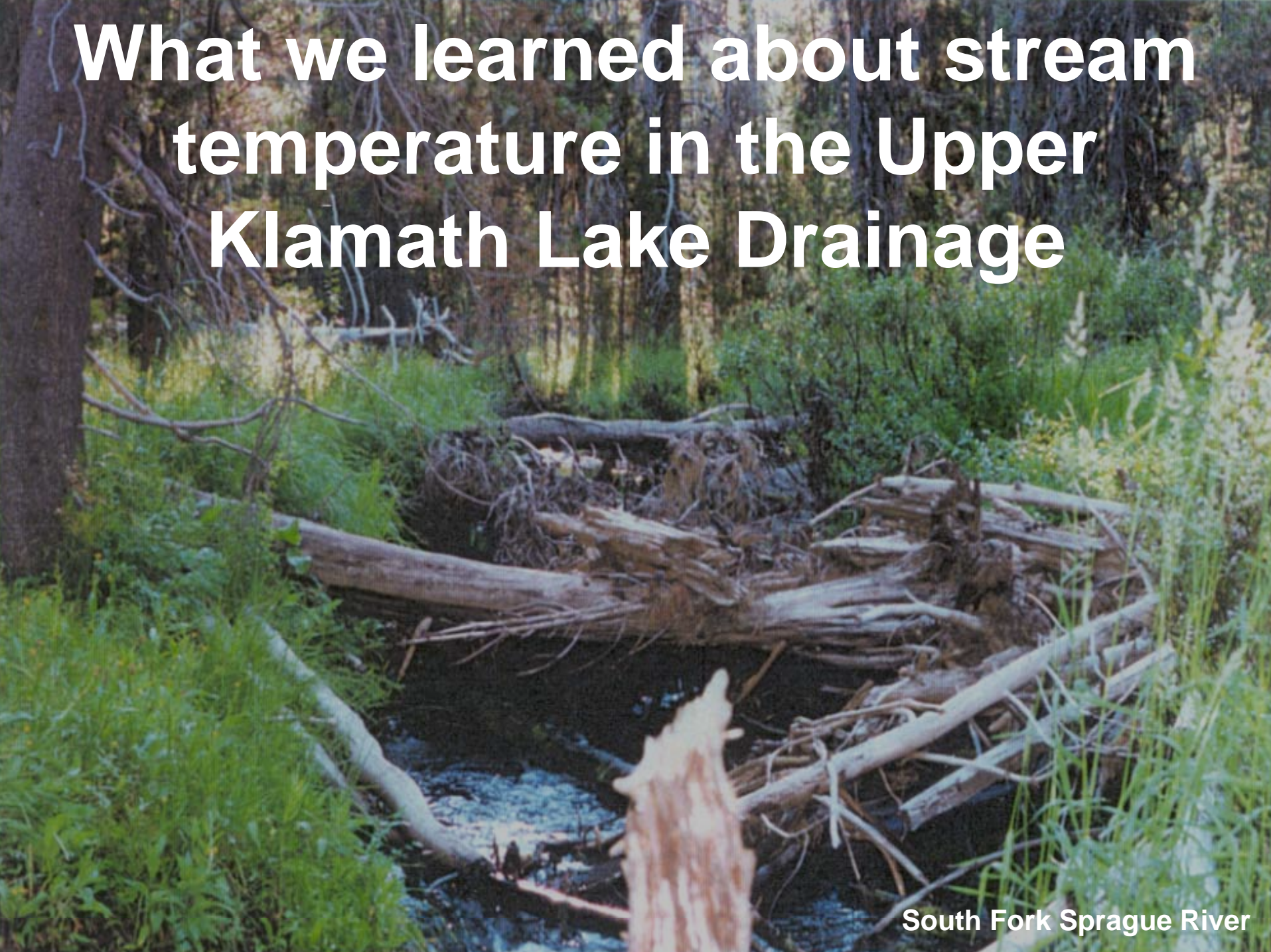
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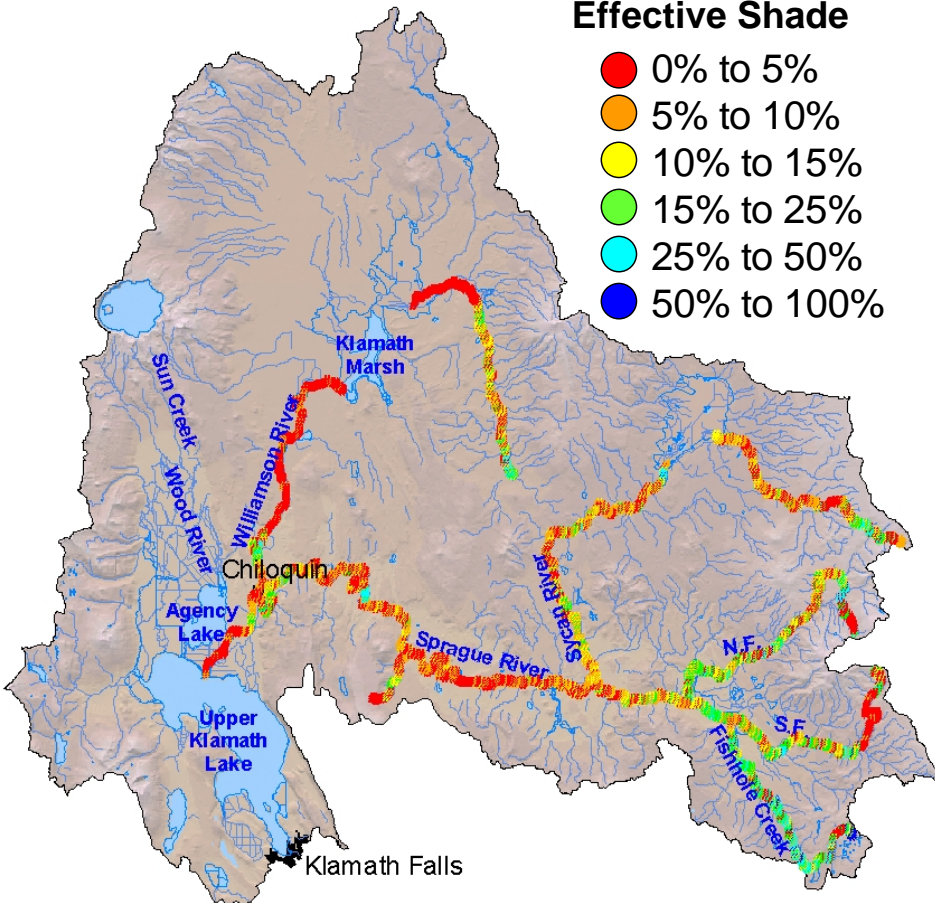
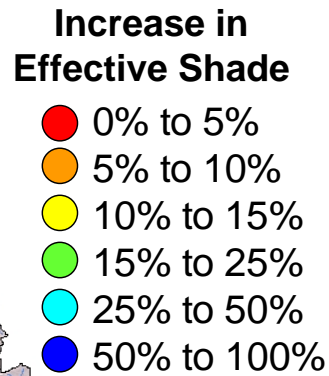
What we learned about stream temperature in the Upper Klamath Lake Drainage



South Fork Sprague River

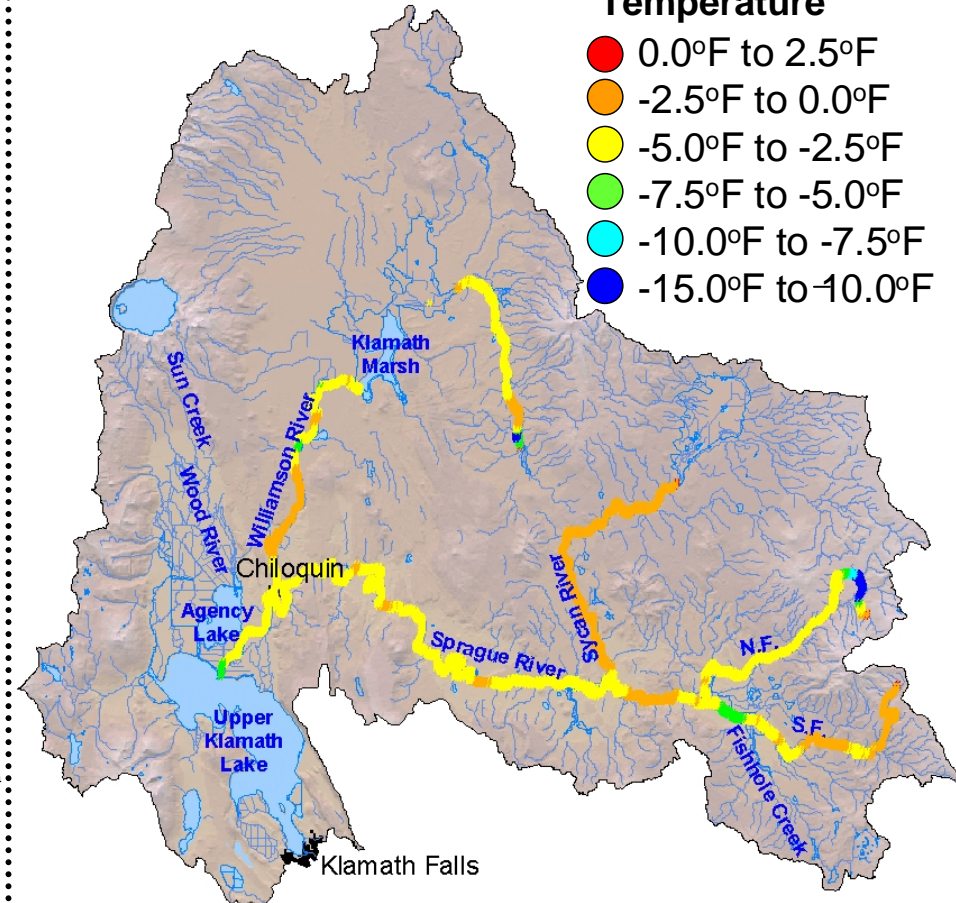
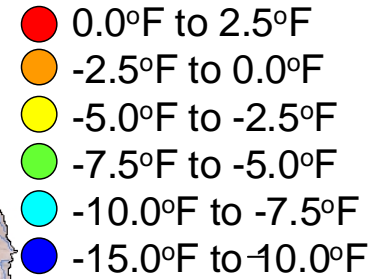
Conclusion #1 - Modest increases in effective shade produce thermally significant cooling.

Increase in Effective Shade Resulting from Potential Channel Width & Land Cover



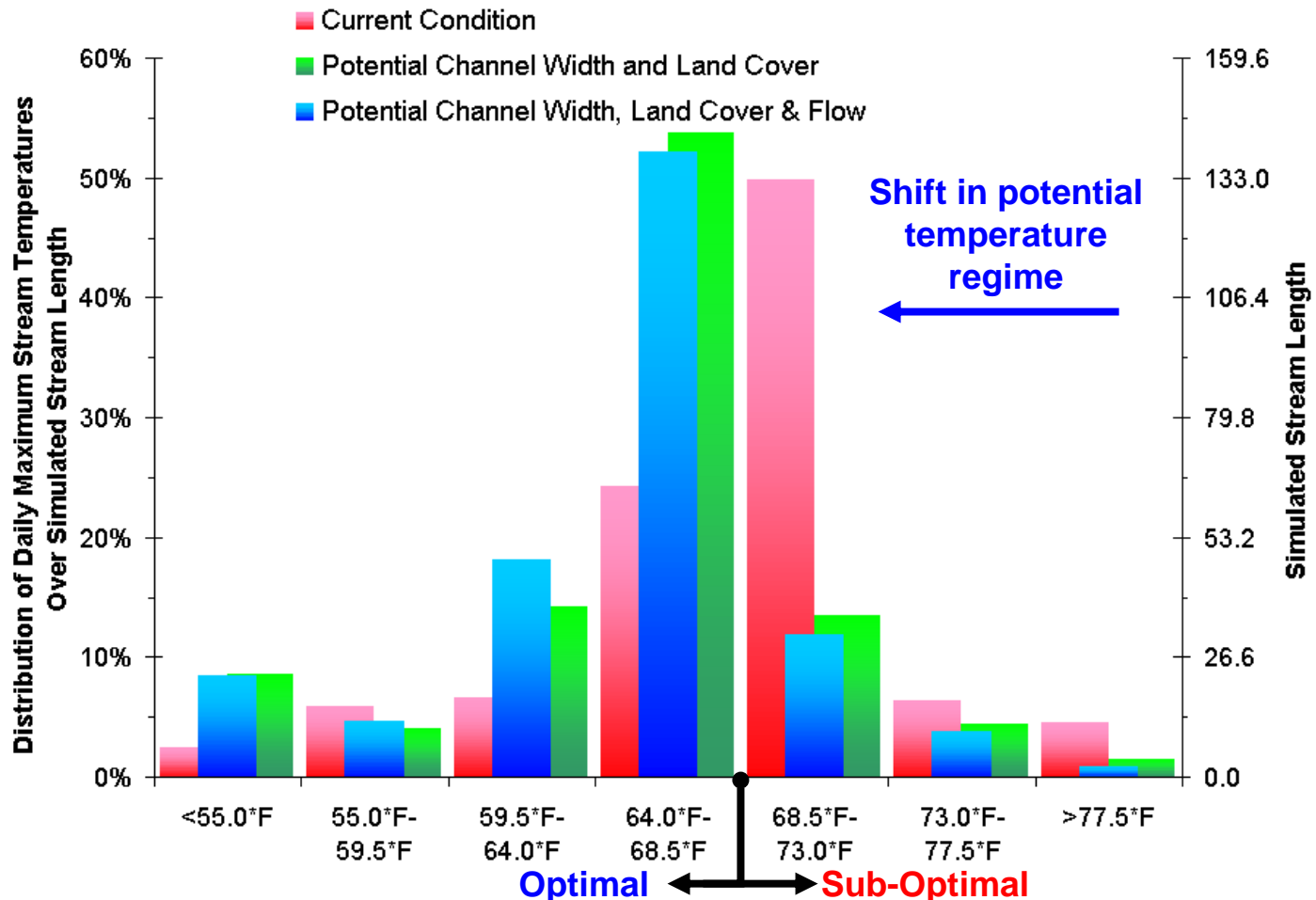
Temperature Difference Resulting from Potential Channel Width & Land Cover

Resulting Change in Maximum Daily Stream Temperature



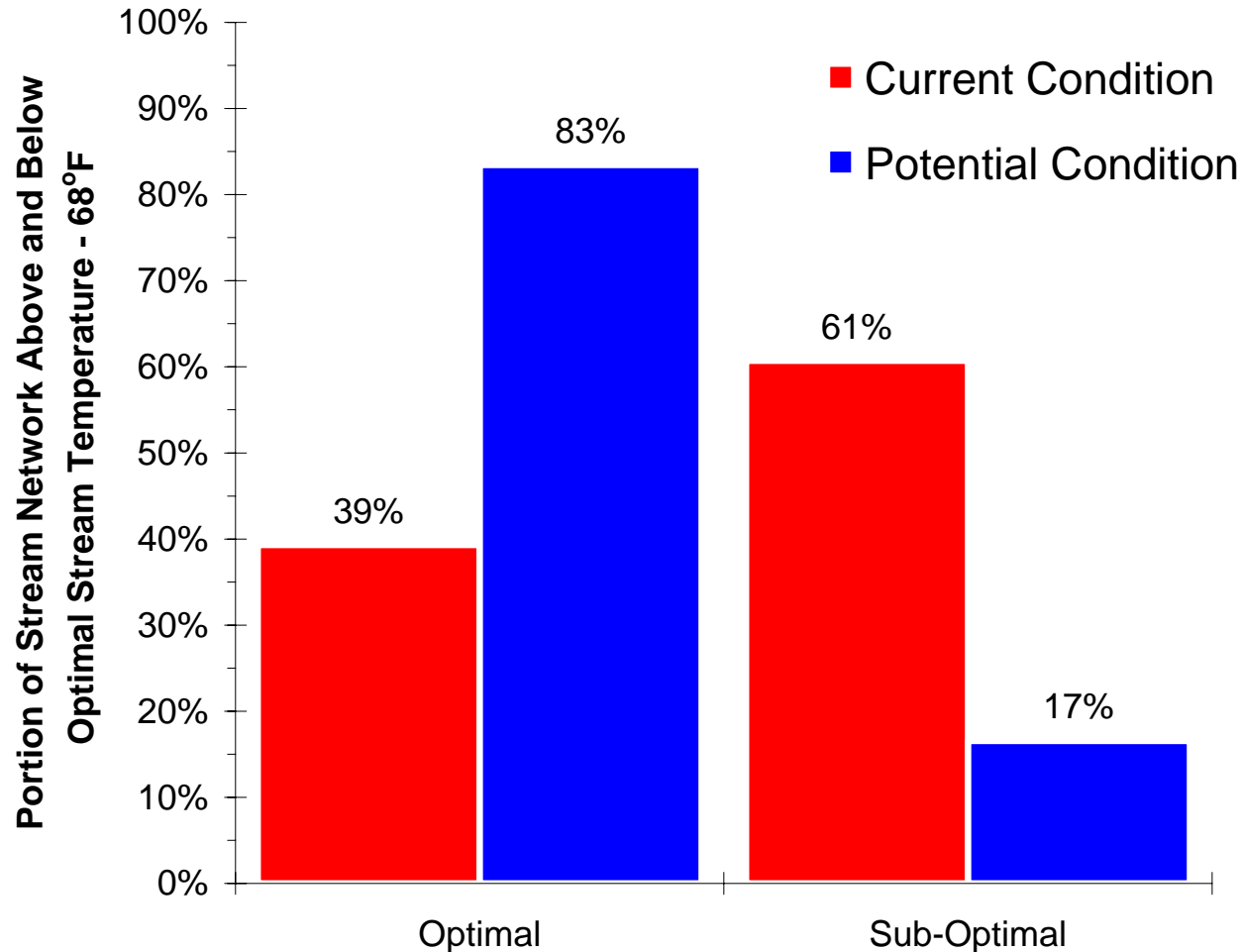
Conclusion #2 - Thermal variability includes departures from biologically derived temperature threshold conditions (i.e. proposed new Redband Trout limit of 68°F). This holds true even in the defined “potential conditions.”

Simulated Potential Daily Maximum Stream Temperature Summaries



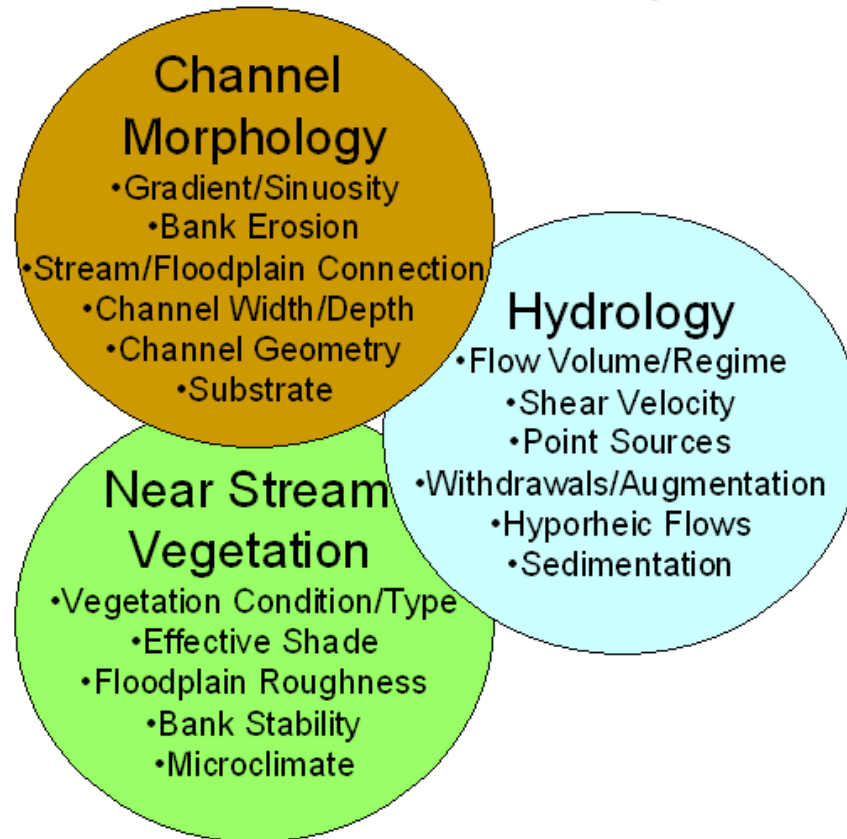
Conclusion #3 - The shift in stream temperature distribution is favorable to fish. An additional 117 stream miles are expected to become optimal, making sub-optimal thermal exposure very limited in the potential condition.

Temperature Distribution Changes Resulting from Potential Conditions



Conclusion #4 - Simple conceptual models that focus on a single stream, landscape or atmospheric parameter will fail to capture the interactions of a multitude of parameters that are interrelated. These parameters combine to have complex thermal effects.

There are Several Stream Physical Parameters that Influence Temperature



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Conclusion #5 - A comprehensive restoration approach should be developed that focuses on the protection and recovery of near stream land cover and channel morphology, and increases instream flow volume.

