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From: Director, National Science and Technology Center

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In 1991, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director approved the Riparian-Wetland Initiative for the 1990s, which established national goals of restoring, protecting, and maintaining BLM's riparian-wetland resources. This initiative was expanded in 1996 to involve the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service through the "Accelerated Cooperative Riparian Restoration and Management" effort.

To assist these agencies in managing this valuable resource, the National Science and Technology Center helped develop and print a new technical reference. Technical Reference TR 1737-17, A Guide to Managing, Restoring, and Conserving Springs in the Western United States provides information on the characteristics of springs in the Western U.S. and identifies techniques for managing a spring habitat that will allow use, maintain biological integrity, and restore degraded habitats. This document outlines spring management goals and discusses methods for prioritizing management actions. This guidance is also intended to facilitate implementation of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) pertaining to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Species at Risk Program for springsnail conservation.

Copies of TR 1737-17 can be obtained by contacting the Printed Materials Distribution Section (PMDS) located at the National Business Center. When you are ordering this document from PMDS (BC-650B) be sure to use the correct title and item number TR 1737-17.

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