

## **RIPARIAN CHALLENGE**

### **Criteria for Evaluation**

1. The Riparian Challenge has been established as an annual event to encourage continued on-the-ground accomplishments in riparian habitat management in States encompassed by the Western Division AFS. Entries must document riparian habitat management efforts where resource values will be or have been improved. Examples of these resource values include:

- a) streambank stability
- b) water quality
- c) vegetative diversity
- d) stream flows
- e) subsurface water supplies
- f) aquatic/fish habitat
- g) terrestrial wildlife habitat
- h) forage production
- i) recreation/aesthetic qualities

2. Land use plans, research projects, handbooks or technical guidelines are not eligible. These are products that are not actually on-the-ground accomplishments or achievements. Entries must be demonstrations or examples of multiple-use management in an operational context.

3. One typed entry form from each office should be submitted no later than February 18, 2002. Include at least one labeled 35 mm slide of the project or plan area. Completed entries should be submitted to the Western Division Riparian, Watershed and Habitat Committee Chair at the address listed below:

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4. Winners will be selected in the following categories (dependent on the number of submissions received):

- 1. Best Resource Area
- 2. Best District
- 3. Best State

5. Winning units will be selected on the basis of total points received from the judges for all projects/plans submitted by an office. Points will be awarded based on the resource protection afforded by each project/plan. Small projects are important and valuable, a number of small projects can equal the point total of an extensive multi-resource cooperative management effort. Awards for the District/State will be made based on the entries received from the subordinate field offices. The Riparian, Watersheds and Habitat Committee of the Western Division of AFS will make selections. Awards will be presented during the banquet on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Western Division in Spokane, Washington.