Primary Learning Outcomes

This workshop will bring together NRCS conservationists and partners in Idaho interested in how to use beaver, and beaver dam analogues, as low-cost tools to restore riparian areas to benefit wildlife and working lands. Participants will come away with:

1. An appreciation of beaver ecology and the complex feedbacks between beaver activity, hydrogeomorphic responses, riparian vegetation and ecology;
2. Exposure to ways in which beaver and beaver dam analogues can be used as restoration tool to mitigate specific impairments;
3. Introduction to considerations in planning, permitting, design and building such restoration projects;
4. Knowledge of how to use adaptive management in managing expectations about beaver as a restoration agent and/or nuisance impacts;
5. First-hand experience designing and building some beaver dam analogues;
6. A chance to interact with experienced practitioners & share perspectives