Creeks and Communities

A Continuing Strategy for Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Restoration and Management

Accelerating Cooperative Riparian Restoration & Management

Bear Creek, Oregon

Jane’s Meadow, WY
1989

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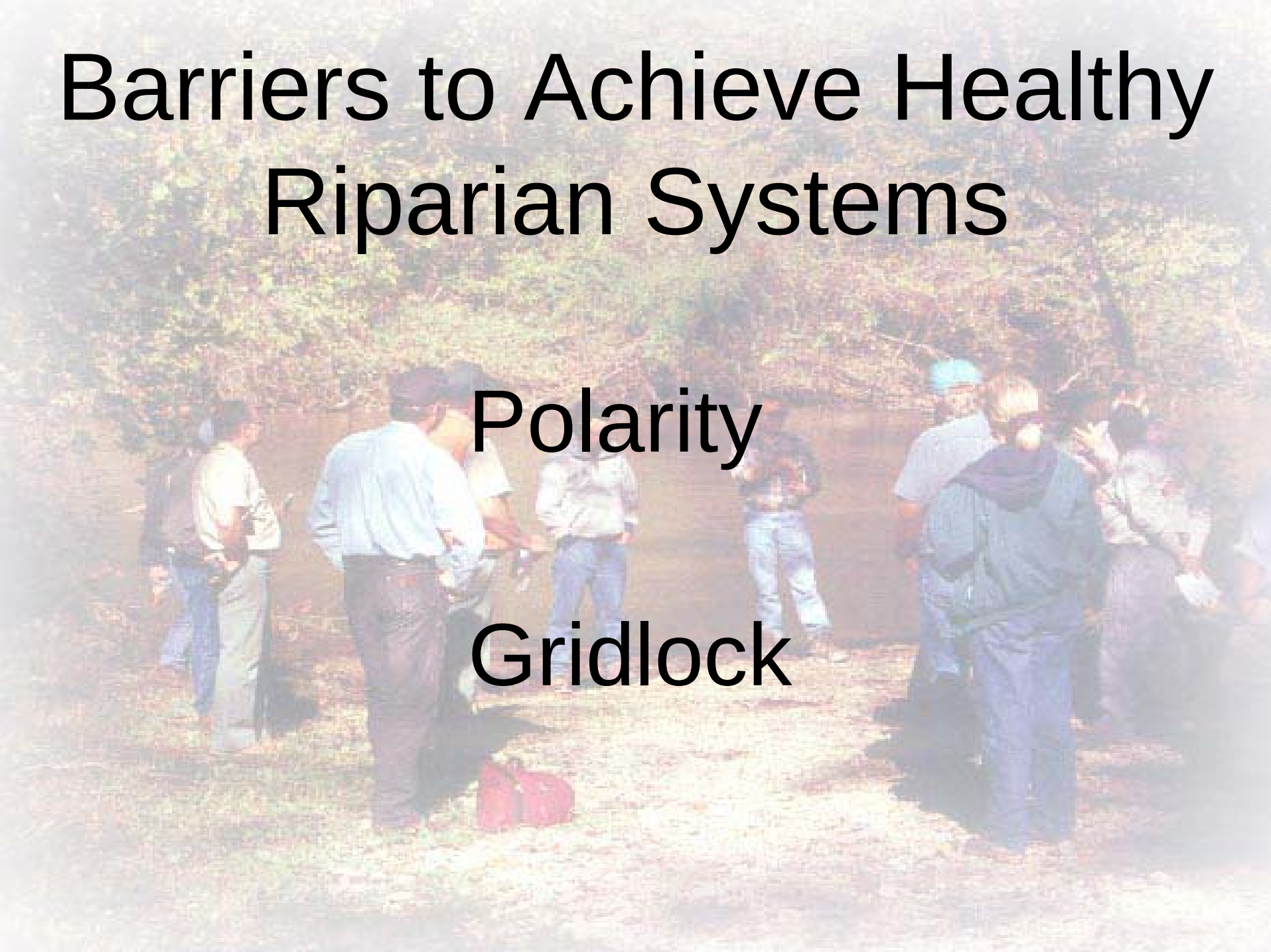
1997

Topics for Discussion:

- Need for the strategy
- Evaluation of the strategy
- Revised Goals and Objectives

Comments and Discussion

Barriers to Achieve Healthy Riparian Systems



Polarity

Gridlock

The Strategy:

- Encourages Relationships
- Builds trust
- Creates a common vision

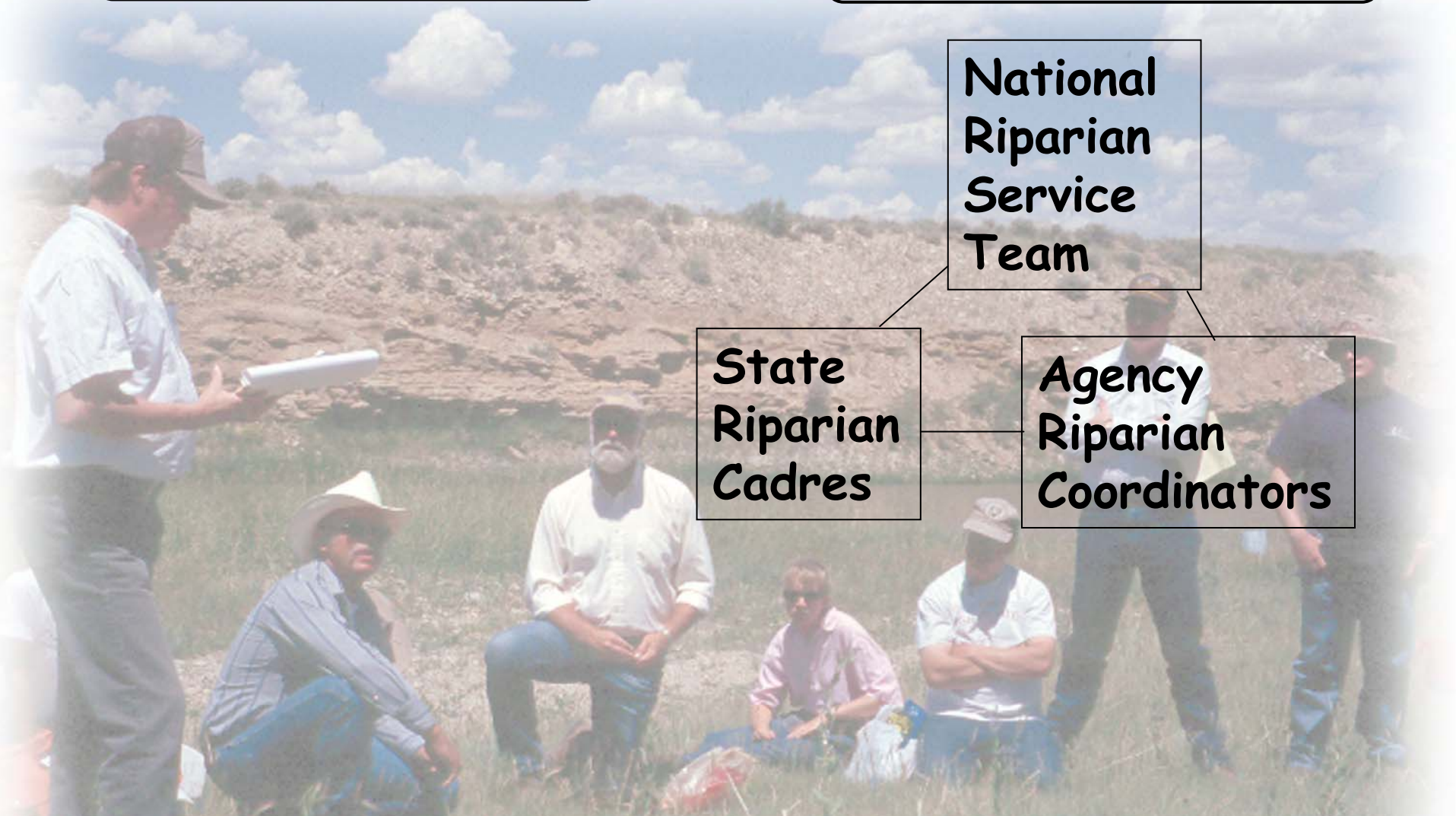
Through community outreach and education, and advisory services

“Restoration will not happen by regulation,changes in the law, more money, or any of the normal bureaucratic approaches. It will only occur through the integration of ecological, economic, and social factors, and participation of affected interests.”

Tools

Riparian-Wetland Physical Function

Riparian Coordination Network



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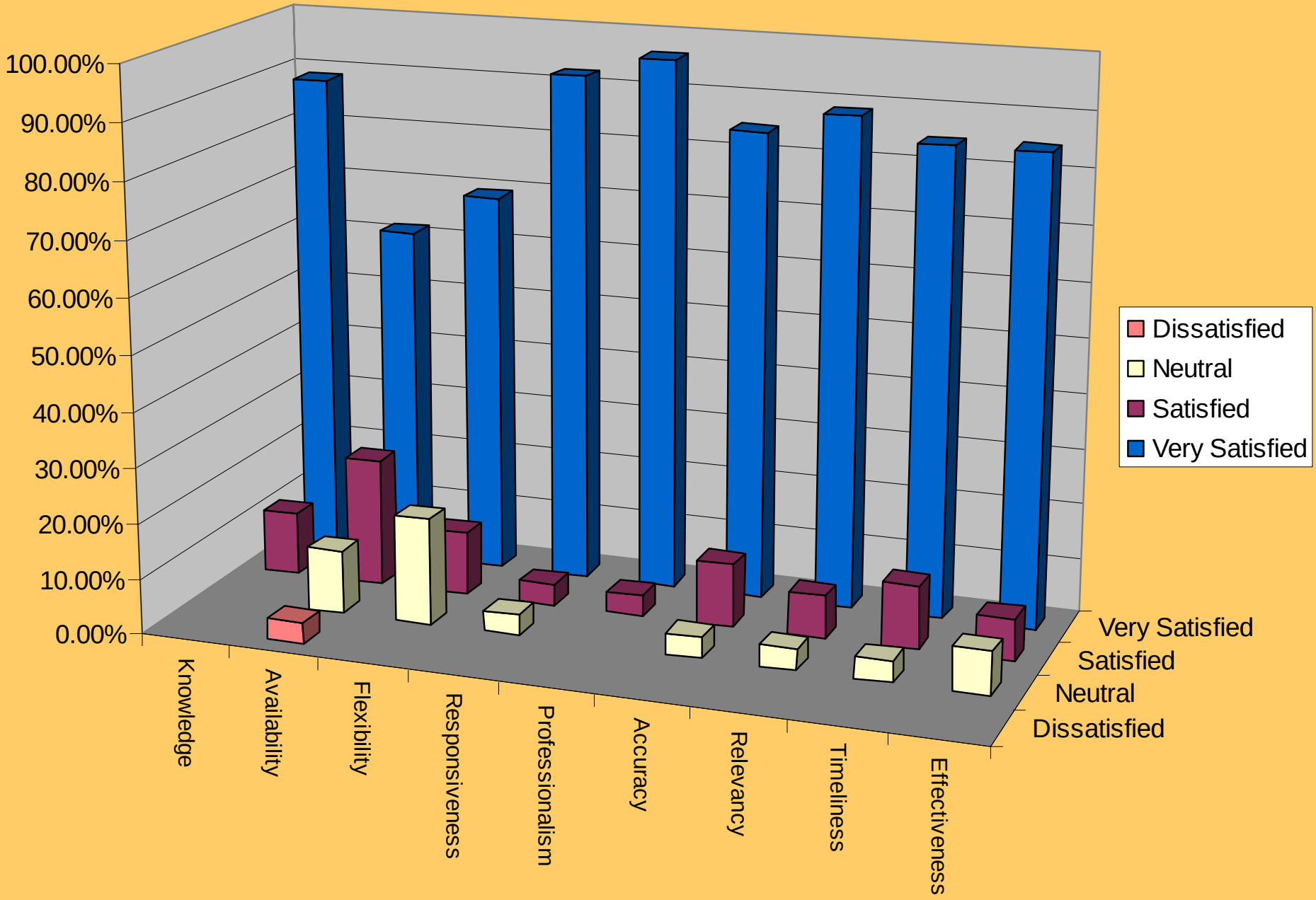
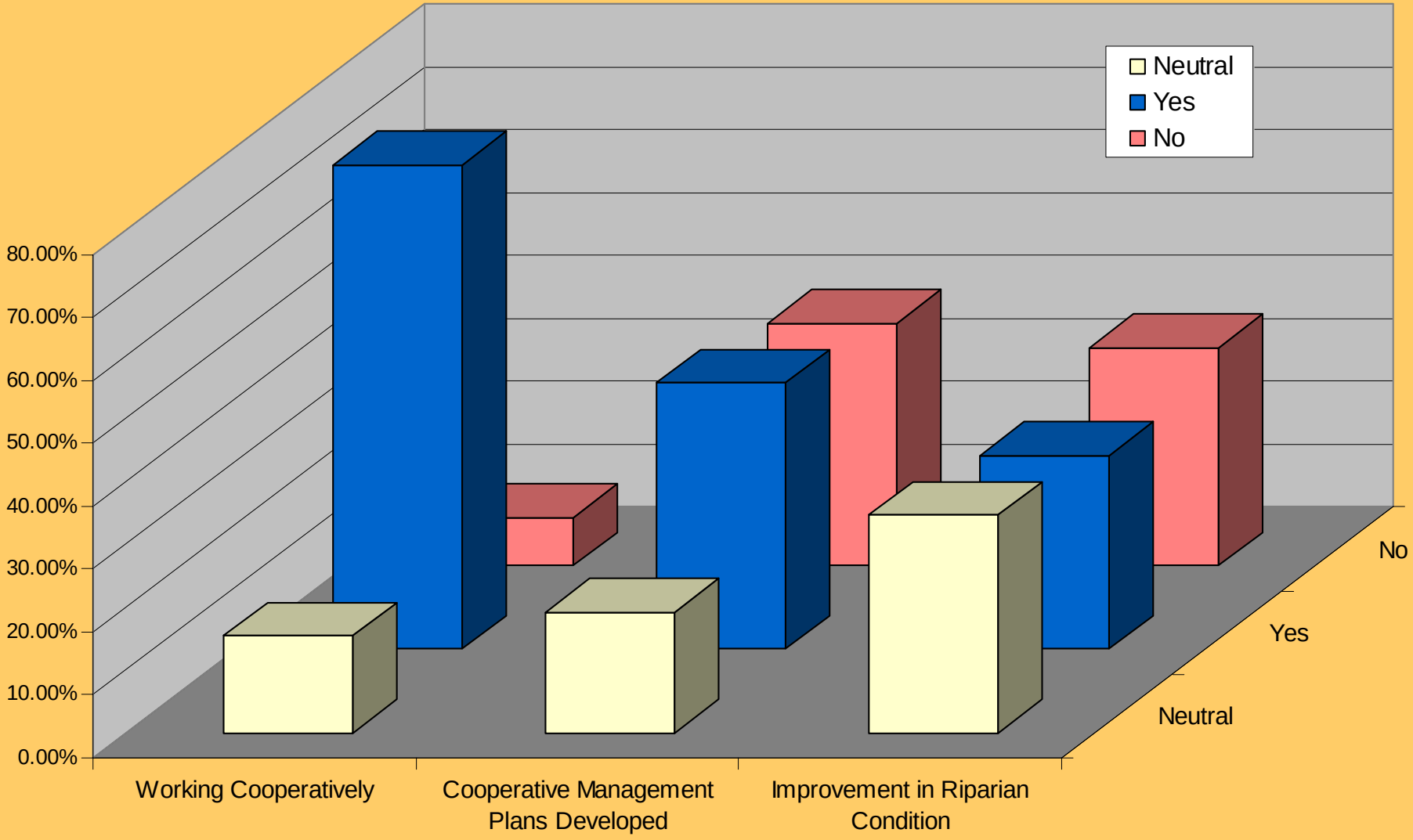
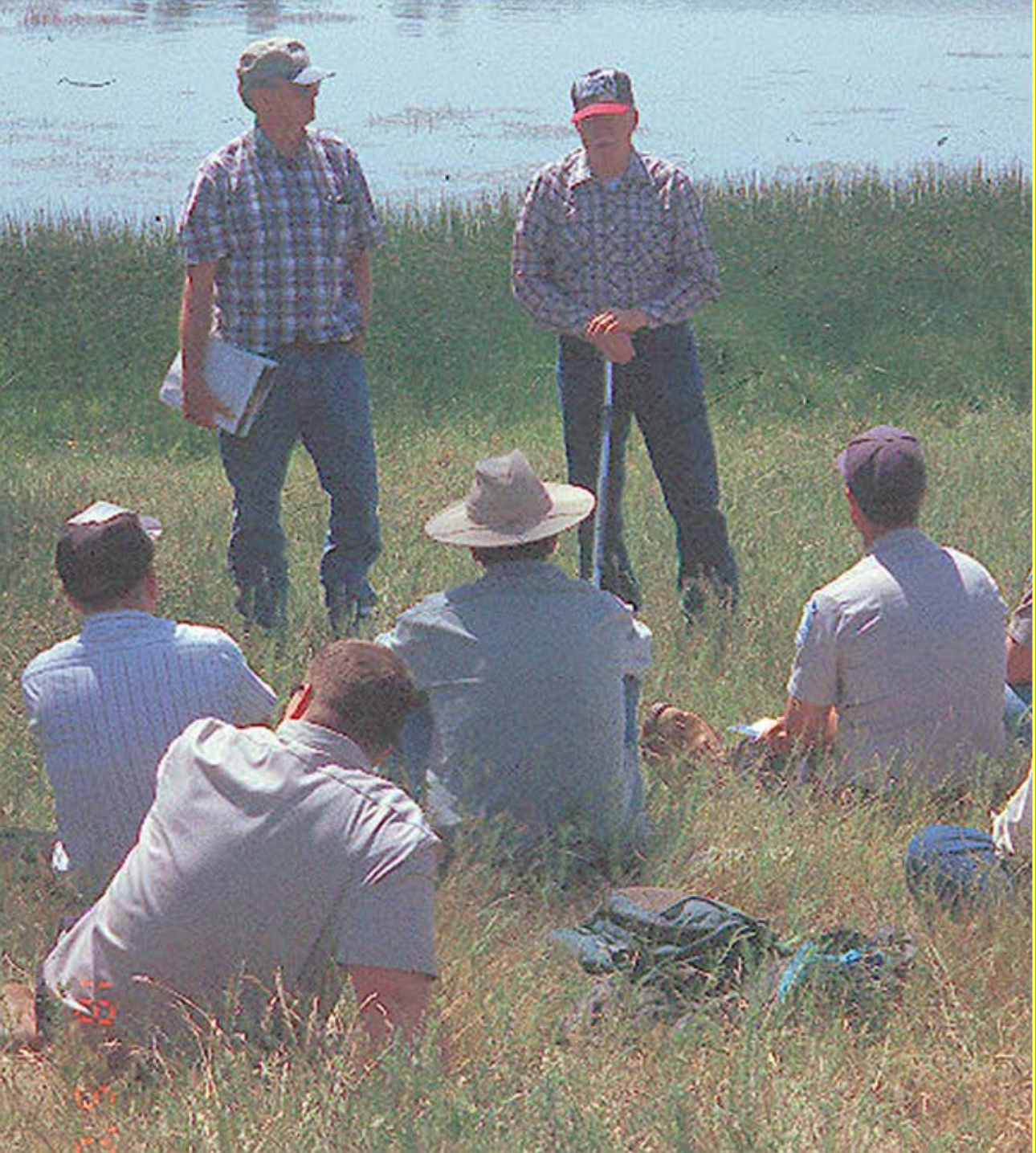


Service Trip Results



Initial	Future
Science-based approach	Resource sustainability
Reliable sources of water	Local community participation
Secondary – Social Dimension	Community economic stability

The Revised Strategy



Goal

Critical Mass of People

Shared Knowledge

Sustainability

Objective

Create awareness and understanding

Invite multiple scale participation

Objective

Provide tools

Develop solutions

- resource
- human/social

Objective

Ensure consistency and effectiveness

Program management and accountability

Dixie Creek, NV
1989

Dixie Creek, NV
1995

Sheep Creek, ID

1994

2000

Burro Creek, AZ
1981

Burro Creek, AZ
2000

Success Depends On

- **Additional institutional support**
  - Recognition of this model as a way to foster development of collaborative solutions
  - Integration into existing and future programs
  - Increased participation
  - Support for collective action

Healthy Streams Through Bringing People Together

Little Muddy Creek, WY

Photo Point

1989

1999

The approach helps communities change their perception of being a victim of decisions to a partner in local solutions.