

BEAVER AND MAN – THEY CAN CO-EXIST™s

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Beaver (*Castor Canadensis*) have been considered a nuisance as populations re-establish on much of the former range they were extirpated from in the mid 1800s. Society is slowly becoming informed of the role beaver play in establishing and maintaining fully functioning riparian ecosystems. Some values in having beaver dams, such as for flood control and improved fishery habitat, will be explored. Understanding beaver habits and working with them can minimize confrontations and build valuable partnerships. Examples of man working with beaver to protect roads, trees, and adjacent uplands will also be explored.