

DNR Local Governments Forum – May 20, 2026

Topic: Natural Streams and Culvert Designs

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

Presentations & Discussion

- 1) Jen Sorensen (DNR Public Waters Hydrologist) and Ceil Strauss (DNR State Floodplain Manager):

Overview of public waters and floodplain permitting requirements – 15 mins.

- 2) Brady Swanson (DNR Stream Habitat Specialist):

Aquatic organism passage – 15 mins.

- 3) Amy Childers (DNR River Systems Information & Training Coordinator):

How culverts affect stream stability – 15 mins.

- 4) Brian Mason (DNR River Specialist):

Inventorying and prioritizing culverts within a watershed – 15 mins.

- 5) Salam Murtada (DNR Floodplain Hydrologist):

Floodplain culvert benefits – 15 mins.

Questions & Answers

Training Updates & Wrap Up