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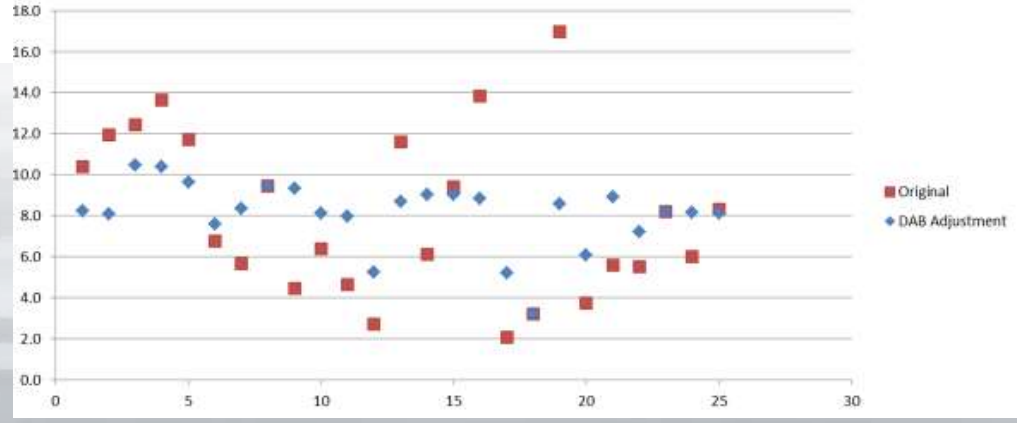
Watershed Response Factor

Global implications for using a tool to address water security



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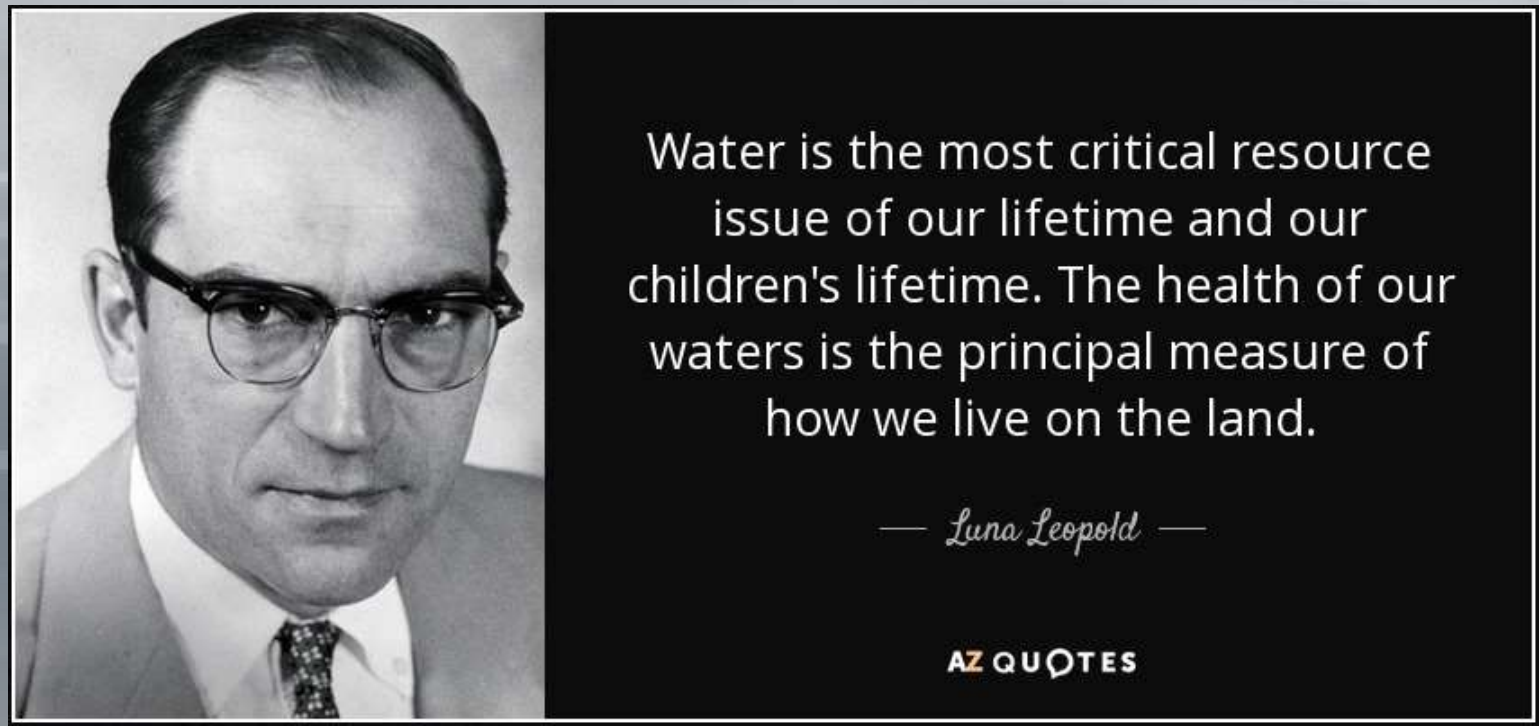

Water Security - Concerns

- Urbanization
- Terrorism
- Runoff Rates
- Evaporation/Transpiration
- Waste of Agricultural Water
- Drought
- Industrialization
- Earthquakes
- Climate Change

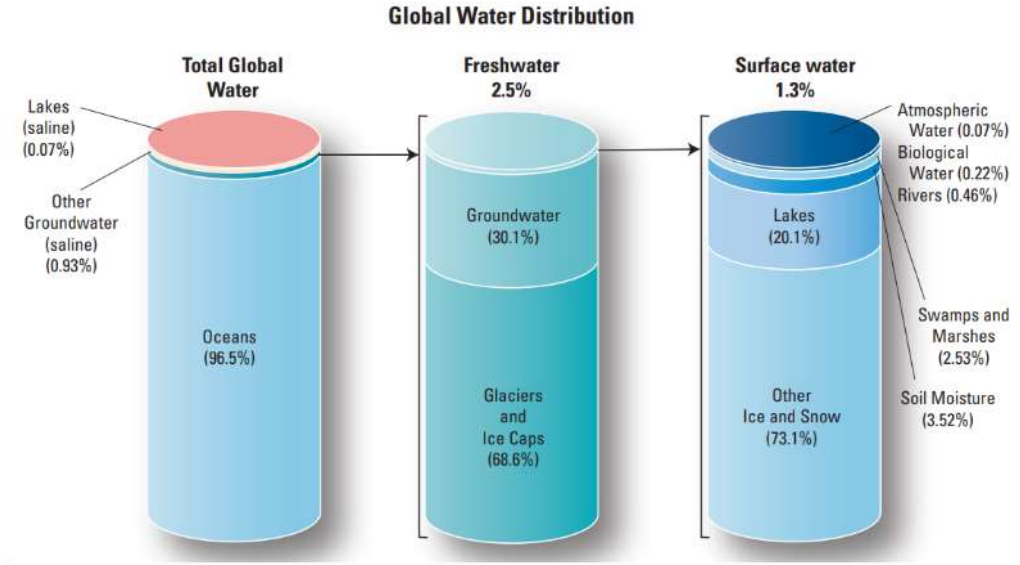

Figure 1. Data taken from United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, 2006.

- World Bank is aware of the seriousness of water-security issues.
  (Young 2006)

- Since ancient times, limiting access to water has been used as a weapon through the destruction of water resources and distribution facilities

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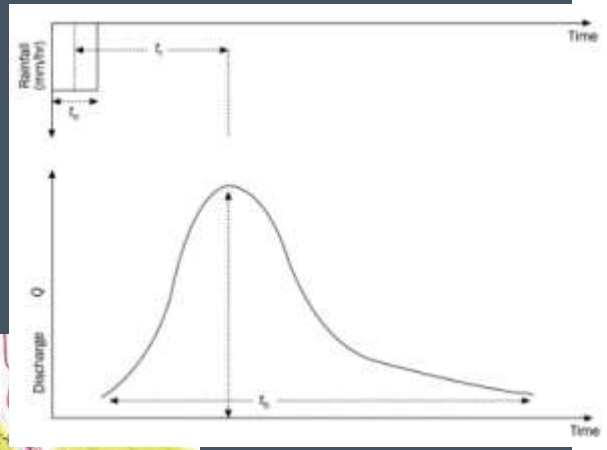
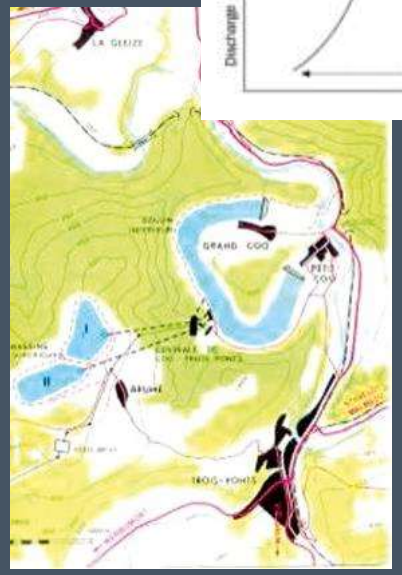
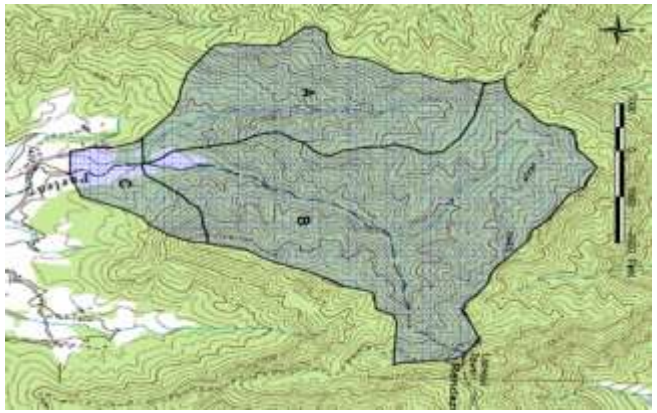
Unit Hydrograph and Water Security

Concerns





- Catchments
- Diversions
- Cross-basin transfers
- Urbanization
- Stormwater BMPS
- Shape of Watersheds
- Characteristics of Watersheds
- Rainfall Intensity
- Rainfall Quantity
- Unknown concerns



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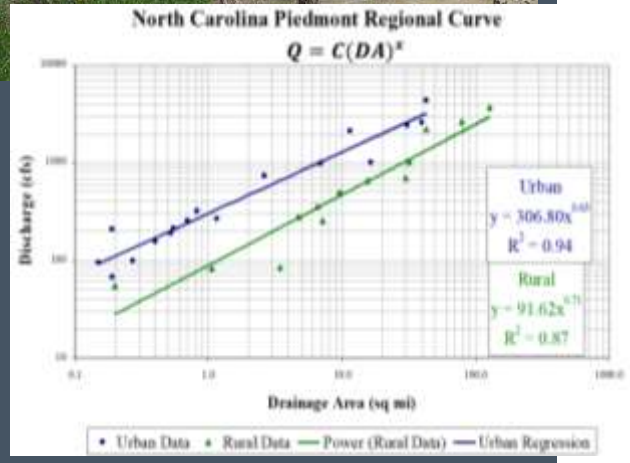
Bankfull Regional Curves
(Hydraulic Geometry Relationships)



- Serves as a “data supported” basis for estimating the bankfull discharge and bankfull channel dimension (cross-sectional area, width and depth) at selected un-gaged sites, with a known watershed or drainage area.

- Bankfull Discharge - Fills a stable channel up to the elevation of the “active” floodplain.

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Purpose Bankfull Regional Curves

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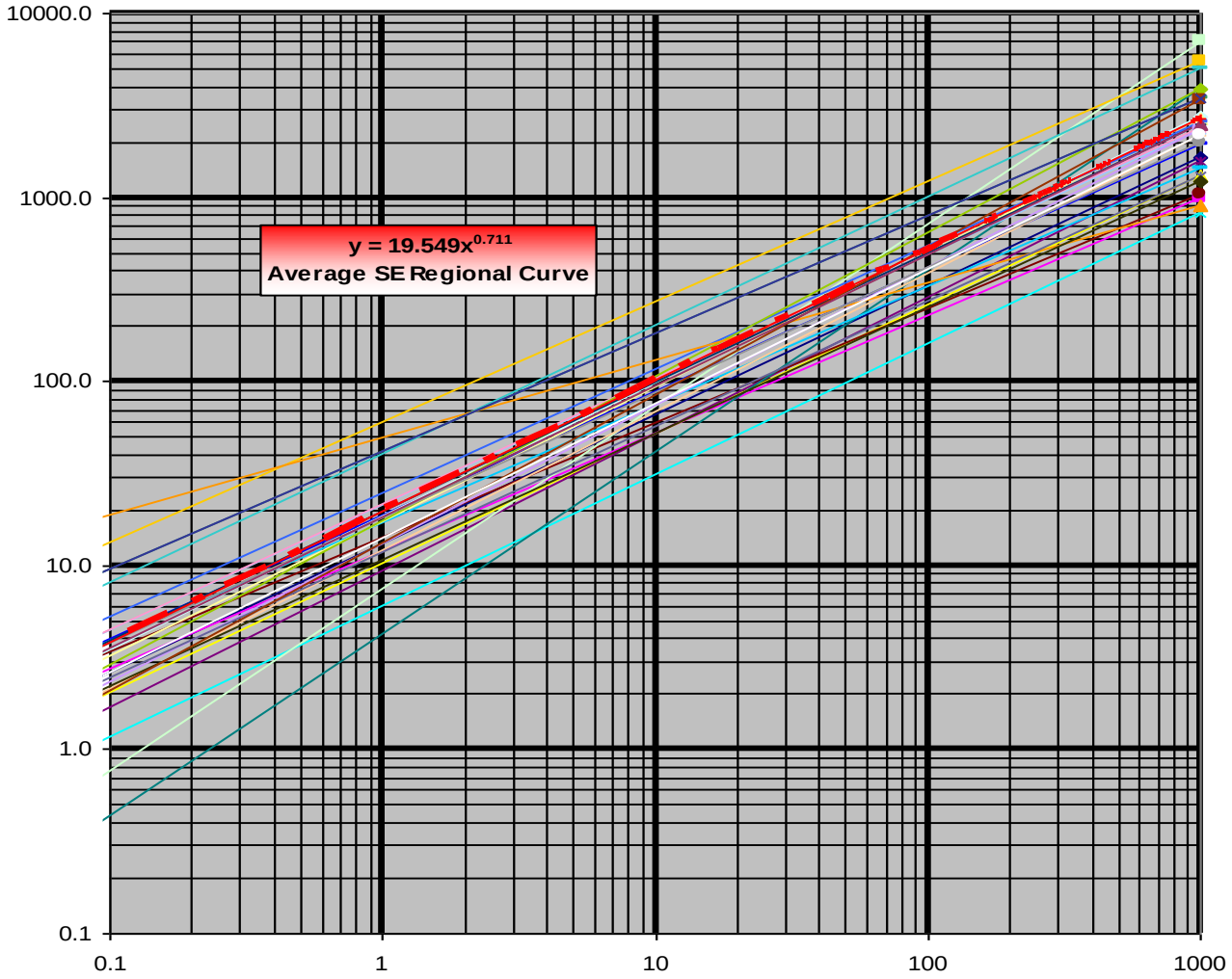
- Develop a tool to determine “bankfull” stage and discharge in un-gaged watersheds.
  - Bankfull is the surrogate for the full range of flows

    M. Gordon ‘Reds’ Wolman

- Aid in Natural Channel Design.
- Aid in River Stability Assessment
- Can only be used in the same hydro-physiographic province?
- How do we know if a Regional Curve is “Wrong”?



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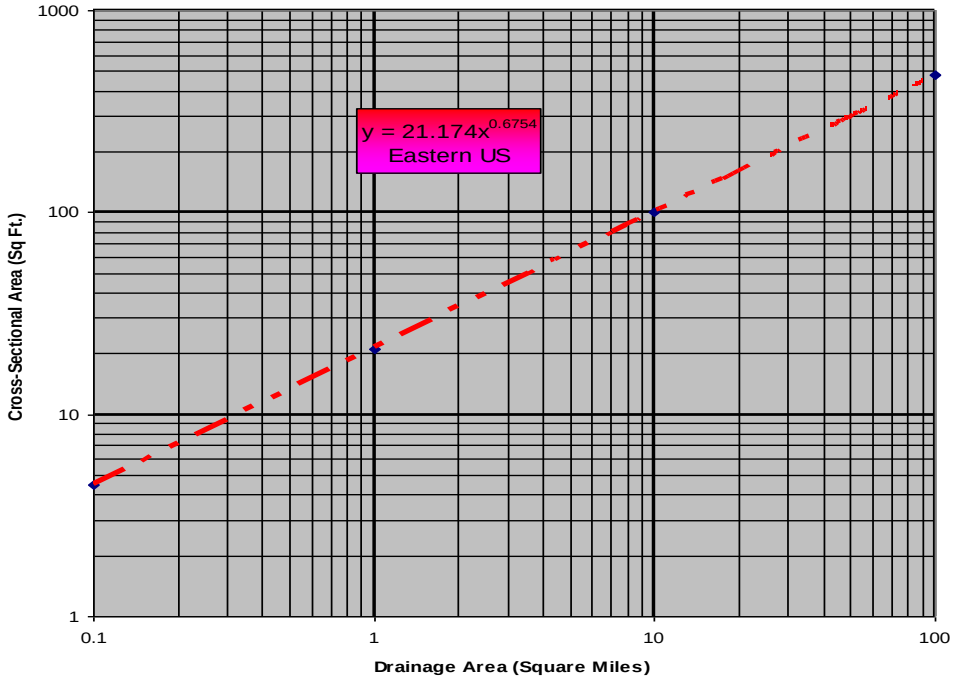
- Greg Jennings
  NCSU 2004

Eastern United States Regional Curve

Dunne and Leopold 1978



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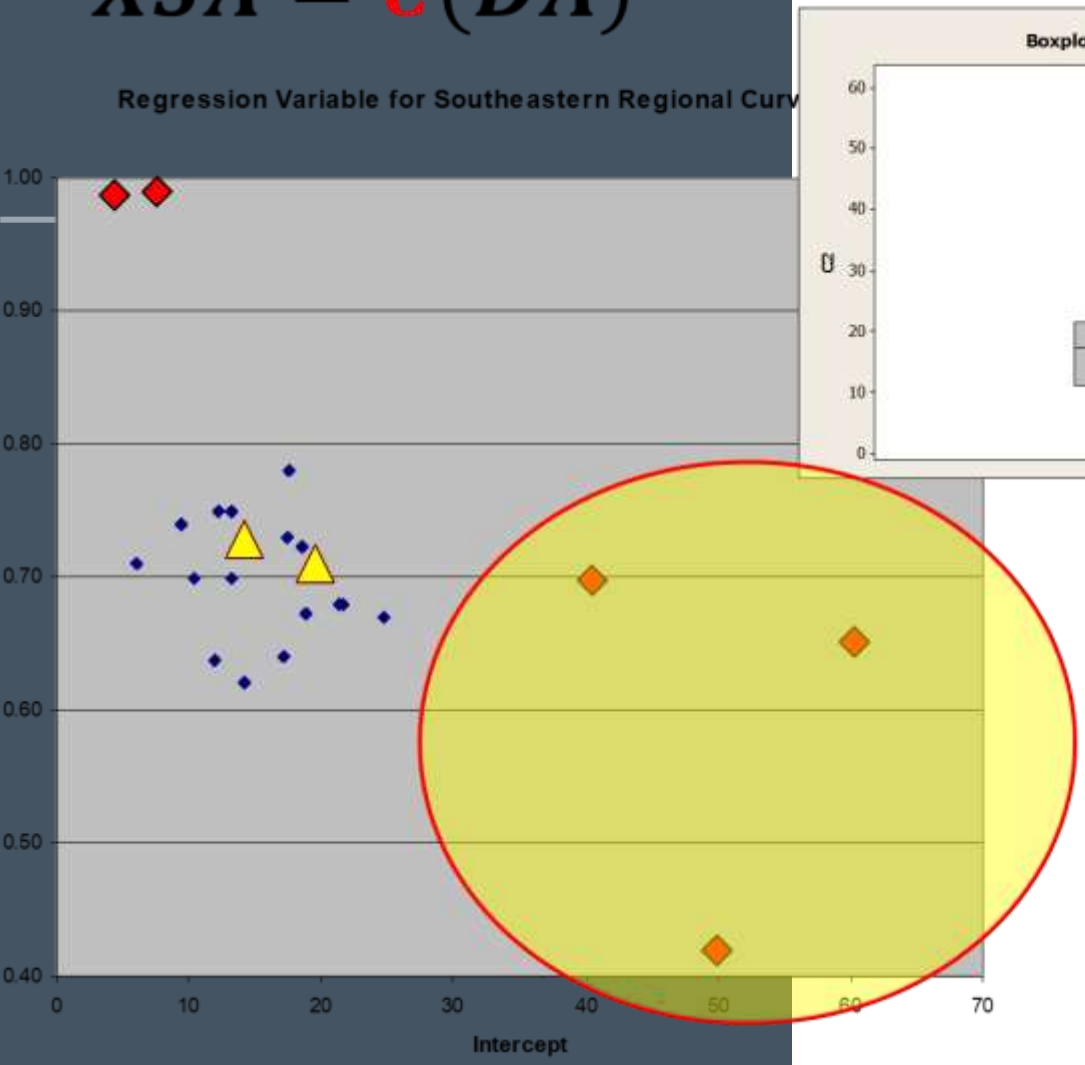
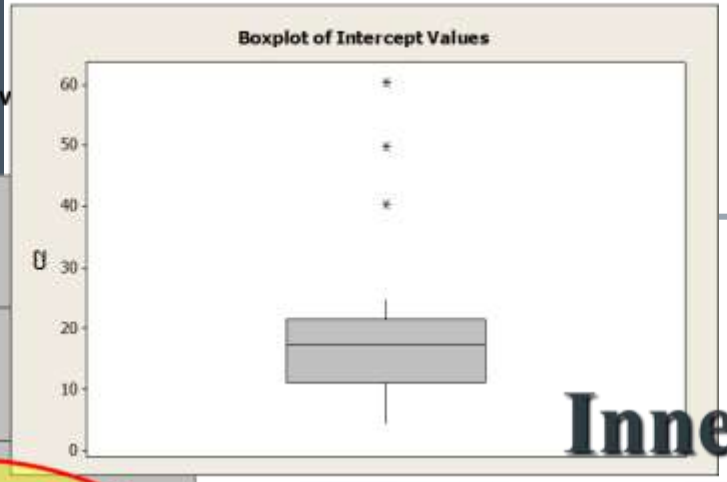
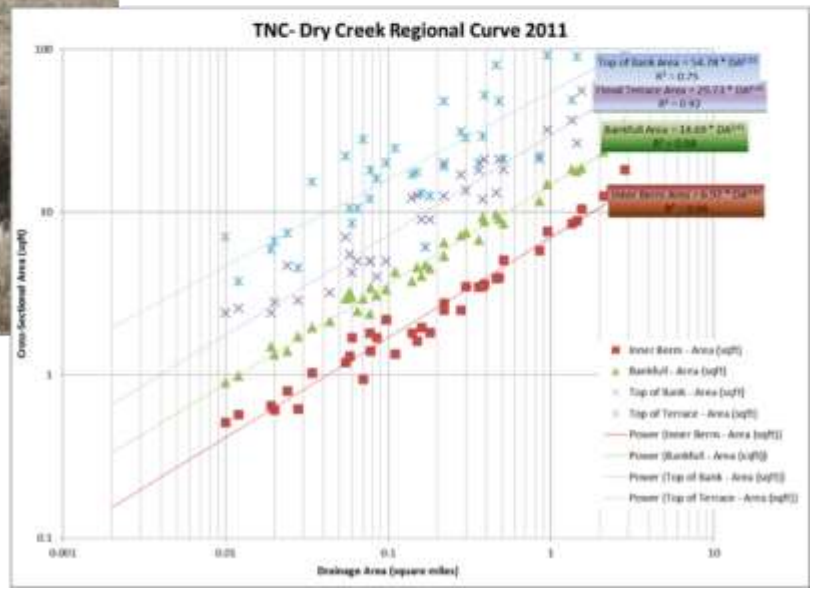




"C" = Y Intercept

Inner Berm vs. Bankfull



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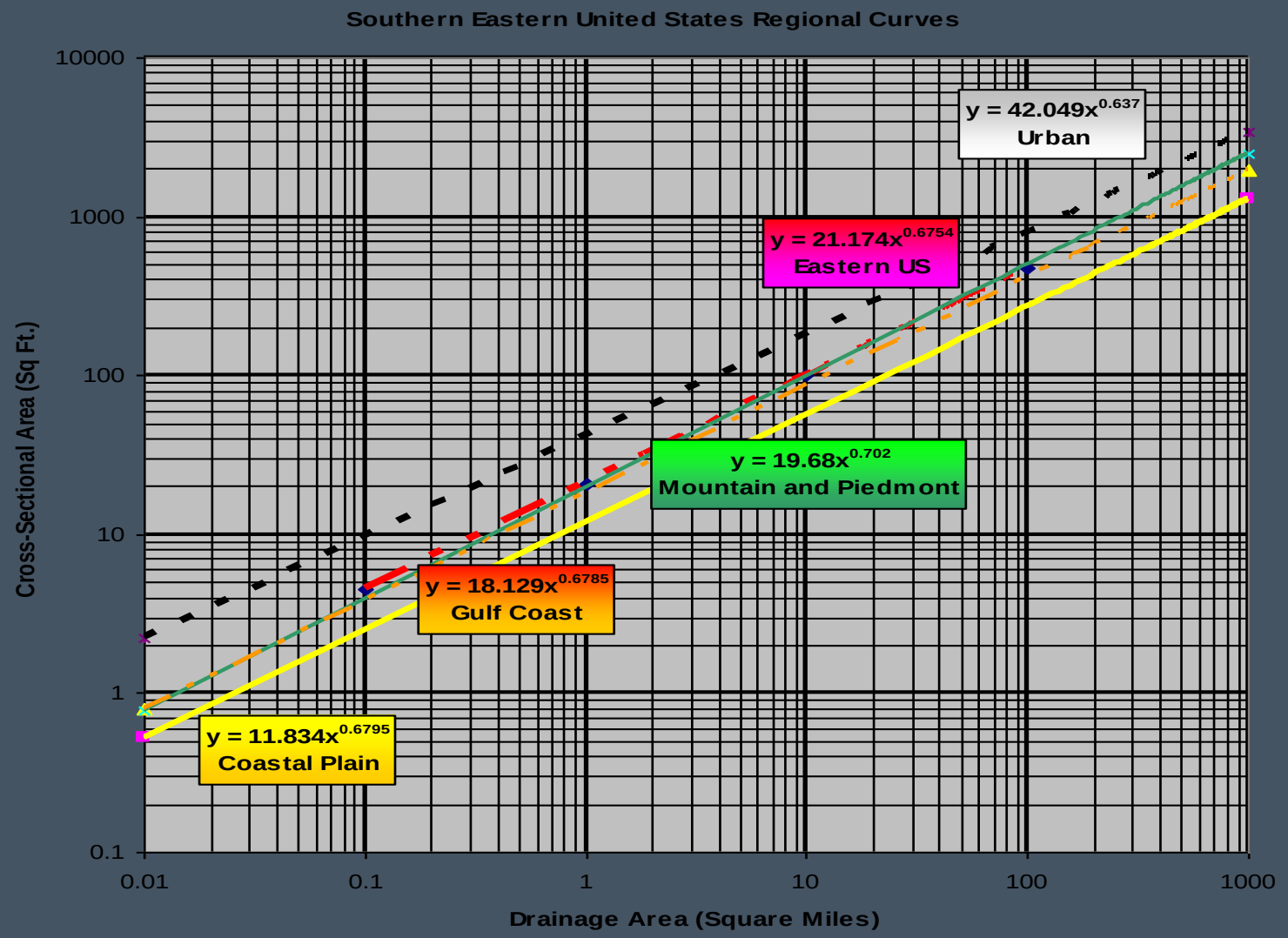
Regional Curve -Regions and Urbanization

- Bankfull can have a high degree of uncertainty
- Inner-Berm and other Geomorphic Features should be separated on curves
- There are multiple geomorphic indicators not just bankfull
- It is ok to not “know bankfull”
  - Know where it is not “BKFH” or “BKFL”



"x" = Power Function Slope

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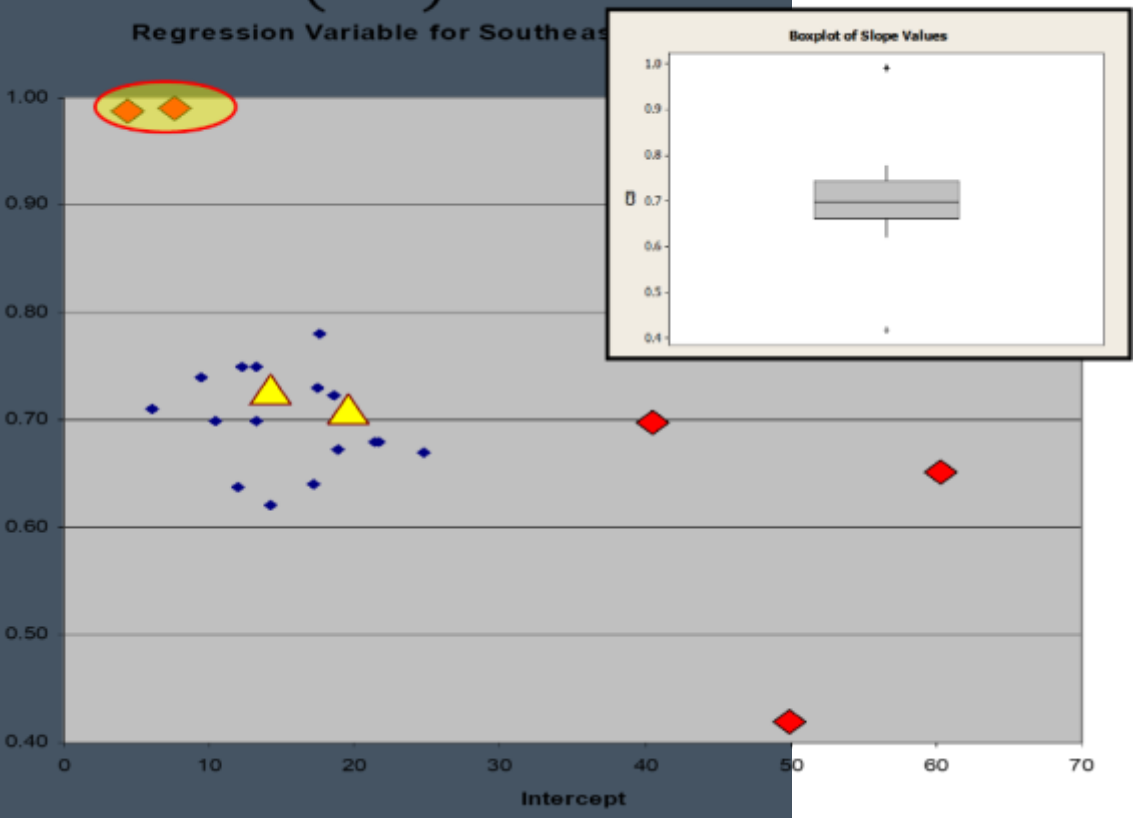

Rural flood recurrence interval (years)	Hydrologic area		
	Blue Ridge-Piedmont	Coastal Plain	Sand Hills
	90 DA $^{0.71}$		
2	135 DA $^{0.702}$	64.7 DA $^{0.673}$	33.5 DA $^{0.712}$
5	242 DA $^{0.677}$	129 DA $^{0.635}$	55.5 DA $^{0.701}$
10	334 DA $^{0.662}$	188 DA $^{0.615}$	72.9 DA $^{0.697}$
25	476 DA $^{0.645}$	281 DA $^{0.593}$	98.1 DA $^{0.693}$
50	602 DA $^{0.635}$	367 DA $^{0.579}$	120 DA $^{0.691}$
100	745 DA $^{0.625}$	468 DA $^{0.566}$	143 DA $^{0.688}$
200	908 DA $^{0.616}$	586 DA $^{0.554}$	170 DA $^{0.686}$
500	1,160 DA $^{0.605}$	773 DA $^{0.539}$	210 DA $^{0.684}$

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Regional Curve
- Constant Slopes x = 0.68

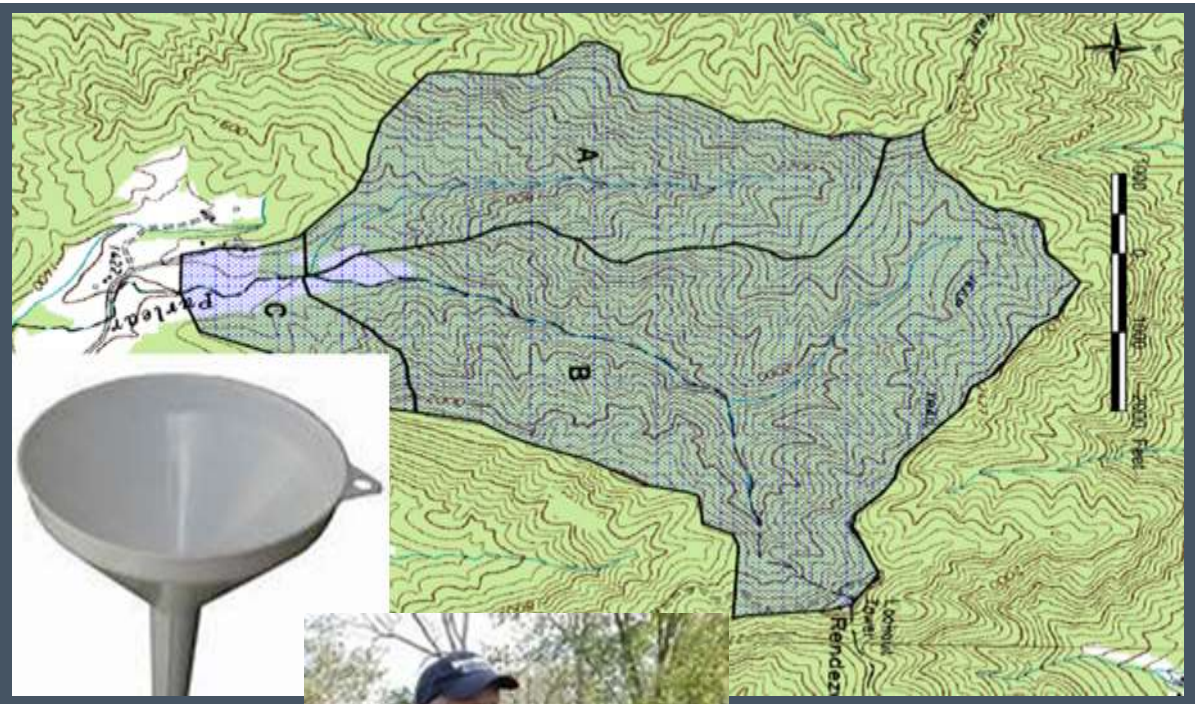
- Time of Concentration
- Rainfall and runoff amounts
- Lag-times, in-phase
- Watersheds can't have a linear Regression Slope

- Average Regression Slope ~0.68 Range 95% (0.61 – 0.76)

- Localized mini-regional curves can be used for design purposes

- Local data (upstream, downstream, nearby streams) are always essential to add confidence to predictive relationships developed elsewhere.

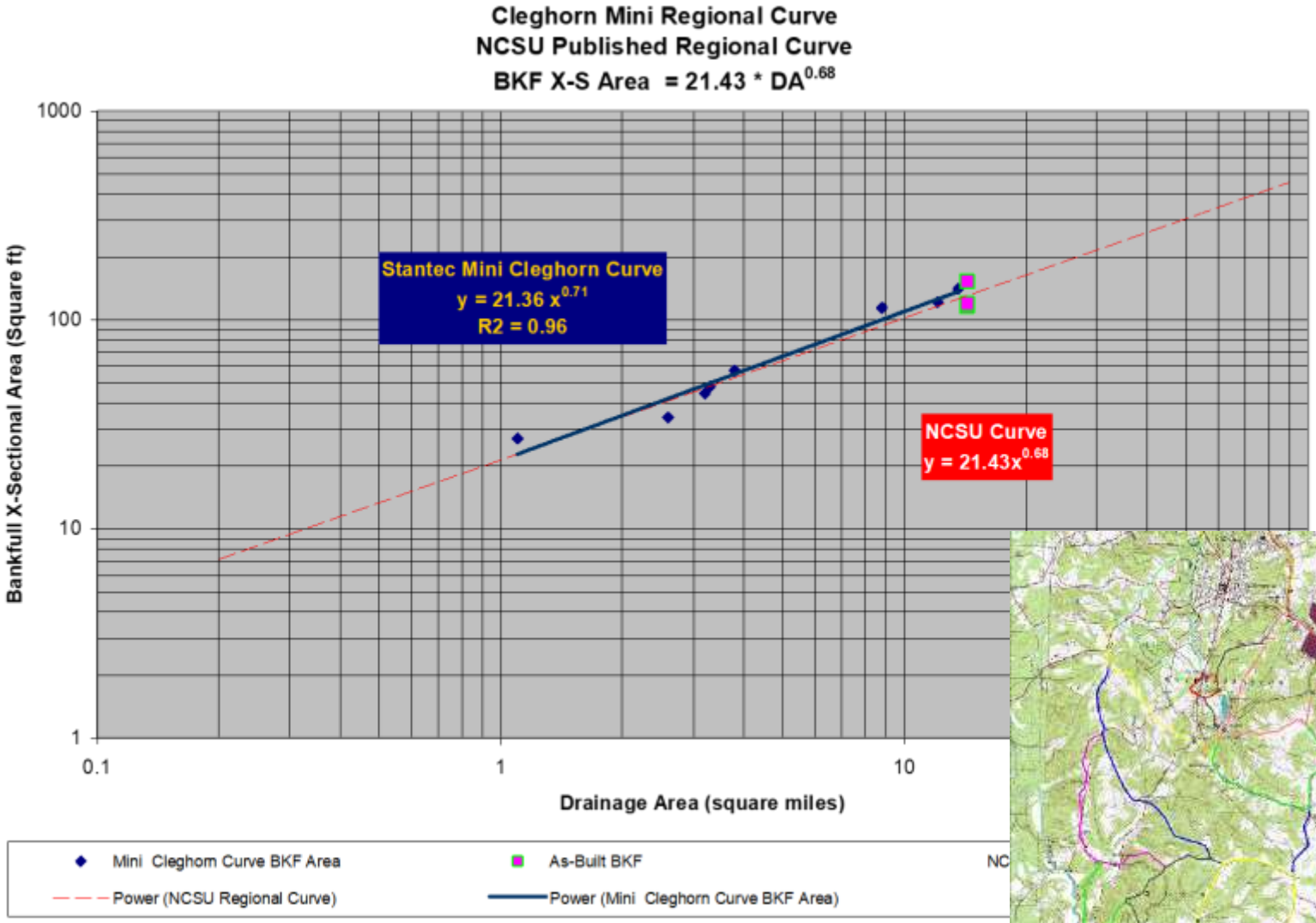
- It is ok to not "know bankfull"



Use Mini-Regional Curves

Without or Without Gages

- Bankfull stage can not always be identified (Local data is useful)
- Use as a tool to determine a design bankfull dimension
- Bankfull dimensions do not always match the local regional relationship



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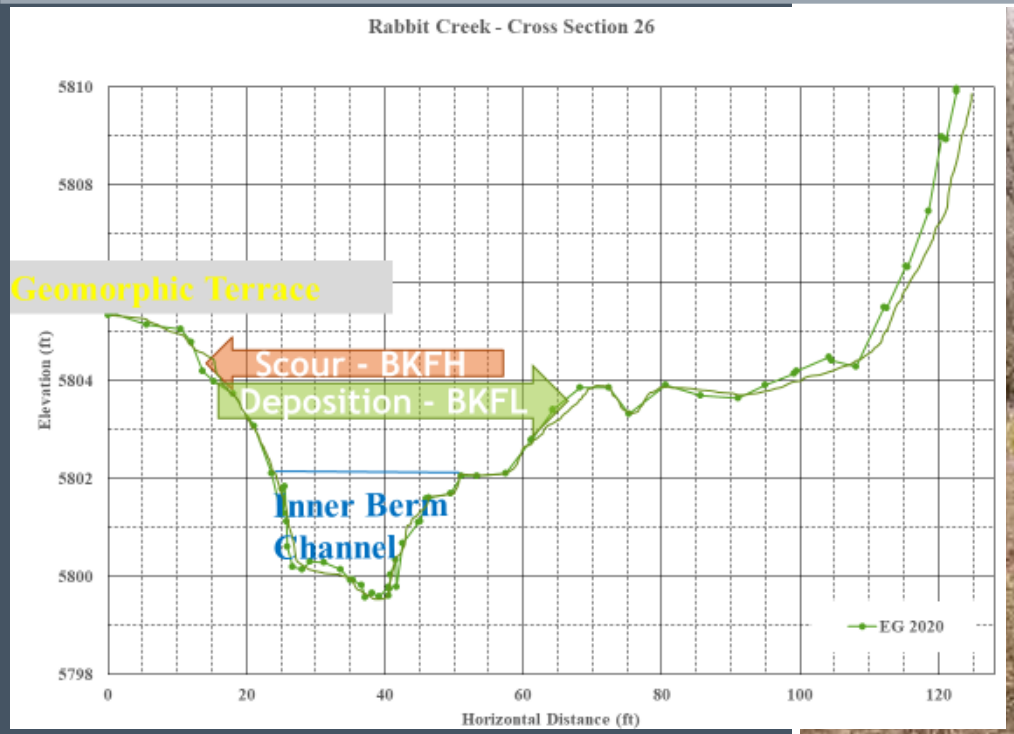
Mini- Regional Curves

– When you don't know bankfull



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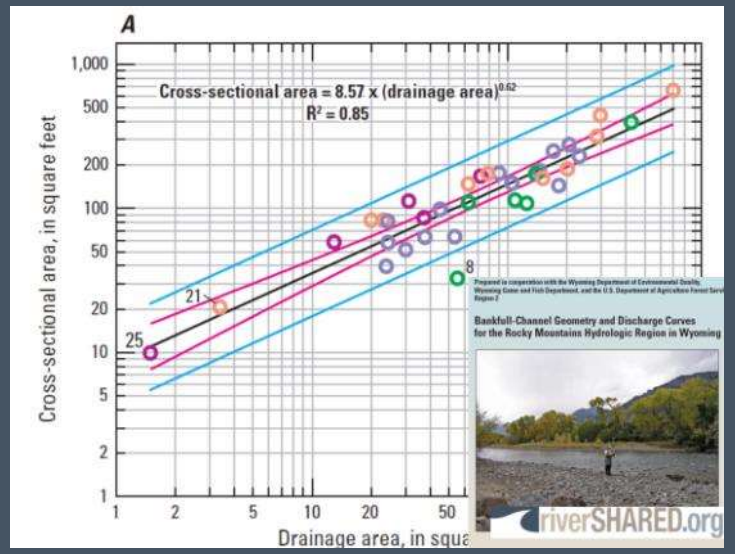
Comparison of Mini-Curves

-to Published Data



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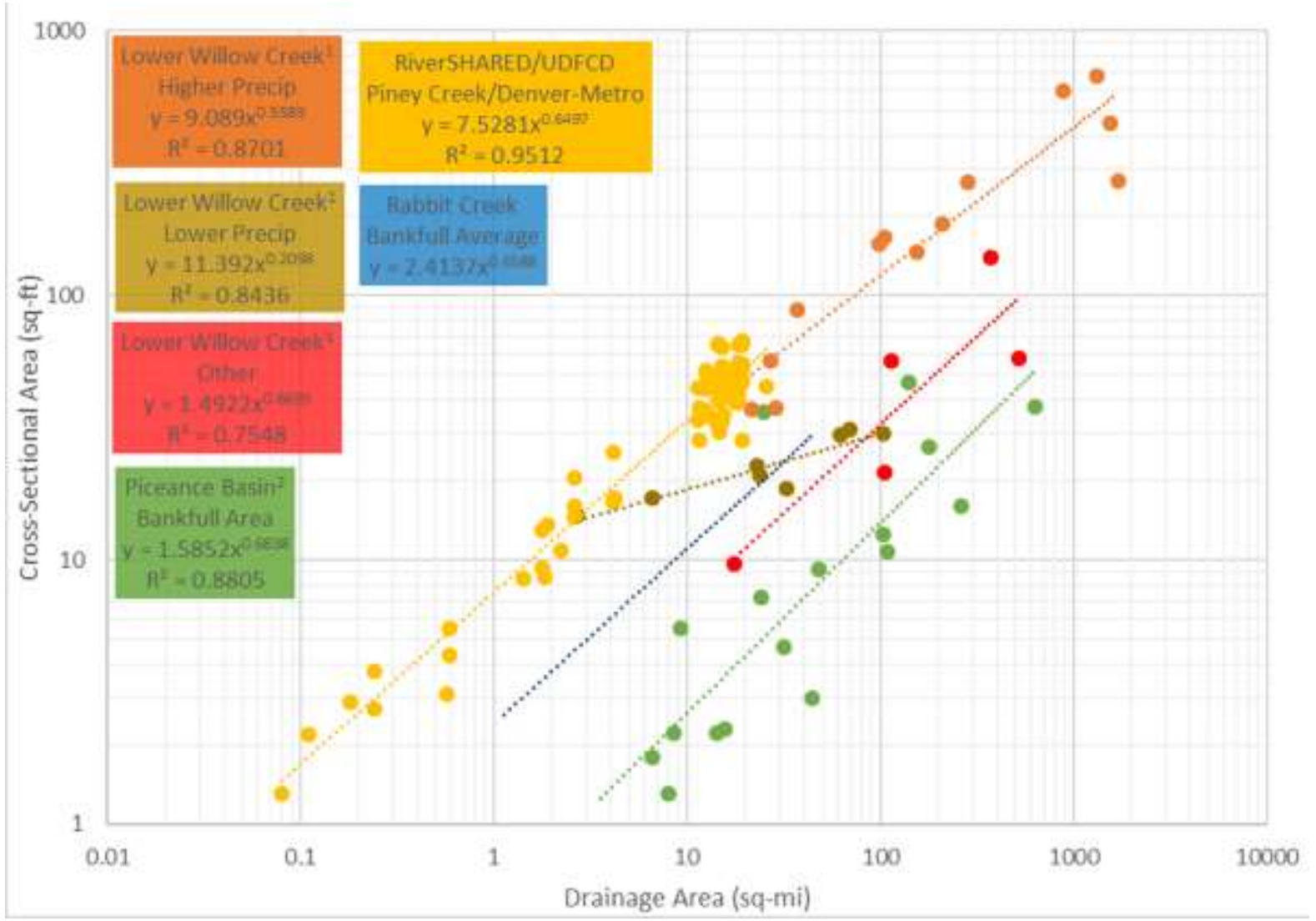
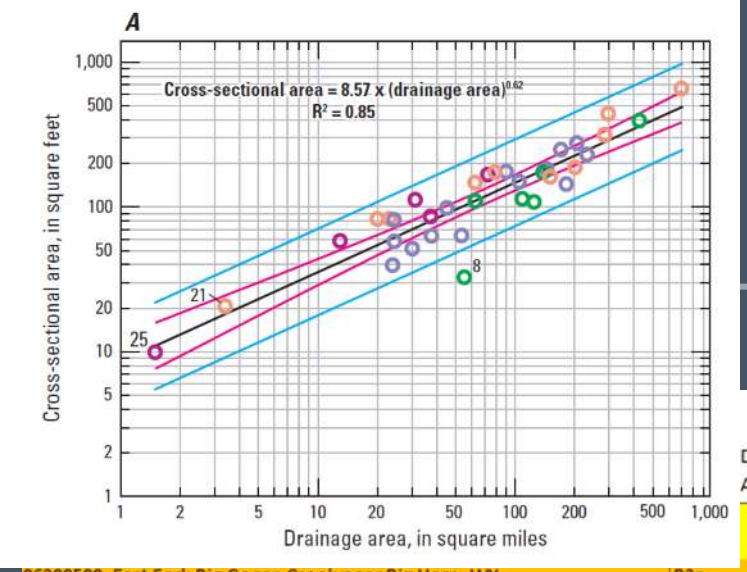


Watershed Response Factor – "C"

- Wyoming Regional Curve – USGS -2012



			Drainage Area (sq mi)		C_2	Original XS Area	C_1	Discharge (cfs)	Mean Annual Precipitation (in)	Velocity (ft/s)	XS Area (sq ft)	Width (ft)	Depth (ft)	BKF WS Slope (ft/ft)	Return Interval (RI)	Exceedence Probability (%)	Log DA	Log Q	Log XS Area	Log Width	Log Depth
			3	2.1	8.2	21.7	10.4	66	30.7	3.04	17.17	17.67	1.31	0.00056	1.4	73.7	0.477121	1.819544	1.23477	1.247237	0.117271
			13	5.6	8.1	66.6	11.9	287	48.6	4.31	45.10	30.67	2.18	0.03363	1.8	57.1	1.113943	2.457882	1.654177	1.486714	0.338456
06300500	East Fork Big Goose Creek near Big Horn, WY	B3c	20	7.4	10.5	92.6	12.4	393	31.2	4.23	78.00	38.76	2.41	0.01373	1.3	76	1.30103	2.594393	1.892095	1.588384	0.382017
06278300	Shell Creek above Shell Creek Reservoir, WY	C4	23	8.2	10.4	111.4	13.6	358	31.9	3.21	84.80	52.0	2.2	0.00191	1.0	98.1	1.361728	2.553883	1.928396	1.715836	0.334454
06301500	West Fork Big Goose Creek near Big Horn, WY	B3	24	8.4	9.6	98.4	11.7	360	29.7	3.66	81.10	58.12	1.69	0.01972	1.3	80	1.380211	2.556303	1.909021	1.764326	0.227887
06311000	North Fork Powder River near Hazelton, WY	B3c	25	8.6	7.6	58.4	6.8	260	25.4	4.69	65.45	37.23	1.6	0.01134	1.6	61.5	1.39794	2.414973	1.81591	1.570893	0.20412
06222700	Crow Creek near Tipperary, WY	C3	30	9.8	8.4	55.4	5.7	241	25.8	3.99	81.6	31.3	1.77	0.013	1.5	75.8	1.477121	2.382017	1.91169	1.495544	0.247973
06622700	North Brush Creek near Saratoga, WY	B3	37	11.2	9.5	106.2	9.5	555	35.9	5.22	106.23	44.47	2.39	0.0209	1.7	59.6	1.568202	2.744293	2.026247	1.648067	0.378398
06299500	Wolf Creek at Wolf, WY	B3	38	11.4	9.3	51.0	4.5	190	24.6	4.07	106.75	30.16	1.69	0.02422	1.3	76.2	1.579784	2.278754	2.028368	1.479431	0.227887
06309200	Middle Fork Powder River near Barnum, WY	B3	45	12.8	8.1	81.6	6.4	394	25.3	4.83	103.9	36.89	2.21	0.02346	1.3	76	1.653213	2.595496	2.016616	1.566909	0.344392
06222500	Dry Creek near Burris, WY	B3	54	14.5	8.0	67.1	4.6	348	26.7	5.18	115.25	59.34	1.19	0.02953	1.8	59	1.732394	2.541579	2.061641	1.773348	0.075547
06223500	Willow Creek near Crowheart, WY	B3c	55	14.7	5.3	39.9	2.7	137	20.5	3.44	77.1	34.44	1.18	0.01428	1.3	76.3	1.740363	2.136721	1.887054	1.537063	0.071882
06632400	Rock Creek above King Canyon Canal near Arlington, WY	B3	63	16.1	8.7	186.0	11.6	1030	34.9	5.54	139.3	54.78	3.4	0.00669	1.7	58.9	1.799341	3.012837	2.143951	1.738622	0.531479
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06623800	Encampment River above Hog Park Creek near Encampment, WY	B3c	73	17.7	9.0	166.8	9.4	838	45.1	5.02	159.95	58.5	2.87	0.01353	1.4	72.3	1.863323	2.923244	2.203984	1.767156	0.457882
09203000	East Fork River near Big Sandy, WY	B3c	79	18.7	8.9	258.7	13.8	1068	30.4	4.13	165.4	97.81	2.7	0.00351	1.3	75	1.897627	3.028571	2.218536	1.990383	0.431364
06265337	Cottonwood Cr at High Island Ranch nr Hamilton Dome	B4c	81	19.0	5.2	39.3	2.1	231	16.9	5.82	99.2	29.51	1.41	0.00734	1.5	68.4	1.908485	2.363612	1.996512	1.469969	0.149219
06260000	South Fork Owl Creek near Anchor, WY	B3c	87	19.9	3.2	63.8	3.2	323	21.5	5.07	63.77	43.38	1.54	0.01509	1.3	74.4	1.939519	2.509203	1.804616	1.63729	0.187521
06228350	South Fork Little Wind River above Reservoir near Ft Washakie,	B4c	90	20.4	8.6	346.0	17.0	955	29.9	2.76	174.7	132.28	2.82	0.00012	1.6	62.5	1.954243	2.980003	2.242293	2.121494	0.450249
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06646000	Deer Creek in Canyon near Glenrock, WY	B3c	139	27.3	8.9	152.7	5.6	698	22.8	4.57	243.05	64.01	2.42	0.01862	2.0	50	2.143015	2.843855	2.385696	1.806248	0.383815
06218500	Wind River near Dubois, WY	B3c	232	38.4	7.2	212.5	5.5	1000	28.3	4.67	277.2	71.65	3	0.0053	1.5	64.9	2.365488	3	2.442793	1.855216	0.477121
06280300	South Fork Shoshone River near Valley, WY	B3c	297	45.4	8.2	371.2	8.2	3400	32.6	8.2	371.21	126.38	2.94	0.00474	1.5	68.5	2.472756	3.531479	2.56962	2.101678	0.468347
06220500	East Fork Wind River near Dubois, WY	C3	427	57.9	8.2	347.8	6.0	2542	24.8	7.31	472.8	152.45	2.29	0.0061	1.4	71.9	2.630428	3.405176	2.674677	2.183127	0.359835
06279940	North Fork Shoshone River at Wapiti, WY	F3	699	80.5	8.1	669.1	8.3	5955	30.8	8.9	654.7	158.51	4.23	0.00688	1.8	54.5	2.844477	3.774882	2.816042	2.200057	0.62634

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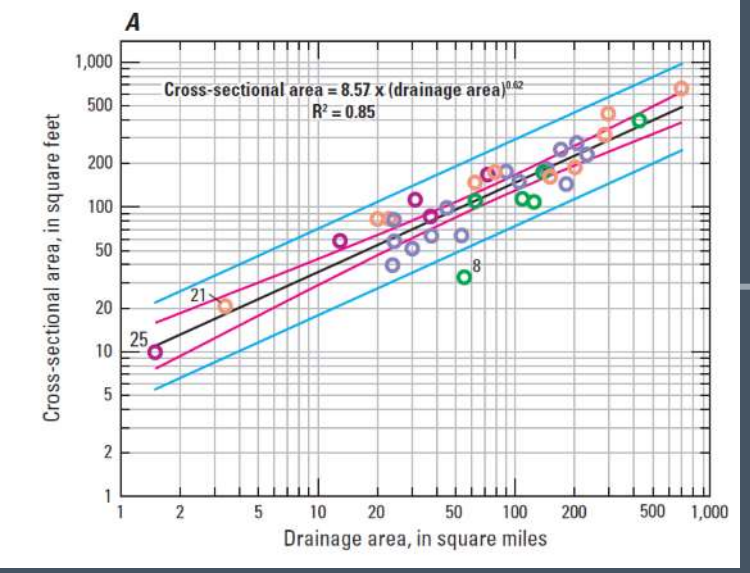

- Geomorphic Assessment
  - Departure analysis
  - Watershed health

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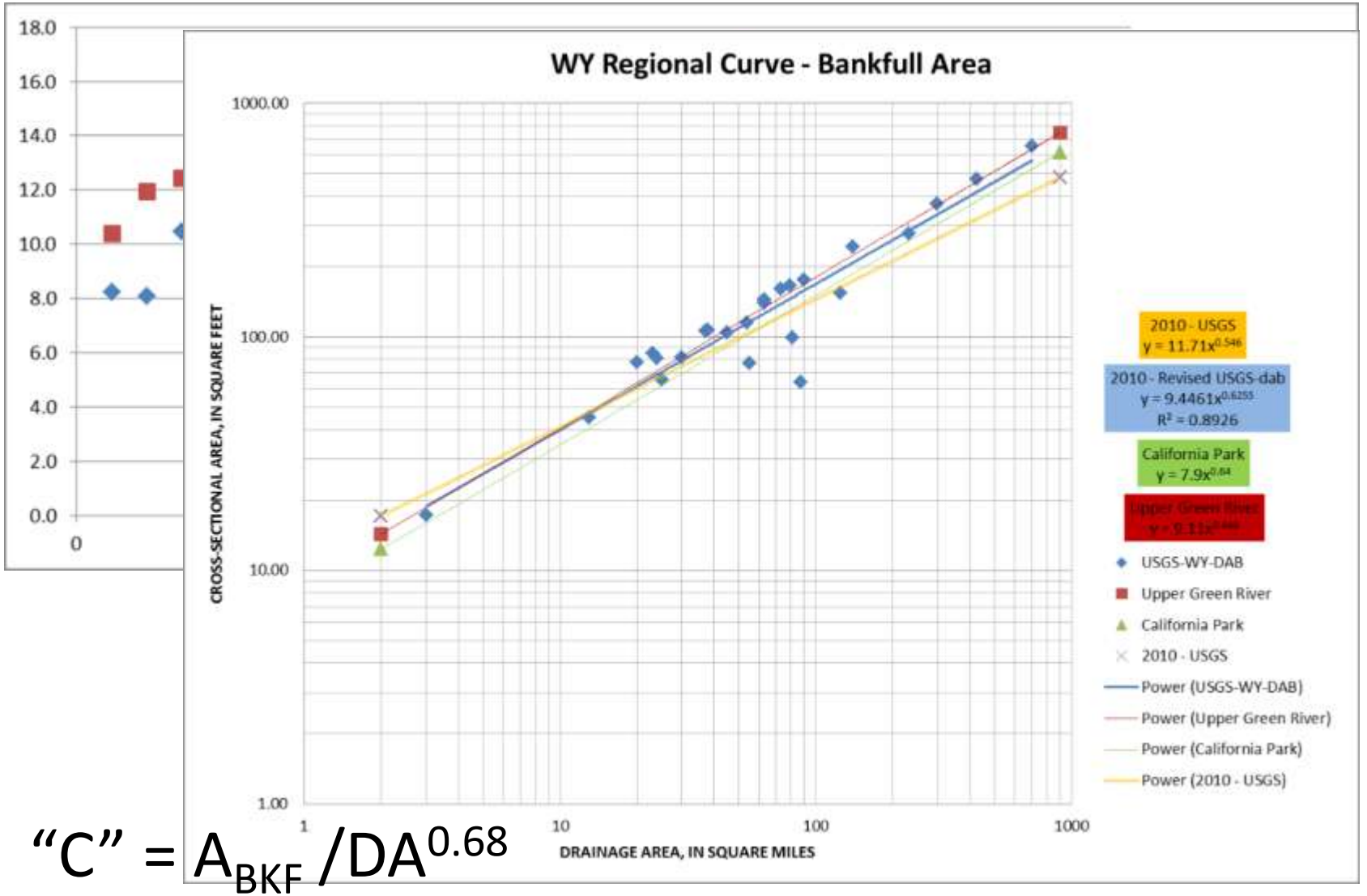

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Figure 1. Physiographic Map of the United States (Fenneman and Johnson 1946)

Number	Curve ID	
1	AL_1	(Bran
2	AL_2	(Bran
3	AL_3	(Met
4	AR_1	(Pugh
5	AZ_1	(Moc
6	CO_1	(Ellio
7	CO_2a	(Yoch
8	CO_2b	(Yoch
9	CO_2c	(Yoch
10	FL_1	(Met
11	FL_2	(Met
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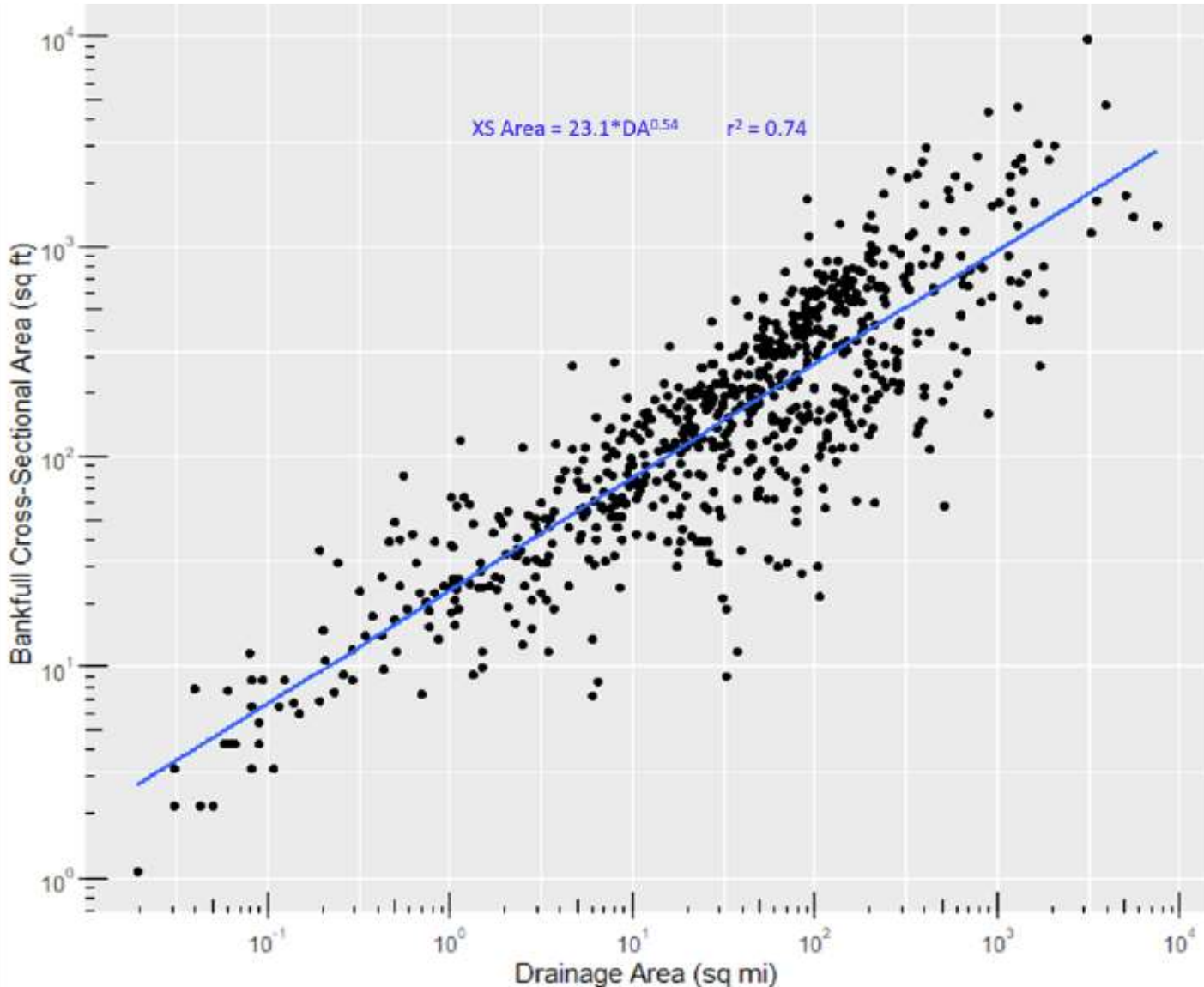

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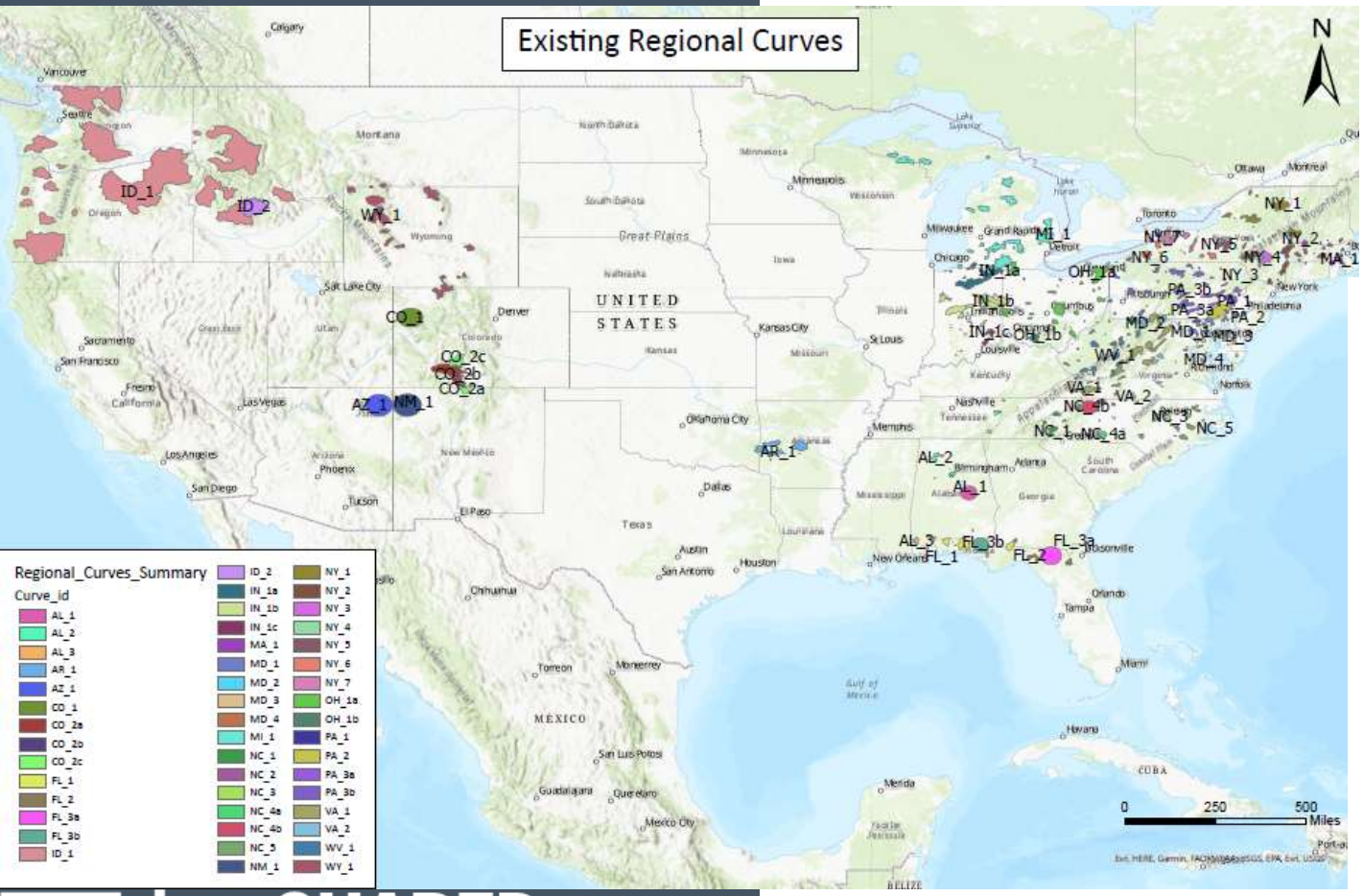

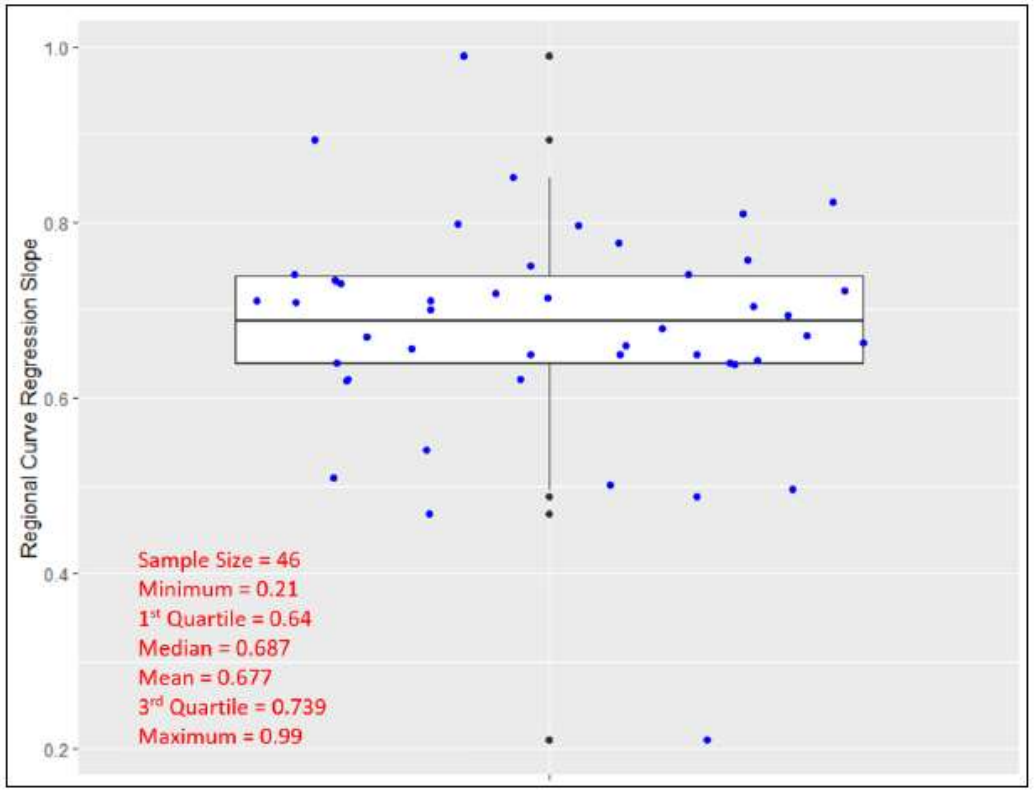

Figure 5. Existing regional curve regression slope distribution

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Watershed Response Factor

- Properly size a river channel

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- Urbanization
  - 4-stage urban channels
  - Do not over widen bankfull discharge
- Terrorism
  - Encourage groundwater recharge
  - Reduce the need for surface water Infrastructure
- Runoff Rates
  - Encourage groundwater storage and
  - Reduced stormwater discharge rates
- Evaporation/Transpiration
  - Reduce the need for surface water infrastructure with large E/T Losses
- Agricultural Water
  - Promote subirrigation
  - Groundwater recharge
- Drought
  - Usable groundwater storage

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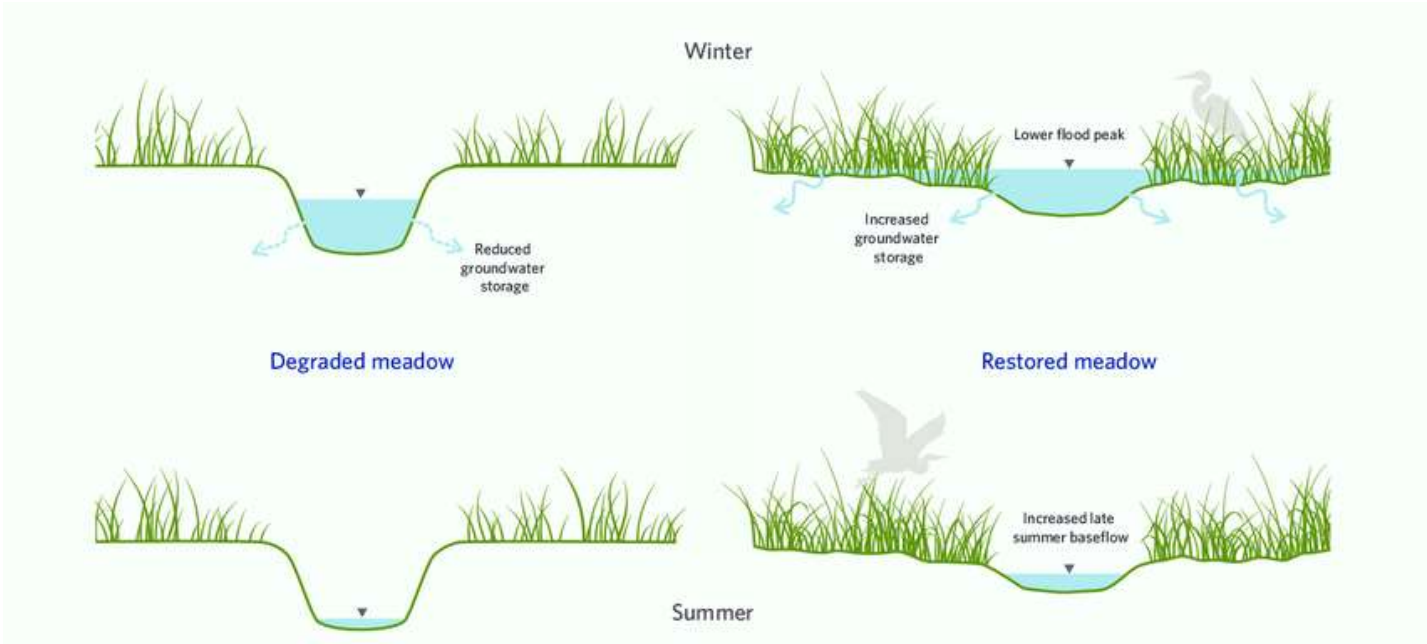

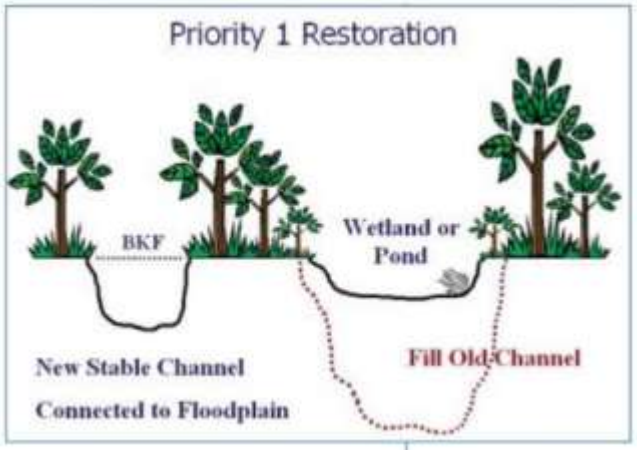

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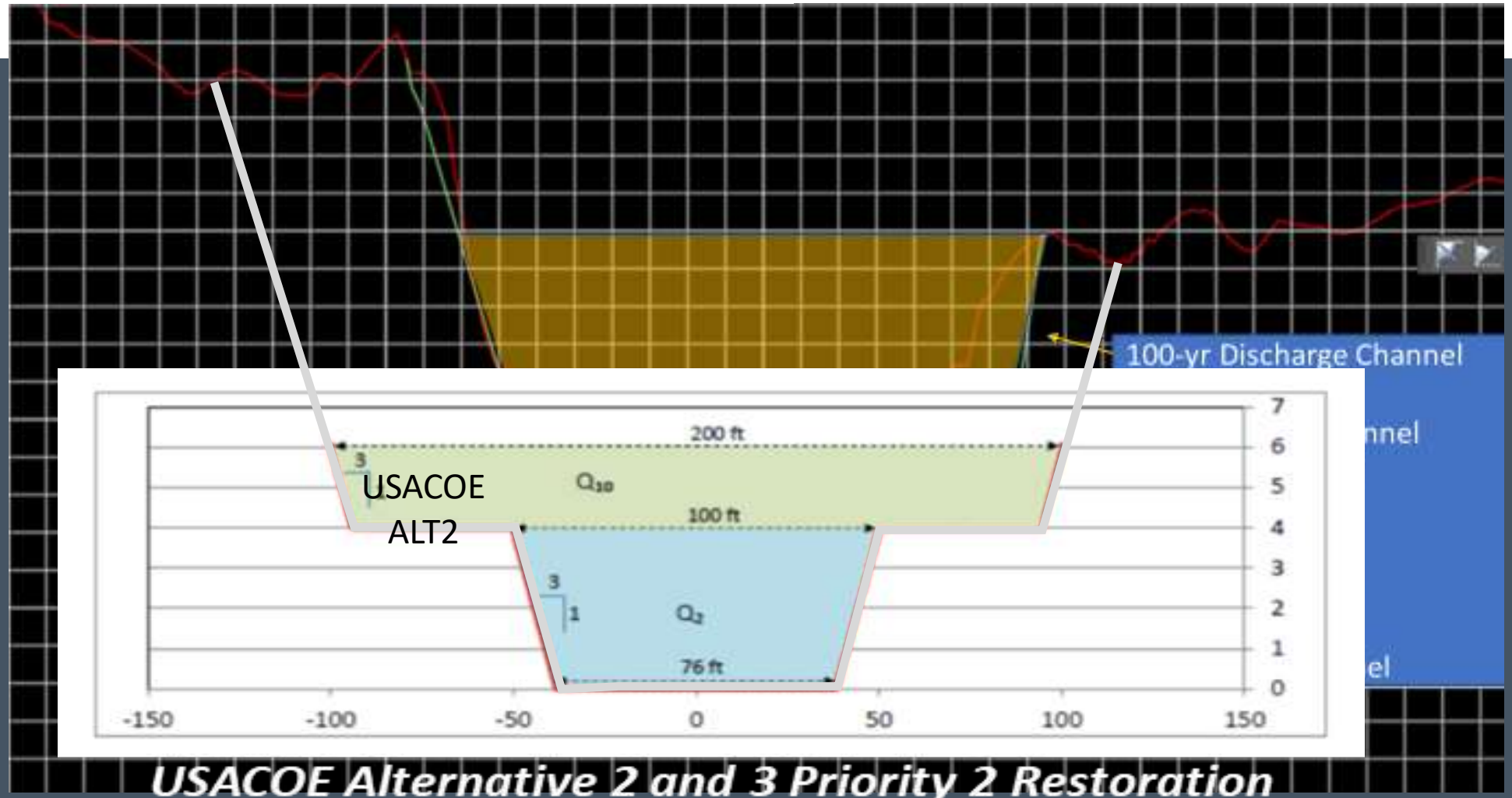

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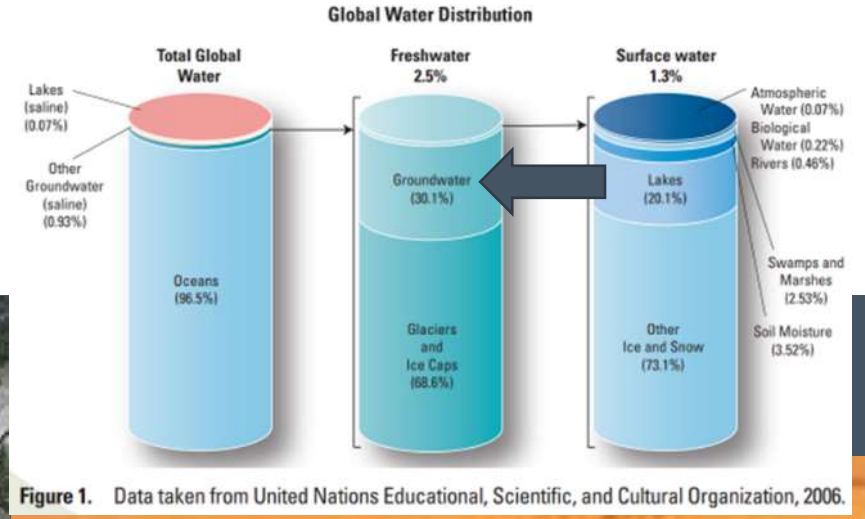
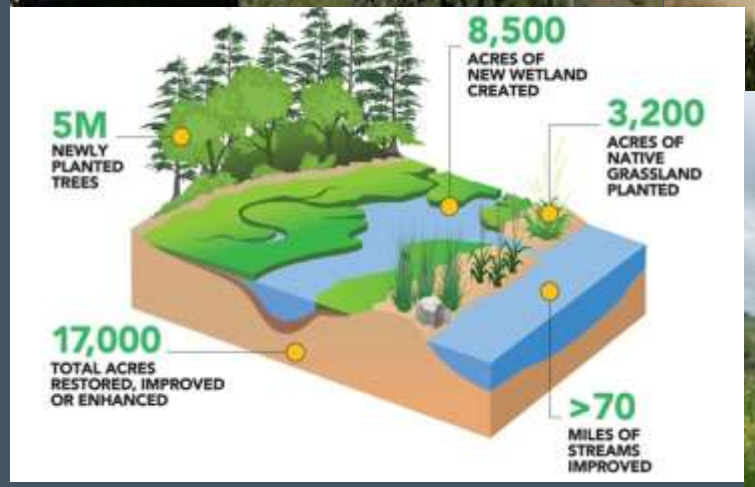


Figure 1. Data taken from United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, 2006.

Summary:

- Bankfull can have a high degree of uncertainty
- Inner-Berm and other Geomorphic Features should be separated on curves
- Average Regression Slope ~0.68 Range 95% (0.61 – 0.76)
- Watersheds can't have a linear Regression Slope
- Watershed Response Factor as a geomorphic indicator
- Compare relationships to published USGS Regressions as well as other bankfull regional curves
- Regional curve development for new regions should always be compared to existing data as a reference
- Localized mini-regional curves can be used for design purposes
- Local data (upstream, downstream, nearby streams) are always essential to add confidence to predictive relationships developed elsewhere.



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