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Bottom-up: scaling, sampling and lessons learned

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Place assessment on foundation of ecological processes



Process \rightarrow mechanism \rightarrow measurement

Hydrological process	Mechanism of ecological influence (Allan 2004)	Variable
Upland	Sedimentation due to human modification	Slope-weighted human modification
	Nutrient enrichment	Nitrogen and phosphorus
	Contaminant Pollution	Biological impairment
	Oil & gas exposure	Vulnerability to potential breaches by wells and holding ponds
Lateral	Riparian clearing/canopy opening	Human modification
Longitudinal	Hydrologic alteration	Flow Modification Index
		Accumulated road-stream crossings density
		Timing of snowmelt discharge*
Assessment of Threats to Riparian Ecosystems in the Western U.S. Pepard for the Western Buryonnerial Threat Assessment Catter, Privace, R.	Thermal alteration	Stream temperature warming*
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Organize by space-time framework





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Scale up using hierarchical analytical units





Recognize abiotic context



Ecologically-relevant Geophysical (ERGo) Landforms



Test and validate using rigorous sample design





All lands





Analytical framework to identify Conservation Opportunity Areas

