

April 10, 2019

Hi All,

We just wanted to send a quick note to let you all know it was great to meet you. The knowledge and expertise brought by all of you far exceeded expectations. It was impressive how everyone was willing to jump in and learn even if it was somewhat out of his or her comfort zone. As you might notice, we did not BCC you this time, so you have access to everyone's emails. Your participation helped make the workshop a success, and I hope the contacts we all made will keep the enthusiasm in beaver translocation going.

We would like to thank Annette for completing a necropsy report on the beaver that we lost. The results are attached. Although we do not know what caused it to bleed out, it was good to know that he did not succumb to dehydration or trauma from the trap. We are reminded that no matter how hard we work to prevent incidents like this from happening, there are many variables that we need to consider. We should view this as an unfortunate but important learning opportunity. Moreover, we need to be aware of the importance of gently handling these animals, and ensure that our enclosures are injury-safe.

Regardless of whether we are saving these animals from lethal trapping or not, once they are in our possession, we are responsible for their care and welfare, with the goal of releasing them in healthy condition back into the wild. We are always looking at our procedures to ensure that we are not adding preventable stress or harm to the beavers.

The [USU Restoration Consortium](#) has just released a new [Manual for Low-tech Processed-based Riparian Restoration](#). We believe this design manual will be very helpful for projects involving beaver that you might engage in (see <http://lowtechpbr.restoration.usu.edu/>). Additionally, the [Beaver Restoration Guidebook](#) may also be a useful reference for you. Because this guidebook was published before the LT PBR design manual, we refer to it for guidance on beaver translocation. Also, check out <http://beaver.joewheaton.org/> and http://restoration.usu.edu/courses/current_offerings for information about beaver restoration workshops and other useful links such as relevant beaver literature (including a bibliography to over 500 beaver related papers).

So that future workshops can be further refined to meet your needs, we hope you will take a moment to fill out this [Post-workshop Evaluation Survey](#). The survey results are anonymous and will be incredibly helpful to us in addressing any shortcomings, while reinforcing aspects that worked well. **Thank you!** Take the survey here: <https://forms.gle/PmaknYWS46cuWGcV8>

We look forward to working together with all of you as we move forward using beaver to restore our riverscapes.

Best regards,

The Instructional Team