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Technical Team Meeting *Riverine Modeling Proof of Concept*

Reach-Scale Fluvial Geomorphology Modeling and Inputs

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Study 6.6

Fluvial Geomorphology Modeling (FGM) Approach - Models



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Middle River (MR): Fluvial Geomorphology Modeling



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Reach-Scale Bed Morphology Model

- Middle and Lower Susitna River from PRM187.2 to PRM29.9
- Includes Chulitna and Talkeetna Rivers up to USGS Gages
- Other tributaries included as flow and sediment sources
- Overbank areas from LiDAR

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Reach-Scale Bed Morphology Model

- Upstream and tributary flows from Operations and Flow Routing models
- Sediment inputs and bed gradations from USGS rating curves and field data
- Responses in hydraulic variables (V, D, etc.)
- Cross section average and reach-scale aggradation, degradation, water surface elevation response

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Reach-Scale Bed Morphology Model

- Future (years 25 and 50) inputs for Focus Area Models
 - Downstream water surface boundary conditions
 - Upstream flow and sediment boundary conditions
 - Main channel change

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FGM Interdependencies Flow Chart



Proof of Concept - FGM

- Only 2-D hydraulic modeling presented as part of Proof of Concept
 - Year zero conditions
 - No sediment transport inputs or requirements (bed mobilization through incipient motion)
 - All habitat input requirements met by 2-D hydraulic model
 - Series of steady-state 2-D models provides results for existing conditions and operational scenarios for habitat analyses

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