

**Placing In-stream Woody Debris:
Safety Perspectives From a Recreational Rafter and Restoration Practitioner**

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This presentation will draw on the experience of the speaker who has floated over 3,000 miles as a recreational rafter and placed over 2,000 pieces of large woody debris in rivers as a restoration practitioner. While some woody debris in rivers has the potential to be hazardous, most of it is not. “Safety” and “hazard” are buzz-words that, while sometimes appropriate, are frequently used to stimulate political action and cause good science to be trumped. The presentation will emphasize a thoughtful approach to woody debris in rivers, put risk into context, and cover hazard assessment and mitigation.