Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Road Program

WEBINAR
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Starts 9am

DGLVR Education Events Overview:
2023 Summary and 2024 Planning

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2024 DGLVR Education Update

Purpose

Provide overview of current direction with DGLVR education planning *(advisory workgroup meeting held 11/30)*

Allow input and feedback from CDs

2024 DGLVR Education Update

- **ESM Training**
- Webinars
- Stream Crossing Trainings
- Workshops
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Base 2-day in-person training for DGLVR eligibility

- **Pre-COVID:**
  - 12 trainings annually, ~750 annual attendance
- **2023:**
  - 12 In-person trainings, 700 attendees
- **2024:**
  - 12 in-person two-day trainings being scheduled
  - Most trainings already booked, will announce soon.
  - Continue 1-day recertification as part of annual workshop.

Current 2024 Plan   <mark>TENTATIVE – ANNOUNCEMENT OUT SOON</mark>

Cambria Co. – March 20 – 21, 2024 – Ace's Banquets and Catering - Johnstown

Schuylkill Co. – April 2 – 3, 2024 – Fountain Springs County Inn - Ashland

Armstrong Co. – April 24 – 25, 2024 Kittanning Country Club - Kittanning

McKean Co. – May 15 – 16, 2024 – Veteran Memorial Social Hall – Port Allegheny

Wayne Co. – June 5 – 6, 2024 – Park Street Complex - Honesdale

Clinton Co. – July 10 – 11, 2024 – Lock Haven University – Lock Haven

Beaver Co. – July 31 – August 1, 2024 – Beaver Station Cultural & Event Center - Beaver

Perry Co. – August 13 & 14, 2024 –Central Penn College - Summerdale

Crawford Co. – September 11 – 12, 2024 – Cross Creek Resort – Titusville

Bradford Co. - September 25 – 26, 2024 – TBA

Bedford Co. – October 23 – 24, 2024 – Forbes Road Conference Center – Breezewood

Lancaster Co. – November 6 – 7, 2024 – Double Trees Resort by Hilton – Lancaster

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Winter Webinar Series

- Thursdays at 9am, ~30-45 minutes each
- Will be recorded

Schedule

o **12/07**   **Winter planning and education update**

o **12/14**   **CD 5-year agreements, spending and Annual Summary Report Refresher**

o ~~**12/21**~~   ~~**no webinar**~~

o ~~**12/29**~~   ~~**no webinar**~~

o ***1/5***   ***Online Longitudinal Profile Tool***

o ***1/11***   ***2023 "Project Showcase":*** *examples of successful projects*

o *1/18*   *TBD*

o *1/25*   *TBD*

Webinar Subject Poll at End

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Stream Crossing Replacement Trainings

Stream Crossing Trainings : **CDs**

- Multi-day hybrid trainings,
  ~25 hours total over 2 weeks

- **2022:** 6 trainings and 78 attendees

- **2023:** 3 trainings and 31 attendees *(one canceled)*

- **2024:** 3 trainings planned
  - Potential Format Change…………

OLD Rough Training Agenda (over 2 weeks)
- **1 (virtual):** Intro and site assessment
- **2 (in person):** Site assessment, long pro, excel form
- **3 (virtual):** Developing recom., grant estimation
- **4 (virtual):** RFP, pre-design meeting, plan reviews
- **5 (virtual):** Bidding, site showing
- **6 (in person):** Pre-con meeting, project oversight, construction inspection

Stream Crossing Replacement Trainings

Proposed CD Stream Training for 2024

- **Content would be updated but similar**

- **More in-person, condense to one week**
  - **~3 hours virtual or recorded pre-req:** Intro and site assessment
  - **~2.5 day in person:** **Tue-Wed-Thr**
  - Likely hold in State College, spread through year

Still in initial planning, format not final.

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Poll: How many staff would you send?

Stream Crossing Replacement Trainings

Stream Crossing Trainings: DEP

- Coordinating closely with DEP Central Office

- Developed 1.5 day training (in person)

- Audience: DEP Permit Review Staff

- **2023:** 2 trainings held, 60 attendees

- **2024: 3 trainings already scheduled for April-May, (capacity of 90)**

Stream Crossing Replacement Trainings

Stream Crossing Trainings: <mark>Engineers</mark>

- Developed 1.5 day training (1 day in person)

- Audience: Engineers

- **2023:** 6 trainings held, 118 attendees

- **2024: Planning for 4 additional regional trainings**
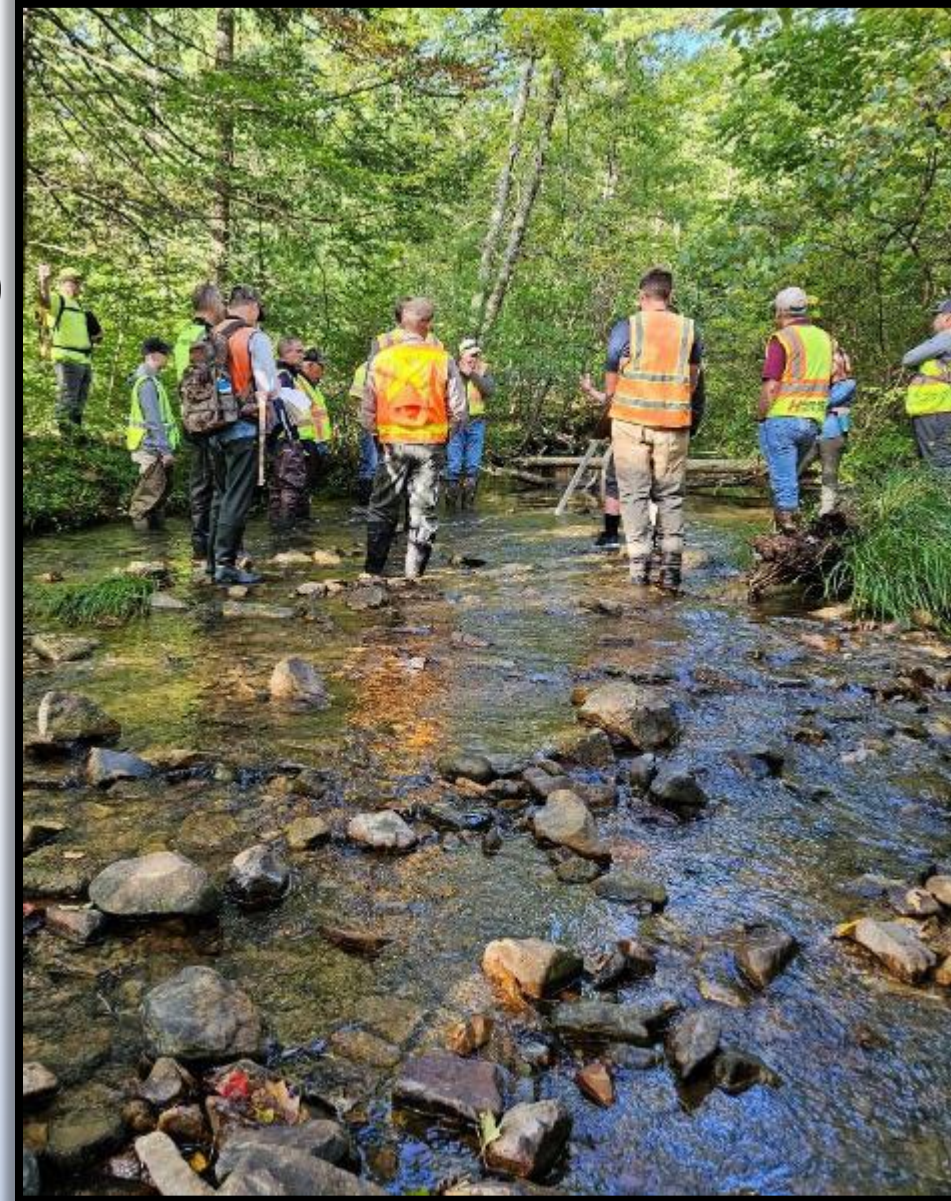
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DGLVR Workshop

2023 (Scranton)

- 40/66 CDs represented
- 20 DCNR
- ~110 attended full workshop
- 25 for municipality day
- Expanded back to ~2.5 days with multiple optional classes on first day

DGLVR Workshop

2024 (tentative)

- **Dubois**
- **October 8-10**
- After "DSA" season
- After trout restrictions kick in

Past workshop locations
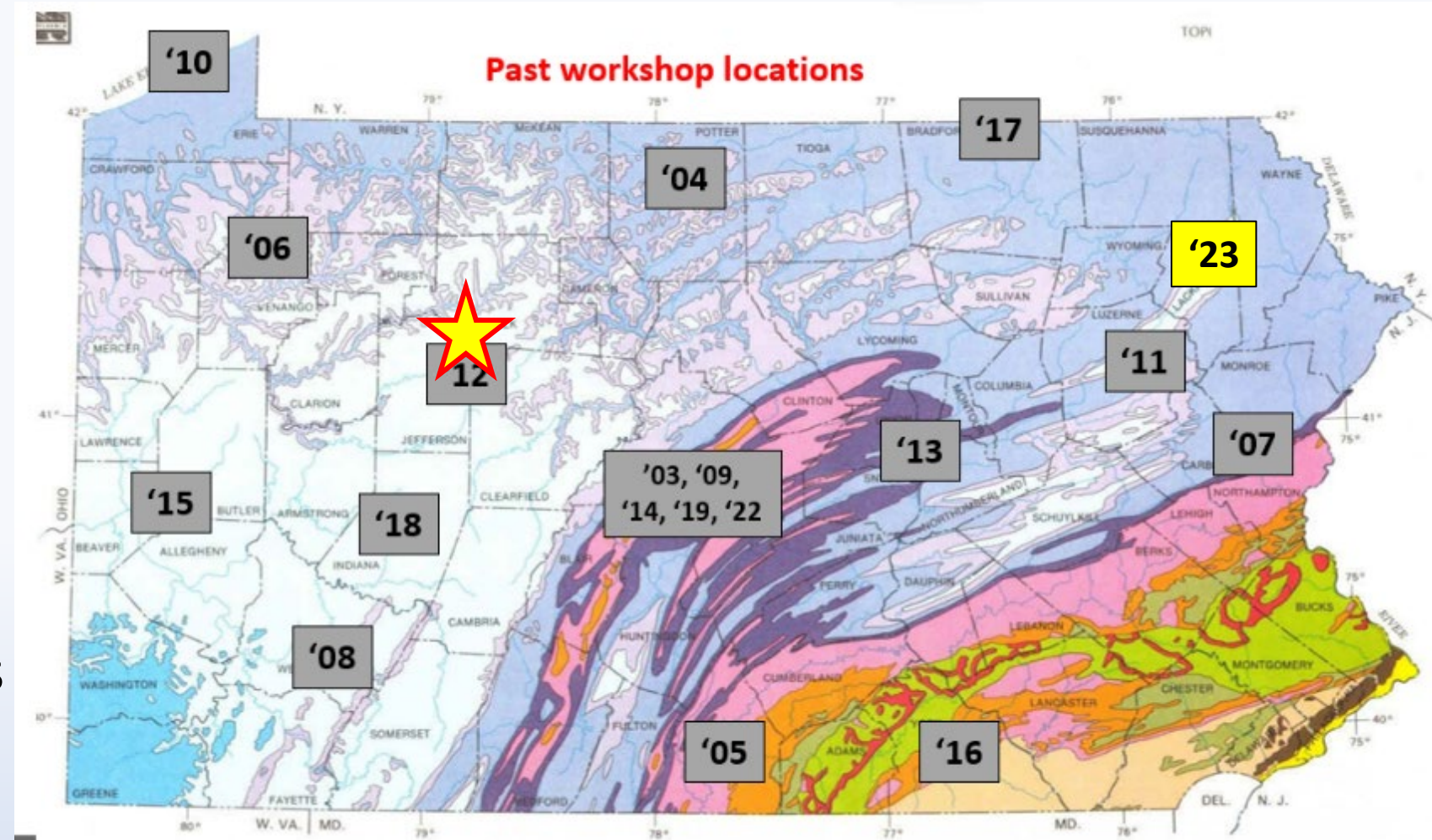
Poll: On moving workshop to Oct 8-10

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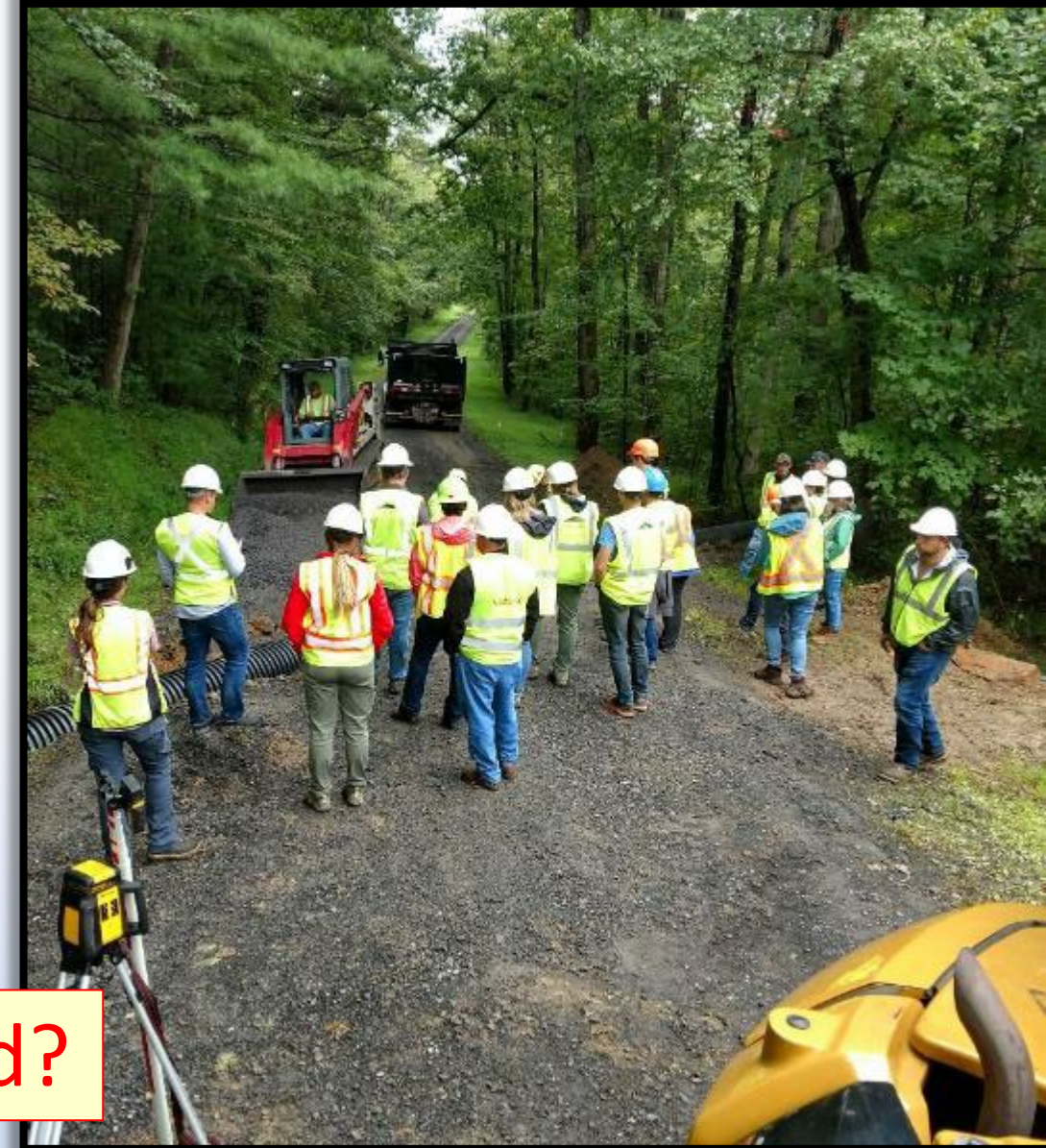- Course Management System

Administrative Training

- Required 1-day training for all CD technicians administering DGLVR Program
- Follows Policy Manual
- **2023**
  - 4 trainings held, 65 attendees
  - Held on a "semi-on-demand basis"
- **2024 Plan**
  - Schedule 5 regionally
  - Pair with NEW *Financial Training*

Administrative Training: on Policy and running DGLVR Program

SCC recognized a need for a separate DGLVR FINANCIAL Training

Financial Training:

- Aimed at "bookkeepers" / financial and budget personnel
- Will cover financial related policy
- Some technicians may want both, some may just want "admin"
- Financial training is optional

- *Can likely remove some financial sections from admin training.*

Administrative and Financial Training – Back to Back:

- Can attend one or both in any region

- Scheduling regionally in advance

- **Current Tentative Schedule**
    - **First day Admin, Second Day Financial**
    - March 13-14, 2024 - Berks County Conservation District Office
    - May 21-22, 2024 - Westmoreland County Conservation District Office
    - July 23-24, 2024 - Centre County Area
    - October 15-16, 2024 - Northeast Region
    - December 3-4, 2024 - Northwest Region

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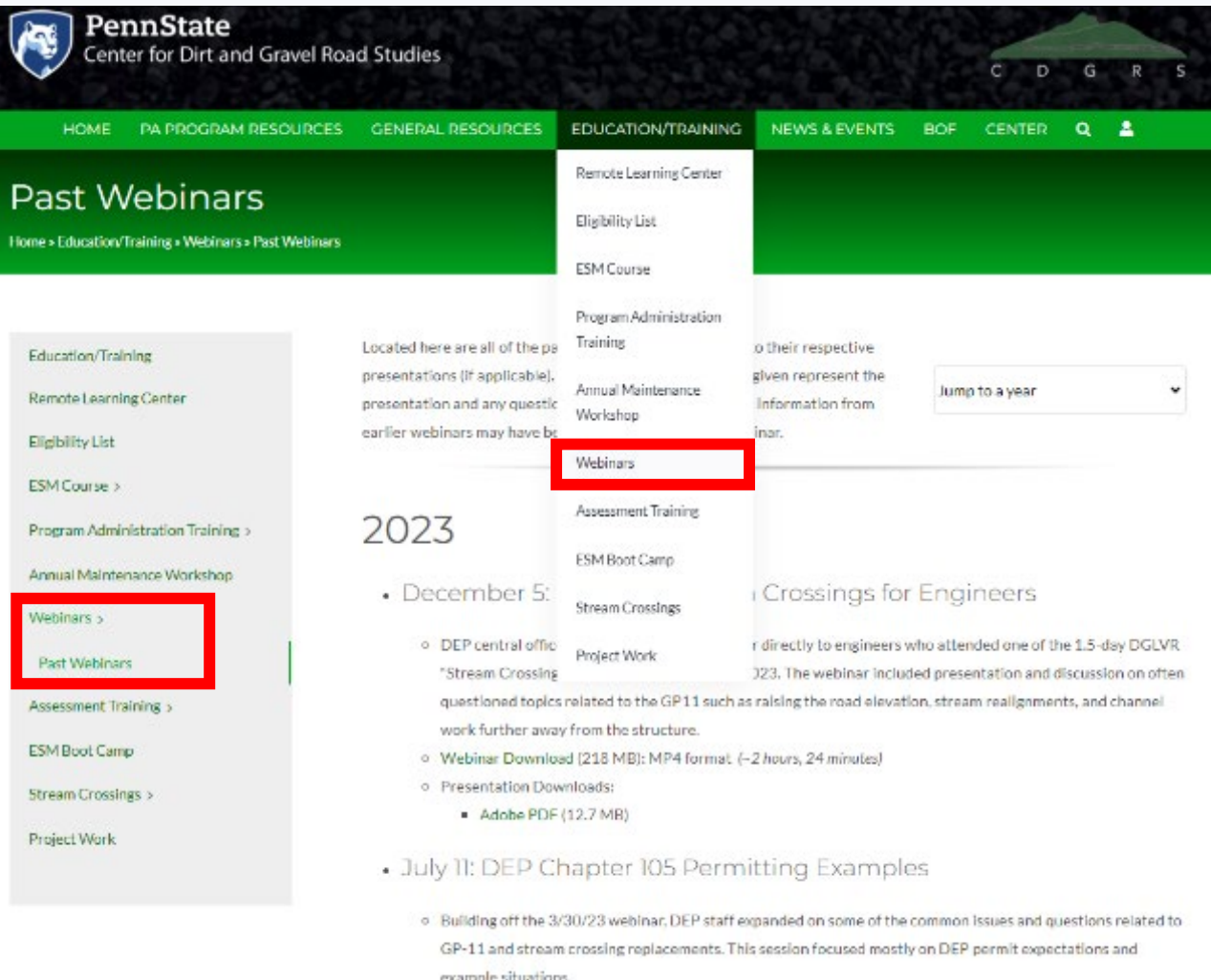- Regional Roundtables
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ESM Boot Camp
- Not held since COVID
- **What is the Boot Camp?**
  - Designed for new hires at CDs
  - ~3 day in-person course
  - Mix of class and field
  - Construction basics
  - <u>Active</u> small drainage project
  - Diagnostic and site plan development

ESM Boot Camp

- **Current plan**
  - Hold 1 (potentially 2) in State College in 2024

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DGLVR Regional Roundtables

- **Regional ½ day meetings to promote discussion between CDs and with CDGRS/Program**
    - Minimal presentation from CDGRS/Program. More discussion: sharing experiences, projects, ideas, advice.
    - Not a one-size fits all agenda, will be guided by CDs.
    - Some regions may wish to continue and repeat them semi annually or annually.
- **Initial planning for 5 across PA**
    - Likely late January through March
    - Look for announcement soon

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CDGRS New Course Management System

- New system debuted late last year for registration for ESM and several other trainings.
- All future CDGRS training registration will be through new system
- System allows users to access certification information (instead of a 100 page PDF list that we have to update after each training)

DEMO

Education Efforts

Past Webinars: 100+

Remote Learning Center: 37

Winter Technical Assistance

- **THIS IS A GREAT TIME FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE!!**

- Take advantage of the (relatively) warm and snow free days!

- **With spending deadlines, next spring promises to be very busy!**

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Survey

- Thank you for feedback today.
- Since Zoom polls are limited, and not everyone is on today, planning a larger survey to go out to CDs soon.

E-mails

- Please notify Amy and Ken of e-mail or contact changes.

Poll: Webinar Topics