

# Innovation Exchange

## Conversations Launching Change

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### Beaver Deterrents

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Beavers frequently build dams along streams that create ponds. Although these ponds provide and enhance habitat for birds and other wildlife, the dams disrupt roadway drainage outlets and crossings and cause significant and costly issues for road managers. Problems range from clogged culverts that cause flooding and overtopping to altering drainage patterns that overburden existing systems. In some instances, the dams cause environmental damage and the destruction of hundreds of acres of trees and vegetation.

In this Innovation Exchange webinar, local and Federal Land Management Agency road managers will share their experiences with this problem and present solutions they have developed and implemented to address it. Presenters will include the following agencies with their respective beaver deterrent technologies:

- Town of Niles, NY– Beaver pipe cage
- National Park Service – Beaver flow device
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Keystone fence
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) – Beaver guards
- USFWS Rice Lake NWR – Beaver cone
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS) White Mountain National Forrest – Beaver cone
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Superior National Forrest – Beaver/Rock drain

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