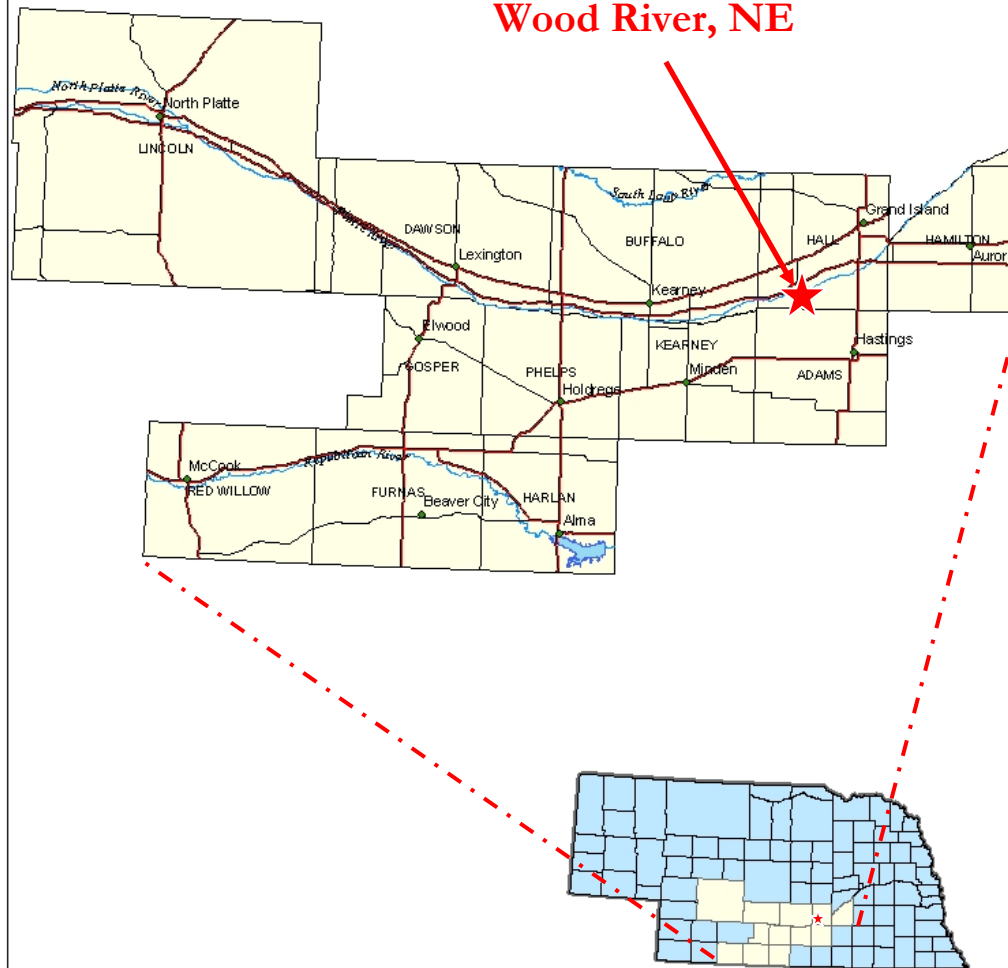


# Shallow Water Spill Containment and Boom Deployment Training (A case study)

Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust  
Wood River, NE

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## Wood River, NE



# So what, another boom training class....

True, but this is about building  
partnerships

# ATTENDEES

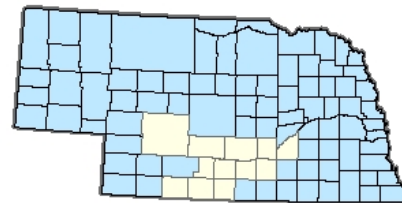
- EPA
- USFWS
- NDEQ
- NE Game and Parks
- 72<sup>nd</sup> CST
- Dawson & Cass County EMS
- Grand Island FD
- Kinder Morgan Pipeline
- Jayhawk Pipeline
- Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust
- Nature Conservancy
- Audubon Society
- Headwaters Corp.
- Ecosolutions

**Why on earth would you  
need partners in Central  
Nebraska?**

# Several reasons....

- Remote location/Lack of Local Resources
- Private landownership
  - Very limited public access
- Sensitive Biological Receptors and Critical Habitats
- Unique River Morphology

## South Central NE Contingency Plan



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Whooping Crane

(523 total; 377 wild; 266 migrate through NE)



Sandhill Cranes

(500,000-800,000)

1 crane for every 2 people living in the  
KC metro area

This aint your Daddy's oil spill.....

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780 ft  
Pointer 40°46'34.93" N 98°28'50.11" W elev 1916 ft Streaming ||||| 100%

Eye alt 4610 ft

**So what, just throw  
down some boom**

You said it was shallow...probably  
don't even need a boat





**What, you don't have  
an airboat?**

No problem.....







**Point is....a spill here will  
suck, so let's keep the  
Genie in the bottle!**

How?

# #1 Objective

## ■ Spill Prevention

- EPA SPCC plans and inspections
  - Containment systems
  - Best Management Practices (BMPs)
    - Close and lock valves, security lights/fence, maintenance
- FRP Exercises/Inspections
- DOT - Pipeline Inspections



# What else?

- Contingency Planning/Preparedness
  - What do we do if there is a spill?
  - Are we prepared to take an action?
  - Preplan actions and train for them

# What if the Genie gets out....

- NO, you don't get three wishes
- Stop the Source of Release



## Second Objective

- Stop a spill before it reaches the river

# How to stop a spill?

Take advantage of existing  
features.....







# Construct underflow structures

Can be done in a ditch, tributary, or in  
a braided channel









# What if the Genie gets out....

- Stop the Source of Release
- Stop flow prior to entering the water
- Contain the spill on water

# Spill Minimization/Containment

## ■ Containment Booming





**Sometimes you use what you got.....**





# When Containment Booming Won't Work!



Loading and Entrainment

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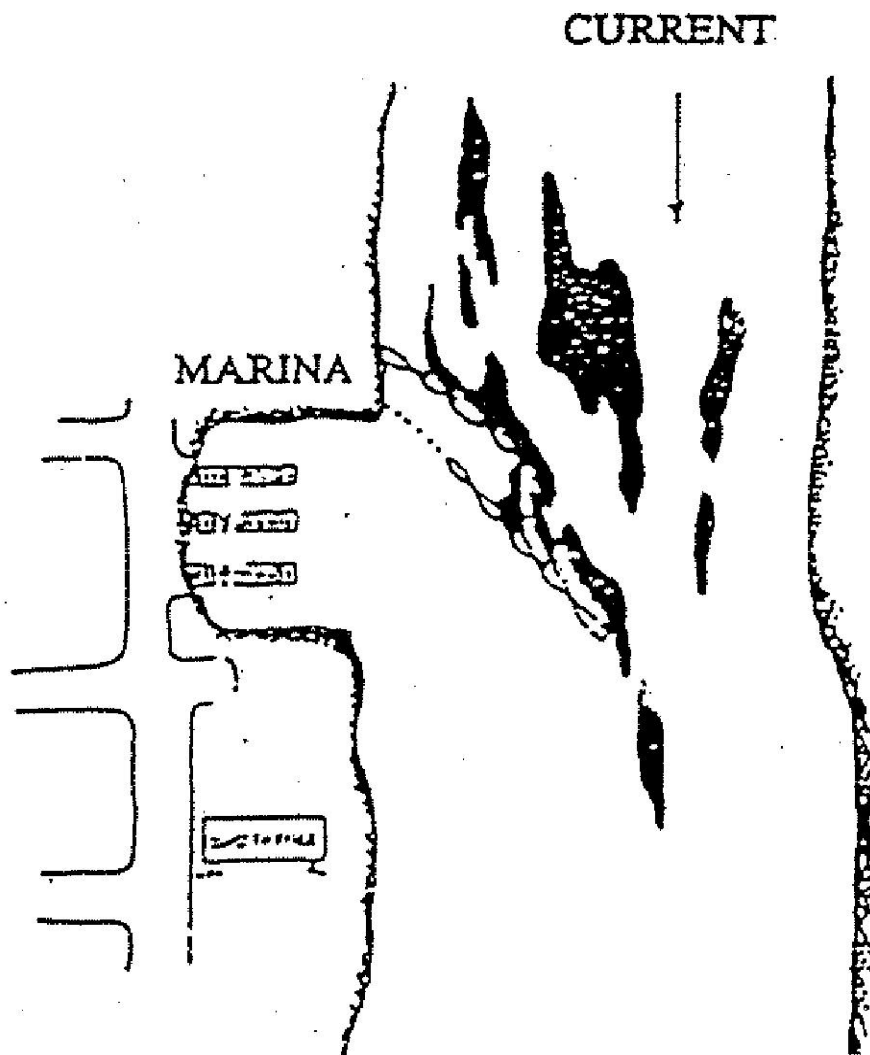
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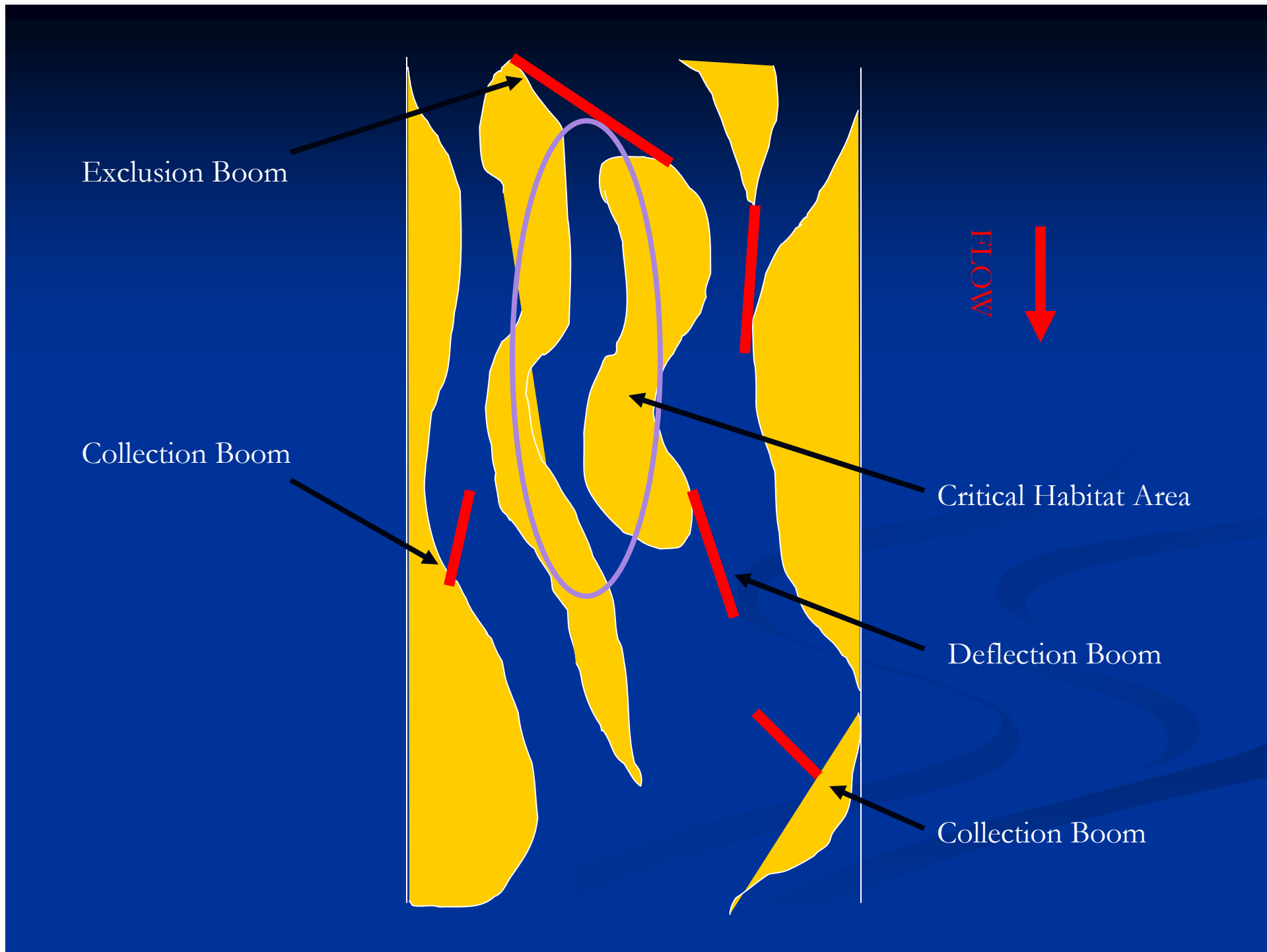
- Containment Booming
- Diversion
- Exclusion
- Deflection Booming



# DEFLECTION/EXCLUSION BOOMING

Either direct oil or protect an area





























# Lessons Learned

- Challenging to Boom a Braided Stream
  - Various Currents and Depth
  - Limited River Access
  - Extensive shoreline and vegetation to protect/clean
- Limited Response Equipment in Central NE
- Response Agencies/Contractors Not Close
- Better to Prevent or Contain Spill Prior to Entering River

