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IECA Draws Line Between Natural and Human Accelerated Erosion

Steamboat Springs, CO. The causes of erosion and increased sedimentation in our waters are varied and complex. The results of erosion are just as broad, ranging from amazing natural beauty such as the Grand Canyon to disastrous flooding and the destruction of wildlife habitats.

While it is not always possible or essential to protect land from the effects of natural erosion, there are many measures that can be taken to prevent erosion caused by humans. But first a distinction between natural erosion and human accelerated erosion must be made.

The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) has issued a position statement defining “human accelerated” and “natural” erosion. The statement draws a line between problems triggered by natural events such as hurricanes which are often intensified by human causes such as vegetation removal and land development.

The IECA is a source for information and strategies to combat human accelerated erosion and to control natural erosion which threatens human developed property and activities.

Read more about the distinction between human accelerated erosion and natural erosion at <http://www.ieca.org/membersonly/CMS/Content/PolicyPaper/ASPFile.asp?path=Object191ASPEnglish.asp&id=191>

For more information about controlling human accelerated erosion visit www.ieca.org.

About IECA

The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) is the world’s oldest and largest association devoted entirely to helping members solve the problems caused by erosion and its byproduct – sediment. Founded in 1972, IECA is a non-profit organization that serves as the premier global resource for the prevention and control of erosion. For more information about state-of-the-art educational events and materials, please visit our web site at www.ieca.org.

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