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TB: I took his introductory course about 20 years ago, so my recollections are a bit sketchy. In any case, the theme of the training was the stream classification system, rather than a discussion of natural stream processes. I do recall he was fond of installing root wads to redirect stream energy and create in-stream habitat. My understanding is that Rosgen's approach is intended to create a stable stream reach (lateral stability), rather than to encourage stream dynamics. His corrective actions are usually applied after the stream has been degraded for one reason or another. I can't speak for him, but I'm sure he would counsel against taking action in response to a stream moving laterally if its effects were innocuous. Usually, though, it is the lateral movement of a stream which threatens infrastructure which gets the treatment. I have seen many of those.