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**floodplain splay** . A small alluvial fan or other outspread deposit formed where an overloaded stream breaks through a levee (artificial or natural) and deposits its material (often coarse-grained) on the floodplain. Syn: *overbank splay*; *sand splay*; *channel splay*; *splay* [*geomorph*].

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