

## Understanding Your Environment: River Systems Activity 1 - High-Gradient Streams

### This investigation will help you to:

- Characteristics of High-Gradient Streams
- To learn more about the Big Thompson, Colorado flood, visit the following web sites:

#### Characteristics of High-Gradient Streams

- Streams and Drainage Systems - Tulane University  
Read an overview of many of the topics covered in this chapter, including high gradient streams.
- Nehalem River Watershed Assessment: Channel Habitat Typing - Portland State University  
Learn more about the effect different stream gradients can have on organisms in the stream.

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To learn more about the Big Thompson, Colorado flood, visit the following web sites:

- The Big Thompson Canyon Flash Flood - UCAR
- The Big Thompson Canyon Flood - NOAA

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