Natural Resources Distance Learning Consortium

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A Brief History

- *Established in 2003
- ***USDA-FS** goals
 - *reduce costs
 - *university education for professional development
 - *reduce career interruption
 - *regionally diverse curricula

DL consortium strengths

- *Meeting USDA-FS goals
 - *reduce travel costs
 - *students continue to work
 - *outsource instruction to academia
 - *university credit for courses
 - * networking opportunities
 - *access to diverse curricula

DL consortium strengths

- *Meeting university member goals
 - * reduce program development costs
 - * reduce program development time
 - *course development support
 - *collaboration opportunities
 - *access to experienced, motivated students

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NC STATE UNIVERSITY







University of Idaho

MISSISSIPPI STATE





US FOREST SERVICE

100 Years of Caring for the land and serving people



Non-Virtual & Virtual Classrooms

It's like comparing apples and... pears





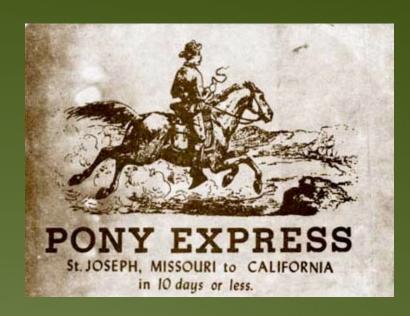
DL = Flexibility



It's not your grandma's distance learning







2 Main Paradigms

...and infinite variations

Synchronous Delivery



Asynchronous Delivery















