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Dr. Closmann updated the "Guide for the General Public" and the "Background" sections of the River Report, adding recently published information on impaired waterways, new environmental laws, guidance on recreation, and the history of the St. Johns River.