



Oregon Forest Collaboratives Network Workshop November 9-10, 2015 • Agenda

Eagle Crest Resort, 1522 Cline Falls Highway, Redmond, Oregon

Meeting purpose and goals:

1. Connect forest collaborative participants with information, tools, and resources that work to increase the collective impact of forest collaboration and restoration efforts.
2. Establish and strengthen partnerships among forest collaboratives and with state and federal agencies.
3. Develop a network for future work together by identifying ways to continue to advance the collective interests and shared goals of Oregon forest collaboratives.
4. Establish an understanding of the socioeconomic characteristics and ecological conditions that influence forest collaborative efforts across the state.

Monday, November 9

All full-group sessions in Juniper Hall

8:30 am Doors open *(Coffee and rolls will be available.)*

9:00 am Welcome message
Andrew Spaeth, Forest Program Associate, Sustainable Northwest

9:15 am Keynote address
*Introduction by Dylan Kruse, Policy Director, Sustainable Northwest
Representative Lew Frederick, District 43, State of Oregon*

9:45 am Historic and current vegetation and fire regime conditions of Oregon forests
Derek Churchill, Research Associate, University of Washington
This session details differences in the historical fire ecology of east- and west-side forest ecoregions, key changes to east-side fire regimes, current ecological conditions, and core ecological principles for landscape restoration.

10:30 am Break

- 10:45 am Oregon Forest Collaboratives: A Brief Overview**
Emily Jane Davis, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Oregon State University
 An introduction to the geographic locations and emerging trends of forest collaboratives in Oregon and recent results from a survey of more than one hundred forest collaborative participants in the state.
- 11:15 am Getting to know your fellow collaborators**
Kirk Shimeall, Executive Director, Cascade Pacific RC&D
 This interactive session engages participants in a facilitated group exercise that works to better understand the similarities, differences, and unique characteristics of forest collaborative groups across Oregon.
- 11:45 am Networking lunch** (*Location: Juniper Hall*)
- 12:45 am Overview and dialogue of Oregon's Federal Forest Health Program**
Chad Davis, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Forestry
 Local collaborative groups have brought diverse interests together to find solutions to restoration challenges. The resulting projects have begun to enhance forest health and help revitalize rural economies. The Federal Forest Health Program builds on these successes, expanding capacity to create partnerships and advance projects.
- 1:15 pm Break-out sessions**
- Economic outcomes: How can collaboratives contribute?** (*Location: Room A*)
Eric White, Research Social Scientist, PNW Research Station, U.S. Forest Service
Emily Jane Davis, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Oregon State University
- Session goal: Economic impacts are part of collaborative groups' missions, but achieving them can be challenging. The goal of this session is to discuss strategies and tools that collaboratives are using to increase economic outcomes of all kinds. This session focuses on lessons learned and is intended to be solution-oriented.
- Topics covered: Agency contracting, forest products capacity, socioeconomic monitoring, diverse economic values and ecosystem services.
- Forest collaborative governance structures, capacity, and resources** (*Location: Room B*)
Meagan Nuss, Faculty Research Assistant, Oregon State University
Jane Barth, Facilitator, Mary's Peak Stewardship Group and Hebo Stewardship Group
- Session goal: Share examples of formal governance tools used in Oregon collaboratives, and engage participants in considering how these tools might relate to end goals and relationship-building. The session will draw on preliminary findings from a recent study by OSU Extension and the PNW Research Station, as well as practitioner experience in the field.
- Topics covered: Formal governance structures used in Oregon forest collaboratives, such as regular facilitation, policies and procedures, and standing committees, and their relationship to collaborative effectiveness and success.

Modeling forest restoration needs and opportunities (*Location: Room C*)

George McKinley, Executive Director, Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative

Cindy Donegan, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Session goal: Using the most recent ecological data and modeling tools, explore the needs and opportunities for forest restoration in Oregon. Draw ideas and examples from the recently completed Rogue Basin Cohesive Forest Restoration Strategy.

Topics covered: Forest restoration modeling, prioritization of restoration projects, and collaborative process.

2:15 pm **Break** (*Location: Juniper Hall. Coffee and refreshments will be available.*)

2:30 pm **Break-out sessions**

Social network analysis of forest collaboration in the Blue Mountains (*Location: Room A*)

Rebecca McLain, Research Assistant Professor, Portland State University

Kristen Wright, Graduate Research Assistant, Portland State University

Lindsay Warness, Forest Policy Liaison, Boise Cascade

Session goal: The session will begin with an overview of recent findings from a social network analysis of forest collaboration in the Blue Mountains of Northeast Oregon. Participants will then explore how social networks influence forest collaborative efforts and how forest collaborative groups can develop social networks that work to enhance their shared interests and goals.

Topics covered: Social network analysis, relationship building, and trust.

Moving forward: strategies and tools for collaborative group learning and adaptation (*Location: Room B*)

Ann Moote, Principal, Mamut Consulting

Vernita Ediger, Natural Resources and Environment, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

Session goal: Provide participants with tools and examples of effective evaluation practices for adaptive management and transition planning including an interactive exercise to learn and share best practices.

Topics covered: Adaptive management, transition planning, and collaborative group learning.

Collaborative engagement with research scientists (*Location: Room C*)

Trent Seager, PhD Candidate, Forest Ecology, Oregon State University

Andrew Merschel, Research Assistant, Oregon State University

Pete Caligiuri, Forest Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy

Session goal: Explore the role a scientist or researcher can play in helping forest collaborative groups develop social agreement and consensus. Offer tools for helping your collaborative work with scientists as guest speakers, lead on a local research project, advisor, or collaborative member. The panel will engage participants in responding to important questions, such as: what do you need to know before inviting a scientist? Is there funding available? How do we avoid pitfalls? Do scientists and researchers bring something different to the discussions than Forest Service or agency resource staff?

Topics covered: Research scientist engagement, potential roles, and financial support.

3:25 pm **Move to next session**

3:30 pm

Break-out sessions

Public perceptions research and collaborative communications (*Location: Room A*)

Joel Hartter, Associate Professor, University of Colorado - Boulder

Nils Christoffersen, Executive Director, Wallowa Resources

Session goal: Presentation and discussion of recent public perceptions research from the Communities and Forests in Oregon (CAFOR) project, which is focused on understanding forest management issues in Northeast Oregon and other parts of the United States. The session will also explore the role of community-based organizations and forest collaboratives in engaging in applied research and how public perceptions data can be used to inform external communications.

Topics covered: Public perceptions and collaborative communications.

Conflict management and resolution (*Location: Room B*)

Steve Greenwood, Deputy Director, National Policy Consensus Center

Session goal: Engage participants in a conversation and interactive exercise that explores the realities of building consensus among disparate partners. This session will provide participants with skills and tools that navigate the consensus-making process within the context of forest collaboration.

Topics covered: Collaborative process, consensus building, conflict management and resolution, and skill building.

Participatory mapping for sustainable roads planning (*Location: Room C*)

Lee Cerveny, Research Social Scientist, Pacific Northwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service

Rebecca McLain, Research Assistant Professor, Portland State University

Session goal: Present the participatory mapping approach used to gather information about public values and priority forest uses drawing from an example on the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest in Washington. This session will explain how we developed a tool for collecting public use data using a series of community meetings. We will discuss ways to adapt the protocol to gather other kinds of socio-spatial information, including land management preferences, ecosystem services (forest benefits), use conflicts, and other information.

Topics covered: Collaborative process, participatory mapping, and public values.

4:30 pm

Brief report out from afternoon break-out sessions (*Location: Juniper Hall*)

4:45 pm

Pre-reception break

5:30 pm

Reception with hors d'oeuvres and limited hosted bar (*Location: Juniper Hall*)

Tuesday, November 10

All full-group sessions in Juniper Hall

7:30 am

Breakfast (*Location: Juniper Hall*)

9:00 am

Welcome

Andrew Spaeth, Forest Program Associate, Sustainable Northwest

- 9:05 am **Keynote panel presentation: Interagency collaboration in Oregon**
Jim Peña, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Forest Service
Doug Decker, State Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry
Jerry Perez, State Director, Bureau of Land Management
- 10:15 am **Break** (*Location: Juniper Hall. Coffee and refreshments will be available.*)
- 10:30 am **Sub-regional collaborative group discussions**
Each sub-region in Oregon maintains distinct ecological, economic, and sociocultural characteristics. The sub-regions will meet and explore opportunities and challenges to share ideas, innovations, and information across collaboratives.
- Southwest: Umpqua, Rogue River-Siskiyou** (*Facilitator: Patrick Shannon*)
- Northwest: Mount Hood, Willamette, Siuslaw** (*Facilitator: Emily Jane Davis*)
- Central: Deschutes, Ochoco, Fremont-Winema** (*Facilitator: Meagan Nuss*)
- Northeast: Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, Malheur** (*Facilitator: Donald Ulrich*)
- 11:30 pm **Networking lunch** (*Location: Juniper Hall*)
- 12:30 pm **Presentation: Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership**
The Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership connects, informs, and supports collaborative groups working to restore the resilience of Idaho forests. This presentation provides a background and overview of the partnership and its structure and role in advancing forest collaboration and restoration in Idaho.
Rick Tholen, Chair, Intermountain Society of American Foresters
- 1:00 pm **Panel presentation: Furthering forest collaboration and restoration**
This panel will begin with a brief presentation of the opportunities and challenges identified through the sub-regional collaborative group discussions. Through a moderated discussion and question and answer session, members of the audience and panel will explore opportunities to address common challenges, advance forest collaboration, and identify ways to work together to meet forest restoration goals.
Patrick Shannon, Forest Program Director, Sustainable Northwest
Mark Stern, Forest Restoration Program Director, The Nature Conservancy
Chad Davis, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Forestry
Maia Enzer, Regional Partnership Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service
Emily Jane Davis, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Oregon State University
- 2:00 pm **Closing remarks and adjourn**
Chad Davis, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Forestry
Maia Enzer, Regional Partnership Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service
Andrew Spaeth, Forest Program Associate, Sustainable Northwest

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