



**Blues Coalition Workshop**  
*Furthering Collaboration and Forest Resilience*

**Meeting Location**

Best Western Sunridge Inn  
1 Sunridge Lane  
Baker City, Oregon

**Workshop Schedule**

Monday, July 27 – 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM  
Tuesday, July 28 – 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM  
All sessions will be held in the Sunridge Room.

**Meeting Purpose and Goals**

- Provide a forum for forest collaborative members in the Blue Mountains to engage with the Blue Mountains Interdisciplinary Team and learn about the Forest Resiliency Project, including the Purpose and Need Statement and the line officer's intent as described in the project initiation letter.
- Engage forest collaborative members in an opportunity to provide input and direction on the Forest Resiliency Project Proposed Action.
- Explore how collaborative groups have developed forest restoration agreements in the Blue Mountains region and discuss how previously developed collaborative agreement could be used to inform the Forest Resiliency Project.
- Support collaborative capacity building, networking, socioeconomic and ecological monitoring efforts, and sharing of lessons learned.

**Monday, July 27, 2015**

10:00 AM	<b>Welcome and introductions ~ Patrick Shannon, Forest Program Director, Sustainable Northwest</b>
10:10 AM	<b>Forest Resiliency Project ~ Bill Aney, Eastside Restoration Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service</b> The Blue Mountains Interdisciplinary Team will present details regarding the project background and timeline, scope and scale of the project, data availability and use, and lessons learned from Lower Joseph Creek. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blue Mountains Interdisciplinary Team</li></ul>
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch, provided at the hotel (Sunridge Room)</b>
12:45 PM	<b>Working session: Forest Resiliency Project</b> In this working session the group will discuss topics and questions related to the Forest Resiliency Project in order to help inform the development of the Proposed Action.
2:15 PM	<b>Break</b>

2:30 PM

**Socioeconomic monitoring results from accelerated restoration**

Presentation of the social and economic monitoring results from a recently released Oregon Department of Forestry report and an overview of monitoring results from across eastern Oregon.

- Eric White, Research Social Scientist, Pacific Northwest Research Station
- Emily Jane Davis, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Oregon State University

3:30 PM

**Developing and sustaining a monitoring plan**

This is a peer-to-peer learning opportunity to explore and discuss different approaches to developing a monitoring plan and examples from collaborative efforts across the region.

- Nils Christoffersen, Executive Director, Wallowa Resources
- Mark Webb, Executive Director, Blue Mountain Forest Partners

4:30 PM

**Break**

4:40PM

**Aspen restoration and social agreement**

The presentation will share a regional learning model and science framing document focused on aspen restoration. An ensuing discussion will work to better understand how collaborative groups might build social agreement using aspen restoration as an example.

- Vernita Ediger, Natural Resources and Environment Program Administrator, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
- Trent Seager, PhD Candidate, Forest Ecology, Oregon State University
- Emily Jane Davis, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Oregon State University

5:30 PM

**Break**

6:30 PM

**Dinner at Barley Brown's, 2190 Main St. Baker City, OR 97814**

Join us for this (optional) dinner at a local favorite!

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

- 7:00 AM                    **Breakfast, provided at hotel (Sunridge Room)**
- 8:30 AM                    **Welcome message**
- 8:35 AM                    **Forest Resiliency Project**  
Return to the Forest Resiliency Project and provide an opportunity for participants to share any additional thoughts or reflections.
- 9:00 AM                    **Forest collaboration and objections in the NEPA process**  
This presentation will provide an overview of the Forest Service's administrative and judicial review process and a discussion of the options collaborative groups may utilize as they consider engaging at both levels of the process.
- Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center
  - Jackie Andrew, Resource Planning and Monitoring, U.S. Forest Service
- 10:30 AM                    **Break**
- 10:45 AM                    **Forest collaborative communications: tips and tools for improving community outreach and engagement**  
Presentation highlights recent research on public perceptions of natural resource management in Northeast Oregon from the Communities and Forest in Oregon (CAFOR) project. Lessons learned from the process of building a communications and outreach strategy by the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project will provide a recent example of how a forest collaborative in the region is taking the message of forest restoration to the communities of Central Oregon. The presentations will be followed by a full group discussion and brainstorming session.
- Angela Boag, PhD Student, University of Colorado - Boulder
  - Pete Caligiuri, Forest Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy
- 12:00 PM                    **Closing remarks**