

# Washington Forest Collaboratives Summit

Hal Holmes Center, [209 N. Ruby St](#), Ellensburg, WA

October 20-21, 2015

## Goals

1. Network with collaboratives across the state and identify areas where joint action or a unified voice would be beneficial.
2. Share the challenges and successes of their collaborative and engage in candid, shared learning.
3. Develop an understanding of needs for forest restoration and economic opportunity across the state and outline strategies for accelerating forest restoration.
4. Develop an organizational structure, plan for ongoing communication and annual meetings.

## Outcomes

1. Have ideas to take back to your forest collaboratives to advance their work.
2. Have new connections and know who to follow up with for a certain idea or need.
3. Have an outline for how the Washington Forest Collaborative Network will work together in the future.

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## Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

### 10:00 Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Goals and Objectives

*Patrick Shannon, Forest Program Director, Sustainable Northwest*

### 10:20 Keynote Speaker

*Mary Mitsos, Interim President, National Forest Foundation*

### 10:55 Roundtable Discussion: Identifying Collaborative Capacity Needs

*Moderator: Melody Kreimes, Forest Health Program Manager, Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board*

#### Questions for each collaborative:

- What is the current capacity (staffing & volunteer) of each collaborative?
- With increased capacity what could be accomplished?
- Brainstorm ideas to increase capacity and funding

### 12:00 Lunch Provided – Guest Speaker

Creation and work of the Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership  
*Rick Tholen, Chair, Intermountain Society of American Foresters*

- 1:00 Lessons Learned: Collaborating within NEPA and Planning**  
*Moderator: Susan Thomas, Partnership Coordinator, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF*
- Science Consulting – North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative  
*Lloyd McGee, Eastern Washington Forests Program Manager, TNC*
  - Third Party NEPA and Huckleberry Restoration – Pinchot Partners  
*Jamie Tolfree, Collaborative Coordinator, Pinchot Partners*
  - Development of the A to Z Project – NE Washington Forestry Coalition  
*Gloria Flora, Interim Director Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition*
  - Tapash Collaborative: Cross-boundary planning for restoration  
*Reese Lolley, Director, Forest Restoration and Fire, The Nature Conservancy*

**2:30 Break**

- 2:45 Lessons Learned: Project Implementation**  
*Moderator: Jamie Tolfree, Collaborative Coordinator, Pinchot Partners*
- Supporting Marking Crews on the Olympic NF  
*Matt Comisky, Washington Manager, American Forest Resource Council*
  - Implementing and monitoring restoration prescriptions: old challenges and new tools  
*Derek Churchill, Consulting forester, Stewardship Forestry*
  - Lessons from the Chumstick - Working from Planning through Implementation  
*Andrew Holm, Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition, Steering Committee Chair*
  - USFS 10 Year Stewardship Contract on the Malheur NF  
*Patrick Shannon, Forest Program Director, Sustainable Northwest*

**4:15 Poster and Materials Session**

**4:45 Adjourn**

**5:30 No Host Dinner** at the Palace Café, 323 N Main Street

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**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00 Breakfast at Hal Holmes Center** (*served until 8:00*)

**8:00 Opening Remarks**  
*Mike Williams, Forest Supervisor, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest*



- 8:15 Keynote Speaker**  
*Jim Peña, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service*
- 8:50 Forest Restoration Needs in Western Washington**  
*Moderator: Matt Comisky, Washington Manager, American Forest Resource Council*
- Preliminary Forest Restoration Needs in Western Washington and Updated Eastern Washington Needs  
*Ryan Haugo, Eastern Washington Forest Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy*
- 9:45 Break**
- 10:00 Forest Restoration Economics: Identifying Steps to Move Forward**  
*Moderator: Lloyd McGee, Eastern Washington Forests Program Manager, TNC*
- Oregon's Federal Forest Health Program  
*Chad Davis, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Forestry*
  - NEWFC Economic Analysis for CFLRP  
*Gloria Flora, Interim Director Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition*
  - UCSRB Preliminary Economic Analysis  
*Melody Kreimes, Forest Health Program Manager, UCSRB and Keith Blatner, Forestry Professor, Washington State University*
- 11:30 Small Group Discussion of Ecological & Economic Factors of Restoration**  
*Moderator: Gloria Flora, Interim Director, Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition*
- Participants will break into small groups to identify ecological and economic topics or themes that can be common across the state
  - Small groups report out to the full group
- 12:30 Lunch Provided**
- 1:15 Organization and Purpose of WA Collaboratives Network**  
*Moderator: Patrick Shannon, Forest Program Director, Sustainable Northwest*
- Continuing joint work through the year
  - Maintaining efficient communication
  - Identify Specific Actions or Follow-up Needed
  - Planning for an annual workshop
- 2:25 Closing Remarks**
- 2:30 Adjourn!**