

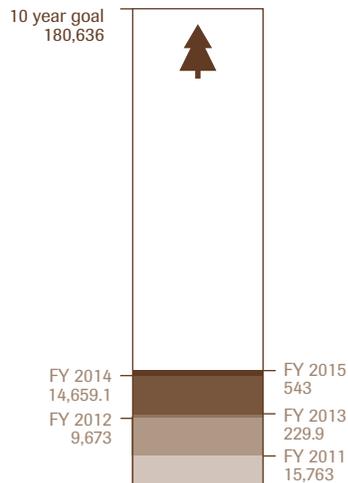


Forest Management project at Sweeney Hill, Elk City, Idaho. © Framing Our Community

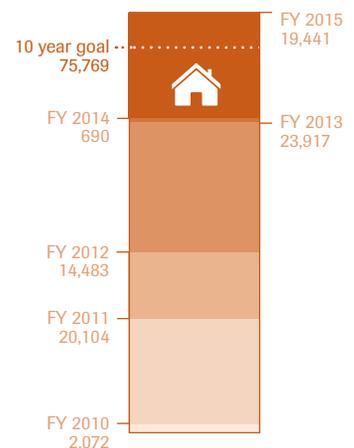
The Clearwater Basin Collaborative offers a path away from the historic “timber wars” towards a more constructive future by meeting the needs of local communities, conservationists, the timber industry, sportsmen, and the Nez Perce Tribe. CFLR funds enable the Collaborative and U.S. Forest Service to take a strong step towards creating local jobs and restoring healthy forests.

## Partners

- Clearwater County Commissioners
- Empire Lumber
- Framing Our Community
- Idaho Association of Loggers
- Idaho Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
- Idaho Conservation League
- Idaho County Commissioners
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Idaho Forest Group
- Idaho Outfitters and Guides
- Lewiston Off-Highway Vehicle Club
- Public Lands Access Year-round
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- The Great Burn Study Group
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Wilderness Society
- Trout Unlimited
- U.S. Forest Service



**Wood Supply**  
CCF of timber sold



**Fire Risk Reduction**  
Acres of hazardous fuels reduced



Joyce Dearstyne

Joyce Dearstyne’s first memories in the Clearwater Basin of Idaho are helping raise an outdoor timber frame classroom. The timber for that classroom came from value-added wood products, and helped highlight the opportunity to diversify the timber-based economy of her declining town.

She loves her town of Elk City for its scenic beauty within the Nez Perce National Forest. The forest is home to majestic elk, moose, and mountain lions, spawning streams for salmon, steelhead and bull trout, and nesting areas for Snow and Canadian geese.

The Clearwater Basin is also important for people, as headwaters to the Columbia River Basin and water supplier to much of the Pacific Northwest. Of course, the Clearwater Basin provides places for people to enjoy their outdoor Idaho lifestyle, too.

Joyce is working to keep those memories alive as the Executive Director of Framing Our Community (FOC), a member of the Clearwater Basin Collaborative (CBC), and the Selway-Middle Fork Clearwater CFLR. FOC is a 501(c) 3 non-profit which provides programs that create jobs, improve forest and watershed conditions, and increase educational opportunities for people in the Clearwater Basin.

“I have found my passion and can’t imagine doing anything else,” says Joyce. “These forests have provided a haven for wildlife on the lands and waters, income for those who work in its mountains, and serenity for those who live within their confines.”

“The Selway-Middle Fork Clearwater CFLR project is a critical tool for us to maintain the historic way of life here in the Clearwater Basin,” said Joyce. “It is putting people to work with fuels reduction, replanting trees, eradicating invasive plants, and improving fish habitat by reducing sedimentation, lowering stream temperature, and removing pathogens.”

Since 2010, the project has created or maintained an average of 137 jobs per year.

“I have seen the first-hand benefits to people, water, and wildlife that this program is doing, which I hope future generations will be able to share with their own families,” Joyce adds.

To learn more about the Selway Middle Fork Clearwater Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration project, visit [www.clearwaterbasincollaborative.org](http://www.clearwaterbasincollaborative.org)



Total acreage of landscape: 1.4 million

### 2015 Results

- 137 jobs created or maintained on average per year
- 428 miles of road maintained, improved, or decommissioned
- 109 acres of lake habitat restored
- 3,054 acres treated to reduce noxious weeds and invasive species
- 818 miles of trail improved and maintained



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Aerial view of fuels reduction project at Root Ranch, a private in-holding in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. © Framing Our Community

Youth Corps are instructed about revegetation to stabilize stream banks and improve wildlife habitat. © Framing Our Community