



Total acreage of landscape: 970,000

Partners

- Idaho Forest Group
- Circle C Ranches
- Heartland Back Country Horsemen
- Adams County Natural Resources Committee
- Citizen
- Evergreen Forest
- Trout Unlimited
- Society of American Foresters
- Backcountry Recreation Club, Idaho Recreation Council
- Boise Cascade Wood Products
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Adams Soil & Water Conservation District
- Adams County
- CBPS (Cuprum)
- Idaho Conservation League
- West Central Highlands RC&D



Council Mountain-Mill Creek project area in the Weiser-Little Salmon Headwaters CFLR in central Idaho.
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Approximately 87% of the Payette National Forest is forested with a continuous landscape of low- to mid-elevation forest, an ideal home for about 300 wildlife species, including elk, deer, moose, black bear, mountain lion, wolverines, and fishers. The CFLR project is working to increase economic activity through biomass utilization, forestry, and natural resource jobs. Approximately 10,000 green tons of biomass chips and 50,000 CCF of sawtimber will be produced annually across the 500,000 acre project area (approximately 190,000 will be treated).

2015 Results

- 174 jobs created or maintained on a yearly average
- 20,018 acres of wildlife habitat restored
- 7,112 acres of hazardous fuel reduced
- 2,130 acres of invasive plants and noxious weeds reduced

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Mac Lefebvre's roots in forestry reach four generations into the hills around Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where his family began ranching and timbering more than 100 years ago. A graduate forester of the University of Idaho, it is a tradition Mac continues today as a forester for Idaho Forest Group, a privately owned sawmill in Grangeville.



Mac Lefebvre

"Sawmills are an important part of the restoration equation as sawtimber is an important source of funding for other restoration activities, such as road reconstruction to reduce sediment delivery, and replacing stream crossings to improve critical fish habitat," said Mac.

The Weiser-Little Salmon Headwaters CFLR has generated millions of dollars in timber receipts that will be used solely for restoration activities. That is why Mac serves as a steering committee member for the Payette Forest Coalition, a group of community members, businesses, and conservation groups that pulled together to keep their forests and community healthy. The Weiser-Little Salmon Headwaters CFLR project has provided them the support they need to meet their goals.

"We have 120 log-truck loads per day of timber coming out of the forests that surround our communities," explains Mac. "Our mill relies heavily on Federal timber supply—if we didn't work to keep them productive and healthy we wouldn't have a business for long. The logs are a bi-product of these restoration efforts, the overarching goal being that we're making these landscapes healthier and more resilient."

More than twenty percent of Idaho Forest Groups' timber supply comes from CFLR project forests on both the Payette and Clearwater Nez Perce National Forests. These logs usually are made into framing lumber for homes and businesses.

"The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration program helps keeps our northern Idaho businesses, communities, and forests healthy."