



Total acreage of
landscape: 210,000

Partners

- Forest Guild
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Mt. Taylor Millworks, Inc.
- BRL Logging
- New Mexico State Forestry
- New Mexico Game and Fish
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- McKinley and Cibola Counties
- Ramah Navajo Chapter
- Pueblo of Zuni
- National Park Service
- Great Old Broads for Wilderness
- Cottonwood Gulch Foundation
- New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute
- New Mexico Forest Industry Association
- New Mexico Environmental Department
- Criterion Archeological Consultants
- Bureau of Land Management
- New Mexico State Land Office
- University of New Mexico
- Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation

2015 Results

- \$2.3 million in total estimated labor income
- 2,731 acres of hazardous fuel reduced
- 6,350 ccf of timber sold
- 30 miles of eroding roads maintained

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Mountain bikers in quaking aspen grove. Mountain bikers are a strong collaborative partner for landscape restoration in the Zuni Mountains. © U.S. Forest Service

A critical water source, the Zuni Mountain landscape is also home to a variety of fish and wildlife, including the endangered Zuni bluehead sucker and Mexican spotted owl. Through thinning and controlled burn treatments, the 56,000 acre project is making the forests of Zuni Mountain more resilient to wildfire, drought, bark beetles, and climate change. The Zuni Mountain CFLR will create and maintain an estimated 75 part and full-time jobs, and approximately \$37 million is estimated will be saved in future wildfire management costs.

The Zuni Mountains represent over 200,000 acres of ponderosa pine forests in a relatively dry plateau. In the future climate, these forests won't be able to move to higher elevations. To maintain this landscape as forested and reduce the destructive potential of a crown fire, the landscape needs large-scale thinning and burning.

Eytan Krasilovsky, Southwest Director with the Forest Stewards Guild, has been involved in restoration in the area since before there was a CFLR. "We began with a 1,500 acre collaborative project in 2005, which started the CFLR collaborative and created a path for Mount Taylor Manufacturing – a family-run local business – to be one of New Mexico's largest wood harvesting and utilization businesses." Since the CFLR project began in 2012, the Guild has served as the collaboration and monitoring partner.



Eytan Krasilovsky

Thanks to CFLR funding, there are now over 5,500 acres treated on USFS lands and plans in place to implement large prescribed burns. Leveraged state, private, and other federal funds have helped treat other jurisdictions and make communities more fire-adapted. This effort culminated with a 101 acre private land burn in 2015 bordering the Cibola National Forest that trained local firefighters.

In the community, the National Forest established a forester training program with Zuni Pueblo. The National Wild Turkey Federation Stewardship Agreement with Mt. Taylor Manufacturing has grown to 45 full time harvesting and processing jobs – jobs Eytan says wouldn't exist without CFLR.

"It really was the CFLR that has allowed for steady harvesting and wood hauling. It is a stabilizing factor that has allowed for long-term progress. The monitoring and collaboration necessary for CFLR has created an adaptive management environment which protects old and large trees." Without this focus, Eytan believes the project wouldn't benefit from the continued support from partners and adjacent landowners it now receives.