



**Total acreage of landscape:** 662,289

## Partners

- Collins Companies
- Concerned Friends of the Fremont-Winema
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Lake County Chamber of Commerce
- Lake County Resources Initiative
- Lakeview High School
- Lakeview Ranger District
- Oregon Department of Economic and Community Development
- Oregon Wild
- Sustainable Northwest
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Wilderness Society
- U.S. Forest Service



Rebuilding a stream channel to restore connectivity for bull trout, made possible by CFLR. © Craig Bienz

The Lakeview CFLR Project is an important water source for agriculture and wildlife. Rare wildlife in the project area include bald eagle and redband trout, as well as more common elk, pronghorn, and black bear. The area has been prioritized by the state for mule deer and sage grouse habitat restoration. CFLR Project treatments are improving water conditions, reducing the risk of destructive megafires, and fighting beetle infestation through brush removal and controlled burns.

## 2015 Results

- 91 jobs created or maintained on a yearly average
- 485.4 miles of roads improved or maintained (gathered from combining the passenger and high clearance roads improved and maintained)
- 14,029 acres of wildlife habitat improved
- 812 acres of invasive plants and noxious weeds removed

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At the foot of the Warner Mountains in Lakeview, Oregon, Jim Walls can look out over the Great Basin to the east, a vast sagebrush sea that stretches for hundreds of miles. Tall and remote, the Warner Range reaches into the clouds and pulls down moisture into the forests that carpet its sides, home to a town long dependent on timber paychecks.



Jim Walls

Walls can also look back upon his own experience in Lakeview, where he began as a high school ranch hand in the 1960s, and today serves as Executive Director of the Lake County Resources Initiative. In between he enjoyed a 33-year career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service that took him all over the country.

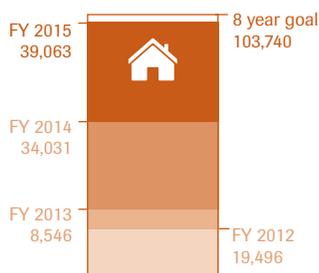
It was the sense of home that brought Walls back to Lakeview, where he says “it was like making a circle in coming back.”

But remoteness can be a challenge. Lakeview has few connections to outside communities or industries, leaving it vulnerable to the boom and bust cycle of timber and fires.

“Fire suppression, over-dense forests, and drought led to severe fires at the beginning of this century, which in combination with insects, damaged a third of the nearby Fremont section of the National Forest,” says Walls. “We realized we needed a different path if families were going to survive.”

In five years the Project has reduced hazardous fuel on more than 100,000 acres, supporting jobs and energy production along the way. One of its accomplishments has been the retooling of the Collins Pine mill, a \$6.8 million small diameter log facility supported by Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration treatments.

With a history of collaborative success at their backs, Walls believes “CFLR is our hope!”



## Fire Risk Reduction

Acres of hazardous fuels reduced