Before Restoration Was Cool

Perspectives on Restoration
Past and Present

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Why Restoration?

- Addresses escalating challenges and uncertainties in forest management and health
  - Severe wildfire, insects, disease, drought, climate change
  - 65-82 million acres of NFS land need restoration
- Balances multiple stakeholder needs and interests
  - Conflicts hinder work on the ground
- Leverages partnerships and resources
  - Budget limitations changed business as usual
Restoration – Strategic Elements for Building Adaptive Capacity

- **Retain** Systems and Functions
- **Prepare** Options and Responses
- **Transform** System Attributes
- **Repair** Health and Resilience

**Ecosystem Community Organization**

*Changing Forests…Enduring Values*
Beyond Restoration

- Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP)
- Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership
- Watershed Condition Framework (WCF)
- Integrated Resource Restoration (IRR)

- Treasured Landscapes
- Farm Bill – Pilot Authorities
- NEPA efficiencies
- Public-private partnerships
- CFLRP-“like” projects

...And more
Key Lessons

Collaboration ● Transparency ● Efficiency

Weiser-Little Salmon Headwaters CFLRP

Selway-Middle Fork CFLRP
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KVRI CFLRP

SWCC CFLRP
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Restoration is Effective!

CFLRP FY2010-2013

- Over 50,000 acres of forest vegetation established
- Over 141,000 acres of forest vegetation improved
- Over 661,000 acres of wildland-urban interface hazardous fuels treated to reduce wildland fire risk
- 407 miles of road decommissioned
Thank You!

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