
CFLRP COLLABORATION INDICATOR 2014 SURVEY RESULTS

ABOUT THIS SUMMARY

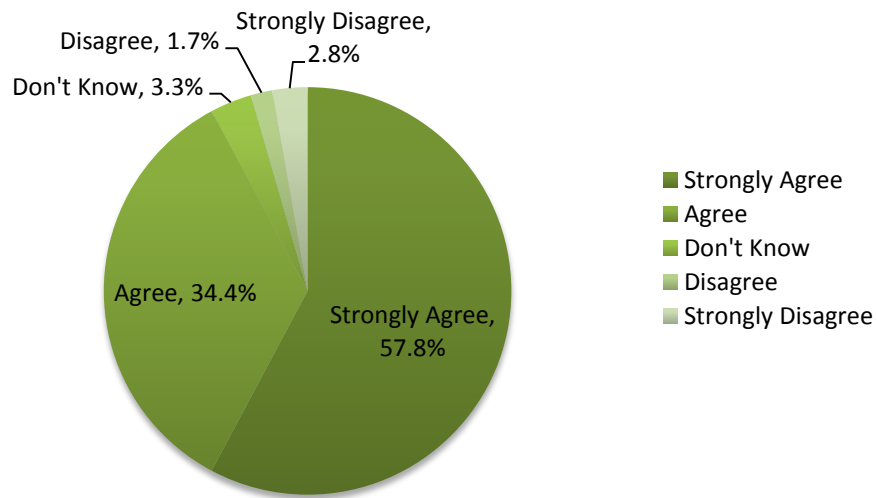
The following responses reflect a survey administered in 2014 by the National Forest Foundation. The purpose of the survey was to gather information on the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program “collaboration indicator,” one of five national indicators designed to report on whether or not CFLRP is meeting the legislation’s intent. The responses below reflect the thoughts of individual members from all twenty-three CFLRP collaboratives.

PARTICIPATING CFLRP PROJECTS

Project:	Number of Survey Responses:
Accelerating Longleaf Pine Restoration	1
Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group Cornerstone Project	11
Burney-Hat Creek Basins Project	3
Colorado Front Range	8
Deschutes Skyline	9
Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project	11
Four Forest Restoration Initiative	15
Grandfather Restoration Project	5
Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative	10
Lakeview Stewardship Project	7
Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Restoration and Hazardous Fuels Reduction	3
Northeast Washington Forest Vision 2020	3
Ozark Highlands Ecosystem Restoration	7
Pine-Oak Woodlands Restoration Project	6
Selway-Middle Fork Clearwater	3
Shortleaf-Bluestem Community Project	3
Southern Blues Restoration Coalition	6
Southwest Jemez Mountains	3
Southwestern Crown of the Continent	27
Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative	6
Uncompahgre Plateau Collaborative Restoration Project	20
Weiser-Little Salmon Headwaters Project	4
Zuni Mountain Project	9
TOTAL NUMBER OF SURVEY RESPONSES:	180

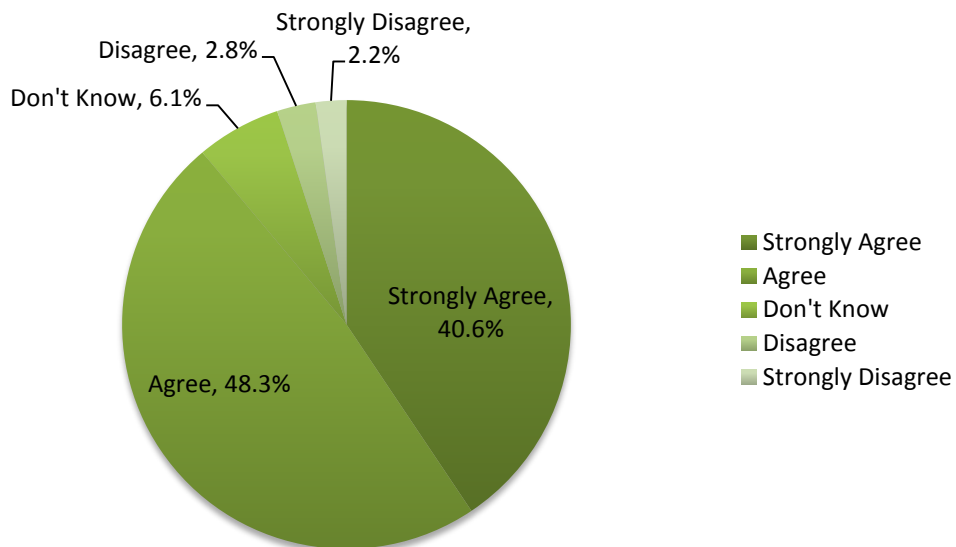
QUESTION 1: ORGANIZATIONS WITH A STAKE IN OUR CFLR PROJECT ARE ENGAGED OR HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COLLABORATIVE GROUP.

“There are two separate questions embedded in this one question. Yes, some organizations with a stake are engaged, while others aren't. All have been invited to participate, but not all do.”



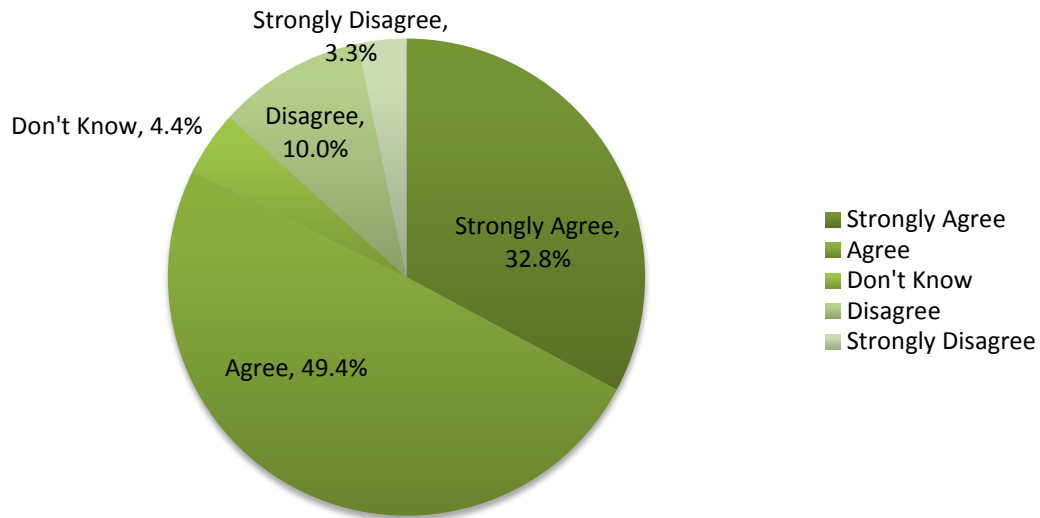
QUESTION 2: PEOPLE IN OUR COLLABORATIVE ARE WILLING TO WORK TOWARD AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF OUR PROJECT.

“We are moving toward an extraordinary agreement on restoration and detailed methods of implementing across the landscape with extensive...monitoring.”



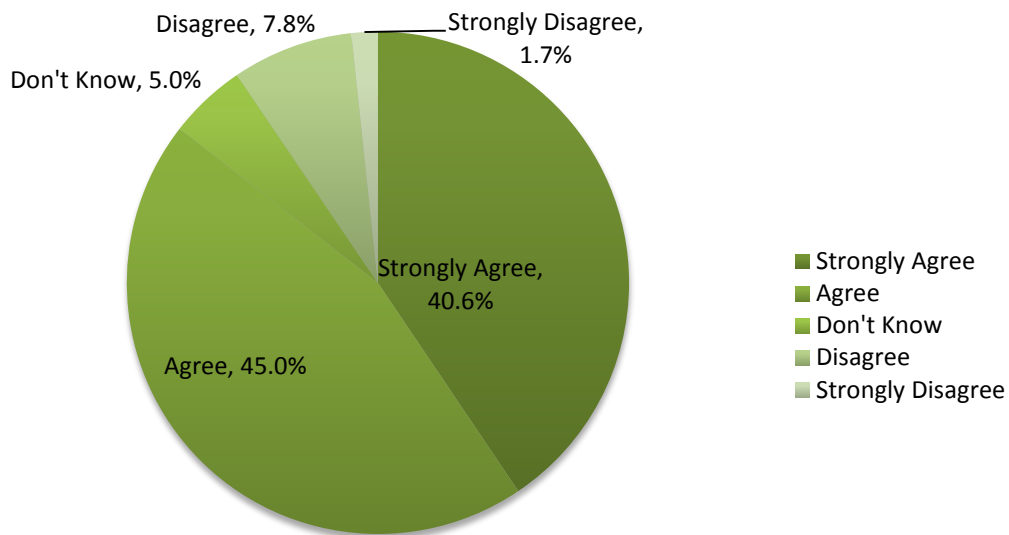
QUESTION 3: PEOPLE IN THIS GROUP COMMUNICATE OPENLY WITH ONE ANOTHER

"...I'd like to hear more from the non-scientists, more regular people from the community or user groups. Also, the Forest Service managers need to speak up more!"



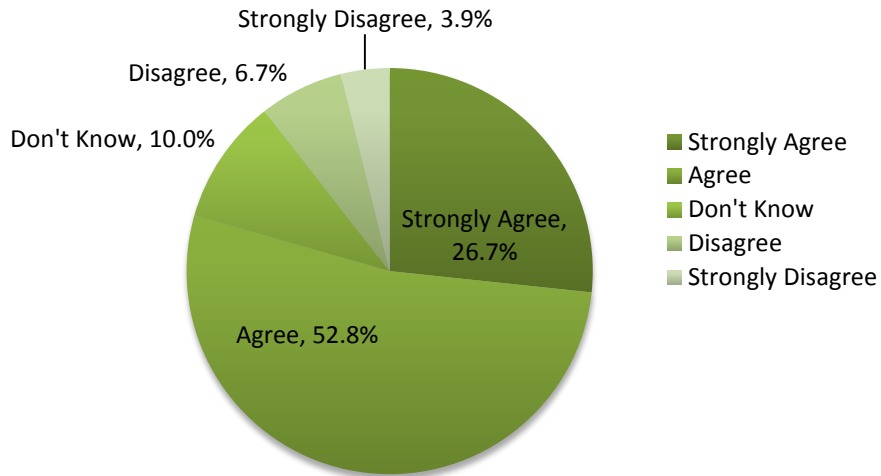
QUESTION 4: THE PEOPLE WHO LEAD THIS COLLABORATIVE GROUP COMMUNICATE WELL WITH THE MEMBERS.

"We noticed a real fall-off in communication when one group leader moved on. It's amazing how important good leadership is to good communication."



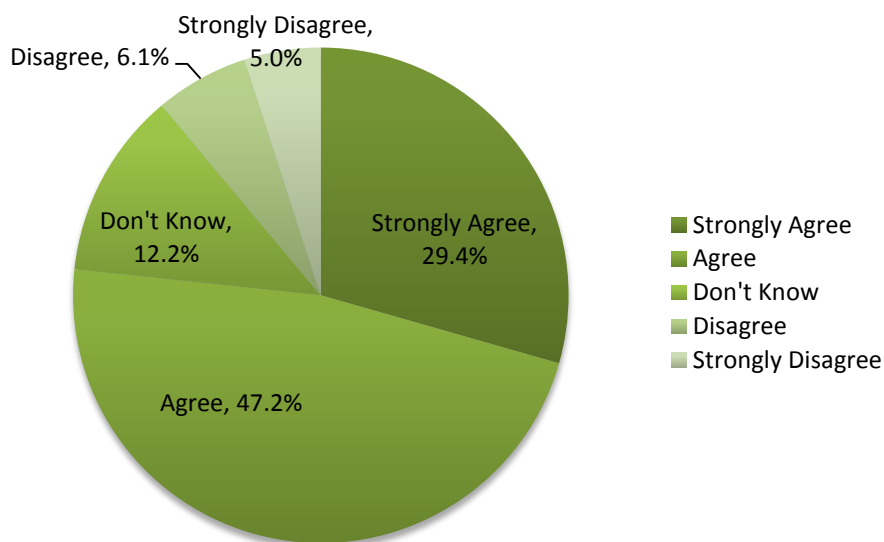
QUESTION 5: THE CFLRP IS UP TO DATE ON HOW IMPLEMENTATION IS PROGRESSING.

“The way in which the 4FRI and the USFS have collaborated through NEPA [is a success story]. It's not perfect but it represents an example of a two-way conversation about land management...”



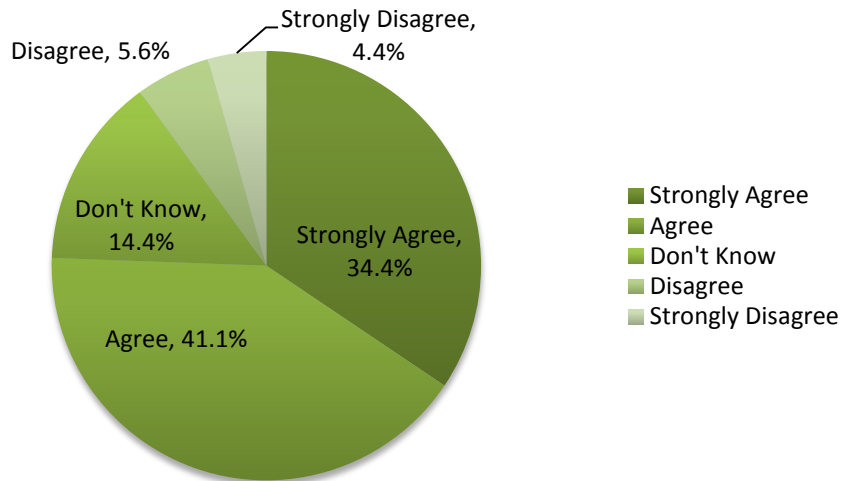
QUESTION 6: IMPLEMENTATION OF TREATMENTS IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH OUR CFLR PROJECT OBJECTIVES.

“The Barry Point Fire...completely changed the schedule of work. In some ways we are still recovering from those impacts but we are moving ahead with objectives that have to be followed.”



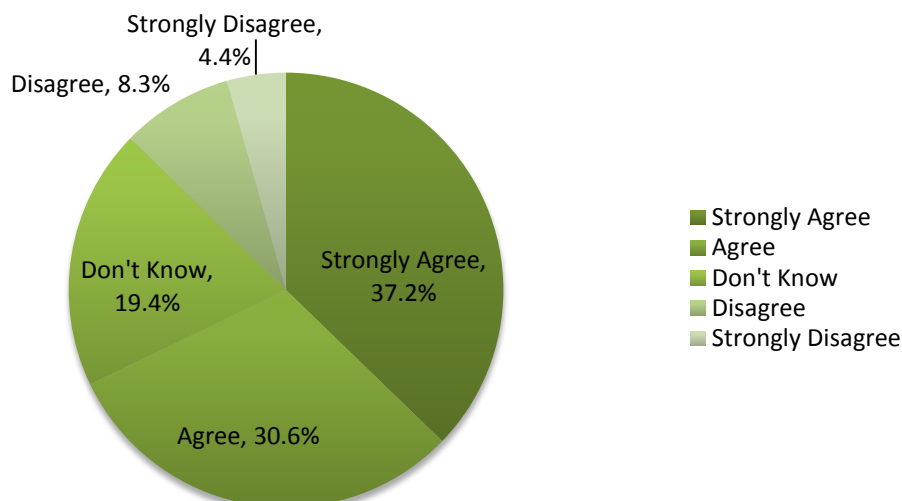
QUESTION 7: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IS MOVING THE LANDSCAPE TOWARDS MORE RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS.

“Landscape scale restoration met and in some instances exceeded anticipated annual accomplishments providing for accelerated longleaf pine ecosystem restoration while stimulating local economies through active forest management. The success of this project was energizing and resulted in very engaged partnerships and a strong collaborative.”



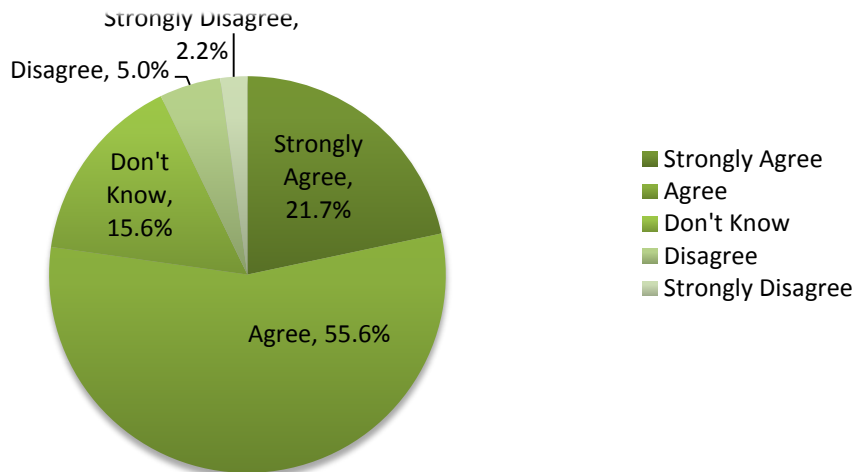
QUESTION 8: MORE RESTORATION IS HAPPENING ON THE GROUND AS A RESULT OF THE COLLABORATION.

“Our watershed/Forest Service District is home to many endangered and threatened critters & fish. We have sold and will implement the first projects in 17 years that will be on the ground without litigation!”



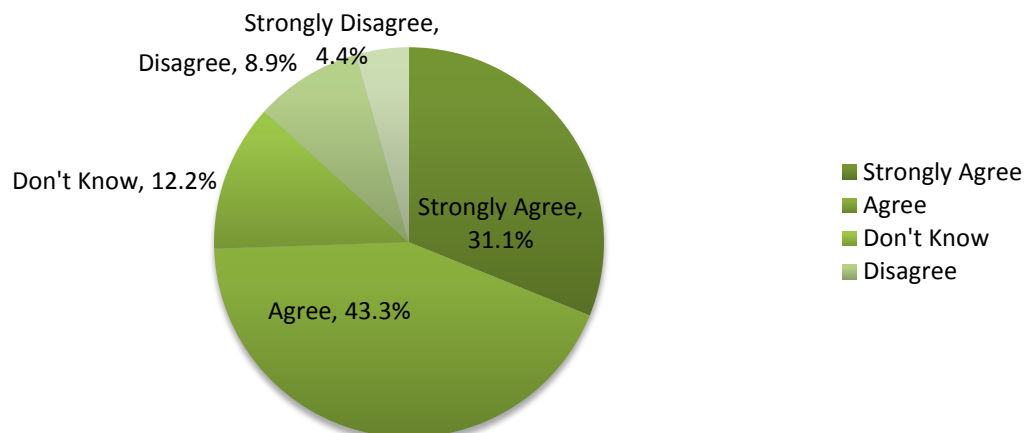
QUESTION 9: CFLR PROJECT PARTICIPANTS DO A GOOD JOB OF FOLLOWING THROUGH ON COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS.

"I expected that an individual or organization that joined the collaborative wanted to accelerate restoration using the best available science. Unfortunately some members were obstructionist...impeding the quality and pace of collaboration."



QUESTION 10: THE COLLABORATIVE GROUP'S PARTICIPATION IMPROVES THE FOREST SERVICE'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

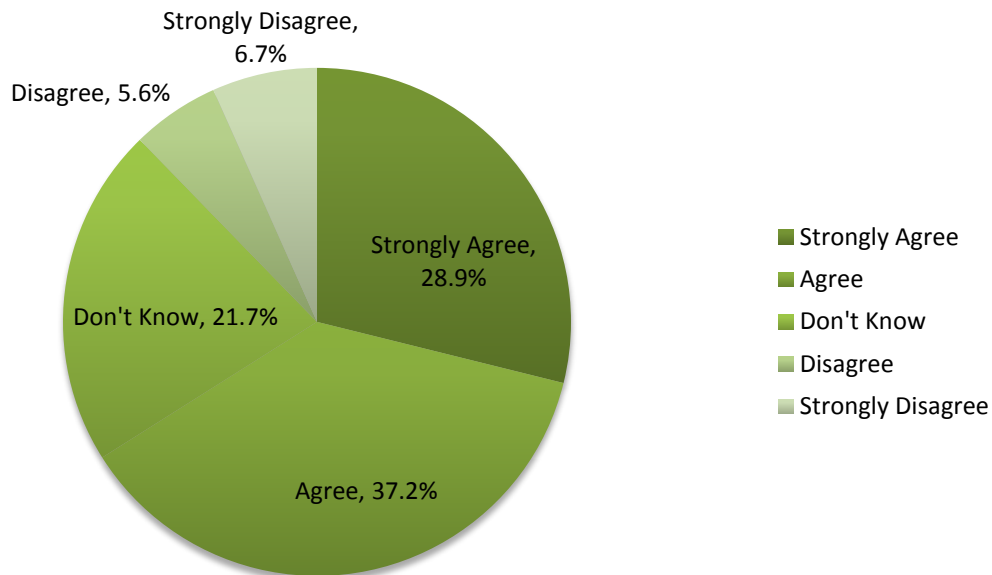
"We supported the Forest Service as they successfully prepared an Environmental Assessment for 136,079 gross National Forest acres. The interdisciplinary team solicited the feedback of our collaborative... and they took our advice to heart... We felt comfortable allowing them flexibility in the EA because they showed the economic and ecological factors that would influence their decisions."



QUESTION 11: THE COLLABORATIVE GROUP'S PARTICIPATION IMPROVES THE FOREST SERVICE'S PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.

"To be honest, I do not know if we are helping increase the pace of restoration...The projects I have seen implemented would have been done without the collaboration. I don't see how our recommendations have changed what the Forest Service would have done otherwise...Perhaps the collaboration process provides the Forest Service buy in from environmental groups and that can help get projects implemented quicker. It of course does not prohibit other individuals or groups from litigating projects. Often, when there is litigation on projects supported by the collaborative, deals are cut with the litigants without the knowledge of the collaborative. That is an important issue in my mind that needs to be addressed."

"We did a follow-up on the Burn Canyon Salvage Logging Monitoring project which helps keep this longitudinal citizen science study underway. It has been helpful in understanding the need for monitoring and the value of including citizens in forest management actions."



If you have questions about this summary please contact the National Forest Foundation at (406) 830-3352.