



Collaborative Restoration Workshop April 26-27, 2016 | DENVER, COLORADO

History Colorado | 1200 Broadway | Denver, Colorado

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Workshop Purpose

In order to work toward resilient landscapes and communities, collaborative restoration efforts are tackling larger scale and cross-jurisdictional projects. Collaboration practitioners have learned a lot about landscape-scale planning, implementation, monitoring, and adaptive management, but we need to expand our knowledge about what is working and develop strategies to overcome challenges.

The workshop will bring together approximately 300 collaborative restoration practitioners, including Forest Service staff, partners, and community-based stakeholders who are planning, implementing, and monitoring restoration efforts on and around National Forest System lands.

Participants will learn, share, and connect in order to:

- Learn from experience to achieve more effective and efficient planning and implementation
- Enhance the outcomes of existing restoration efforts
- Strategize for existing and future challenges
- Demonstrate the successes of the Forest Service and partners in restoring America's forests and grasslands

At the workshop, we will:

- Share lessons learned, best practices, and innovative tools
- Engage in dialogue between subject matter experts, practitioners, and community leaders
- Identify barriers and strategize to overcome those barriers
- Capture and amplify restoration successes
- Build relationships and networks to last beyond the workshop

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Workshop Tracks

We have identified five workshop tracks organized around several themes. You can participate in the same track – or try out different sessions that you’re most interested in attending!

Great Restoration from Great Planning : Efficiencies, Innovations and Beyond
Integrating Science & Action
Collaboration & Engagement
Implementation : From Record of Decision to Utilization
Multiple Resources, Multiple Partners, Limited Dollars: Monitoring Stories from the Field

Schedule at a Glance

<u>Tuesday, April 26th</u>	<u>Wednesday, April 27th</u>
6:30-8:00 AM – Registration & Check-In	7:00-8:00 AM – Registration & Check-In
7:00-8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast	7:00-8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:55 AM – Opening Remarks & Plenary Session	8:00-9:00 AM – Opening Remarks & Plenary Session
9:00-10:30 AM – Concurrent Panel Sessions	9:05-9:30 AM – Morning Break
10:30-10:45 AM – Morning Break	9:30-11:00 AM – Concurrent Panel Sessions
10:45 AM-12:00 PM – Concurrent Panel Sessions	11:00 AM-12:00 PM – Poster Session
12:00-12:55 PM – Lunch & Keynote	12:00-12:55 PM – Lunch & Presentation
1:00-2:30 PM – Concurrent Panel Sessions	1:00-2:30 PM – Concurrent Panel Sessions
2:30-3:00 PM – Afternoon Break	2:30-3:00 PM – Afternoon Break
3:00-4:30 PM – Plenary Session	3:00-4:30 PM – Plenary Session
4:30-5:00 PM – Day 1 Wrap-up	4:30-5:00 PM – Closing Remarks
5:30-7:00 PM – Evening Reception	

The Forest Service and partners are offering optional meetings and a field trip on Thursday, April 28th. Please see page 12 for more details.



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Tuesday, April 26th

6:30-8:00 AM – Registration & Check-In (*History Colorado, Main Lobby*)

7:00-8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast (*4th Floor Gallery*)

8:00-8:55 AM – Welcome to the Workshop & What We’re Trying to Achieve (*4th Floor Gallery*)

- Welcome from Mary Mitsos, Executive Vice President, National Forest Foundation
- Welcome from Daniel Jirón, Regional Forester, Region 2, U.S. Forest Service
- Keynote: Tom Tidwell, Chief, U.S. Forest Service
- Keynote: William J. Possiel, President, National Forest Foundation

9:00-10:30 AM – Concurrent Panel Sessions (Choose One)

Planning

LARGE-LANDSCAPE AND REGIONAL PLANNING

(*MDC Room*)

Objective: Describe the constraints and complexities of planning at the landscape scale, and share lessons related to, for example, fire management, urban development, land fragmentation, wildlife management, and invasive species.

Speakers:

- *Bill Aney, Eastside Restoration Coordinator, Region 6, U.S. Forest Service, Blue Mountains Restoration Strategy*
- *Genevieve Johnson, Coordinator, Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative*
- *Jim Capurso, Regional Fisheries Biologist, Region 6, U.S. Forest Service, Salmon Super Highway*

Moderator: Shawn Johnson, Center for Natural Resources & Environmental Policy, University of Montana

Science & Action

WHAT’S WORKING, WHAT’S NOT: INTEGRATING SCIENCE AND ACTION

(*Ballantine Classroom*)

Objectives:

- Provide effective approaches of integrating science into action
- Highlight examples of collaboration amongst multiple scientists to develop research that can be integrated into planning and implementation

Speakers:

- *Daniel Williams, Research Social Scientist, Rocky Mountain Research Station, U.S. Forest Service*
- *Courtney Schultz, Assistant Professor, Forest & Rangeland Stewardship, Colorado State University*
- *Anne Carlson, Climate Associate, The Wilderness Society*

Moderator: Jennifer Pratt Miles, Meridian Institute

Collaboration & Engagement

UNPACKING COLLABORATION – WHAT TIME IS THE RIGHT TIME, AND WHAT ARE THE SIDEBORDS?

(*Colorado Room*)

Objectives:

- Shed light on the legal and policy context for collaboration
- Clarify common terms, and distinguish between a collaborative effort and group
- Share insights, lessons, and experiences around the question of collaboration “ripeness,” and knowing when collaboration is the right tool to address conflict.



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Speakers:

- Mike Anderson, Senior Policy Analyst, The Wilderness Society
- Tera Little, Team Leader, R1 Farm Bill Strike Team, U.S. Forest Service
- Connie Lewis, Senior Partner, Meridian Institute
- Bob Christensen, Sustainable Southeast Partnership

Moderator: Emily Olsen, National Forest Foundation

Implementation

CONNECTING PLANNING TO EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION
(Martin Room)

Objectives:

- Provide information on the steps agency staff must take after a signed decision to prepare a project for implementation
- Provide examples of innovative technology and approaches to project layout for implementation

Speakers:

- Sandy Mack, Blackfoot-Swan Landscape Restoration Project Team Leader, Region 1, U.S. Forest Service
- Jeff Underhill, Regional Silviculturist, Region 2, U.S. Forest Service
- Travis Woolley, Forest Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy

Moderator: Patrick Shannon, National Forest Foundation

Monitoring

REMOTE SENSING TOOLS FOR COLLABORATIVE MONITORING AT LARGE SCALES (Boardroom)

Objectives:

- Highlight the challenges of collaborative restoration at large scales, including spatial and temporal scales
- Describe tools and metrics that are available for remote sensing for collaborative monitoring

Speakers:

- Matt Trager, NEPA Planner, National Forests in Florida, U.S. Forest Service
- Karen Honeycutt, Natural Resources Program Manager, Colville National Forest, U.S. Forest Service
- Lynne Bridgford, GIS Developer, Ecosystem Management Coordination, U.S. Forest Service

Moderator: Lindsay Buchanan, Forest Management, U.S. Forest Service

10:30-10:45 AM – Morning Break

10:45 AM-12:00 PM – Concurrent Panel Sessions (Choose One)

Planning

BUILDING MOMENTUM AND PLANNING FOR RESTORATION THROUGH FIVE-YEAR PLANS AND OTHER ENDEAVORS (MDC Room)

Objectives:

- Describe methods to determine where and how to select forest projects on the landscape (i.e., through five-year plans, IRR prioritization, and other mid-range planning efforts)
- Share advice, strategies, and lessons from engaging collaboratively in mid-range planning efforts

Speakers:

- Alex Dunn, Environmental Coordinator, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
- Mark Corrao, Hydrologist, Northwest Management
- William Carronero, Invasive Species Specialist, Rangeland Management, U.S. Forest Service

Moderator: Karen DiBari, National Forest Foundation



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Science & Action

USING SCIENCE TO MAKE DURABLE DECISIONS

(Ballantine Classroom)

Objectives:

- Provide examples of where science modeling and cost/benefit analysis guide restoration design and implementation
- Provide examples of how best to incorporate traditional knowledge into restoration planning

Speakers:

- *Conor Phelan, Conservation Analyst, Chesapeake Conservancy*
- *Sherry Hazelhurst, Director, State & Private Forestry, Region 5, U.S. Forest Service*
- *Jim Durglo, Forest Manager, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes*

Moderator: Windy Selig, Selig Facilitation Services

Collaboration & Engagement

TOOLS TO COLLABORATE SUCCESSFULLY & BUILD CAPACITY

(Boardroom)

Objective:

- Share tools and resources available to aid collaborative groups and build collaborative capacity

Speakers:

- *Maia Enzer, Assistant Director (Acting) & Regional Partnership Coordinator, Region 6, U.S. Forest Service*
- *Emily Olsen, Conservation Connect Associate, National Forest Foundation*
- *Luna Latimer, Mid-Klamath Watershed Council*

Moderator: Connie Lewis, Meridian Institute

Implementation

USING STEWARDSHIP AUTHORITY TO ADVANCE RESTORATION

(Martin Room)

Objective: Provide an overview of stewardship authority and examples of how it can be used efficiently

Speakers:

- *MaeLee Hafer, Stewardship Coordinator for Regions 8 and 9, U.S. Forest Service*
- *Rebecca Barnard, National Forestry Programs Manager, National Wild Turkey Federation*
- *James Mordica, Timber Management Assistant & Region 8 CFLR Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service*

Moderator: Patrick Shannon, National Forest Foundation

Monitoring

ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

(Colorado Room)

Objective: Discuss the following questions: What is adaptive management for federal land managers? How does adaptive management differ from research? How do non-federal partners successfully contribute to adaptive management on federal lands? How adaptive are our federal partners? What are limitations to adaptability when compared to private lands?

Speakers:

- *Ayn Shlisky, Eastside Restoration Team Lead, Umatilla National Forest, U.S. Forest Service*
- *John Stanturf, Senior Scientist, Southern Research Station, U.S. Forest Service*
- *McRee Anderson, Fire Restoration Program Director, The Nature Conservancy*
- *Gregg Simonds, Consultant and Ranch Manager, Open Range Consulting*

Moderator: Amy Waltz, Ecological Restoration Institute, Northern Arizona University



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12:00-12:55 PM – Lunch and Keynote (4th Floor Gallery)

Speaker:

- Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Moderator: William J. Possiel, National Forest Foundation

1:00-2:30 PM – Concurrent Panel Sessions (Choose One)

Planning

FOREST PLANNING UNDER THE 2012 RULE: EARLY LESSONS IN PLANNING AND COLLABORATION (Martin Room)

Objectives:

- Discuss the 2012 Planning Rule framework, with a special focus on “collaboration”
- Share lessons from “early adopter” plan revision efforts
- Discuss how forests are integrating public values into the planning process

Speakers:

- Susan Jane Brown, Western Environmental Law Center, Planning Rule FACA Committee
- Karen DiBari, Director, Conservation Connect, National Forest Foundation
- Michelle Nuttall, Senior Project Manager, Environmental Policy & Affairs, Southern California Edison; San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Amendment & Community Collaborative
- James Melonas, Deputy Forest Supervisor, National Forests in North Carolina

Moderator: Jessica Robertson, Forest Management, U.S. Forest Service

Science & Action

COLLABORATIVELY ENGAGING IN SCIENCE (Ballantine Classroom)

Objectives:

- Provide examples of how to successfully engage partners and the public in science and planning
- Provide an example of how to incorporate citizen-based input to develop science questions

Speakers:

- Lee Cerveny, Research Social Scientist, Pacific Northwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service
- Megan Matonis, Biological Scientist, Rocky Mountain Research Station, U.S. Forest Service
- Mike Petersen, Executive Director, The Lands Council

Moderator: Andrew Spaeth, Sustainable Northwest

Collaboration & Engagement

STORIES FROM THE FRONT LINES: LAUNCHING & NURTURING A COLLABORATIVE GROUP – FRONT RANGE ROUNDTABLE (Colorado Room)

Objective: From multiple perspectives, discuss the Front Range Roundtable’s story, including how the group formed, important considerations made by members while launching and nurturing the effort, the decision-making or governance structure, role of the Forest Service, overcoming challenges, and thoughts on the group’s future.

Speakers:

- Sara Mayben, Renewable Resources Staff Officer, Region 2, U.S. Forest Service
- Mike Lester, State Forester & Director, Colorado State Forest Service
- Megan Davis, Policy Analyst, Boulder County
- Heather Bergman, Facilitator/President, Peak Facilitation Group

Moderator: Ray Foote, National Forest Foundation



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Implementation

CROSS BOUNDARY IMPLEMENTATION: ALL LANDS APPROACHES
(MDC Room)

Objective: Highlight examples of implementation across boundaries including examples of using Good Neighbor Authority and the Tribal Forest Protection Act

Speakers:

- Alan Clark, Watershed Program Director, Utah Department of Natural Resources
- Karl Welch, Timber Program Manager/Contracting Officer, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
- Jim Durglo, Forest Manager, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

Moderator: Cecilia Clavet, The Nature Conservancy

Monitoring

SOCIO-ECONOMIC MONITORING: METHODS TO MEASURE AND TELL THE STORY (Boardroom)

Objectives:

- Discuss how to examine social attitudes toward restoration using surveys and other tools
- Demonstrate how collaborative economic monitoring augments Forest Service monitoring

Speakers:

- Jonathan Kusel, Executive Director, Sierra Institute for Community and Environment
- Cassandra Moseley, Associate Vice President for Research, Research Professor & Director, Institute for a Sustainable Environment, Director, Ecosystem Workforce Program, University of Oregon
- Gina Knudson, Executive Director, Salmon Valley Stewardship
- Matt Piccarello, Community Forestry Coordinator, Forest Stewards Guild

Moderator: Tony Cheng, Colorado Forest Restoration Institute, Colorado State University

2:30-3:00 PM – Afternoon Break (4th Floor Gallery)

3:00-4:30 PM – Plenary Session - Collaborative Restoration: Local Implementation of the National Vision (4th Floor Gallery)

Objectives:

- Forest Service and partner leaders share their vision for collaborative restoration. Where are we trying to go? What is the role of national direction vs. local flexibility in getting us there?
- Identify what's working well in implementing the national vision and gaps that currently exist.

Speakers:

- Jerry Ingersoll, Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, U.S. Forest Service
- Cal Joyner, Regional Forester, Region 3, U.S. Forest Service
- Mark Stern, Oregon Forest Restoration Program Director, The Nature Conservancy
- Maureen Bookwalter, U.S. Forest Service-Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation Liaison
- Steve Andringa, Forestry Program Manager, Yakama Nation

Moderator: Brian Ferebee, Associate Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service

4:40-5:00 PM – Day I Wrap-Up (4th Floor Gallery)

- Emily Olsen & Lindsay Buchanan

5:30-7:00 PM – Evening Reception (Hamilton Hall, Main Floor of History Colorado)



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Wednesday, April 27th

7:00-8:00 AM – Registration & Check-In (*History Colorado, Main Lobby*)

7:00-8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast (*4th Floor Gallery*)

8:00-9:00 AM – Welcome & Opening Plenary Session (*4th Floor Gallery*)

- Welcome from Ray Foote, Executive Vice President, National Forest Foundation

WHERE HAVE WE COME FROM AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE FUTURE?

Session Objective:

- Discuss the following questions: What have we learned from 25 years of collaborative engagement in public lands? How do models for collaboration vary based on the regional context in which they originate?

Speakers:

- *Tony Cheng, Director, Colorado Forest Restoration Institute, Professor, Colorado State University*
- *Laura McCarthy, Senior Policy Advisor for Fire and Forest Restoration, NM, The Nature Conservancy*
- *Mary Mitsos, Executive Vice President, National Forest Foundation*
- *Russ Vaagen, Vice President, Vaagen Brothers Lumber*

Moderator: Karen Hardigg, Wallowa Resources & Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition

9:05-9:30 AM – Morning Break (*4th Floor Gallery*)

9:30-11:00 AM – Concurrent Panel Sessions (Choose One)

Planning

PLANNING & NEPA AT THE PROJECT LEVEL

(*Colorado Room*)

Objective: Describe innovative, collaborative projects, including: Mill Creek A to Z Stewardship Project on the Colville National Forest, Bottom Canyon on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest, and the North Shore Restoration Project on the Superior National Forest

Speakers:

- *Liz Johnson-Gebhardt, Executive Director, Priest Community Forest Connection*
- *Ryan Foote, Deputy District Ranger, Idaho Panhandle National Forest*
- *Rebecca Bartol, Environmental Coordinator, Superior National Forest, U.S Forest Service*
- *Russ Vaagen, Vice President, Vaagen Brother's Lumber*

Moderator: Emily Olsen, National Forest Foundation

Science & Action

RESTORATION AS SCIENCE IN ACTION

(*Boardroom*)

Objective: Provide case studies of applied ecological science from different biomes to look at efforts to integrate science and restoration action among groups with diverse social, economic, and personal values.



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Speakers:

- Amy Waltz, Program Director of Science Delivery, Ecological Restoration Institute
- Frank Lake, Research Ecologist, Pacific Southwest Research Station
- Paul Rogers, Director, Western Aspen Alliance, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Wildland Resources, Utah State University

Moderator: Chris Topik, The Nature Conservancy

Collaboration & Engagement

STORIES FROM THE FRONT LINES: LAUNCHING & NURTURING A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT –WEST VIRGINIA RESTORATION VENTURE (MDC Room)

Objective: From multiple perspectives, discuss the West Virginia Restoration Venture's story, including how the stakeholders came together, important considerations made by members while launching and nurturing the effort, the decision-making structure, role of the Forest Service, overcoming challenges, and thoughts on the group's future.

Speakers:

- Darrin Kelly, Partnership Coordinator, Monongahela National Forest, U.S. Forest Service
- Gary Berti, Director, Eastern Home Rivers Initiative, Trout Unlimited
- Keith Fisher, Director of Conservation Programs, West Virginia, The Nature Conservancy
- Todd Miller, Director of Aquatic Restoration, Kanaan Valley Institute

Moderator: Connie Lewis, Meridian Institute

Implementation

REMOVING BIOMASS: UTILIZATION AND MARKET OPPORTUNITIES (Ballantine Classroom)

Objectives:

- Review incentives and efforts to reduce the cost of biomass removal
- Provide examples of different scales of utilization of biomass

Speakers:

- Dylan Kruse, Policy Director, Sustainable Northwest
- Brad Worsley, President, Novo Power
- David Schmidt, Owner, Integrated Biomass

Moderator: Rebecca Nourse, Region 10, U.S. Forest Service

Monitoring

MONITORING FOR RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS: DEVELOPING INDICATORS AND METRICS (Martin Room)

Objectives:

- Highlight application of key indicators and metrics for ecosystem resiliency
- Discuss broad monitoring initiatives and emerging questions, struggles, and challenges that lie ahead, with a specific focus on resilience

Speakers:

- Brett Wolk, Research Associate, Colorado State University
- Tom DeMeo, Ecologist, Region 6, U.S. Forest Service
- Peter Nelson, Defenders of Wildlife

Moderator: Jennifer Pratt Miles, Meridian Institute



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11:00 AM-12:00 PM – Poster Session (4th Floor Gallery)

12:00-12:55 PM – Lunch and Presentation (4th Floor Gallery)

UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING CRITIQUES OF COLLABORATION

Speakers:

- *Melissa Freeman, Harvard Negotiation & Mediation Clinical Program*
- *Heather Kulp, Harvard Negotiation & Mediation Clinical Program*

Introduction: Karen DiBari, National Forest Foundation

1:00-2:30 PM – Concurrent Panel Sessions (Choose One)

Planning

INNOVATIVE NEW TOOLS FOR PLANNING & PRIORITIZATION AT DIFFERENT SCALES (Boardroom)

Objective: Introduce new, innovative, and emerging tools to prioritize and plan restoration projects, including:

- Integrated Landscape Analysis Program (ILAP)
- Policy mechanisms to support tool development in DOI, and the importance of cross-fertilization when it comes to innovation with collaborative restoration; and,
- Project prioritization process, in coordination with a local collaborative group, on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Speakers:

- *David Seesholtz, Research Liaison, Pacific Northwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service*
- *Rob Campellone, Landscape Conservation Design Policy Advisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
- *Alan Ager, Research Forester, Rocky Mountain Research Station, U.S. Forest Service*

Moderator: Robert Harper, U.S. Forest Service, Water, Fish, Wildlife, Air, Rare Plants, Soils & Alaska Subsistence

Science & Action

RESTORATION UNDER A FUTURE CLIMATE (Martin Room)

Objective: Discuss how climate information at management scales can aid in restoration decision-making

Speakers:

- *Cynthia West, Director of the Office of Sustainability and Climate Change, U.S. Forest Service*
- *John Stanturf, Senior Scientist, Southern Research Station, U.S. Forest Service*
- *Matt Williamson, Conservation Scientist, University of California-Davis*

Moderator: Karen DiBari, National Forest Foundation

Collaboration & Engagement

PROBLEM RESOLVING AND PREVENTING: WORKING TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY (MDC Room)

Objective: Shed light on the challenges of collaboration from the Forest Service and partner perspectives, addressing questions such as: What does the Forest Service have to consider when working with a collaborative group or effort? From the Forest Service perspective, what are key components of a valuable, effective relationship with a collaborative group?

Speakers:

- *Jerry Ingersoll, Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest, U.S. Forest Service*
- *Nolan Colegrove, District Ranger, Six Rivers National Forest, U.S. Forest Service*
- *William Butler, Assistant Professor, Florida State University*
- *Alan Harper, Resource Manager, Idaho Forest Group*

Moderator: Windy Selig, Selig Facilitation Services



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Implementation

INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR RESTORATION

(Colorado Room)

Objective: Provide examples of innovative approaches to funding the implementation of restoration projects

Speakers:

- Dana Coelho, Program Manager, Urban & Community Forestry, Region 2
- Marcus Selig, Director, Southern Rockies Region, National Forest Foundation
- Chad Davis, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Forestry

Moderator: Steve Lohr, U.S. Forest Service, Region 2

Monitoring

KEYS TO SUCCESS: INTEGRATING PARTNER AND COLLABORATIVE MONITORING ON FEDERAL LANDS

(Ballantine Classroom)

Objectives:

- Highlight key innovations from collaborative monitoring programs
- Demonstrate innovative integration of ecological, social and economic elements
- Share tools and techniques to integrate citizen science
- Provide examples of data sharing among partnering entities for federal landscapes

Speakers:

- Cory Davis, Monitoring Coordinator, Southwestern Crown Collaborative CFLRP, University of Montana
- Mary O'Brien, Utah Forests Program Director, Grand Canyon Trust
- Judith Dyess, Assistant Director of Rangeland Management, Region 3, U.S. Forest Service

Moderator: Diana Portner, Meridian Institute

2:30-3:00 PM – Afternoon Break *(4th Floor Gallery)*

3:00-4:00 PM – Plenary Panel Session *(4th Floor Gallery)*

FUTURE OF COLLABORATIVE STEWARDSHIP

Speakers:

- Karen Hardigg, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition
- Phil Rigdon, Intertribal Timber Council
- Martin Blaney, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- Lindsay Warness, Boise Cascade

Moderator: Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, U.S. Forest Service

4:00-4:30 PM – Keynote *(4th Floor Gallery)*

Speaker:

- Nils Christoffersen, Executive Director, Wallowa Resources

Moderator: Mary Mitsos, National Forest Foundation

4:40-5:00 PM – Workshop Wrap-Up *(4th Floor Gallery)*

- Karen DiBari & Jessica Robertson



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Thursday, April 28th – Optional Training & Events

Collaborative Restoration Field Trip with Colorado's Front Range Roundtable

(Participants meet at History Colorado for pickup)

7:30 AM-5:00 PM

In concert with the Collaborative Restoration Workshop, the Front Range Roundtable would like to offer a one-day field trip to Colorado's Front Range. This trip will provide the opportunity to see, first hand, the evolution of recent collaborative forest restoration activities in dry coniferous forest types. Spend the day with colleagues tasked with designing, implementing and monitoring ecological outcomes of forest restoration projects. The field trip will foster honest, open dialogue from CFLRP conservation partners about the challenges and rewards of collaborative ecological restoration along Colorado's Front Range.

Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program: Looking Forward to 2019 and Beyond (USFS) *(Colorado Room)*

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

This special session will provide Forest Service staff and partners associated with the 23 Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program projects across the country with an opportunity to share and capture lessons learned from the first five years and discuss challenges and opportunities for the future, including options for CFLRP beyond 2019. Participants will come prepared to share their experiences with the group on key topics of interest and ideas on how to build on program successes through 2019 and beyond.

Forest Service staff and partners engaged in one of the 23 CFLR collaboratives will receive first priority for participation.

Sagebrush-Steppe Habitat Restoration Session (USFS) *(Boardroom)*

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Degradation of sagebrush-steppe ecosystems across the West has been a main contributor to habitat loss for the Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species. Once degraded, it can take up to 80 years for sagebrush landscapes to return to a sustainable condition. During this session we will explore opportunities using collaboration to help protect and restore sagebrush-steppe ecosystems, and to build resilience against the threats to these native plant communities. Presentations will examine the impacts of improper grazing, agricultural conversion, invasive species, development, and wildfires on sagebrush-steppe ecosystems, and the importance of developing innovative collaborative solutions to address these threats and restore the landscape.

Climate Change and Water Stewardship: Managing Water Resources in a Changing Climate (USFS) *(Martin Room)*

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Climate-related stresses have affected and will continue to affect the quality, quantity, timing, and availability of water resources. Since a primary responsibility of the National Forest System is to steward water resources, it is imperative that we work with partners to understand the potential impacts of climate change to water resources and manage our resources accordingly. In this session, the Forest Service and its partners will provide an overview of the latest climate science and how it relates to management of water resources. The session will also provide an overview of the latest assessment tools along with examples featuring applications in the field for restoration including climate adaptation strategies. Presentations and facilitated dialogue among participants will ensure an active learning environment with a focus on climate change vulnerability assessments for over 65 national forests and grasslands and how those assessments should inform priority setting in our shared water stewardship work.

Collaborative Restoration – What's Next? (RVCC) *(Ballantine Classroom)*

8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Collaboration grew out of a shared interest in getting more done together, and has become a widely adopted model for doing business on public lands. The Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition, a network of rural leaders at the forefront of the collaborative movement, is beginning to explore the future of collaborative restoration. Using RVCC's approach of finding practical, equitable and sustainable solutions that lead to both healthy lands and community well-being, this session will draw on key outcomes from the workshop to continue the dialogue around the next chapter of collaborative land management.



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THANK YOU TO OUR NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Starting in May 2015, the national advisory committee dedicated time, energy, expertise, and many thoughtful hours to planning the workshop. Thank you to every advisory committee member!

Advisory Committee

- Allison Jolley, Sierra Institute
- Amy Waltz, Northern Arizona University Ecological Restoration Institute
- Andrew Spaeth, Sustainable Northwest
- Cecilia Clavet, The Nature Conservancy
- Craig Rawlings, Forest Business Network
- Dan Shively, Wildlife, Fish, Watersheds, Air & Rare Plants, U.S. Forest Service
- Emily Olsen, National Forest Foundation
- Emily Struss, National Forest Foundation
- Frank Fay, Fire and Aviation Management, U.S. Forest Service
- Jessica Robertson, Forest Management, U.S. Forest Service
- Jim Erickson, Intertribal Timber Council
- John Crockett, Forest Management, U.S. Forest Service
- Karen Dante-Wood, Office of Sustainability and Climate Change, U.S. Forest Service
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