

Resource: Place-Based Forest Agreements and Laws

Description:

The National Forest Foundation and Bolle Center for People and Forests at the University of Montana held a symposium on June 8 and 9, 2010, focused on the growing interest in various landscape level approaches to management of our National Forests.

Throughout the country, divergent interests are collaborating about how they would like particular forests to be managed. Many of these proposals include provisions related to forest restoration, economic development, wilderness designation, and funding mechanisms, among others. Approaches include state-level principles, memorandums of agreement regarding how collaborative groups and federal agencies work together, landscape assessments that lead to on-the-ground work, and place-based legislation. Each initiative is different in significant ways, but all are searching for more durable, bottom-up, and pro-active solutions to national forest management.

Representatives of twelve initiatives were invited to give short presentations about their effort at the Symposium. They were asked to specifically respond to these questions:

- Why did your stewardship effort form (what was the driving issue)?
- Who was/is at the table (just a broad overview of categories of participants)?
- What was/is the role of the Forest Service in your stewardship effort (participant/collaborator at the table, advisor to effort, “traditional” relationship of land management agency to the public, or other)?
- What are your effort’s main objectives?
- Why did your group choose the path or strategy toward achieving those objectives (administrative agreement, legislative proposal, change in interpretation of existing authorities, etc.)?

Symposium Recordings:

Place-Based Forest Agreements and Laws Symposium 2010, Part 1

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Featuring: *Bill Possiel and Mary Mitsos, National Forest Foundation; Martin Nie, Bolle Center for People & Forests; Lloyd McGee, Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition; Ray Vaughn, Alabama Forest Restoration Initiative; Jonathan Oppenheimer, Clearwater Basin Collaborative*

Place-Based Forest Agreements and Laws Symposium 2010, Part 2

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Featuring: Bruce Farling, Beaverhead-Deerlodge Partnership; Ethan Aumack and Courtney Schultz, Four Forest Restoration Initiative; Gordy Sanders, Blackfoot-Clearwater Landscape Stewardship Project

Place-Based Forest Agreements and Laws Symposium 2010, Part 3

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Featuring: Marnie Criley, Montana Forest Restoration Committee; Rick Brown, Oregon Eastside Forests Restoration, Old Growth Protection, and Jobs Act of 2009; Jim Walls, Lakeview Stewardship Group

Place-Based Forest Agreements and Laws Symposium 2010, Part 4

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Featuring: Rick Bass, Three Rivers Challenge; Jennifer Ferenstein, Rocky Mountain Front Heritage Act; Shane Jimerfield, Wild Rivers Master Stewardship Agreement