



Poster Abstract for the 2016 NFF Collaboration Restoration Workshop

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Stakeholders throughout the nation recognize that collaboration across landscape boundaries is essential to implementing landscape-scale restoration efforts; California is no exception. Sierra to California All-Lands Enhancement (SCALE) facilitates collaboration between seven US Forest Service Collaborative Forestry initiatives in California. Through a series of in-person group meetings, webinars, interviews, focus groups, and teleconferences, SCALE has identified and advanced key issues that represent barriers to the groups' success. Project work currently targets six identified issues: (1) local contracting; (2) social and ecological monitoring to advance triple bottom line (equity-economy-environment) work; (3) budget transparency; (4) securing administration and facilitation services; (5) advancing all-lands approaches and impacts, and (6) identifying lessons learned to be shared among the seven groups and beyond. In 2014, the Sierra Institute, with USFS Region 5 collaboration, resolved the budget transparency issue as well as the facilitation and administrative services challenge. Other barriers are being addressed through efforts such as identifying and advancing local contracting mechanisms, conducting research on national CFLR socioeconomic monitoring, and working with the National Forest Foundation on socioeconomic monitoring resources. This poster will portray the status of and progress being made on the other key issues that have yet to be resolved.