Restoration through Collaboration
Chapter II. Landscape Restoration Through Collaboration

Collaboration has deep roots and impacts on national forests and communities in Oregon and Washington. Oregon and Washington’s forest collaboratives emerged in the 1990s and have grown in number, scope and scale ever since, now totaling 37 collaboratives with at least one working on every forest in the region. Collaboration can provide Forest Service staff opportunities to address local community priorities, build community capacity, leverage resources and increase accomplishments and benefits across the board. Land management policies in the last two decades have also had an important impact on national forests and communities in Oregon and Washington. This policy trend is currently evident in the region, with seven forests containing Joint Chiefs’ Landscape Restoration projects, and five forests with Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration projects. These two project types alone have engaged 182 partnering organizations.

Key takeaway:
Collaboration has deep roots in national forests and communities in Oregon and Washington, which is evident in the diversity and number of forest collaboratives, as well as the prevalence of collaborative programs such as Joint Chiefs’ Landscape Restoration and Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration programs which have engaged 182 partners.
Oregon and Washington contain many forest collaboratives, which emerged in the 1990s and work either exclusively on national forests (public lands), or on a combination of public and private lands (all-lands). Collaboration can provide opportunities to address local community priorities, build community capacity, leverage resources and increase accomplishments and benefits across the board. This Oregon and Washington forest collaboratives map has been created and maintained by the University of Oregon (Ecosystem Workforce Program) and Oregon State University. Locations (in this case office locations) have been provided by the forest collaboratives. All national forests in the Pacific Northwest Region are linked to at least one forest collaborative group, with 37 collaboratives operating across the region.

Active forest collaborative groups on national forests in the region, as of October 2017

Timeline of collaborative establishment 1992-2017
Forest Collaborative Groups
Oregon and Washington collaborative area boundaries and office locations

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R6 forest collaborative groups map available online at: http://ewp.uoregon.edu/publications/infographics

Map showing Forest Collaborative Groups in Oregon and Washington, with boundaries and office locations.

Legend:
- US Forest Service lands
- BLM and other federal lands
- Towns with a collaborative office
Forest collaboratives work on a diversity of issues, across varying scales and landscapes. This map shows the boundaries of the 37 collaborative groups’ geographic areas of interest which intersect, and in many cases overlap completely, with national forest lands. This map has been created and maintained by the University of Oregon (Ecosystem Workforce Program) and Oregon State University. Collaborative boundaries were provided by the collaborative groups.

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37 forest collaboratives in Oregon and Washington work on a diversity of issues, across varying scales and landscapes, which include all national forests in the Pacific Northwest Region.
Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Projects
Projects awarded in Oregon and Washington

Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Programs
Region 6
US Forest Service lands
BLM and other federal lands
National forests with CFLR projects

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CFLRP shape file available at: https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/edw/datasets.php

Tapash Sustainable Forest
Started in 2010
1,600,000 acres
$18,288,139 invested
Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative

Deschutes Skyline
Started in 2010
257,000 acres
$22,633,954 invested
Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project

Southern Blues Restoration Coalition
Started in 2012
690,723 acres
$27,784,573 invested
Blue Mountains Forest Partners & Harney County Restoration Collaborative

Lakeview Collaborative Landscape
Started in 2012
662,289 acres
$34,686,358 invested
Lakeview Stewardship Group

Northeast WA Forest Vision 2020
Started in 2012
916,283 acres
$19,812,754 invested
Northeast WA Forestry Coalition
The purpose of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFRLP) is to improve the health of priority areas on national forests through collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration. Congress established the CFRLP with Title IV of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, creating 10-year programs. Since then, five CFRLPs have emerged in the Pacific Northwest Region, conducted in collaboration with a diversity of partner types and scales. Annual project reports document the ecological, social and economic impacts of the CFRLPs in the region, some of which are highlighted below.

5 forests

4,126,295 total acres

134 partnering organizations

$123 million invested

USFS investments: Total Forest Service investments to support implementation and monitoring activities in line with CFRLP project objectives.

CFRLP appropriation spent: Funding authorized by the 2009 Omnibus Public Land Management Act and appropriated yearly by Congress. Per the authorizing legislation, these funds can be spent on implementation and monitoring on NFS lands.

Partner match: Includes in-kind goods and services as well as funding for project implementation or monitoring on NFS lands, consistent with the CFRLR proposals.

Goods for services: Service work accomplishment through goods for services funding within a stewardship contract. Goods for services were not reported by year and are not included in the bar chart below.

For more information please go to: https://www.fs.fed.us/restoration/CFLRP/index.shtml
Joint Chiefs’ Landscape Restoration Projects
Projects awarded in Oregon and Washington

- **Northeast Washington Initiative**: Started in 2015, $3,849,200 invested
- **All Lands, All Hands: Building Resilient Landscapes and Fire Adapted Communities in WA’s East Cascades**: Started in 2016, $3,076,650 invested
- **Salmon Superhighway**: Started in 2017, $412,855 invested
- **Greater LaPine Basin Cohesive Strategy Project**: Started in 2016, $2,980,177 invested
- **North Warner Multi-Ownership Forest Health Project**: 2017, $1,149,283 invested
- **Ashland Forest All-Lands Restoration Project**: 2015, $6,169,410 invested
- **East Face of the Elkhorn Mountains**: Started in 2014, $4,939,000 invested

*Northeast Washington Initiative shapefile not available*
The Joint Chiefs’ Landscape Restoration Partnership is a partnership between the USDA’s Forest Service and USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This partnership began in 2014 with the intention to improve forest health at the intersection of public and private lands. These three-year projects are built on existing partnerships and efforts that leverage resources and coordinate activities across public and private landownerships, focusing on landscape restoration, wildfire risk reduction, water quality and habitat protection. The partnership has resulted in seven Joint Chiefs’ projects in the Pacific Northwest Region conducted in collaboration with a diversity of partner types and scales. The locations, leveraged resources and partner types to date for these projects are highlighted below.

7 forests

48 partnering organizations

48 unique organizations are involved in Joint Chiefs’ projects; 10 of these work on multiple projects, totaling 73 partnerships.

$22.6 million invested

Total Joint Chiefs’ investments: $22,567,575

NRCS investments $11.4 million
USFS investments $11.2 million

2014–2017 total

$8,000,000
$7,000,000
$6,000,000
$5,000,000
$4,000,000
$3,000,000
$2,000,000
$1,000,000
$0

2014 2015 2016 2017

1 project 3 projects 5 projects 6 projects*

* In 2016, 2 new projects were awarded, and the investments into the project awarded in 2014 were completed.

*Fire related networks or organizations include: Fire Learning Networks, Firewise Communities, Cohesive Strategy Initiatives, Fire Chief’s Associations

NRCS investments
USFS investments

Total Joint Chiefs’ investments: $22,567,575

invested