



WFCN
Washington Forest Collaborative Network

Addressing the Restoration Backlog: An Eastern WA Collaborative Learning Exchange

Date: Wednesday, November 5th, 2019 (Day before WFCN Summit)

Location: Pybus Public Market, Wenatchee, WA

Time: 9:30am-4pm

Background: In January, a Community Resilience Roundtable was organized and led by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Chelan Public Utility District (PUD) in Wenatchee. An outcome of the roundtable was a desire to follow-up to discuss increasing the pace and scale of forest health restoration in Central WA. This learning exchange will help partners to develop strategies and a pathway forward to increasing restoration on the landscape. This learning exchange would enable the WA DNR, the USDA Forest Service, and the four Eastern WA collaboratives to articulate and incorporate the lessons learned from the three pilot projects.

Objectives:

1. Share innovative strategies that underpin the three pilot projects.
2. Have a candid discussion about the successes, challenges and overall results of implementing these projects.
 - How would the project teams adjust their approach based on the experience?
 - What are the most significant barriers to forest restoration in eastern Washington?
3. Build on these tools and concepts to create pathways for planning efficient and effective restoration projects that increases the pace and scale of the next round of projects.

Time	Agenda Items
9:30am	Welcome Introductions, Review Workshop Objectives
10:00am	Forest Health Pilot Projects Overview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mill Creek A to Z Project (CNF and NEWFC), • Manastash-Taneum Project (OWNF and Tapash Collaborative), • Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project (OWNF and NCWFHC) <i>Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would the project teams adjust their approach based on the experience? • What are the most significant barriers to forest restoration in eastern Washington?
12:00am	Lunch

1:00pm	<p>Assessing Tools & Authorities for Forest Restoration</p> <p>Breaking out into facilitated teams, map the extent to which existing tools and concepts are used to address the priority challenges identified during the morning session. Where tools fall short, brainstorm some intermediate interventions and policy recommendations:</p> <p>Tools include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Good Neighbor Authority</i> ● <i>Tribal Forest Protection Act & 638 Contracting</i> ● <i>Large Scale Stewardship Contracting / A to Z</i>
2:45pm	Break
3:00pm	<p>Discussion and Synthesis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are some themes and next steps from today? ● What does the next generation of pilot projects look like? ● What are key messages for community members, policy makers, and other audiences about increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration in Eastern Washington?
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