



# WFCN

Washington Forest  
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## Addressing the Restoration Backlog: An Eastern WA Collaborative Learning Exchange

Date: Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.
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	<b>Welcome</b> Introductions, Review Workshop Objectives
10:00am	<b>Forest Health Pilot Projects Overview:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mill Creek A to Z Project (CNF and NEWFC)</li><li>• Manastash-Taneum Project (OWNF and Tapash Collaborative)</li><li>• Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project (OWNF and NCWFHC)</li></ul> <i>Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How would the project teams adjust their approach based on the experience?</li><li>• What are the most significant barriers to forest restoration in eastern Washington?</li></ul>
12:15pm	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Lunch will be provided</i>

1:00pm	<p><b>Assessing Tools &amp; Authorities for Forest Restoration</b></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 may include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Good Neighbor Authority</i></li> <li>• <i>Large Scale Stewardship Contracting / A to Z</i></li> <li>• <i>Science (Landscape Analysis, Individual Clumps and Openings)</i></li> <li>• <i>Contract NEPA</i></li> <li>• <i>Tribal Forest Protection Act &amp; 638 Contracting</i></li> <li>• <i>Others?</i></li> </ul>
2:45pm	<b>Break</b>
3:00pm	<p><b>Discussion and Synthesis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some themes and next steps from today?</li> <li>• What does the next generation of pilot projects look like?</li> <li>• What are key messages for community members, policy makers, and other audiences about increasing the pace and scale of forest restoration in Eastern Washington?</li> </ul>
4:00pm	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><i>No host happy hour at Wenatchee Valley Brewing in Pybus Public Market</i></p>

**Meet our Panelists:**

*Mill Creek A to Z*

- Mark Teply, Third Party Contractor  
Project Manager
- Josh White, USDA Forest Service
- Gloria Flora, Sustainable Obtainable  
Solutions & Northeast Washington  
Forest Coalition

*Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project*

- Ryan Anderson, WA Resource  
Conservation & Development Council
- Teri Tucker, USDA Forest Service
- Jen Watkins, WA Department of Natural  
Resources

*Manastash-Taneum Project*

- Reese Lolley, The Nature  
Conservancy
- Michelle Capp, USDA Forest Service
- Bill Gaines, Contract NEPA Team  
Leader, Washington Conservation  
Science Institute