



***Working Toward Resilient Landscapes and Communities***  
**WORKING AGENDA**

**Workshop Purpose**

In order to work toward resilient landscapes and communities, collaborative restoration efforts are tackling larger scale and cross-jurisdictional projects. Collaboration practitioners have learned a lot about landscape-scale planning, implementation, monitoring, and adaptive management, but we need to expand our knowledge about what is working, and develop strategies to overcome challenges.

The workshop will bring together approximately 300 collaborative restoration practitioners, including Forest Service staff, partners, and community-based stakeholders who are planning, implementing, and monitoring restoration efforts on and around National Forest System lands.

Participants will learn, share, and connect in order to:

- Enhance the outcomes of existing restoration efforts
- Learn from experience to achieve more effective and efficient planning and implementation
- Strategize for existing and future challenges
- Demonstrate the successes of the Forest Service and partners in restoring America's forests and grasslands

At the workshop, we will:

- Share lessons learned, best practices, and tools
- Engage in dialogue between subject matter experts, practitioners, and community leaders
- Identify barriers and strategize to overcome those barriers
- Capture and amplify restoration successes
- Build relationships and networks to last beyond the workshop

## **Workshop Tracks**

*We have identified five workshop tracks organized around several themes. You can participate in the same track – or try out different sessions that you're most interested in attending!*

**Planning for Restoration**

**Integrating Science and Action**

**Community Engagement, Partnerships, and Collaboration**

**Implementation**

**Monitoring to Guide Change**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:**



COLORADO FOREST  
RESTORATION INSTITUTE



RURAL VOICES FOR  
CONSERVATION COALITION

## WORKSHOP FRAMEWORK

<b>Monday, April 25</b>	<b>Travel &amp; Arrival</b>	
<b>Tuesday, April 26</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	
	6:30-8:00 AM	Registration & Check-In
	7:00-8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
	8:00-8:55 AM	Opening Plenary Session
	9:00-10:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions (Five Concurrent Tracks)
	10:30-10:45 AM	Morning Break
	10:45 AM-12:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions (Five Concurrent Tracks)
	12:00-12:55 PM	Lunch and Keynote Speaker
	1:00-2:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions (Five Concurrent Tracks)
	2:30-3:00 PM	Afternoon Break
	3:00-4:30 PM	Plenary Session
	4:30-5:00 PM	Day I Wrap-up
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Evening Reception
<b>Wednesday, April 27</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	
	7:00-8:00 AM	Registration & Check-In
	7:00-8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
	8:00-9:00 AM	Opening Plenary Session
	9:05-9:30 AM	Morning Break
	9:30-11:00 AM	Concurrent Sessions (Five Concurrent Tracks)
	11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Poster Session
	12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch and Keynote Speaker
	1:00-2:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions (Five Concurrent Tracks)
	2:30-3:00 PM	Afternoon Break
	3:00-4:30 PM	Plenary
	4:30-5:00 PM	Closing Remarks
<b>Thursday, April 28</b>	<b>Trainings &amp; Field Trips</b>	
	9:00 AM-1:00 PM	(See next page for more information)
<b>Friday, April 29</b>	<b>Departure &amp; Travel</b>	



## **Trainings & Sessions on Thursday, April 28**

### **Collaborative Restoration Field Trip with Colorado's Front Range Roundtable**

In concert with the Collaborative Restoration Workshop, the Front Range Roundtable would like to offer a one-day field trip to Colorado's Front Range. This trip will provide the opportunity to see, first hand, the evolution of recent collaborative forest restoration activities in dry coniferous forest types. Spend the day with colleagues tasked with designing, implementing and monitoring ecological outcomes of forest restoration projects. The field trip will foster honest, open dialogue from CFLRP conservation partners about the challenges and rewards of collaborative ecological restoration along Colorado's Front Range.

**Time:** 7:30am-5pm

**Cost:** \$50

**Lunch:** Provided

**Minimum/Maximum Participants:** 20/42

**Go/ No Go Date:** April 15, 2016 (weather dependent) or whenever registration for the conference ends.

### **Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program: Looking Forward to 2019 and Beyond (USFS)**

This special half-day session will provide Forest Service staff and partners associated with the 23 Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program projects across the country with an opportunity to share and capture lessons learned from the first five years and discuss challenges and opportunities for the future, including options for CFLR beyond 2019. Participants will come prepared to share their experiences with the group on key topics of interest and ideas on how to build on program successes through 2019 and beyond.

*Forest Service staff and partners engaged in one of the 23 CFLR collaboratives will receive first priority for participation in the session.*

### **Sagebrush-Steppe Habitat Restoration Session (USFS)**

Degradation of sagebrush-steppe ecosystems across the West has been a main contributor to habitat loss for the Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species. During this session we will explore opportunities using collaboration to help protect and restore sagebrush-steppe ecosystems, and to build resilience against the threats to these native plant communities. Presentations will examine the impacts of improper grazing, agricultural conversion, invasive species, development, and wildfires on sagebrush-steppe ecosystems, and the importance of developing innovative collaborative solutions to address these threats and restore the landscape. Once degraded, it can take up to 80 years for sagebrush landscapes to return to a sustainable condition.



## **Climate Change and Water Stewardship – Managing water resources in a changing climate (USFS)**

Climate-related stresses have affected and will continue to affect the quality, quantity, timing and availability of water resources. Since one of the primary purposes of the National Forest System is to provide quality water resources, it is imperative that we work with partners to understand the potential impacts of climate change to water resources and manage our resources accordingly.

In this session, the Forest Service will present its national priorities for water stewardship and engage partners in discussion on how they see their role in implementing these priorities. The session will also include presentations on recent work of the Forest Service and partners to complete climate change vulnerability assessments in over 65 national forests and grasslands, and discussion of how those assessments should inform priority setting in our shared water stewardship work.

## **Collaborative Restoration – What's Next? (RVCC)**

Collaboration grew out of a shared interest in getting more done together, and has become a widely adopted model for doing business on public lands. The Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition, a network of rural leaders at the forefront of the collaborative movement, is beginning to explore the future of collaborative restoration. Using RVCC's approach of finding practical, equitable, and sustainable solutions that lead to both healthy lands and community well-being, this session will draw on key outcomes from the workshop to continue the dialogue around the next chapter of collaborative land management. (Facilitated by Karen Hardigg)

To learn more about RVCC and its mission visit: [www.ruralvoicescoalition.org](http://www.ruralvoicescoalition.org)

**Time:** 9am – Noon

**Cost:** Free



**THANK YOU TO OUR NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE & TRACK COMMITTEES!**

**Advisory Committee**

- Allison Jolley, Sierra Institute
- Amy Waltz, Northern Arizona University Ecological Restoration Institute
- Andrew Spaeth, Sustainable Northwest
- Cecilia Clavet, The Nature Conservancy
- Craig Rawlings, Forest Business Network
- Dan Shively, Wildlife, Fish, Watersheds, Air & Rare Plants, U.S. Forest Service
- Emily Olsen, National Forest Foundation
- Emily Struss, National Forest Foundation
- Frank Fay, Fire and Aviation Management, U.S. Forest Service
- Jessica Robertson, Forest Management, U.S. Forest Service
- Jim Erickson, Intertribal Timber Council
- John Crockett, Forest Management, U.S. Forest Service
- Karen DiBari, National Forest Foundation
- Karen Hardigg, Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition & Wallowa Resources
- Lindsay Buchanan, Forest Management, U.S. Forest Service
- Marilyn Buford, Research and Development, U.S. Forest Service
- Susan Cook Patton, Forest Management, U.S. Forest Service
- Will Butler, Florida State University
- William Carromero, Rangeland Management & Vegetation Ecology, U.S. Forest Service

**Track Committee Members**

(Details Coming Soon!)

DRAFT

