

# Statewide Forest Collaboratives Sub-Committee to the FFAC Implementation Working Group

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## Status Update for the October 2, 2009 Working Group Meeting

### Proposed Purpose

The purpose of the Statewide Forest Collaboratives Sub-Committee is to identify opportunities for implementing local collaborative landscape-scale assessments, to develop functional relationships between core partners that can assist local collaboratives, and to network collaborative groups working on these assessments.

### Participants

The members of the Sub-Committee include the following:

- Association of Oregon Counties - Mike McArthur
- BLM - Michael Haske
- Oregon Department of Forestry - Kevin Birch
- Oregon Solutions - Scott Aycock and Pete Dalke
- Sustainable NW - Maia Enzer and Cassandra Moseley
- The Nature Conservancy - Diane Vosick
- USFS - Jose Linares

Oregon Solutions provides staffing support for the sub-committee.

### Meetings to Date

A small group met on August 19, 2009 and the group met as a whole on September 15, 2009. The meetings included discussion of the proposed group purpose (above), the methodology for gathering data and selecting local collaboratives, the concept of “landscape assessments,” the strategic objectives of each organization in relation to this project; the potential roles that each organization can play in assisting collaboratives; and the work session discussed below.

### Methodology for Selecting Collaboratives/Work Session

The sub-committee is currently developing criteria and other considerations for the selection of the three collaboratives. The group will select collaboratives utilizing a combination of GIS data (e.g. public lands, socio-economic conditions, existing statewide forest restoration priorities, etc.) and qualitative data (e.g. the existence of sufficient local capacity to implement and interest in landscape-scale collaborative treatment projects). The committee will also focus on areas where there is significant strategic overlap among the committee members.

Currently, the group has proposed the following:

- No collaborative group will be assisted without an invitation from the local collaborators and the relevant public land agencies (full consensus).

- As a target/goal, the group would like to assist one “young” collaborative, one “middle aged” collaborative, and one “mature” collaborative (consensus needs validation).

The Sub-Committee is planning a work session that would likely occur in early November. The goals for the session are to:

1. Review relevant information about existing collaboratives, their needs, and their capacity to engage in landscape-scale forest restoration.
2. Identify exactly how the sub-committee partners will work together to support landscape-scale collaboratives.
3. Potentially, perform in-depth “listening sessions” with potential local collaborators.
4. Develop a “short list” of collaboratives.

The session outcomes will be presented to the FFAC Implementation Working Group at their December meeting.

### Next Steps

1. Validate statement of purpose.
2. Validate proposed goals for work session.
3. Schedule the work session.
4. Plan the work session.
5. Ongoing data collection about local collaboratives, statewide priorities, etc.
6. Hold the work session in early to mid-November.
7. Present on work session outcomes to the FFAC Implementation Working Group by December.
8. Engage local collaboratives.
9. Select at least one OS project by January, 2010.