Eastern WA Collaborative Exchange

A Concept for Consideration by Collaborative Partners

Date: TBD (Fall)

Location: Ellensburg or Wenatchee

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Background:** In January, aCommunity Resilience Roundtable was organized and led by the DNR and Chelan 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. A learning exchange could provide that outcome and help partners to develop strategies and a pathway forward to increasing restoration on the landscape. The learning exchange could be organized and facilitated by Sustainable NW for the annual fall WA Collaboratives Workshop. The DNR, forest service and the four Eastern WA collaboratives could incorporate the latest thinking around the 20-year strategic plan and Good Neighbor Authority and the lessons learned so far from the three pilot projects that will harness the energy and momentum from the Community Resilience Roundtable.

**Draft Objectives:**

1. Share innovative concepts being explored within the three pilot projects.
2. Discuss the successes, challenges and overall results of implementing the innovative concepts.
3. Build on these tools and concepts to create a pathway for planning the most efficient and effective restoration projects that increases the pace and scale of the next round of projects.

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| **Time** | **Agenda Items (Draft)** |
| 9:00 | Welcome, Introductions, Objectives/Outcomes |
| 9:30 | Forest Health Pilot Projects: Successes and Lesson’s Learned   1. Mill Creek A to Z Project (CNF and NEWFC), 2. Manastash-Taneum Project (OWNF and Tapash Collaborative), 3. Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project (OWNF and NCWFHC)   Discussion:   * How would the project teams adjust their approach based on the experience? |
| 11:00 | Implementing Forest Health Strategies:   * OWNF 5 Year Plan and the 20 Year Forest Health Strategy * Understanding geographies, and opportunities to leverage resources |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 | Tools for Increasing the Pace and Scale of Forest Restoration   * USFS Shared Stewardship * Good Neighbor Authority * Tribal Forest Protection Act & 638 Contracting * Large Scale Stewardship Contracting / A-Z * Others? |
| 2:30 | Discussion:   * Can we map the tools and timing to achieve restoration at the pace and scale to meet the ecological need? * How are we progressing with terrestrial and aquatic integration? * How are we progressing with recreation road access and aquatic restoration? * How are we progressing with incorporating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into terrestrial and aquatic restoration planning and treatments? * Brainstorming the next pilot projects? * Is there interest in developing a shared list of talking points towards our goals for community and legislative outreach? |
| 4:00 | Adjourn |