

# Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project

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## Background:

Congress, under Title IV of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, established the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. This program sought to fund collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes. In 2010, the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project (DCFP) efforts secured a 10-year, \$10.1 million award to restore 145,000 acres of forest in Central Oregon. In the summer of 2013 the restoration area was approved for an expansion, bringing the total to approximately 257,000 acres and stretching from Black Butte and Bend to Sunriver and Mt. Bachelor.

## Participants:

The Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project is guided by a 20-member Steering Committee made up of diverse interested stakeholders. The Steering Committee does not make decisions about the management of forestlands within the 257,000 acre Landscape, but strives to develop consensus recommendations that are then forwarded to the Deschutes National Forest (US Forest Service) with the support of the Collaborative.

The Deschutes National Forest has made a commitment to integrate collaborative recommendations into management activities. The Steering Committee oversees the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project and its restoration strategy and helps to prioritize and endorse restoration activities. The Steering Committee is the formal channel for the Collaborative to provide input to the US Forest Service on management decisions within the DCF Landscape including, but not limited to, CFLR fund allocation and restoration approaches.

## Why is Restoration Needed?

The majority (76%) of the DCFP landscape is ponderosa pine or dry mixed-conifer forest, of which over 50% is in Fire Regime Condition Class 2 or 3. Too much of the landscape is in dense, closed canopy condition and mid-successional stands, which increases the potential of loss from large wildfires or insects and disease. Watersheds are impacted by channelization, roads, flow diversion, blocked fish passage and past vegetation management.

## Goals are to:

- Return the forest to a resilient condition within a Fire Regime Class 1.
- Protect Wildland Urban Interface areas from uncharacteristic fires.
- Improve forest health in both Bend and Sisters municipal water source watersheds.
- Provide forest products to local industries.
- Protect high use year-round recreation areas and trails.
- Protect and enhance habitat for the northern spotted owl, re-introduce steelhead, white-headed woodpecker and other species of concern.
- Collaborate with community groups and organizations.

Accomplishments for Planned Restoration Treatments	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	TOTAL	Total Quantity Planned for Project	Percent Done
Thinning with Biomass (Acres)	2,478	2,193	1,350	644	*	6,665	27,500	24.24
Green Tons of Biomass	11,027	29,458	18,515	2,274	*	61,274	135,000	45.39
Volume Sold (CCF)	8,524	16,300	15,605	3,034	44,201	87,664	150,000	58.44
Non-Commercial Thinning w/associated Fuels (Acres)	6,879	983	1,486	1,356	*	10,704	16,000	66.9
Mechanical Fuels Reduction (Acres)	3,593	1,155	4,407	2,425	*	11,580	19,600	59.08
Prescribed Burning (Acres)	406	1,087	4,417	726	*	6,636	11,500	57.70
Fish Passage Enhancements (Enhancements)	1	0	2	2	*	5	7	71.43
Stream Channel Restoration (Miles)	1	16	8.7	6.7	*	32.4	32	101.25
Wetland Enhancement/Establishment (Acres)	1	0	5	3	*	9	55	16.36
Riparian Thinning (Acres)	706	0	0	0	*	706	100	706
Partnership In Kind Value	\$24,543	\$265,897	\$422,243	\$339,061	*	\$1,051,744	NA	NA
Road Decommissioning/Closure (Miles)	0	0.2	3.2	2	*	5.4	25	21.6
Invasive Plant Treatments (Acres)	900	972.7	1,421.9	1,140	*	4,434.6	9,800	45.25
Total Part and Full Time Jobs Supported - Commercial Forest Products (CFLN Funds Only)	No Data	2.2	39	11.6	4.5			
Total Part and Full Time Jobs Supported - Other Project Activities (CFLN Funds Only)	No Data	0.5	6.6	14.9	<.1			
Total Part and Full Time Jobs Supported - Commercial Forest Products (All Funds)	23.1	37.2	80.3	76.7	*	283.6		
Total Part and Full Time Jobs Supported - Other Project Activities (All Funds)	65.4	4.5	10.4	25.5	*	105.8		
Total Jobs Created	88.5	41.7	90.6	102.1	*	322.9		
Matching Funds Invested	\$2,510,931	\$893,782	\$1,296,053	\$794,000		\$ 5,494,766		
CFLN Funds Invested	\$498,403	\$660,493	\$627,403	\$821,455	\$878,376	\$ 3,486,130		
Carryover received in lieu of CFLN			\$246,378	\$ 377,987	\$268,281	\$ 892,646		
Total Invested	\$3,009,334	\$1,554,275	\$2,169,834	\$1,993,442	\$1,146,657	\$ 9,873,542		

\*Data not yet available for 2014



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