

Bridging Science and Collaborative Forest Restoration in the Mixed-Conifer Forests of Central Oregon

Time: 9:00am meeting time, March 26, 2016
Meeting Location: OSU Cascade Hall
Leader: Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project
Transportation: Car-pooling



Towards a Shared Understanding of Mixed-Conifer Forest Ecology

Over 18 months in 2014 and 2015 stakeholders of the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project engaged in an innovative research project with Oregon State University and The Nature Conservancy to develop local research on forest development and fire history for the mixed-conifer landscape of the Deschutes National Forest.

The results of this research provided an invaluable scientific foundation for collaborative members to use as they worked together to craft a shared vision for a restored, resilient forest landscape across the ~260,000 acre DCFP landscape, nearly half of which is comprised of mixed-conifer forest types.



On this field trip you will hear first-hand from researchers and diverse collaborative perspectives – from environmental group to forest product industry – who worked on this novel approach to applied science and collaborative forest restoration together.

The Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project (DCFP) was established in 2010 as one of 23 demonstration landscapes nationally funded through the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act of 2009, the purpose of which was to encourage collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes. In partnership with the Deschutes National Forest, the DCFP has supported restoration across more than 81,000 acres of National Forest within the ~260,000 acre DCFP landscape.



