TELLING THE STORY OF COLLABORATIVE
FOREST RESTORATION:

Lessons learned from community engagement & outreach in Central Oregon
A Fire-Adapted Landscape
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Principle Forest Types of the DCFP Landscape

- Lodgepole Pine Dry: 43%
- Lodgepole Pine Wet: 16%
- Mixed Conifer Wet: 9%
- Mixed Conifer Dry: 14%
- Ponderosa Pine Dry: 14%
- Mountain Hemlock Dry: 6%
- Ponderosa Pine Wet: 8%
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~15,000 visitors per day
YEAR ROUND!

~50% hiking/trail running
~30% cycling
~25% paddling
~15% camping

Deschutes County Population Growth (1920 - 2014)

Total visitor-days in Bend: summer, winter & annual averages (assuming +/-10% margin of error)

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How do we engage people with such diverse values that care so deeply for the land to build awareness, understanding & support for Forest Restoration?
93% of respondents agreed with *thinning* dense, overgrown forests to make them more fire-resilient.

91% agreed with using *prescribed fire* to remove underbrush and small trees.

75% support active restoration to *improve* forest health and reduce high-severity wildfire risk.

63% believe restoration should be based on the *expertise of professionals*.

59% of respondents want the forest managed to provide *public access & recreation*.
Meet People Where They Are, Address What They Care About
COMMUNITY DIALOGUE:
THE FOUNDATION OF TRUST
Many Partners, Many Voices...
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... Clear, Consistent Messages
**DIFFERENT ROLES, COMMON GOALS**

**Deschutes Collaborative**

**The WHY:**
- INSPIRE
- New model for shared learning and decision-making
- Integrating local interests and values
- Community coming together
- Link between healthy forests and healthy communities

**The HOW:**
- ENGAGE
- Explaining dry forest restoration
- Ecological basis for active management
- Role of fire in restoration
- Benefits to local communities & people
- Get involved!

**Deschutes National Forest**

**The WHAT:**
- INFORM
- NEPA planning process
- Legal process
- Projects timelines
- Technical implementation issues
- Impacts to public use

**INCREASE AWARENESS & UNDERSTANDING**

**BUILD**

**ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT, & TRUST**
USE MANY TOOLS
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WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT PRESCRIBED FIRE?

1. Reduce wildfire risk, making our homes and communities safer.
2. Make our fire-adapted forests healthier, more resilient to disease and wildfire.
3. Restores habitat for plants and animals that depend on fire-adapted forests.
4. Ensures we all have a beautiful forest to play, live, and work in now and for the future.

Supporting our local fire professionals during their prescribed burns will ultimately make Central Oregon a safer, more fire-adapted community.
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A Call to Action... Not Fear

WE COUNT ON THE FOREST

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Why the Deschutes National Forest needs our help to be healthy again.

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Learn More & Get Involved
Restoring fire-adapted forests means building fire-adapted communities.
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?