



Rogue Basin Fire Learning Network Fall Meeting



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Southern Oregon University Stevenson Union Arena

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The fall meeting of the Rogue Basin Fire Learning Network brings together local and regional scientists, partners, planners, and practitioners to discuss cutting edge local research, ongoing collaborative forest restoration projects, and developing visions. The purpose of the meeting is to consider elements of a more cohesive regional strategy which can promote larger scale, integrative, collaborative restoration of the fire-maintained, dry forests of the region. This will be the first meeting of the Fire Learning Network node that has expanded from its early focus on the Applegate Valley to consider the larger Rogue River Basin, a region of forests in the Cascades and Siskiyou Mountains, an area rich in ecological diversity and management controversy.

The meeting revolves around four panel discussions, each with presentations by local leaders in the field. The **Collaboration, Jobs, and Money** panel will highlight local collaborative successes, the jobs they create, and explore the economics of forest restoration.

A panel on **Developing Knowledge for Restoration** will showcase new data on historical fire regimes, explore the structure and function of Mediterranean mixed-conifer hardwood forests of the Siskiyou mountains as they are, and as they were when frequent fires visited these forests, and highlight recent research into how active management can best protect old growth pine.

The **Changing Perspectives on Forest Management** panel will evaluate a recent survey of residents exploring public attitudes and opinions about forest restoration and explore the role of multiparty monitoring and adaptive management for influencing these perceptions. Recent work with bird guilds will further illustrate how a shift in perspective, from one species to many, can modify monitoring and management goals.

New approaches to project planning will be explored in the panel on **Opportunities and Challenges Moving Forward** including the recent Integrated Vegetation Management strategy for the BLM and a Rogue basin-wide analysis conducted by the Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative that integrates multiple resource values and desired outcomes into a cohesive restoration strategy. Finishing the day, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor Rob MacWhorter, and Medford District Bureau of Land Management Manager Dayne Barron will lay out their developing perspectives on partnering and emerging opportunities to advance restoration.

AGENDA

Time	Title	Presenter
9:00-9:15	The Rogue Basin FLN, a unique node in a national network	Mark Stern, TNC
9:15-9:40	Recent collaborative successes around the Rogue Basin (SLIDES)	George McKinley, SOFRC
9:40-10:00	Building capacity for forest restoration through workforce initiatives (SLIDES)	Marko Bey, LRP
10:00-10:20	Economic feasibility of forest restoration projects (SLIDES)	Ed Reilly, USFSRS/BLM retired
10:20-10:35	Panel: Collaboration, jobs, and money	
10:35-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:05	Emerging knowledge about fire regimes	Carl Skinner, USFS PSW
11:05-11:25	Forensic forestry: emerging knowledge about forest structure and function (SLIDES)	Kerry Metlen, TNC and Emily Comfort, OSU
11:25-11:45	Conserving Northern Spotted Owls in a Managed Landscape	Cindy Donegan, USFWS
11:45-12:05	Protecting old growth pine (SLIDES)	Bill Schaupp, USFS FHP
12:05-12:20	Panel: Developing knowledge for restoration	
12:20-12:50	Lunch	
12:50-1:20	Social perspectives are changing (SLIDES)	Mark Shibley, SOU
1:20-1:40	Multiparty monitoring and public learning (SLIDES)	Kerry Metlen, TNC and Gwyn Meyer, SOFRC
1:40-2:00	Adaptive Management: Landbirds as ecological indicators (SLIDES)	John Alexander and Jamie Stephens, KBO
2:15-2:35	Panel: Changing perspectives on management	
2:35-2:45	Break	
2:45-3:05	Integrated vegetation management (SLIDES)	Terry Fairbanks, BLM
3:05-3:25	Burning at increased scope and scale with sensitivity to old growth	Greg Chandler, BLM
3:25-3:45	Rogue Basin Forest Restoration Assessment (SLIDES)	Darren Borgias, TNC
3:45-4:00	Future directions - USDA Forest Service	Robert MacWhorter, USFSRS
4:00-4:15	Future directions - USDI Bureau of Land Management (NOTES)	Dayne Barron, BLM, Medford
4:15-4:45	Panel: Opportunities and Challenges moving forward	

Medford District Bureau of Land Management (BLM), USFS Forest Health Protection (FS FHP), Klamath Bird Observatory (KBO), Lomakatsi Restoration Project (LRP), Oregon State University (OSU), Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative (SOFRC), Southern Oregon University (SOU), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station (PSW), US Forest Service Rouge Siskiyou National Forest (USFSRS), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)