

My name is Torsten Lund Snee, and I am a researcher at the Colorado Forest Restoration Institute (CFRI) and the Colorado State University (CSU) Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. We are conducting research on the economic value of collaborative forestry to participants in the collaborative process, entitled *Assessing the Social Benefits to Stakeholders in Colorado's Collaborative Forestry Organizations*. The purpose of this study is to understand the benefits to participants that arise from collaborative forestry organizations. This will help establish the economic value that participants in the collaborative forestry process place on that process. The Principal Investigator is Tony Cheng, Director of CFRI and the CSU Department of Forest and Rangeland, and I am the Co-Principal Investigator.

I would greatly appreciate your participation in the survey linked below and appreciate your returning it as soon as possible. The accuracy of these results depend heavily on obtaining a high response rate, so your participation is very important to the success of this study. The survey will ask for your opinion on certain aspects of collaborative forestry organizations and your participation in Roundtable meetings – there are no right or wrong answers. It will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. If you participated in the survey conducted during the quarterly meeting of the Front Range Roundtable in April 2014, please *do not* complete this online survey.

Your responses to this survey will be anonymous and confidential; please do not include your name on any portion of the survey. When we report and share the data with others, we will aggregate the data from all participants. While there are no direct benefits to you, we hope to gain more knowledge on the economic value that participants in the collaborative forestry process place on that process.

Participation in this survey is voluntary and you may choose not to answer any particular question. There are no known risks to participation in this survey. It is not possible to identify all potential risks in research procedures, but we have taken reasonable safeguards to minimize any known and potential (but unknown) risks. Completion and return of this survey constitutes your consent to participate.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this survey, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Tony at the phone number or email address below. If you have any questions about your rights as a volunteer in this research, please contact Janell Barker, CSU Human Research Administrator, at 970-491-1655.

To open the survey, please click the link below or cut and paste it into your browser.

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Thank you very much for your participation.

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