

Front Range Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project

2011 Social & Economic Monitoring

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“... to collaboratively achieve improved forest benefits for people, water & wildlife”

National CFLRP Indicators:

1. Fire Costs
2. Jobs and Economic Impacts
3. Leveraged Funds
4. Collaboration
5. Ecological

“Protecting Communities ... and Restoring Forests to Good Health”

FR-CFLRP Social and Economic Goals (2011):

1. Enhance community sustainability
2. Improve local restoration business and workforce skills
3. Improve or maintain local quality of life
4. Build support for forest restoration goals
5. Improve capacity for collaboration goal

FR-CFLR Social & Economic Monitoring Plan

Goals	Indicators
<i>Identify Economic Contributions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labor income & value-added• Employment generated• Employee and subcontractor locations• Amount of mechanical & manual work
<i>Measure Wood Utilization Levels</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amount and type of materials• Location of businesses purchasing material• Types and relative value of products created

SE Monitoring Goals and Indicators (continued)

Goals	Indicators
<i>Determine Social Perceptions of Forest Treatment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acceptance of prescribed fire and/or mechanical treatments• Perceived benefits & issues of treatments• Public attitudes toward the project and collaborators
<i>Identify Levels of Collaboration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Levels of collaboration, communication, and group learning• Extent stakeholders previously in conflict are working together• Levels of information sharing among all participants

Economic Impacts in 2011

(preliminary)

- Total of 6 task orders – 3 fulfilled, 3 partially completed
- Input-Output modeling of operational expenditure and labor information obtained from the contractor (2011 calendar year)
- \$1.8 million in labor income (2010 US)
- \$1.6 million in GDP to the local economy (2010 US)
- Total of 38 full- and part-time jobs

Wood Utilization in 2011 (preliminary)

- 1,468 acres treated on the Pike-San Isabel
 - 93% through mechanical treatments
- 1,592 acres treated on the Arapaho-Roosevelt
 - 75% through manual treatments
- 99% mechanical treatment materials available for value-added uses but none of manual treatment
- All value-added materials purchased by 12 Colorado businesses

Collaboration (preliminary)

Achievements:

- Diverse representation
- Positive effect on relations
- Relatively high levels of trust and strong commitment
- Most agreed collaborative was having an influence on current implementation

Challenges:

- Some missing interests were identified
- A clear sense of roles & responsibilities is needed
- Lack a clear process for the collaborative to influence project implementation

Social Perceptions

(preliminary)

- By understanding public perceptions towards forest management the FRR will be better equipped to effectively collaborate with local stakeholders
- Literature review focused on research of social perceptions toward prescribed fire
- In November we will report: Key concerns, factors influencing public perceptions, and effective outreach methods identified

Coming to a FRR meeting near you in November ...

We will present the full results and provide:

- Copies of the FR-CFLR Social and Economic Monitoring report
- A revised social & economic monitoring plan
- And our recommended next steps

Thank you!

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