

## Restoration: Before and After

Before Treatment (2003)



After Treatment (2005)



The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land ...

~ Aldo Leopold



## Get Involved

[www.fs.usda.gov/4fri](http://www.fs.usda.gov/4fri)

Individuals and organizations interested in 4FRI may join the 4FRI Stakeholder Group or work directly with members of the Forest Service 4FRI Team. Please contact us if you want to get involved.

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## Stakeholder Group

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Arizona Eastern Counties Association  
Arizona Elk Society  
Arizona Forest Restoration Products  
Arizona Game and Fish Department  
Arizona State Forestry Division  
Arizona Wildlife Federation  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Coconino County  
Coconino Natural Resources Conservation District  
Coconino Rural Environment Corps  
Ecological Restoration Institute  
Flagstaff Fire Department  
Forest Energy Corporation  
Gila County  
Graham County  
Grand Canyon Trust  
Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership  
Greenlee County  
Mottek Consulting  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Natural Resources Working Group  
Navajo County  
Northern Arizona Logging Association  
Northern Arizona University  
Northern Arizona Wood Products Association  
Pioneer Association  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Sierra Club  
Southwest Sustainable Forests Partnership  
The Nature Conservancy  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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## The Four Forest Restoration Initiative

A Collaborative Effort to Restore Forest Ecosystems on Four National Forests



# The Initiative

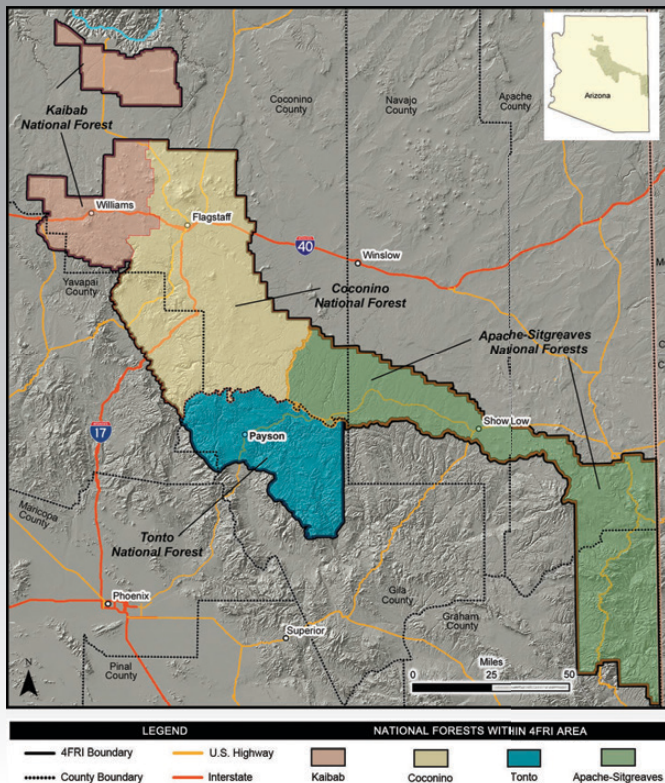
The Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) is a collaborative effort to restore forest ecosystems on portions of four National Forests – Coconino, Kaibab, Apache-Sitgreaves, and Tonto – along the Mogollon Rim in northern Arizona.



4FRI was selected for funding under the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP). CFLRP was established in 2009 to foster collaborative, science-based restoration on priority forest landscapes across the U.S.

CFLRP is unique among government programs in that it was established specifically to 1) create job stability, 2) achieve a reliable wood supply, 3) restore forest health, 4) reduce the costs of fire suppression in overgrown forests and 5) leverage federal funding against private and other government investments.

## 4FRI Boundary Map



Ponderosa pine forest stretches almost continuously from the south rim of the Grand Canyon, across the vast Mogollon Rim, to the White Mountains in eastern Arizona. Forests across this expanse surround and support communities and provide invaluable wildlife habitat, recreational resources, and ecosystem services.

Unfortunately, these forests have been degraded by unsustainable historical land uses and fire exclusion. The result is an overgrown forest with thin, unhealthy trees and the threat of unnaturally severe wildfire.

The vision of 4FRI is restored forest ecosystems that support natural fire regimes, functioning populations of native plants and animals, and forests that pose little threat of destructive wildfire to thriving forest communities, as well as support sustainable forest industries that strengthen local economies while conserving natural resources and aesthetic values.



## 4FRI Goals

- Plan and implement restoration treatments across 2.4 million acres of ponderosa pine forest.
- On average, treat 30,000 additional acres per year over the span of 20 years.
- Allow for increased use of fire to meet restoration objectives.
- Engage new industry so the cost of restoration is covered by the value of products removed.
- Assure that the science-based and socially-acceptable agreements forged over the last decade result in implementation of long-term, landscape-scale restoration.

