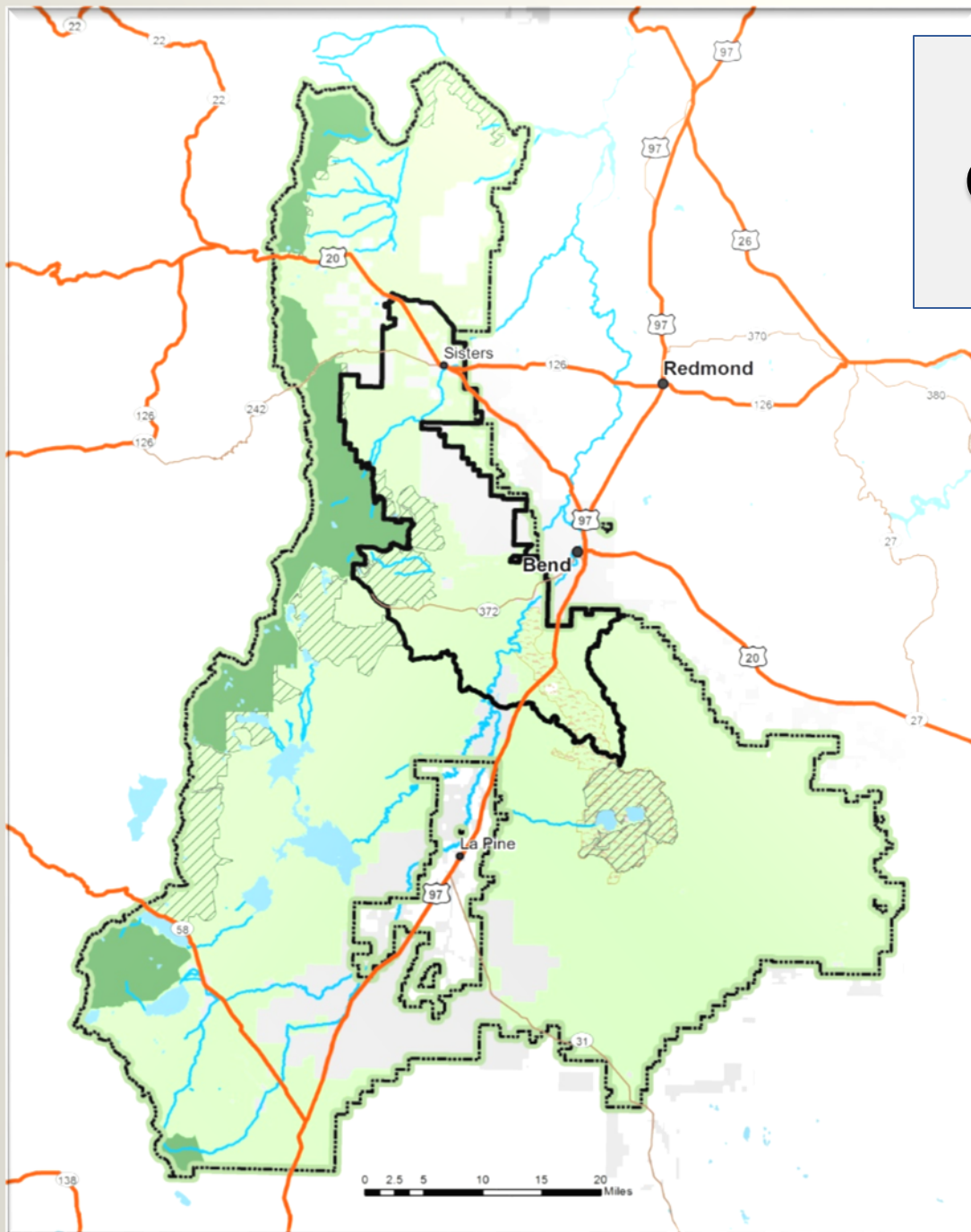


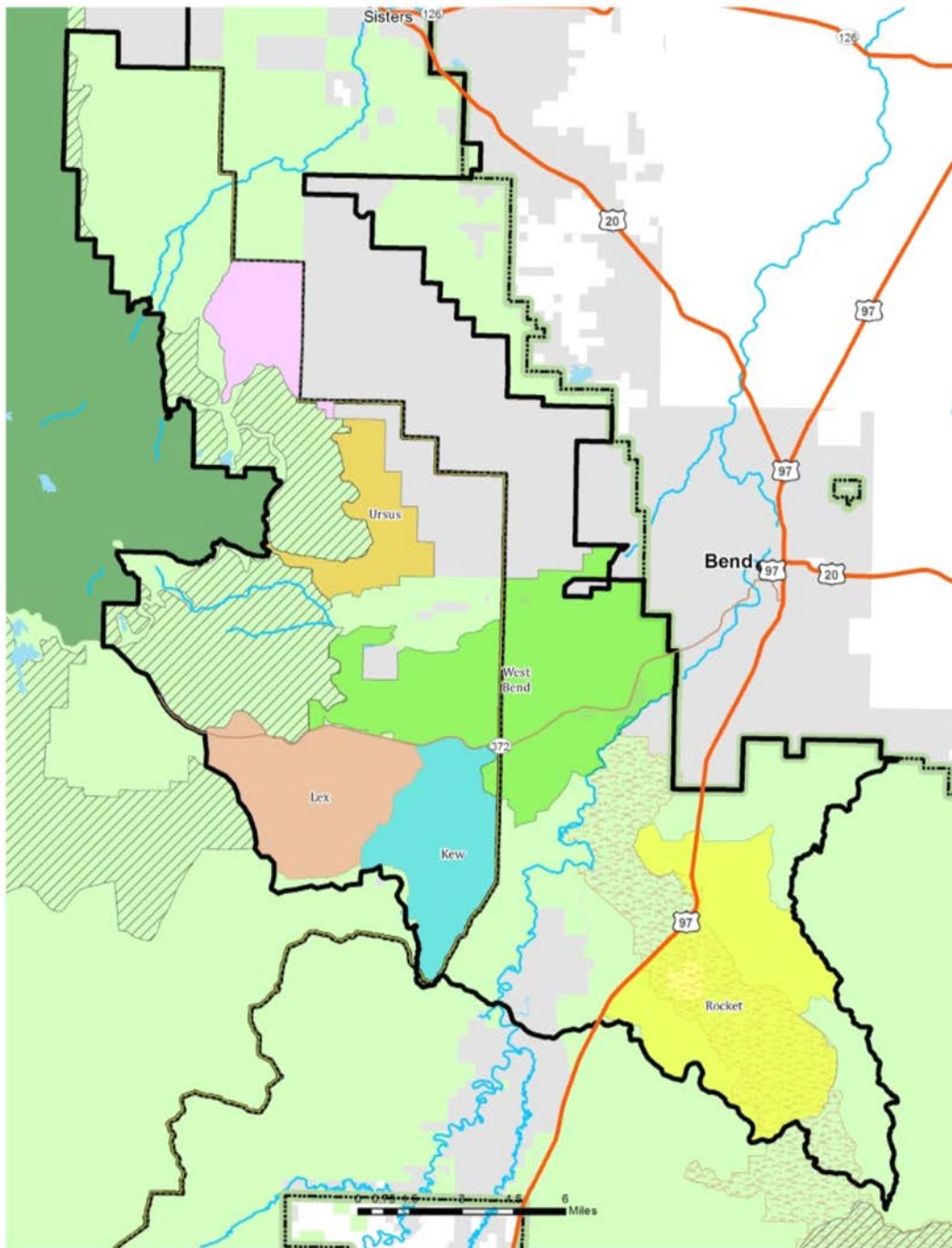
Partnering with Scientists and a Collaborative on Moist Mixed Conifer Science - Forest Service Perspective



The Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project



- CFLRA
- 250,000 acres
- Major WUI
- Municipal H2O
- Recreation
- Not FS process
- Consensus-based

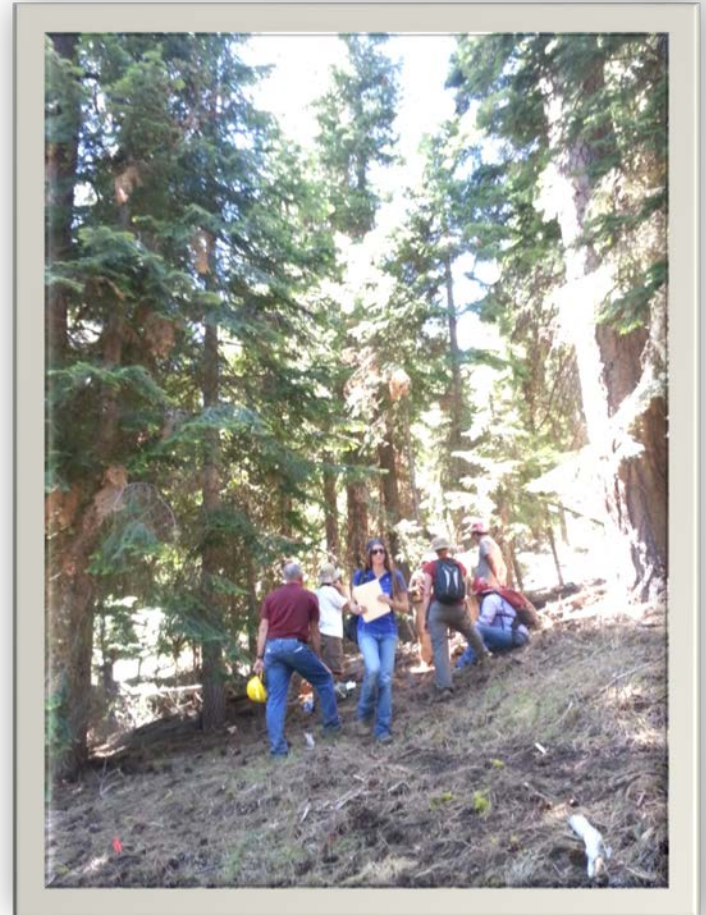


Projects

- 6 project areas: 2 completed, 4 ongoing
- 8,000 to 26,000 acres
- One EIS, 5 EAs

Meeting multiple objectives in the DCFP and likely across the Forest in mixed conifer.

- The collaborative group could begin focusing on what to do, instead of whether we should be doing anything.
- Meets needs of the collaborative to have a scientific basis for their recommendations.
- Got them through the process.
- Expanded areas of agreement in active forest management.
- The members of the collaborative increased understanding.



More Benefits...



Site-specific, current scientific information

- Collaborative and FS buying in and using same science.
- Supports the NEPA document (restoration component).
- Offers a method of describing the forest that is easy to understand (common language).
- We've not yet realized all of the benefits.

Important Consideration

- Forest Service experts involved in the process
 - To help them help us
 - To provide local knowledge/expertise
 - To discuss management implications

Is there anything this science partnership can't do?

- It can't provide management objectives.
- Does not address all work that may be pursued in a project area.
- Won't alleviate all controversy w/i stakeholder group or opposition from groups outside of collaborative.





Let's Discuss....

