

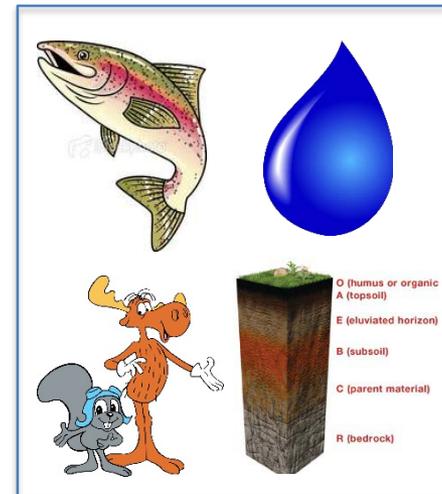
Aha! moments in Stewardship – A Forest's Journey

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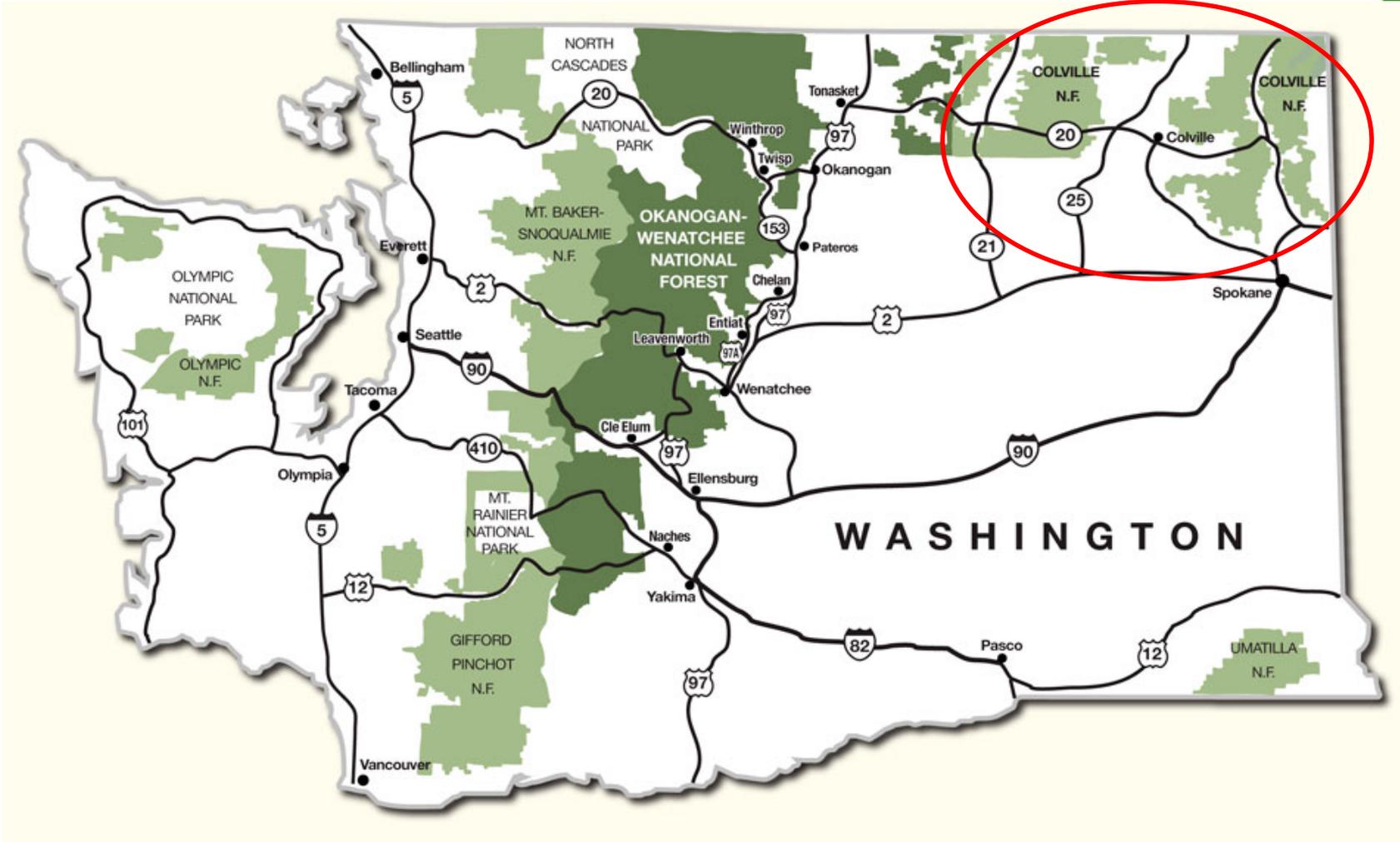
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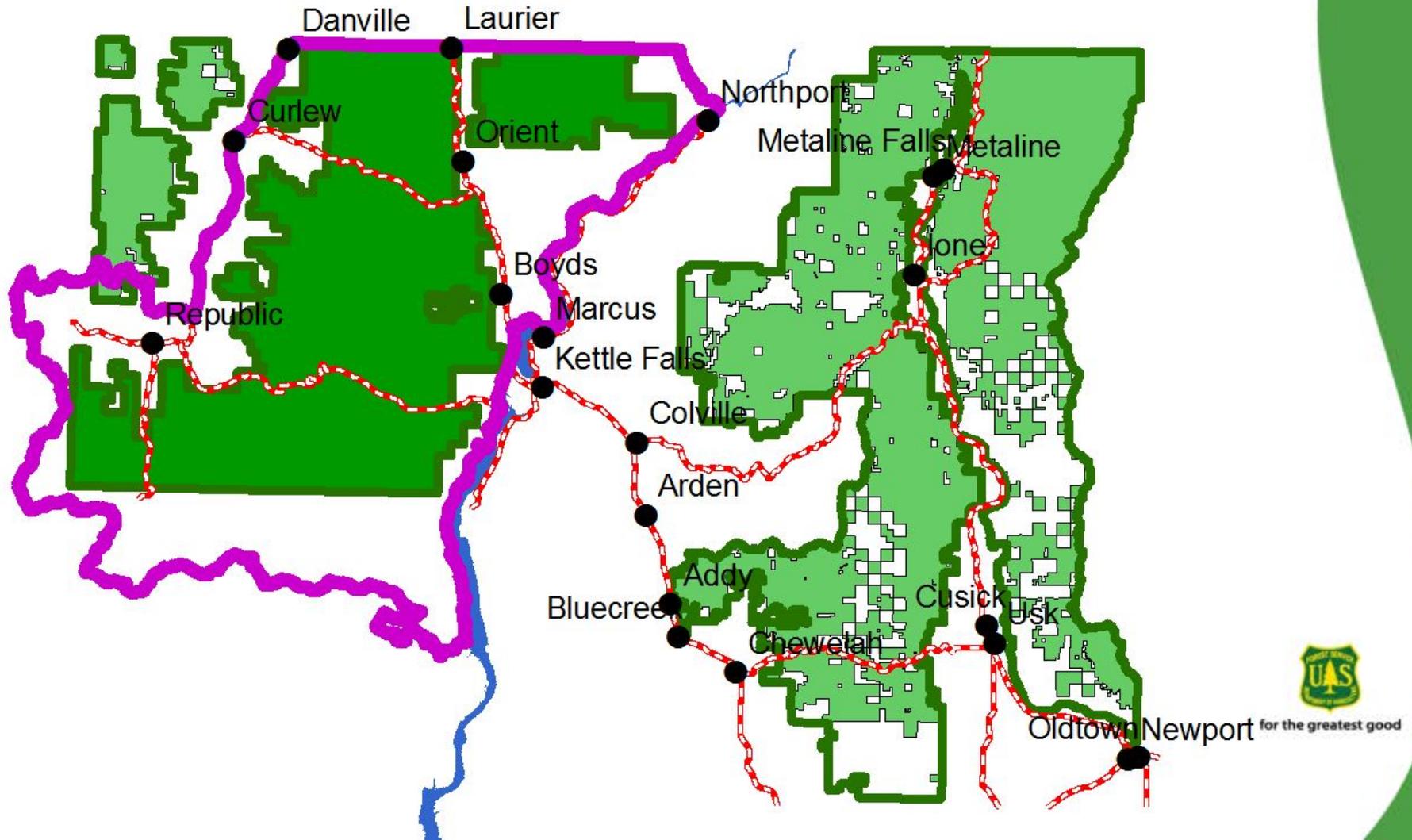


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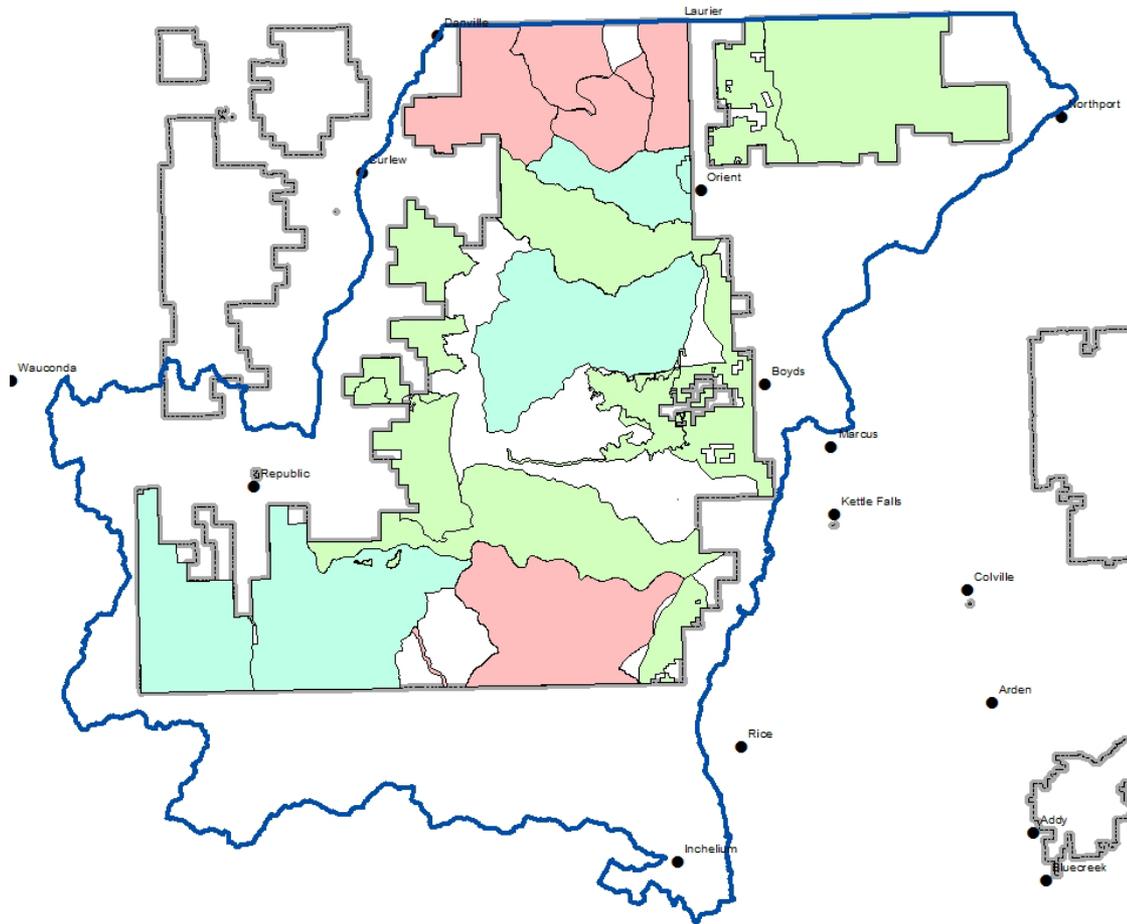


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Northeast Washington Forest Vision 2020



Project Areas in NEW Forest Vision 2020



Aha! Moments

1. Stewardship contracting included only fuels and vegetation management because only 1 or 2 people were involved in putting together the proposals.
 - NEPA included only fuels and vegetation treatments as part of WUI focused treatments.



the aha moment

"the common human experience of suddenly understanding a previously incomprehensible problem or concept"

Wikipedia



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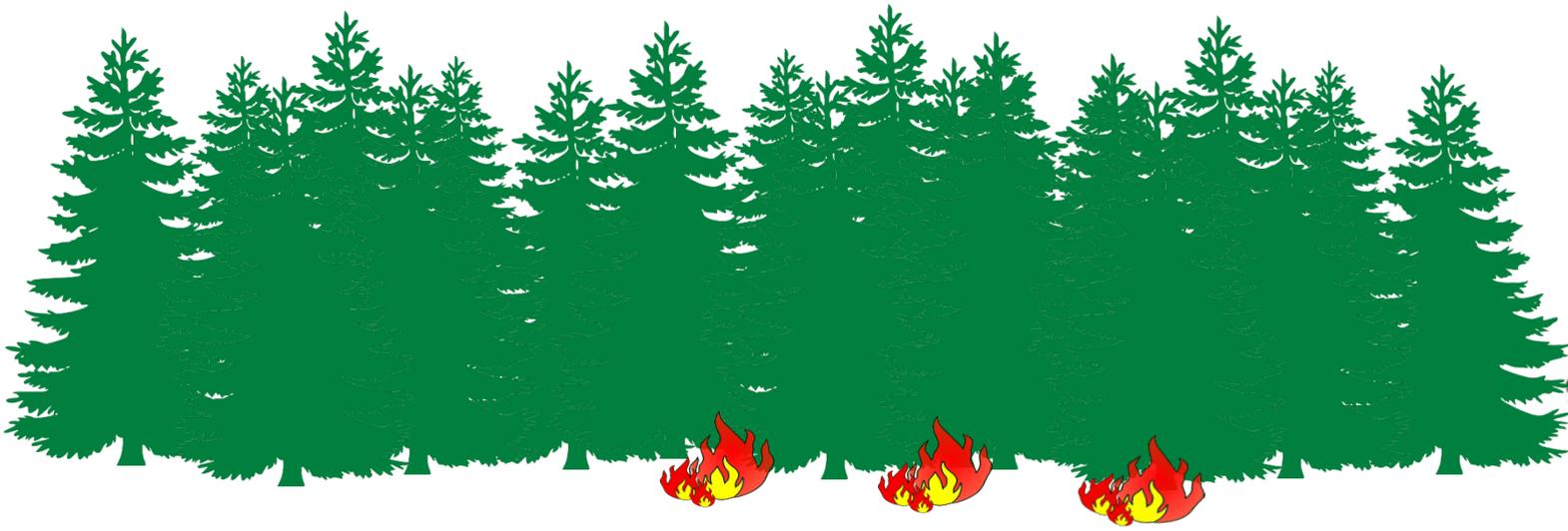
Vulcan Project 2008

Vegetation Treatment

- Commercial Thinning, Small Pole Thinning, Precommercial Thinning

Fuel Treatment

- Underburning, Jackpot Burning, Whip Falling, Mechanical Pile, Hand Pile, and Burn Piles, Lop and Scatter



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Fuel Treatments



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There's more than just vegetation out there.



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Scotchman 2010

Fuel Treatment

- Grinding of slash and the removal of the resulting material.

Riparian Projects

- Fencing and boulder placement to protect the riparian area from ATVs.
- Decommisioning, ripping and seeding and /or obliteration of unauthorized ATV trails.

Wildlife Projects

- Gate to secure grizzly bear habitat.



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Aha! Moments

2. ID Team members understood the stewardship process.
3. NEPA projects focused on restoration of the project area.



Aha!



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Hanlon 2011



Thinning

- Commercial Thinning
- Precommercial Thinning

Fuel Treatments

- Masticate, pile, burn and/or remove surface, ladder and crown fuels.

Re-introduce fire into the appropriate fire-dependent ecosystems.

Riparian

- Install in-stream structures and riparian ex-closures
- Relocate riparian road and obliterate the existing road.
- Decommission roads and unauthorized ATV trails
- Repair shoreline damage by ATVs and reconstructing the access road to the lake Improve core grizzly bear habitat with road closure devices, forage seeding, tree planting on decommissioned roads.

Herbicides treatment on roads, trails, meadows, and landings to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.

Wildlife

- Create snags within harvest units where post harvest snag numbers will be deficient.



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Walker Project 2013

Vegetation Treatments

- Commercial Thinning, Precommercial thinning

Fuel treatment

Transportation Management

- Road reconstruction
- Road decommissioning



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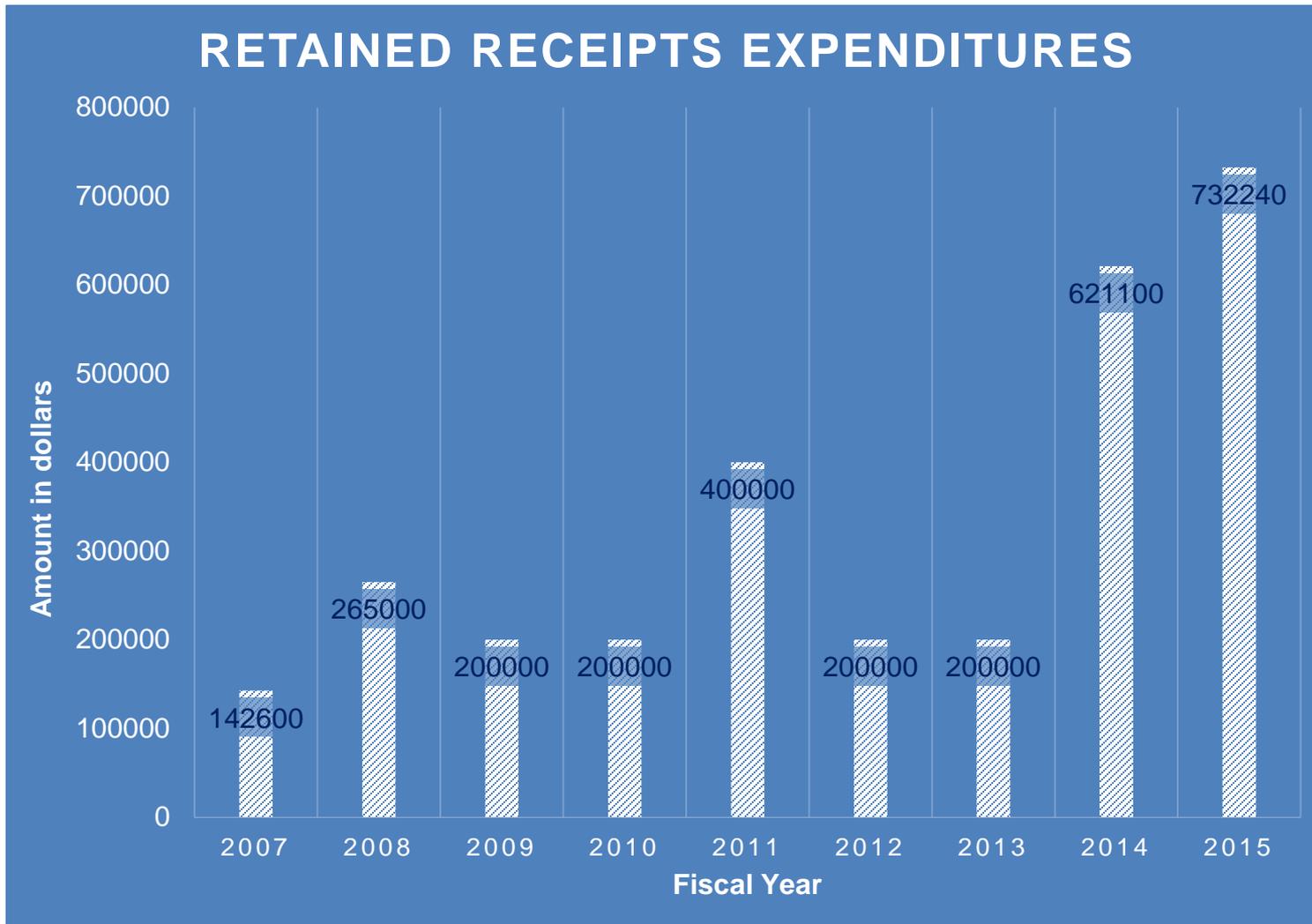
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4. There is a difference across ID Teams and zones when planning projects.



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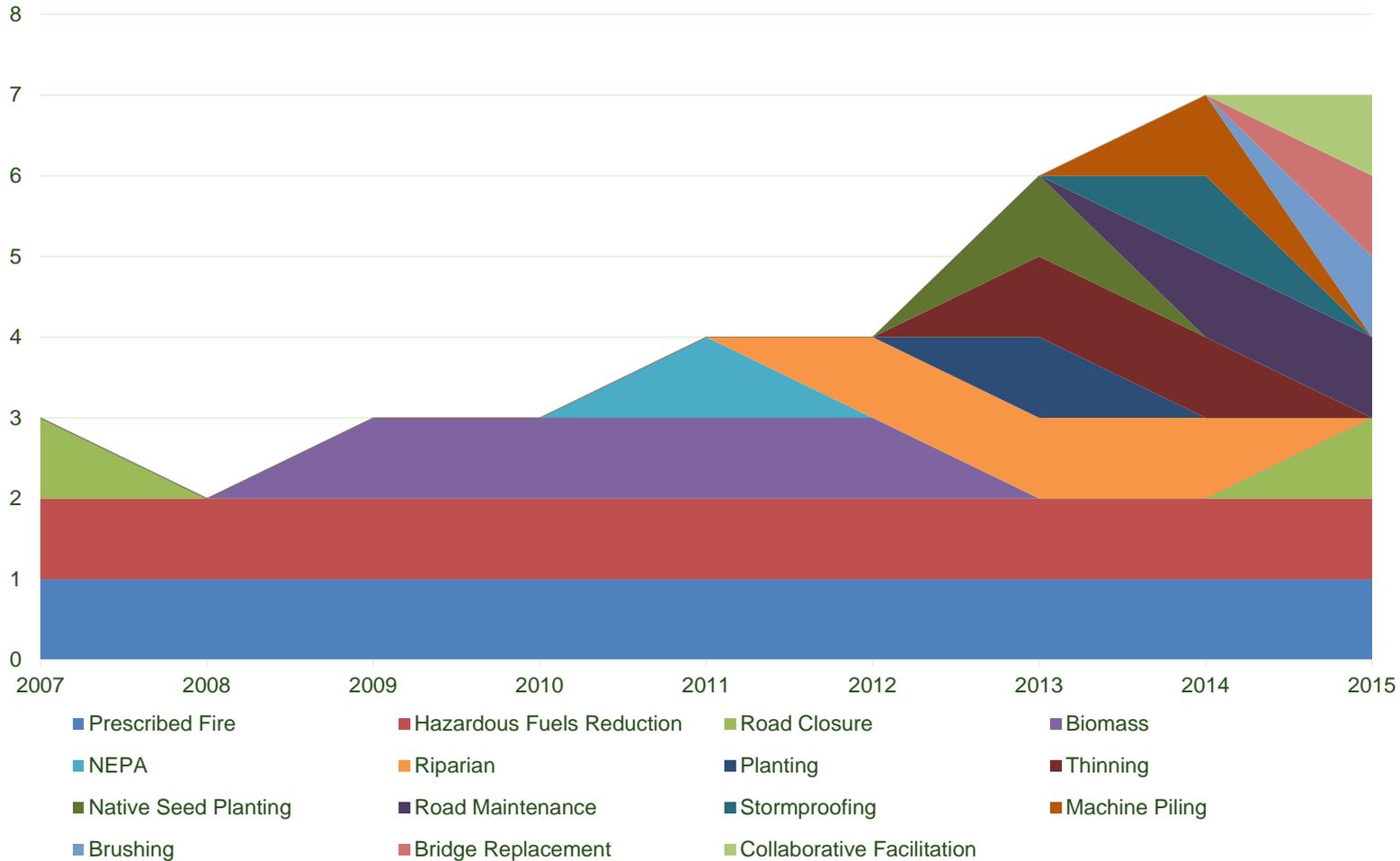
Retained Receipts



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Retained Receipts

Retained Receipts Project Types 2007-2015



A BIG AHA! Moment

5. 2014 Forest Wide Road Stewardship



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Culvert removals



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Aha! Moments

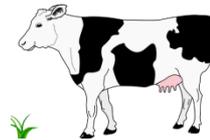
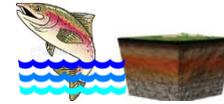


6. Received special authority to use retained receipts for third party NEPA
7. CFLR money could be used to prep for retained receipts contracts
 - Almost all CFLR projects will be stewardship
8. Formed the FIRST, Forest Innovative Restoration Strategy Team to strategize restoration.



Colville FIRST

- Natural Resources Program Manager
- Vegetation Lead
- Forest Engineer
- Forest Assistant FMO
- Range and Noxious Weeds
- FERC Program Manager
- Zone IDT Leaders



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Colville FIRST Funding Opportunities

- CFLR
- Joint Chiefs
- Stewardship
- Retained Receipts
- CMLG
- FERC
- Joint Chiefs
- Challenge Cost Share
- Prepare and Apply for other opportunities



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Colville FIRST Planning Opportunities

- Strategic Framework
- Watershed Condition Framework
- New Forest Plan
- 5 Year Vegetation Management Plan



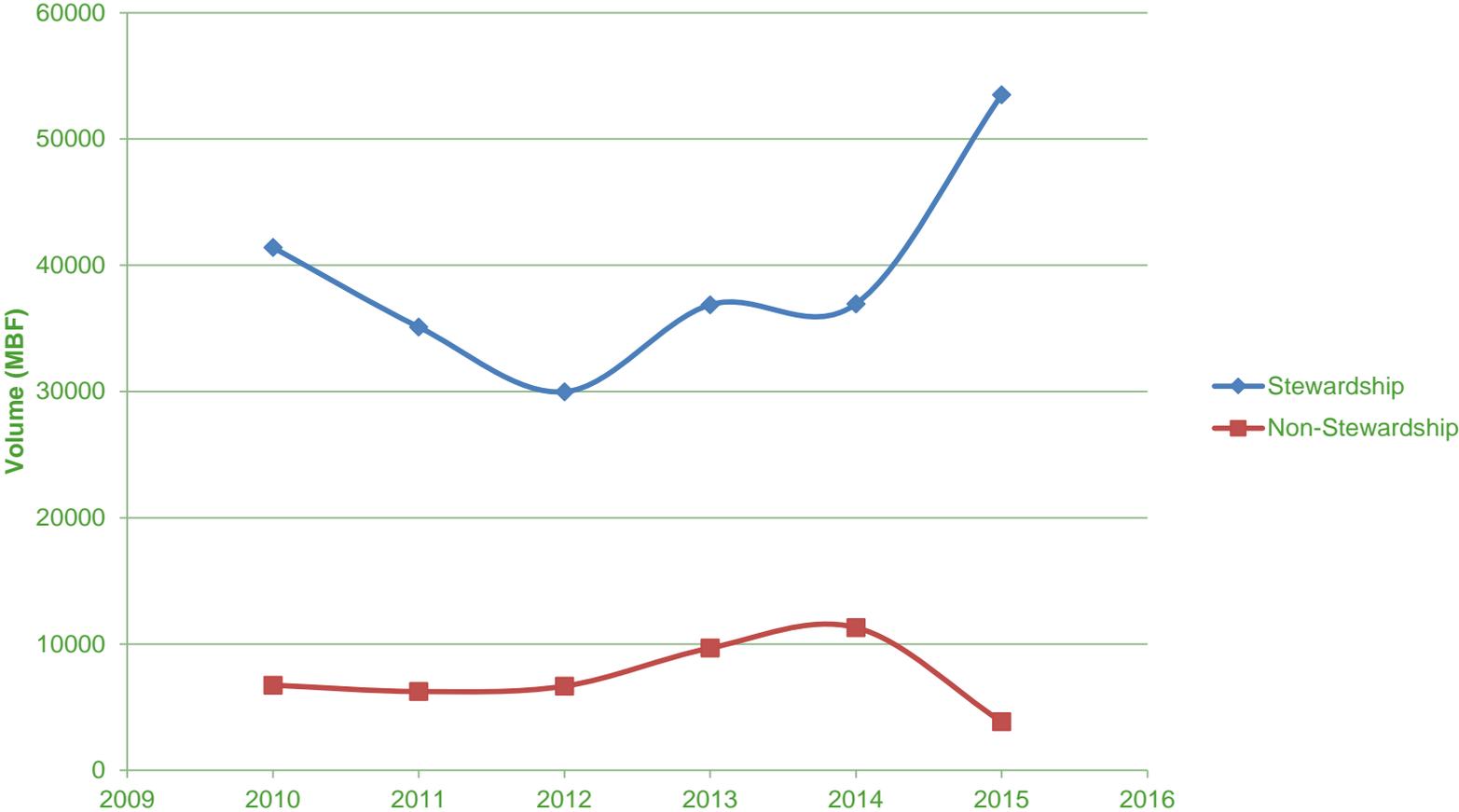
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9. Need more flexibility in how we use retained receipts.
 - Ability to pay people to run contracts
 - Need design money for AOPs
10. Need a mix of traditional timber sales and stewardship sales



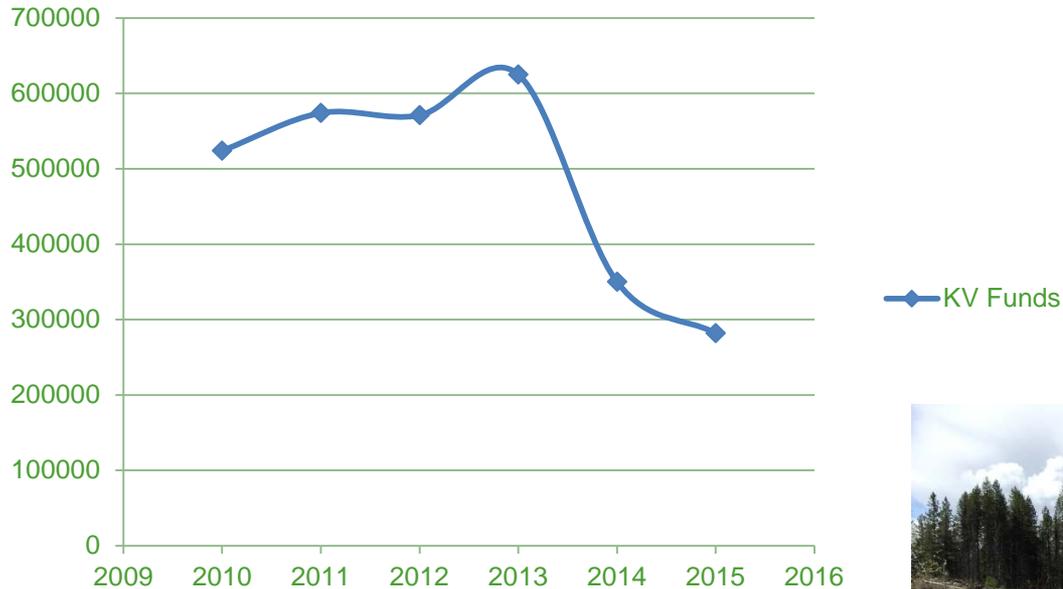
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Stewardship vs Timber Sale



KV Program Highlights

KV Funds Spent



- Less KV used for planting due to less regeneration harvest and more stewardship



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The Last Aha! Moment

11. Our collaborators have ideas on stewardship too –

- East Wedge
- A-Z Third Party NEPA

