



R4 – RMRS Science Partner Pilot Program

- To establish collaboration opportunities between RMRS researchers and Intermountain land managers at multiple scales
- Program launched in 2016
- Next workshop is Oct 23-24, 2018 for FS team members





How we encourage science-manager partnerships:

- 1) Match interested scientists and managers together
- 2) Travel resources to encourage face-to-face interactions
- 3) Competitive BeSMART microgrants to facilitate partner groups working together
- 4) Quarterly check-in calls with partner groups by co-leads
- 5) Annual partner workshop



BeSMART!

Best Science: Management and Research Together

Small-scale grants to be used to pair scientists and managers together towards a common goal



Science Partner Workshop in October 2018



Newly forming groups:

- Cheatgrass control on the Bridger Teton
- Aspen study on Fishlake
- Dixie fire history/fire science
- Ponderosa pine density & aggregation
- P-J / Ponderosa ecotones





Annual get together of Science Partners to share ideas and work together



Tailgate lunch at annual Science Partner Workshop



- Spend time working in partner groups
- Learn and network between partner groups
- Better understand how well this partnership model improved collaboration
- Identify challenges of pairing research and management
- Map out steps to expand the partner program to additional groups





We are looking for additional partner groups!



Boise Basin landscape restoration project



Learn more about the Projects:

<https://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/region-4-science-partner-program>

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R4 – RMRS Science Advisory ID Team

- Launching now
- Developing new operating norm – on-going consultation between scientists and managers
- Integration of management challenges into research



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