

# SW JEMEZ MOUNTAINS

## COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION



<http://www.fs.fed.us/restoration/CFLR/>

**Title IV Overview and Developing a Proposal for Funding – Feb. 2010**

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### A Journey of On-Going Collaboration in the Jemez...

From years of collaboration on demo-projects and management plans...



To collaborating on a strategy of treatments across a large, multi-jurisdictional landscape

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### Building on Past Collaborations...

**Ecological Restoration Needs and Actions Identified in:**

- o National Recr. Area & Wild/Scenic River Mgt. Plans ('02)
- o Jemez Fire Learning Network ('03)
- o Upper/Middle Jemez Watershed Assessment ('05)
- o Jemez Watershed Restoration Action Strategy-WRAS ('06)
- o NM Forest Restoration Principles ('06)
- o Jemez Mtns. CFRP Projects-Plans ('01-'07)
- o Sandoval County Community Wildfire Protection Plan ('08)
- o SW Jemez Mtns. Assessments ('09)
- o Numerous NEPA project assessments-plans

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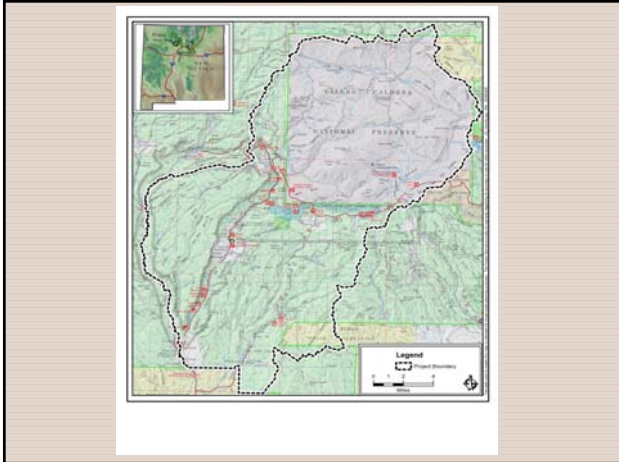
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### 2009 Omnibus Public Land Mgt. Act Title IV- FLRA

- o Established **CFLR Program and Fund**, for collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes
- o **Funds:** up to \$4 million/yr. for 10 years
- o 50% of implementing & monitoring costs
- o National Forest System land, but Proposal includes other lands and funding




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### Purposes of the Act (Title IV)

- o Ecological, social, and economic sustainability
- o Leveraged funding
- o Natural fire regimes, reduced risk of uncharacteristic fire, reduced wildfire costs
- o Ecological and watershed health
- o Use of wood byproducts to offset costs, and benefits to local rural economies, while improving forest health




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## Ecological Restoration Objectives

From Title IV:

- o Reestablish **natural fire regimes** and reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire
- o Improve **fish habitat, water quality, and watersheds**
- o Improve **wildlife habitat** including for TES species
- o Restore **old growth** stands and retain **large trees**
- o Decommission/rehabilitate **roads and trails**
- o Prevent/control **invasive species**




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## Proposals Will Be Evaluated On:

- o Ecological case – why it's worthy
- o Broad range of restoration actions
- o Meeting Title IV purposes/objectives
- o Collaborative process – now & future
- o Other funding sources leveraged




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## SW Jemez Restoration Timeline

- Feb-March: Proposal Completion
- April-June: Proposal Review/Selection
- July→ : Proposal Funding & Implement



Continued collaboration (annually) on:

- Project-specific proposals & NEPA...
- Surveys & prescriptions (design)...
- Implementation and monitoring

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## Who Is Involved?

- o **Lead Partners Team** – *Valles Caldera National Preserve, Santa Fe National Forest, The Nature Conservancy, NM Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute*
- o **Other Land Mgt. Partners-** *Jemez Pueblo, Santa Clara Pueblo, Bandelier National Monument, State Forestry*
- o **Other Collaborators-** *diverse group of agencies, organizations, associations, scientists, land owners...*

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## This Collaboration Emphasizes:

- Options to contribute individually or in groups
  - Participation that is voluntary, open, flexible
  - Group decisions by consensus or majority
- (final decisions by land management officials)

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### Proposal Outline & Key Contact by Section

1. **Area**- *location, jurisdictions, why it's worthy* – *Marie Rodriguez*
2. **Collaboration**- *past, current, and future* – *Anne Bradley*
3. **Policy & Science:** *policies, methods & research used* – *Marie R.*
4. **Restoration Need for Action:** *ecological conditions*- *Susan B.*
- 5-6. **Restoration Strategy & Ecological Benefits:** *treatment actions, quantities, and general locations; and how treatments meet restoration needs (ecological objectives/outcomes)*- *Pete Grinde*
7. **Social-Economic Benefits:** *potential wood supplies, uses, markets, jobs, training opportunities* – *Josh Wilson*
8. **Funding & Work Plan:** *Costs, Staffing, Funding* – *Chris Napp*
9. **Cost Savings:** *potential cost reductions (fire, etc)* – *Bill Armstrong*
10. **Monitoring and Adaptive Mgt.** – *Bob Parmenter*

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