How does the field and leadership use what we have learned?
Agenda

● In the beginning (kicking off the project)
● Lessons from working with research teams
● Overview of NCW workshop (design, lessons, and recommendations)
● Utah project (where we are and where we are headed)
Field tours
Working with researchers

● Be cognizant of the research area, the unique landscape and people in local context
● Actions speak louder than words
● Ground interactions locally
● Invest in two-way conversations and outcomes
● Forge long-term relationships
Wenatchee, Washington Workshop

Invitees were driven by the results of the network analysis

- 30 wildfire practitioners and 15 CoMFRT research-practitioner team
- Designed primarily by on-the-ground partners

Discussed results

Made recommendations
Wenatchee Workshop Conclusions

**Coordination**

- Can enable resources to be leveraged strategically; requires investment.
- Draw on existing boundary spanning organizations and individuals - those who build connections in the network.
- Long-term investments in relationships; need to track and measure influences on network and community capacity.

**Coordinators**

- A paid coordinator could provide critical support to implement adaptation strategies across communities.
- [Washington State Strategic Plan](http://example.com) (strategy 1.3) identifies need for regional and local coordinators.
- Develop pilot projects and monitor the impacts.
- Create a coordinator training program.

**Other Conclusions**

- Learn from past cross-boundary coordination efforts in other domains - for example watersheds.
- Invest in mitigation and adaptation in areas that are ripe to make change, but recognize that coordination may be a needed leverage point for some high risk, low capacity areas that aren’t otherwise ready for investment.
Utah: Where we are and where we are headed
Collaboration, Education & Buy-in

• Community scale defensible space projects, connection and continuity
• Promotion of Living with Fire concept
• Financial support from communities beyond in-kind
• Social Perspectives Study with WiRe in Emigration Canyon
• Completion and centralization of CWPPs
Salt Lake City, Northern Utah - Wasatch Mtns

Kick off meeting in October 2018

2019 - Governance Processes
Landscape Based Social Networks

2020 - WiRe

2020 - Workshop postponed, hopefully fall 2021
Challenges and Constraints

- Timelines differ between research and practitioners
- Partner time, funding, existing workloads
- Distribution of responsibilities after the research - who is moving what forward?
- Stakeholder research fatigue
- Staying connected to the research
- (Lack of) alignment of research and available grants
- Unbounded system... but gaps still visible.
Key Takeaways

● Research findings should help inform policy and management
  ○ Available funding
  ○ Coordination capacity
  ○ Metrics
● Connections between practitioners, researchers, and regional/national managers are important
Key Takeaways

● What we didn’t hear from the research...
● Complexity of the wildfire system in both study sites
● Every community is different; there is no-one size fits all approach
  ○ Functional roles are different
  ○ State and local capacity plays an important role with respect to mitigation and recovery
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