

Boundary Agnostic Data in a Shared Stewardship World [UC3460]

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USFS - Shared Stewardship

- Shared Stewardship is **doing work on the ground where it's needed without remaining in jurisdictional silos that correspond to ownership boundaries:**
 - **shared priorities**
 - **shared outcomes**
- Nationally, the Forest Service has signed a Shared Stewardship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with twenty-four states.



USFS - Shared Stewardship - **In Practice**

- In practice, it's **extending the fire camp approach to land management** – where federal and state agencies and private contractors convene to tackle a common problem wherever nature presents it
- **Oregon** and **Washington** both signed MOUs with the Forest Service in 2019
- These MOUs identify high level goals that state and federal agency partners commit to working together to achieve:
 - **1) fire resilient forests,**
 - **2) watershed health and function,**
 - **3) vibrant communities and**
 - **4) sustainable recreation.**



USFS - Shared Stewardship – **Tracking Progress**

- To show our progress against restoring landscapes, **we need to plan and display accomplishment data across boundaries.**
- Our current datasets follow our jurisdictional boundaries and were built for specific purposes other than tracking progress across boundaries.
- **We must work with our Shared Stewardship partners to integrate datasets to maintain and grow public trust and investment.**
- USFS R6 All Lands - Shared Stewardship in the Pacific Northwest



USFS - Shared Stewardship – Key Takeaways

- Roll your own...
 - your specific Shared Stewardship data needs will determine the right path for how you share data with your partners.
 - accomplishment datasets from only one partner do not tell the full shared story by themselves.
- Build it and it will come...
 - don't let perfect be the enemy of the good!
 - start simple, a picture is worth a thousand words...or at least a good story map!
- Data transparency is imperative...
 - aligning project work across ownership boundaries requires the transparency of both partners authoritative data.
 - communicating successes across jurisdictions requires the use of both partners authoritative data.



Thank you!

