Fostering Partnerships
An Idaho Example:
Shared Stewardship – Highway 95 Corridor Project
Objectives

• Explain Shared Stewardship
• Highway 95 Corridor Project
• Benefits
Shared Stewardship

A “theory of change” that if the Federal Agencies work with States, Tribes, and other partners to set mutual priorities, work across boundaries, and create priority outcomes at scale, then we will more effectively manage catastrophic wildfire, invasive species, drought other forest and grassland health risks
• 2018 - State of Idaho and USDA Forest Service sign agreement to pursue Shared Stewardship.

• 2019 – Governor Little convenes Idaho Shared Stewardship Advisory Group

• 2020 - State of Idaho and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service sign agreement to fund Shared Stewardship positions.
Funding and Support

State and Private Forestry
• Two USFS Grant Awards to support Shared Stewardship cross-boundary positions and project work: $800,000 to date

Natural Resource Conservation Service
• $125,000 in annual funding to support three GNA and cross-boundary positions

State General Fund
• $250,000/year PLUS $200,000/year to support Shared Stewardship cross boundary work
Idaho Shared Stewardship Positions

Statewide
• Idaho Department of Lands Statewide Shared Stewardship Coordinator

Priority Landscapes
• Two Forest Service employees are filling shared stewardship coordinator positions embedded in IDL offices

On the ground
• Two Idaho Department of Lands GNA/Shared Stewardship positions
Two Priority Landscapes
- 4.3 million acres

We use the latest mapping and decision tools to locate treatments where they can do the most good, protecting communities and landscapes where the risks are greatest.

Idaho Forest Action Plan forestland threats and benefits analysis
Identifying Priority Areas

Forest Health

- 3-Moderate Risk
- 4-Moderate to High Risk
- 5-High Risk

Fire Hazard
H95 Project Area

- Address the hazardous fuel conditions in a critical fire shed along the H95 corridor.

- This project is built on vegetative management projects under development or in progress:
  - BLM Cottonwood Field Office – Boulder Creek Project
  - Payette NF – Brush Mt Project
  - IDL Payette Lakes Field Area – Endowment Land
Agencies Working Together

Since we started collaborating in June 2020

• Better understanding of each agencies efforts and processes

• Identified additional treatment opportunities by working collaboratively

• Better positioned to assist private landowners address their individual forest management objectives
Mechanisms used for Partnering in Vegetation Management: GNA, IAA’s, Cooperative Agreements, and Grants.
Benefits of Focused Partnership

• Efforts of multiple agencies focused on a priority area leads to increases in funding, communication, treatment capacity, involvement and coordination/organization of efforts.

• Effective umbrella to engage agency leadership and gain support.

• Facilitate cross-boundary mechanisms like Good Neighbor Authority projects.

• Expand capacity and focus limited resources resources.
BLM - Boulder Creek Project to be completed through GNA.
Identify Entities That Share Your Challenges and Goals

- Are there partnership efforts already established in your area?
- If none, are there examples of frameworks that could fit for your area or situation?