Collaboration Facilitators and Impediments

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• Blue Mountain National Forests
  – 75% of commercial forest lands in region
  – 20% of total harvest in 2010
Blue Mountain Forests

Gross Growth

- 1.1 BMBF

What Happens?

- 39% Removals
- 50% Mortality
- 11% Density Increase

Standing Inventory = 45 BBBF
Where We Collaborate?
Collaborative Enablers

- Strong Leadership
- Organizational Structure
- Defined Mutual Purpose
- Humanization
- Strong Facilitation
- Project Outcome Diversity
- Regular Meetings
- Frequent Field Tours
- Consensus Seeking w/backup

- Membership Diversity
- Specific Decision Documentation
- Operating Principles
- Code of Conduct
- Investment
- Direct Agency Involvement
- Humbleness
Collaborative Obstructions

- Uncertainty in Outcome
- Lack of true investment
- Consensus Driven
- NEPA process vs. Collaboration
- Policy vs. collaborative innovation and science
- Time Investment
- Member Retention

- Turnover
- Not documenting agreements explicitly
- Collaborative Process
- Negotiation
- Constant search for funding/facilitation
Collaborative Needs

- Certainty in Outcomes
- Return on Investment
- Additional Expedited Authorities
- Incentivization to Collaborate
- Outside Investment in Collaboration
- Ability to Innovate and Try New Things.
Thank you!

QUESTIONS