

The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program

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Purpose of the Program

- Congress established the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) Program with Title IV of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009
- The purpose of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program is to encourage the collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes.

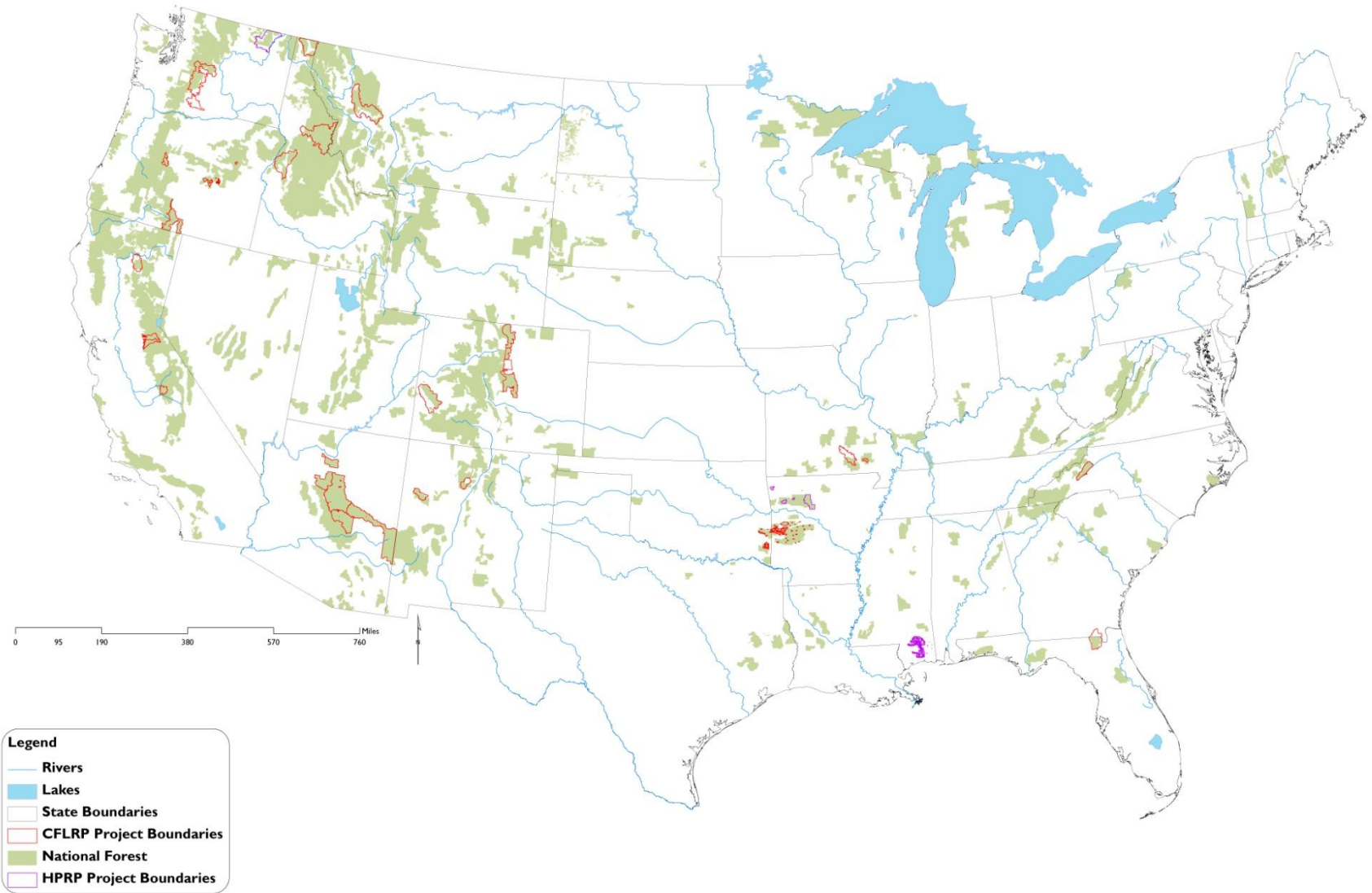


So what does that really look like?

- Congress appropriates up to \$40 million annually to the program, which much be matched at least 1:1 by other appropriate funds, goods-for-services, in kind contributions and partner funds
- Program currently supports 20 (+3) collaborative projects around the country.



Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration and High Priority Restoration Project Boundaries



How were projects selected?



- Proposals were collaboratively developed with partner groups and National Forests



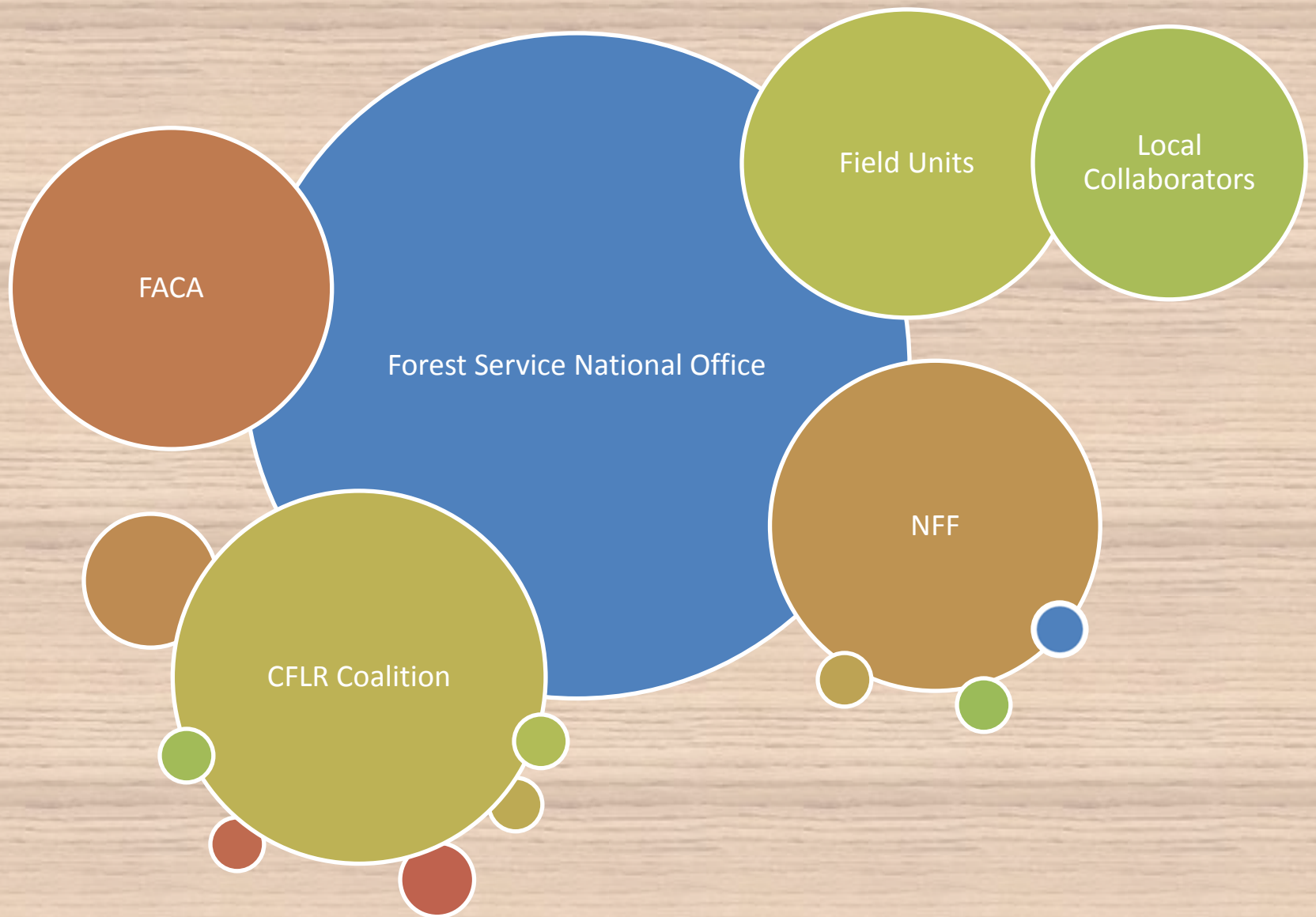
- A Federal Advisory Committee reviewed proposals and recommended projects for selection to the Secretary of Agriculture

Aim of partnerships in cflr:

- Support a set of effective, collaborative restoration projects on the ground
- Create a robust program that is transparent to the field, the public, Congress and partners
- Collaborate across scales as a new way of doing business



Partnerships across scales

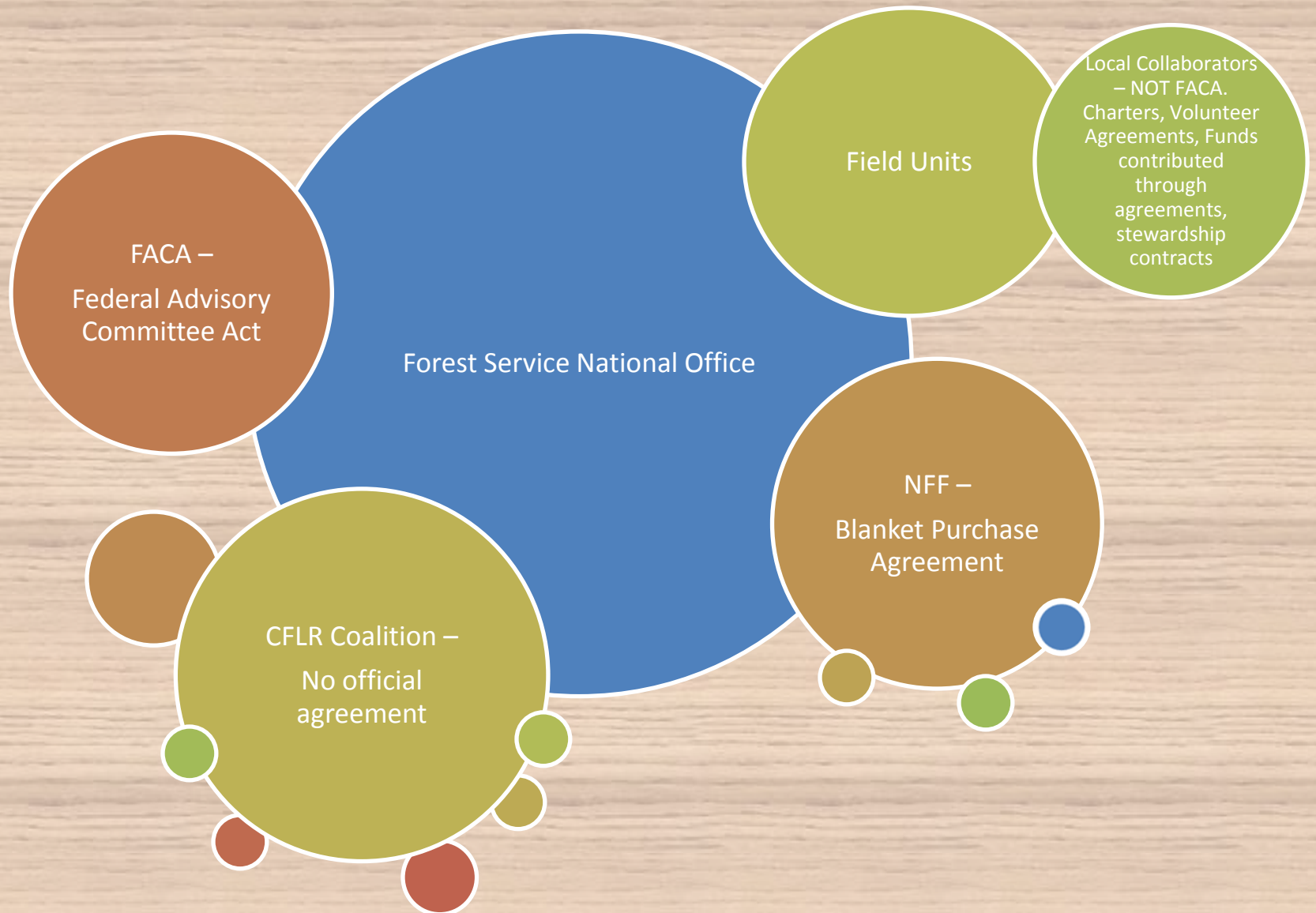


Role of Partners



- FACA Group: to recommend projects for selection to the Secretary of Agriculture
- NFF: to promote project success. This has taken the form of meeting facilitation, monitoring development and a series of peer to peer learning sessions
- CFLR Coalition: A group of partner organizations that support the CFLR program. Create publicity documents, discuss partner concerns/needs
- Field level collaborators: Help to prioritize treatment needs, raise community support and awareness

Partnership Agreements



Who benefits from these partnerships?



- Project Collaborative Groups through facilitation of learning, increased public buy in, and smoother road through NEPA.
- The public through increased transparency
- The National Office through open lines of communication and increased program efficiency
- Our partner groups through open dialogue on treatments pre-NEPA and through increased pace of restoration on NFS and partner lands.

Project Level Partnership: Invasive Species Control

Southwestern Crown Of the Continent



- The Southwestern Crown of the Continent project is restoring aquatic waterways and confronting aquatic invasive species, especially
- Zebra Mussel consume algae and animals that serve as food for larval fish and other native species, leading to a sharp decline in biodiversity, especially among native species.

Project Level Partnership: Invasive Species Control Southwestern Crown Of the Continent



- Spearheaded by local resident Joann Wallenburn, volunteers are conducting invasive species education and prevention campaigns,
- Volunteers are acting as citizen stewards on their own private lands by:
 - Using PVC pipe to check for zebra mussel infestation in waterways
 - Educating neighbors about how zebra mussels spread, for example on boats brought in from other waterways

Project Level Partnership: All Lands Success Mark Twain National Forest

- Mark Twain National Forest planned three interagency prescribed fires totaling more than 15,000 acres to restore understory biodiversity in Pine-Oak woodlands
 - These burns include state partners, as well as seven active and eighteen new private land partners with a 3200 acre land base;
- First burn, totaling 10,000 acres of public and private lands, occurred in Spring 2012.
 - Along with mechanical treatments, led to restoration of historic basal density in a Pine-Oak woodland habitat and re-emergence of native wildflowers



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Benefits of working across boundaries:

- A contiguous restoration footprint will facilitate the spread of native species and increase biodiversity
- \$150,000 projected in annual prescribed burn implementation savings
- Smoke impacts will be reduced

Best Practices/Lessons Learned

- Partnerships are all about personal relationships and the ability to make people feel valued
- We can usually be significantly more transparent than we are, and partners seem to value this
- Partners often want to be involved in ALL steps of the process (as appropriate). Planning for this can help to increase public buy in for land management work.



Questions?

