RECENT AND ONGOING SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

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TOPICS COVERED

- Community Sustainability
- Management of Wildland Disturbances
- Timber Management & Production
- Management of Tribal First Foods
- Forest, Rangeland, & Riparian Restoration
- Sustainable Livestock Grazing
- Collaboration

TOPICS NOT COVERED

- Sustaining Biodiversity and Recovering T&E Species
- Recreation, Hunting, and AccessManagement on Public Lands
- Water

* = ongoing research

RURAL COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

- Role of community-based organizations in contributing to rural economic development
 - Wallowa Resources case study
- Rural restructuring in Wallowa County and effects on working lands
- Climate change adaptation in working landscapes of the Intermountain Northwest*





MANAGEMENT OF WILDLAND DISTURBANCES



- Communities and Forests in Oregon
 - Survey residents' perceptions of forest conditions, threats, natural resource management
 - Assess links between risk perception, forest management actions, and landscape conditions on different ownerships
- Forest Restoration at the Landscape Scale: All-Lands Management to Reduce Wildfire Risk – Social Dimensions*
 - East Face of the Elkhorns project case study

COMMERCIAL TIMBER MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION – PUBLIC LANDS

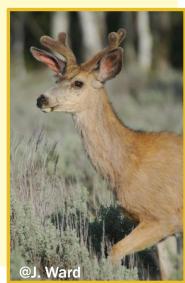
- Mainly gray literature/assessment reports
 - Inventories of wood products industry infrastructure & employment
 - Dominant spp. & size classes used by mills
 - Volume produced and source of supply
 - Recommendations for how to increase the scale of forest restoration on USFS lands





MANAGEMENT OF TRIBAL FIRST FOODS

- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
 - First Foods Program
 - First Foods Framework Incorporating Traditional Knowledge and Science



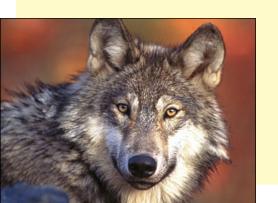
FOREST RESTORATION

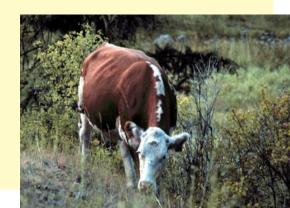
- Tools
 - Blue Mountains Restoration Jobs Calculator*
- Monitoring
 - Social & economic impacts of accelerated restoration in Blue Mountains*



SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK GRAZING, PRODUCTION, PREDATOR MANAGEMENT

- Current situation re livestock grazing on the Malheur NF, desired situation, and actions and strategies to bring about the desired situation
- Increasing the resilience of public lands grazing in the Blue Mountains*







COLLABORATION

- Forest collaborative groups*
 - Who participates, who doesn't, and why?
 - What makes them successful?
 - How to build their capacity?
 - Do they reduce project-level appeals & objections?
 - •Are existing collaboratives effective models for natural resource governance?
 - What networks exist between collaboratives and what are the benefits?