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A Tribal Forest Protection Act  
Partnership Project



# A Partnership Approach

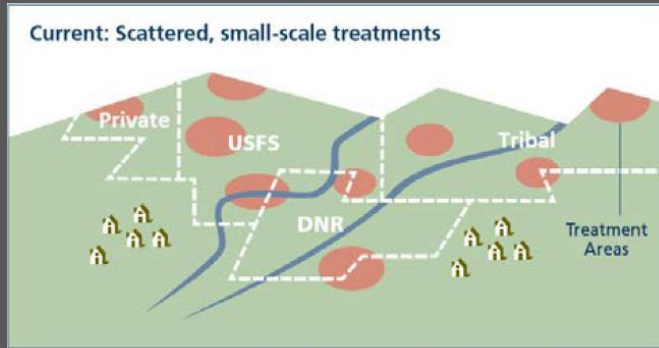


Figure 1. Small, scattered treatments of the past.

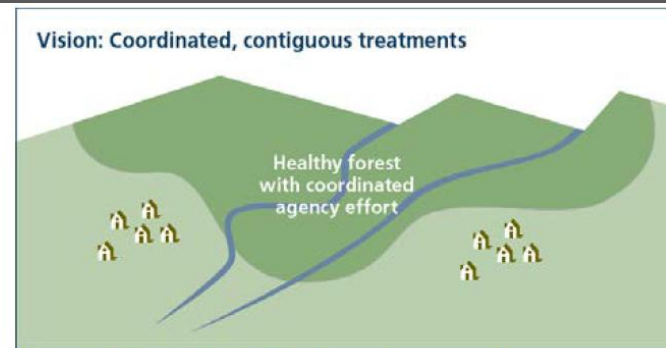


Figure 2. Coordinated treatments across the landscape.



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- “Board of Directors” Leadership team – KTI, USFS, and DNR
- Tribal leadership under TFPA with full support from USFS and DNR
- Understanding opportunities for complexity but keeping it simple
- Authority for NEPA and decision is USFS – no extended jurisdiction
- Writing and project management are contracted elements

# DNR Capacity Grant

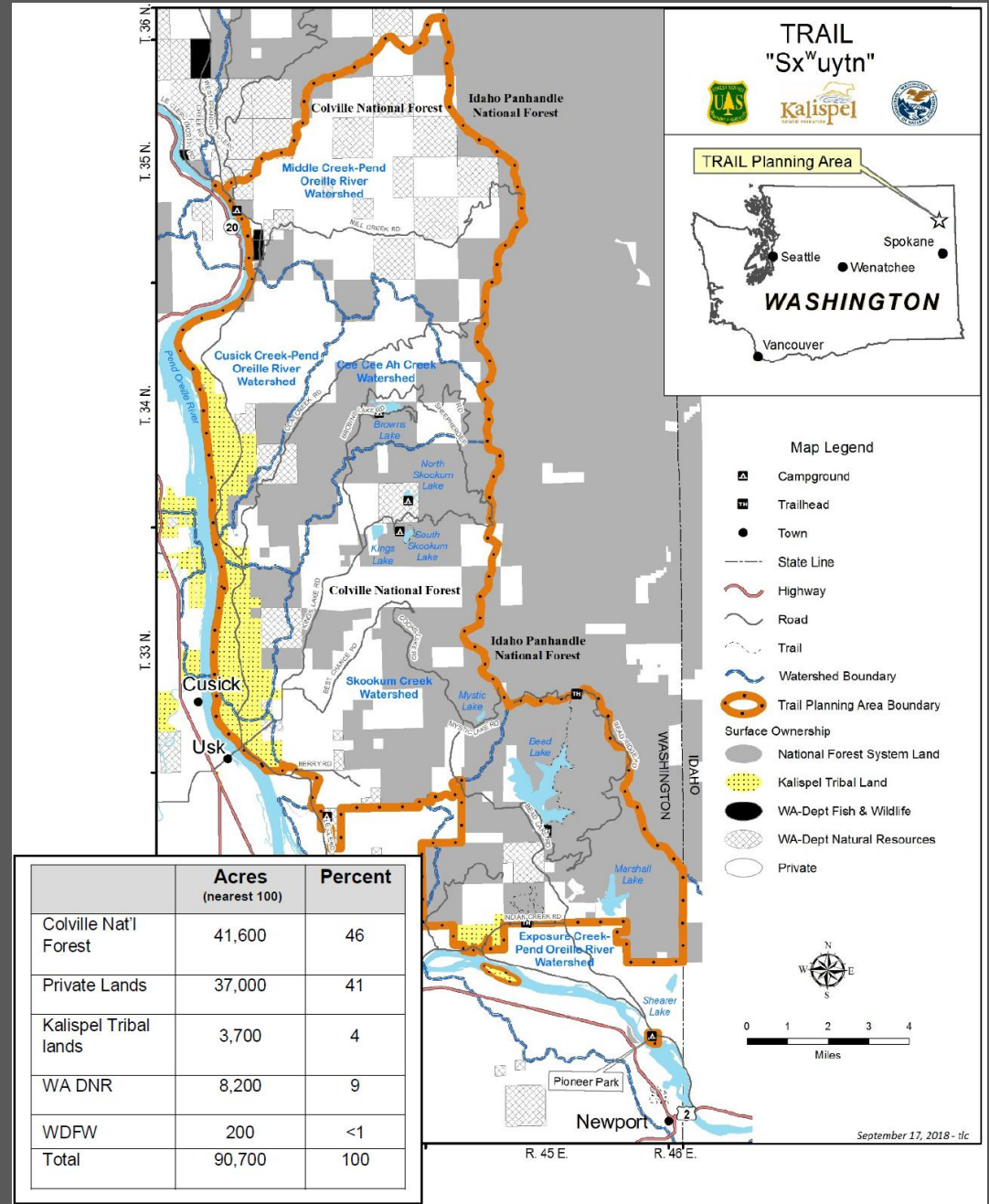
- Only full \$400K award
- Funds Writer/Editor
- Funds Project Manager
- Increased Aquatics analysis
- Facilitated Pre-scoping public involvement
- Fully integrated team
- Relationship building
- New and innovative planning process
  - Conservation outcomes oriented
  - Early/often public outreach
  - Long range implementation horizon

# Project Area

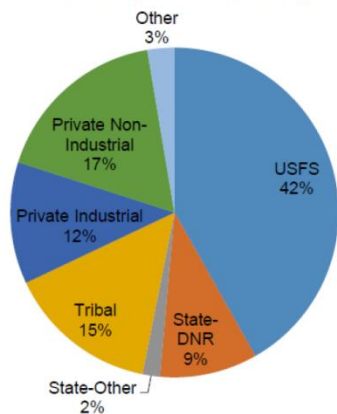
90,000 acres in mixed ownership across 6 HUC 12 watersheds

Commensurate with the DNR 20-year Forest Health Strategic Plan's "Skookum" analysis unit

Includes several areas with unique values and transportation concerns



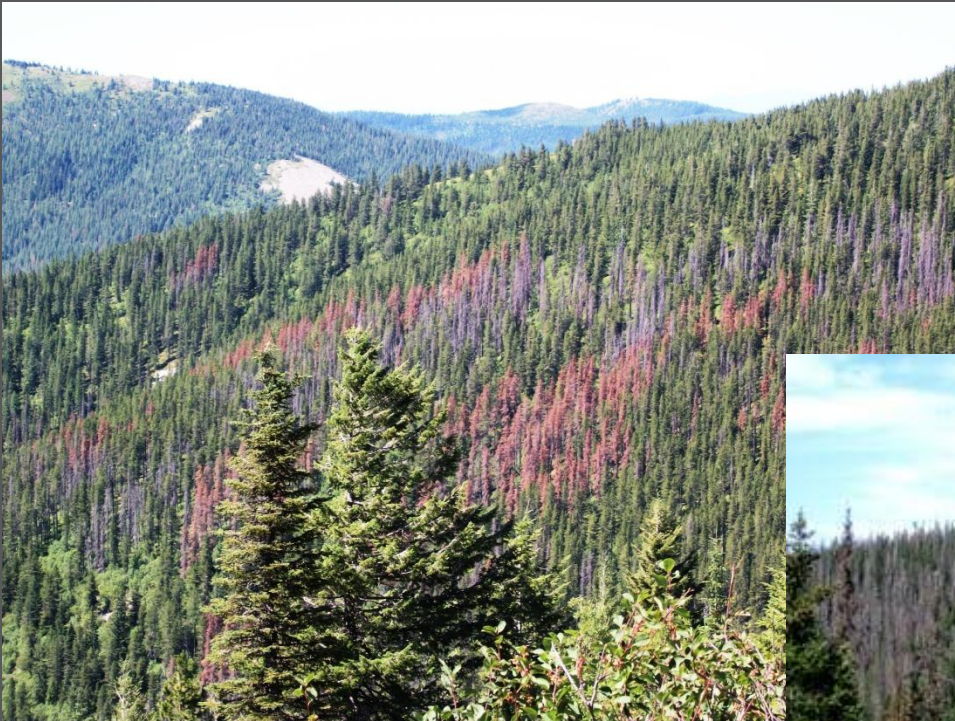
## Eastern Washington Active Restoration Need by Ownership





# Forest Health Issues in NE WA

Climate Impacts



Insect and Disease



# Fire Risk





# Potential Outcomes

Current Condition



Desired Condition



# Objectives

- Engage public early and often
  - Assists in developing the proposed action
- Reduce risk of wildfire
- Improve natural variability (diversity/spacing)
- Restore fish passage
- Address water quality
- Improve recreation and human connections to landscapes
- Address local economics

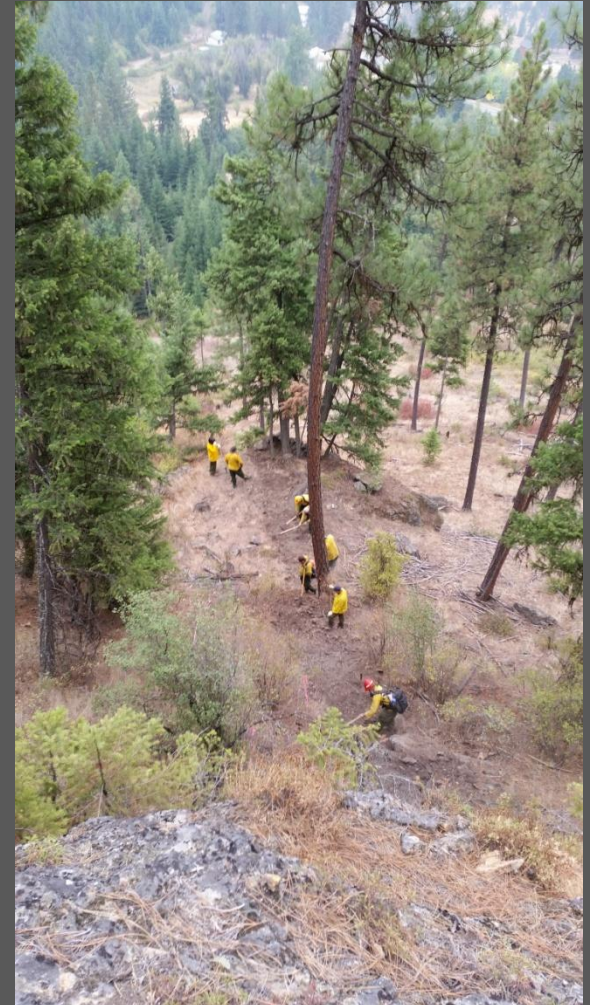


# Commercial Thinning





# Prescribed Fire





# Slope Stabilization/Sediment Control





# Roads





# Fish Passage





# Recreation Connections





# The Core Planning Team



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