

Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Advisory Committee

Key Messages

- The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Advisory Committee will open up a new level of collaboration between the USDA Forest Service and the American people in the restoration of forested landscapes.
- The Committee will evaluate and recommend landscape restoration projects proposed for Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program funding.
- Projects recommended by the Committee will reflect a new level of collaboration between the Forest Service and citizens, including project development, creation of a business plan, collaboration throughout project implementation, and monitoring by people with different views and expertise.
- The Committee will include up to 15 citizens with wide-ranging expertise in areas of ecology, wildland fire, rural economic development, climate change, and the utilization of woody biomass and small-diameter trees.
- The Committee will work with the Forest Service through the entire process of restoration work, from identifying needs on the landscape to achieving goals in ways that create jobs and protect local communities from wildfire.
- Forest restoration work is critical, because millions of Americans depend on healthy national forests for clean abundant water and moderation of the effects of climate change.
- The Committee was authorized by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, which encourages collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forested landscapes.