



Collaborative Futures: Community-Engaged Ecology to Bridge Research and Local Interests (C Futures)

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Project beginnings

- The Advancing Public Engagement Across LTERs (APEAL) project
- The Lookout and Ore Fires
- The Collaborative Futures project



The C-Futures Project Team (initially)

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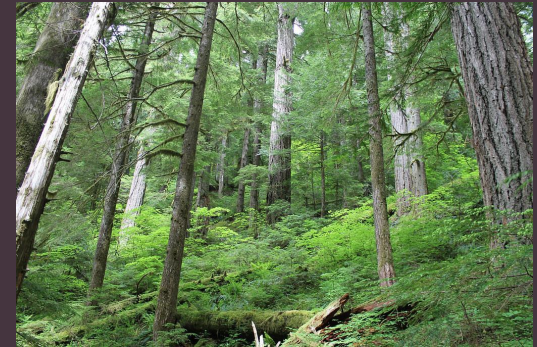


Aim of Collaborative Futures project

- To both study and facilitate the process of involving the local community surrounding the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest to inform the long-term research agenda of the HJA scientists
- Build relationships between the HJA scientific community and local geographic community to foster greater engagement.



Community resilience



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Steering Committee

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Rough Timeline of Process

- Bringing people together
 - (research team + community partner + Steering committee)
- Interview relevant communities
 - HJA scientists and local community members
- Gain a broader understanding of the relevant communities
 - Attend community events
 - Attend scientist events
 - Invite community and scientists together
- Invite scientists to shape plan for continued engagement at a Science Summit

What we heard from the scientists

- In two instances:
 - Scientists Interviews
 - LTER Monthly Meeting
 - HJA Scientist Meeting
 - HJA Science Summit

- We heard that scientists are
 - Curious to know more about the communities surrounding the HJA
 - Interested in building relationships
 - Concerned about balancing “demands” or overpromising



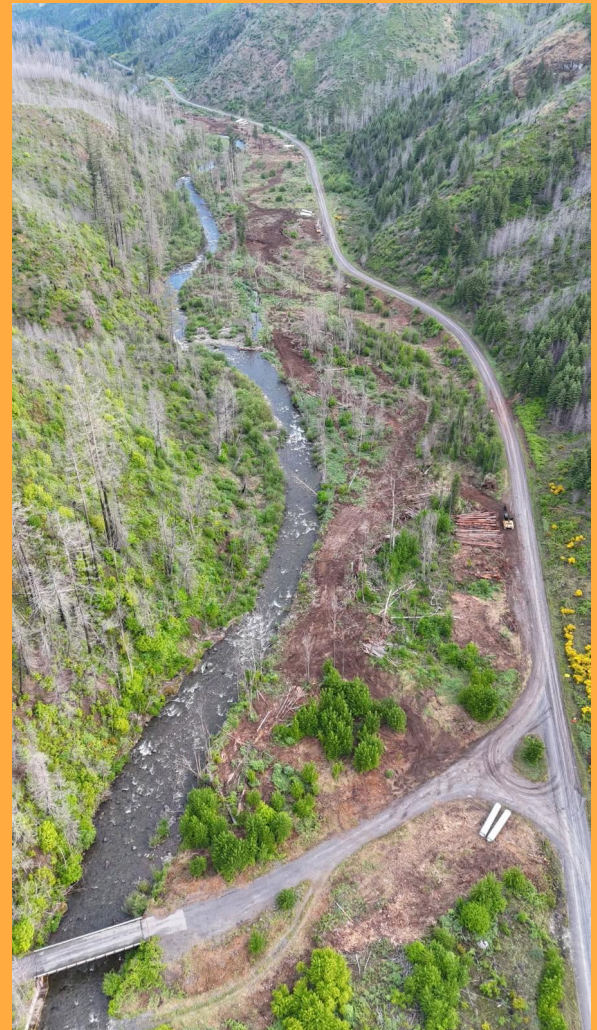
What we heard from the local community

- We spoke with the
 - Steering Committee
 - Community at their events
 - Small Woodland Owners Annual Meeting
 - McKenzie Watershed Council Meeting
 - Blue River Block Party
 - Community at places we invited them to
 - Community members on invited tours at HJA
 - Community members in formal interviews
- We heard that people are
 - Interested in knowing more about the research at the HJA and how it can support community resiliency
 - Wanting reciprocity - support for science and research activities
 - Interested in topics scientists are already working on



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- Now come to every HJA Monthly meeting
- Have helped mow the HJA site (not the forest part)
- Are a part of the Friends of the Andrews group still
- Have invited people in their community to events
- Have invited scientists to their home to test/talk



Lessons Learned

- Find people through already existing networks
- Fire was disastrous, but also brought the community (and HJA) together
- Getting scientists involved early on helped the interest spread among other scientists
- Initially, we asked each group separately their interests/focuses then brought people together on overlap

