## Partnerscapes – R2R Presentation

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#### Mission

Partnerscapes brings people, working landscapes and communities together in conservation.

#### Vision

Partnerscapes sustains the community of people and natural resources on working landscapes.



#### National Collaborative Partnership Forums

- Partnerscapes and USFWS Partners Program team up to host forums.
- Voluntary Conservation is an actual subdiscipline with very little formalized training.
- Nationally there is currently an abundance of resources for projects but expertise, capacity and partnerships are constraining.
- Partnerscapes works on the "people-side" of conservation and partnerships so we strive to be out front in supporting landowners, communities and practitioners in the voluntary conservation work.
- Partnership forums were seen as a path to learn more about what we could do today to support voluntary conservation as well as get an idea of what will be most helpful in the future.



#### Three Collaborative Partnership Forums

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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## Agenda Split into Three Topics

Top Skills / Keys to Success
Gaps / Barriers and Strategies
Networking Opportunities





#### Panel Discussions to Set the Stage



#### Facilitated Activities –Participation by All

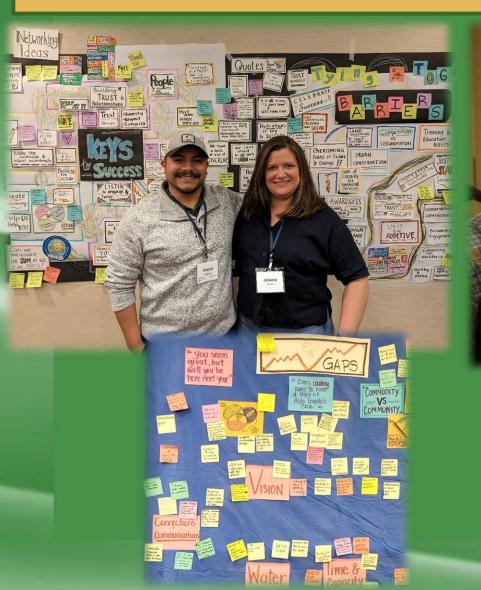


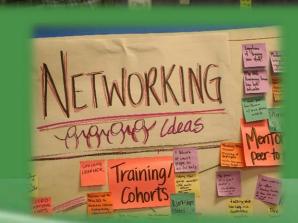






#### Sticky Notes and Flip Charts – All Thoughts and Ideas Captured!







## Networking Throughout the Workshop









## **Top Skills / Keys to Success**



- Trust
- Listen
- Find Common Ground
- Two-way Communication
- Be a Part of the Community
- Flexibility
- Be a Knowledgeable Resource





## **Gaps / Barriers**

- Funding
- Capacity
- Staff Turnover
- Training
- Communication
- Diversity





## **Strategies & Opportunities**

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- Increase and Diversify Funding Opportunities
- Increase Capacity
- Reduce Turnover of Staff & Hire for the Right Skills
- Increase Training and Mentoring Opportunities
- Increase Outreach and Communication



## Networking

- Mentoring
- Landowner-to-Landowner/Peer-to-Peer Exchanges
- Local Events (e.g., farm/ranch tours, workshops, field trips)
- Outreach (e.g., social media, newsletters, presentations, cooperatives)







#### **Reports Available**

#### Midwestern Partnership Forum Summary Report

#### Western Lands Partnership Forum Summary Report







#### NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP FORUM SUMMARY REPORT

#### BACKGROUND

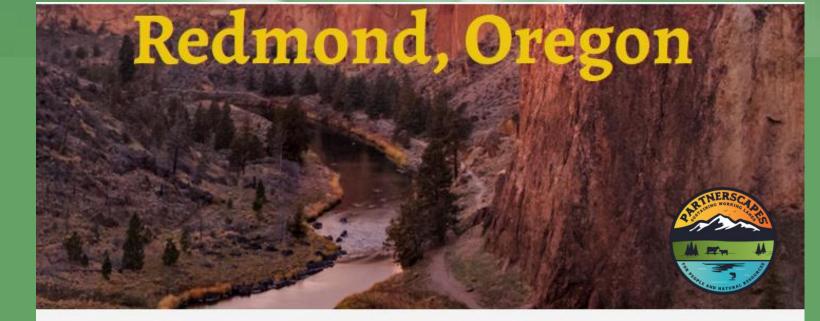
Partnerscapes, together with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) program, hosted a series of collaborative conservation forums in 2023 and 2024. The purpose of the forums was to accelerate voluntary collaborative conservation in partnership with private landowners, government



Eastern Partnership Forum Summary Report











United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### **Private Lands Partners Day 2024**

Redmond, Oregon Monday October 7 – Wednesday October 9, 2024

# Thank you!

