Twenty Years of Conservation and Restoration of Plum Creek Timberlands

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Barriers to Restoration...
What is Restoration?

- Fire!
- Cultural
- Forestry
- Fisheries recovery
- Enhancing rare species/communities
- Road “storage”
- Planting enhancements – seed, plant, cage...
- Weed management?
Fish Creek WMA
(Deer Creek
Section 9, spring 2009)
Fish Creek WMA and State Park 2009 “restoration”

- Removed 38mi roads
  - LNF Level 3
  - Or Full Oblit
- Gated 5mi open rds
- Treated/seeded 100mi roads
- Removed top 10 priority CMPs
- Removed 35 secondary CMPs
• 790 acres of restorative forest thinning in 2019 - mostly grant funded, some timber $ (plus assist on 850 ac, FWP)
• One Rx Burn completed (80ac), two burns in planning & prep phase for Spring’20 (plus assist on 300 ac, BLM)
• Collaborative management expanding with CS&K Tribes (Elders, placenames, Rx burns, thinning, planting...)
• Three community Trails Systems, engaging partners and communities in conservation & restoration
• Four collaborative science projects with UM & RMRS researchers (BDAs, Forest Carnivore monitoring, Lynx Thinning, Post-fire Reforestation)
• Weed mgmt: 865 acres of treatments; 72 biocontrol release sites
• Three native fish restoration projects underway (Douglas, Boles, Ltl Park Ck. Partners: BBCTU, FWP, CFC, LNF)
RTRL Grant
Project Areas Overview
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Gold Creek Meadows
Lost Prairie/Lost Horse Creeks Meadows
East Twin Creek Meadow
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(Potomac Valley)
Weed management
Forest Restoration Thinning
Controlled Burns in Forests and Meadows
Questions/Discussion

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